

MASTER THE CONTENT OF SCRIPTURE



The Book of Proverbs

(Observe, Interpret, Apply & Go)

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In our studies of the Bible, we will be using an inductive approach. This approach is a fun and exciting way to study the Bible! It's like being a detective. Instead of starting with a conclusion, you look at the details and clues in the text to discover the meaning for yourself.

Here's how you can do it:

1. **Observation:** First, you look closely at the Bible passage. You pay attention to:

- a. Who is in the story
- b. What is happening
- c. Where it is taking place
- d. When it is happening
- e. Why things are happening
- f. How they are happening.

You write down or make a mental note of all the details you notice.

2. **Interpretation:** Next, you try to understand what those details mean.

- a. You think about why the characters did what they did
- b. You think about what the important words and phrases mean.
- c. You may need to look up some words or ask questions to understand better.

3. **Application:** Finally, you think about how the story applies to our lives. What truth does it communicate?

- a. **What does it teach us about God?**
- b. What does it teach us about ourselves?
- c. What action (s) does it call us to take?

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CHAPTER 1

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 1 introduces the purpose of the book: to impart wisdom and instruction. It emphasizes the value of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, presenting these as the foundation for living a righteous and successful life. The chapter begins with a call to fear the Lord, which is described as the beginning of wisdom. It warns against the enticements of sinners and advises against following their paths. The chapter concludes with a portrayal of Wisdom as calling out and offering guidance, while those who ignore her will face consequences.

Opening Question

1. What are some sources of wisdom you rely on in your daily life?
 2. How can seeking wisdom help us make better decisions?
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Outline

1. **Purpose of Proverbs** (Proverbs 1:1-6)
 - These verses introduce the book's goal: to provide wisdom, instruction, and understanding.
 - **Application Question:** How can studying Proverbs help us in our daily lives?
 - **Application Question:** What is one area where you feel you need more wisdom?
2. **The Beginning of Knowledge** (Proverbs 1:7)
 - The fear of the Lord is identified as the foundation of knowledge and wisdom.
 - **Application Question:** What does it mean to "fear the Lord" in a practical sense?
 - **Application Question:** How does respecting God's authority influence our actions?

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3. **Warning Against Enticement** (Proverbs 1:8-19)

- A warning is given against following the path of sinners who lure others into wrongdoing.
- **Application Question:** How can we recognize and avoid negative influences in our lives?
- **Application Question:** Why is it important to resist temptation even when it seems appealing?

4. **The Call of Wisdom** (Proverbs 1:20-33)

- Wisdom is personified and calls out to those who will listen, offering guidance and knowledge.
- **Application Question:** How does Wisdom's call in this chapter relate to our daily choices?
- **Application Question:** What are some practical ways we can seek and heed Wisdom in our lives?

Possible Activities

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**

- Have students memorize Proverbs 1:7: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Test their recall at the end of the week.

2. **Role Playing Activity**

- Divide students into pairs and assign each pair a scenario where one student tries to persuade the other to make a poor decision. The other student should use wisdom and knowledge from the chapter to resist the temptation and make a better choice.

3. **Discussion Activity**

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- Organize a group discussion about how the principles in Proverbs 1 can be applied to real-life situations, such as school, friendships, or family decisions. Encourage students to share personal experiences where wisdom guided their choices.
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Quiz

1. What is the primary purpose of the Book of Proverbs?
 - A. To tell historical events
 - B. To provide wisdom and instruction
 - C. To describe worship rituals
 - D. To predict future events
2. According to Proverbs 1:7, what is the beginning of knowledge?
 - A. Education
 - B. Fear of the Lord
 - C. Wealth
 - D. Experience
3. What does Proverbs 1:8-19 warn against?
 - A. Ignoring the poor
 - B. Following the path of sinners
 - C. Studying too much
 - D. Trusting too easily
4. How does Wisdom call out to people in Proverbs 1:20-33?
 - A. Through dreams
 - B. Through loud proclamations
 - C. Through gentle guidance
 - D. Through personal invitations
5. What is described as a consequence of ignoring Wisdom?
 - A. Increased knowledge

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- B. Peace and prosperity
 - C. Disaster and calamity
 - D. Fame and fortune
6. What does Proverbs 1:7 say about fools?
- A. They seek wisdom
 - B. They respect instruction
 - C. They despise wisdom and instruction
 - D. They follow the righteous
7. How is the fear of the Lord portrayed in Proverbs 1?
- A. As a source of fear and anxiety
 - B. As the beginning of wisdom
 - C. As a path to wealth
 - D. As a sign of weakness
8. What is the main theme of Proverbs 1?
- A. The importance of following laws
 - B. The value of wisdom and instruction
 - C. The history of Israel
 - D. The power of kings
9. How should one respond to the enticements of sinners according to Proverbs 1?
- A. Embrace them
 - B. Ignore them
 - C. Resist them
 - D. Seek their advice
10. What will happen to those who heed Wisdom's call?
- A. They will face punishment
 - B. They will receive guidance and safety
 - C. They will become wealthy
 - D. They will be ignored

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Answers:

1. B
2. B
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. C
7. B
8. B
9. C
10. B

Vocabulary Words

1. **Wisdom** (Hebrew: חֵכְמָה, Chokhmah) - The ability to make sound judgments and decisions based on knowledge and experience.
2. **Instruction** (Hebrew: מוֹרָא, Morah) - Guidance or advice provided to help one learn or understand something.
3. **Enticement** (Hebrew: פִּתּוּי, Pituy) - The act of persuading someone to do something, often by offering something desirable.
4. **Desire** (Hebrew: תַּאֲוָה, Ta'ava) - A strong feeling of wanting or wishing for something.
5. **Consequences** (Hebrew: תּוֹעֲבוֹת, Toavot) - The results or effects of actions, often used in the context of negative outcomes.

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CHAPTER 2

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 2 emphasizes the pursuit of wisdom and understanding as essential for a righteous life. It describes how seeking wisdom earnestly, as one would search for hidden treasures, leads to discernment and the knowledge of God. The chapter outlines the benefits of wisdom, including protection from evil paths and deliverance from wicked individuals. It highlights that wisdom will guard and guide those who embrace it, helping them to live a life in accordance with righteousness and justice. The chapter concludes by contrasting the outcomes for those who follow wisdom versus those who do not.

Opening Question

1. What does it mean to "search for wisdom as for hidden treasures" in your own words?
 2. How can seeking wisdom impact our decisions and actions in daily life?
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Outline

1. **The Value of Seeking Wisdom** (Proverbs 2:1-5)
 - This section encourages seeking wisdom and understanding as one would search for valuable treasures.
 - **Application Question:** How can we actively seek wisdom in our everyday lives?
 - **Application Question:** What are some specific ways to deepen our understanding of God's guidance?
2. **The Benefits of Wisdom** (Proverbs 2:6-8)
 - Wisdom and understanding are described as gifts from the Lord that protect and guide individuals.

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- **Application Question:** How does wisdom help us navigate challenges and make better choices?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways has wisdom influenced your past decisions?
 - 3. **Protection from Evil** (Proverbs 2:9-15)
 - Wisdom provides protection from evil paths and individuals who lead others astray.
 - **Application Question:** What strategies can we use to identify and avoid negative influences?
 - **Application Question:** How does wisdom offer protection in situations of moral or ethical dilemma?
 - 4. **Righteous Living** (Proverbs 2:16-22)
 - The chapter concludes by showing how wisdom leads to a righteous life and distinguishes between the upright and the wicked.
 - **Application Question:** How does living wisely affect our relationships with others?
 - **Application Question:** What changes can you make in your life to align more closely with the principles of wisdom?
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Possible Activities

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
 - Have students memorize Proverbs 2:6: "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Test their recall at the end of the week.
2. **Role Playing Activity**
 - Divide students into groups and assign each group a scenario where they have to make a decision based on wisdom. Have each group present their scenario and decision, explaining how wisdom guided their choice.
3. **Discussion Activity**

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- Lead a discussion on real-life situations where wisdom can protect us from making poor decisions. Encourage students to share personal experiences or hypothetical examples where seeking wisdom made a difference.
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Quiz

1. What should one do to obtain wisdom according to Proverbs 2:1-5?
 - A. Wait for it to come naturally
 - B. Search for it as for hidden treasures
 - C. Rely on others to provide it
 - D. Avoid seeking it
2. What does Proverbs 2:6-8 say about wisdom?
 - A. It is found in wealth
 - B. It is a gift from the Lord that protects and guides
 - C. It is irrelevant to everyday life
 - D. It comes from self-effort alone
3. How does wisdom help according to Proverbs 2:9-15?
 - A. It leads to financial success
 - B. It provides protection from evil paths and deceitful individuals
 - C. It guarantees popularity
 - D. It eliminates all problems
4. What is the outcome of following wisdom as described in Proverbs 2:16-22?
 - A. It leads to immediate wealth
 - B. It ensures a life of righteousness and distinction from the wicked
 - C. It guarantees physical safety
 - D. It results in conflict
5. According to Proverbs 2:6, where does wisdom come from?
 - A. Human effort

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- B. The Lord
 - C. Magical sources
 - D. Historical texts
6. How can wisdom influence our choices according to Proverbs 2?
- A. By making decisions easier without effort
 - B. By providing guidance and protection
 - C. By increasing popularity
 - D. By guaranteeing success
7. What is the purpose of seeking wisdom as outlined in Proverbs 2?
- A. To gain temporary benefits
 - B. To live a life aligned with righteousness and justice
 - C. To impress others
 - D. To accumulate material wealth
8. What does Proverbs 2:9 say about understanding?
- A. It is a sign of weakness
 - B. It is a key to knowing the right path
 - C. It is irrelevant to making decisions
 - D. It is gained through experience alone
9. How does wisdom protect according to Proverbs 2:9-15?
- A. By ensuring financial success
 - B. By safeguarding from evil paths and deceit
 - C. By providing immediate gratification
 - D. By guaranteeing easy solutions
10. What are the outcomes for those who do not follow wisdom?
- A. Increased happiness
 - B. A life of ease
 - C. A path of wickedness and trouble
 - D. Fame and recognition

Answers:

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1. B
2. B
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. B
7. B
8. B
9. B
10. C

Vocabulary Words

1. **Discernment** (Hebrew: בִּינָה, Binah) - The ability to make good judgments and decisions.
2. **Guidance** (Hebrew: תְּעִצָּה, To'ezah) - Help or advice that shows the way to do something.
3. **Deceit** (Hebrew: מִרְמָה, Mirmah) - The act of deceiving or misleading someone.
4. **Righteousness** (Hebrew: צְדָקָה, Tzedakah) - The quality of being morally right or justifiable.
5. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּם, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

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CHAPTER 3

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 3 emphasizes the importance of trust and obedience to God for a successful and fulfilling life. It advises to trust in the Lord wholeheartedly and not rely on one's own understanding. The chapter highlights the benefits of wisdom and knowledge, including a long and prosperous life. It encourages generosity and compassion, promising that God will honor those who honor Him. Additionally, the chapter discusses the value of discipline and correction as signs of God's love, urging readers to seek wisdom and understanding above all else.

Opening Question

1. How can trusting in the Lord change the way we make decisions in our daily lives?
 2. In what ways can we demonstrate generosity and compassion as advised in Proverbs 3?
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Outline

1. **Trust in the Lord** (Proverbs 3:1-6)
 - Emphasizes the importance of trusting God and not relying solely on one's own wisdom.
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical ways to trust in God during challenging times?
 - **Application Question:** How can we avoid relying on our own understanding when making decisions?
2. **The Benefits of Wisdom** (Proverbs 3:7-12)
 - Describes the advantages of gaining wisdom, such as prosperity and peace. It also mentions the value of discipline.

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- **Application Question:** How can seeking wisdom influence our long-term success and well-being?
 - **Application Question:** Why is it important to view discipline as a form of love and guidance?
 - 3. **Generosity and Compassion** (Proverbs 3:13-18)
 - Encourages generosity and describes the rewards of living a life of compassion and kindness.
 - **Application Question:** How can we integrate acts of generosity into our daily routines?
 - **Application Question:** What are some examples of how compassion has impacted your life or the lives of others?
 - 4. **Honoring the Lord** (Proverbs 3:19-35)
 - Stresses the importance of honoring God with our possessions and highlights the benefits of living a righteous life.
 - **Application Question:** What are practical ways to honor God with our resources and actions?
 - **Application Question:** How does living righteously affect our relationships and community?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Review the verse through a quiz at the end of the week.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students have to make decisions based on trust in God versus relying on their own understanding. Have students role-play each scenario and discuss the outcomes.

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3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on how wisdom and discipline can impact personal growth. Ask students to share their experiences with being disciplined and how it has helped them grow.
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Quiz

1. What does Proverbs 3:5-6 advise regarding trust?
 - A. Trust in your own wisdom
 - B. Trust in the Lord with all your heart
 - C. Rely on others for guidance
 - D. Trust in worldly success
2. What are the benefits of wisdom according to Proverbs 3:7-12?
 - A. Immediate wealth
 - B. Prosperity and peace
 - C. Social recognition
 - D. Personal comfort
3. How should one view discipline according to Proverbs 3:11-12?
 - A. As a punishment
 - B. As a sign of God's love
 - C. As irrelevant
 - D. As a form of rejection
4. What does Proverbs 3:13-18 say about the rewards of wisdom?
 - A. They are temporary
 - B. They lead to a prosperous and fulfilling life
 - C. They guarantee fame
 - D. They provide instant gratification

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5. How can we honor the Lord with our possessions according to Proverbs 3:19-35?
 - A. By accumulating wealth
 - B. By living righteously and generously
 - C. By focusing on personal success
 - D. By gaining social status
6. What does Proverbs 3:7 say about fearing the Lord?
 - A. It leads to discomfort
 - B. It is a sign of weakness
 - C. It brings wisdom
 - D. It is unnecessary
7. According to Proverbs 3:9-10, what happens when we honor the Lord with our wealth?
 - A. We gain immediate rewards
 - B. Our barns will be filled with plenty
 - C. We achieve personal goals
 - D. We gain popularity
8. How does Proverbs 3 suggest we handle our understanding?
 - A. By relying on it exclusively
 - B. By aligning it with God's guidance
 - C. By ignoring it
 - D. By seeking validation from others
9. What does Proverbs 3:13 say about those who find wisdom?
 - A. They will face hardships
 - B. They will have a joyful life
 - C. They will be recognized by others
 - D. They will gain material wealth
10. According to Proverbs 3:19-20, how did God create the earth and heavens?
 - A. By chance
 - B. With wisdom and understanding

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C. Through random events

D. By human effort

Answers:

1. B
2. B
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. C
7. B
8. B
9. B
10. B

Vocabulary Words

1. **Trust** (Hebrew: בְּטָח, Batach) - To have confidence in someone or something, relying on their ability or integrity.
2. **Discipline** (Hebrew: מוֹסֵר, Musar) - Instruction and correction given to improve behavior or understanding.
3. **Generosity** (Hebrew: נָדִיב, Nadiv) - The quality of being kind and giving freely to others.
4. **Compassion** (Hebrew: רַחֲמִים, Rachamim) - A feeling of deep sympathy and concern for others, often accompanied by a desire to help.
5. **Righteousness** (Hebrew: צְדָקָה, Tzedakah) - The quality of being morally right or justifiable.

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CHAPTER 4

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 4 emphasizes the importance of acquiring and valuing wisdom as the foundation for a successful and righteous life. It begins with a call to listen to wise instruction and embrace the teachings of parents, which lead to a life of protection and honor. The chapter contrasts the paths of the righteous and the wicked, urging readers to avoid the ways of the wicked and adhere to a path of righteousness. Wisdom is portrayed as a guiding principle that illuminates one's path and protects from harm. The chapter concludes with advice to focus on maintaining a pure heart and purposeful speech.

Opening Question

1. How can wisdom from our parents and mentors guide us in making important life decisions?
 2. What are some practical ways to stay on the path of righteousness and avoid the pitfalls of wickedness?
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Outline

1. **The Call to Embrace Wisdom** (Proverbs 4:1-9)
 - Advises listeners to value and seek wisdom as taught by their parents.
 - **Application Question:** How can we apply the wisdom we receive from mentors in our daily choices?
 - **Application Question:** What are some ways to seek and embrace wisdom in our personal lives?
2. **The Contrast Between the Righteous and the Wicked** (Proverbs 4:10-19)

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- Highlights the benefits of following the path of righteousness and the dangers of the wicked path.
 - **Application Question:** How can we differentiate between the paths of righteousness and wickedness in our actions?
 - **Application Question:** What strategies can we use to avoid falling into negative influences?
3. **The Importance of a Pure Heart and Purposeful Speech** (Proverbs 4:20-27)
- Emphasizes maintaining a pure heart and the impact of purposeful speech on one's life.
 - **Application Question:** How can we ensure that our speech reflects our values and beliefs?
 - **Application Question:** What steps can we take to keep our hearts pure and focused on positive goals?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 4:7: "The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." Test their recall at the end of the week with a review game.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students have to choose between paths of righteousness and wickedness. Have them role-play each scenario and discuss the outcomes of their choices.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on how maintaining a pure heart can influence our interactions with others. Encourage students to share their experiences and strategies for staying focused on positive values.

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Quiz

1. What does Proverbs 4:7 say about wisdom?
 - A. It is not important
 - B. It is a gift given to a few
 - C. It is essential and worth seeking at all costs
 - D. It is only for the educated
2. According to Proverbs 4:5-6, what should one do with wisdom?
 - A. Ignore it
 - B. Seek and embrace it
 - C. Share it with everyone
 - D. Store it away for later
3. What is the outcome of following the path of righteousness as described in Proverbs 4:18?
 - A. It leads to confusion
 - B. It leads to a prosperous and secure life
 - C. It leads to instant wealth
 - D. It leads to fame
4. How does Proverbs 4 describe the path of the wicked?
 - A. It is straightforward and easy
 - B. It is filled with light and clarity
 - C. It is dark and full of danger
 - D. It is the path of least resistance
5. What does Proverbs 4:23 advise about the heart?
 - A. Keep it open to everyone
 - B. Guard it carefully as it determines life's direction
 - C. Share it with others freely
 - D. Ignore it in favor of logic

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6. According to Proverbs 4:24, what should one avoid in their speech?
 - A. Speaking too much
 - B. Using deceitful and corrupt language
 - C. Speaking too softly
 - D. Speaking only positive things
7. How does Proverbs 4:10 describe the result of following wisdom?
 - A. Increased conflict
 - B. Length of days and peace
 - C. Immediate rewards
 - D. Social approval
8. What does Proverbs 4:12 say about the path of the righteous?
 - A. It is full of obstacles
 - B. It is smooth and secure
 - C. It leads to confusion
 - D. It is a difficult journey
9. How should one handle their speech according to Proverbs 4:24?
 - A. Use it to boast
 - B. Ensure it is truthful and purposeful
 - C. Avoid speaking altogether
 - D. Use it to manipulate others
10. What does Proverbs 4:27 advise about one's actions?
 - A. Focus on your own interests
 - B. Avoid distractions and stay on the right path
 - C. Act spontaneously
 - D. Follow others' advice blindly

Answers:

1. C
2. B

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3. B
4. C
5. B
6. B
7. B
8. B
9. B
10. B

Vocabulary Words

1. **Wisdom** (Hebrew: חֵכְמָה, Chokhmah) - The ability to make sound decisions and judgments based on knowledge and experience.
2. **Righteousness** (Hebrew: צְדָקָה, Tzedakah) - The quality of being morally right or justifiable.
3. **Path** (Hebrew: אֶרֶץ, Orakh) - A way or course of action, often used metaphorically for one's life direction.
4. **Deceit** (Hebrew: מִרְמָה, Mirmah) - The act of deceiving or misleading others.
5. **Guard** (Hebrew: נָצַר, Natsar) - To keep watch over, protect, or maintain something with care.

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CHAPTER 5

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 5 focuses on the importance of faithfulness and the dangers of infidelity. It begins with a warning against the seductive allure of an immoral woman and the resulting consequences of such behavior. The chapter emphasizes the value of remaining committed to one's spouse and living a life of integrity. The text highlights the destructive nature of unfaithfulness and encourages adherence to wisdom and self-control. It underscores the importance of honoring one's marital vows and avoiding temptations that lead to moral compromise, offering practical advice for leading a righteous and faithful life.

Opening Question

1. What are some ways we can remain faithful in our relationships and avoid temptations?
 2. How can the wisdom from Proverbs 5 guide us in making ethical choices in our daily lives?
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Outline

1. **Warning Against Adultery** (Proverbs 5:1-6)
 - Describes the seductive nature of the immoral woman and the consequences of adultery.
 - **Application Question:** How can we recognize and avoid temptations that may lead us astray in our personal lives?
 - **Application Question:** What strategies can we use to remain faithful and true in our relationships?
2. **Consequences of Infidelity** (Proverbs 5:7-14)

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- Outlines the negative outcomes of unfaithfulness, including personal and social repercussions.
 - **Application Question:** How can understanding the consequences of infidelity help us make better choices in our relationships?
 - **Application Question:** What are some ways to protect ourselves and our relationships from harm caused by infidelity?
3. **The Value of Faithfulness** (Proverbs 5:15-23)
- Advises on the benefits of marital faithfulness and living a life of integrity.
 - **Application Question:** How can we cultivate and maintain faithfulness in our lives and relationships?
 - **Application Question:** What practical steps can we take to honor our commitments and live with integrity?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 5:15: "Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well." Test their recall with a review quiz at the end of the week.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios involving temptations and decisions related to fidelity. Have students role-play each scenario and discuss the outcomes and alternative choices.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the impact of personal integrity on relationships. Encourage students to share their thoughts on maintaining faithfulness and the consequences of infidelity.
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Quiz

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1. What does Proverbs 5 warn against?
 - A. Hard work
 - B. Adultery
 - C. Laziness
 - D. Generosity
2. According to Proverbs 5:3, what does the immoral woman use to entice others?
 - A. Flattery
 - B. Gifts
 - C. Sweet words and seductive talk
 - D. Promises of wealth
3. What is one of the consequences of infidelity mentioned in Proverbs 5:9?
 - A. Increased wealth
 - B. Loss of honor and reputation
 - C. Greater opportunities
 - D. Improved relationships
4. What does Proverbs 5:15 advise regarding one's own relationships?
 - A. Seek affection elsewhere
 - B. Drink from your own cistern
 - C. Avoid commitment
 - D. Change partners often
5. How does Proverbs 5 describe the path of the wicked?
 - A. Full of rewards
 - B. Smooth and easy
 - C. Thorny and difficult
 - D. Clear and straightforward
6. What is the impact of unfaithfulness on one's life, according to Proverbs 5:10?
 - A. Greater financial stability
 - B. Increased social status

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- C. Loss of wealth and livelihood
- D. Improved personal connections
- 7. According to Proverbs 5:18, what should one rejoice in?
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Personal achievements
 - C. The wife of one's youth
 - D. Social recognition
- 8. What does Proverbs 5 say about the actions of an unfaithful person?
 - A. They are easily forgiven
 - B. They are often overlooked
 - C. They lead to destruction
 - D. They are beneficial
- 9. What does Proverbs 5:23 say about the consequences of unfaithfulness?
 - A. It leads to freedom
 - B. It brings a painful end
 - C. It results in immediate rewards
 - D. It improves one's reputation
- 10. How can one maintain faithfulness according to Proverbs 5:20?
 - A. By avoiding commitment
 - B. By being cautious and avoiding temptations
 - C. By seeking excitement elsewhere
 - D. By following every desire

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. B
- 4. B
- 5. C

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- 6. C
- 7. C
- 8. C
- 9. B
- 10. B

Vocabulary Words

- 1. **Adultery** (Hebrew: נָאַף, Na'af) - Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone other than their spouse.
- 2. **Seductive** (Hebrew: מִשְׁכָּב, Mishkab) - Tempting or alluring, often in a way that is intended to persuade someone to act unethically.
- 3. **Cistern** (Hebrew: בֹּר, Bor) - A reservoir or tank for storing water, symbolizing one's own resources or relationships.
- 4. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּם, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
- 5. **Infidelity** (Hebrew: בְּגִידָה, Begidah) - The action or state of being unfaithful to a partner, especially in marriage.

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CHAPTER 6

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 6 provides practical wisdom on various aspects of life, including the consequences of laziness, the dangers of deceit, and the importance of diligent work. It begins with a warning against becoming surety for someone else's debts, emphasizing the need to avoid such risky financial commitments. The chapter then shifts to a discussion on the consequences of laziness and the habits of the sluggard, urging diligence and hard work. Additionally, it addresses the dangers of deceitful and dishonest behavior, highlighting the severe consequences and urging integrity in all dealings.

Opening Question

1. What are some practical ways we can avoid the pitfalls of laziness and dishonesty in our daily lives?
 2. How can we apply the lessons from Proverbs 6 to manage our financial commitments wisely?
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Outline

1. **Warning Against Becoming Surety** (Proverbs 6:1-5)
 - Advises against making oneself a guarantor for another's debts and provides a course of action if already committed.
 - **Application Question:** How can we protect ourselves from taking on undue financial risks?
 - **Application Question:** What steps can we take to resolve a situation where we have already become surety for someone else?
2. **The Consequences of Laziness** (Proverbs 6:6-11)

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- Describes the habits of the sluggard and the negative outcomes of laziness, urging diligence and hard work.
 - **Application Question:** What are some effective strategies for overcoming procrastination and increasing productivity?
 - **Application Question:** How can we develop a strong work ethic and stay motivated in our responsibilities?
3. **The Dangers of Deceit and Dishonesty** (Proverbs 6:12-19)
- Warns against deceitful behavior and outlines the consequences of lying and manipulation, highlighting the importance of integrity.
 - **Application Question:** How can we ensure that our actions and words are always honest and trustworthy?
 - **Application Question:** What are the potential impacts of dishonesty on personal relationships and professional integrity?
4. **The Value of Wisdom and Understanding** (Proverbs 6:20-35)
- Emphasizes the importance of following wise counsel and avoiding the temptations of adultery, while discussing the severe consequences of infidelity.
 - **Application Question:** How can we seek and apply wisdom in our personal decisions and relationships?
 - **Application Question:** What practical measures can we take to safeguard our relationships and avoid moral pitfalls?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 6:6: "Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise." Test their recall through a short quiz or a recitation exercise.

2. Role Playing Activity

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- Create scenarios involving financial decisions, laziness, and dishonesty. Have students role-play each scenario and discuss alternative, wiser choices.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the importance of diligence and honesty. Encourage students to share personal experiences where they faced challenges related to these topics and how they addressed them.
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Quiz

1. What does Proverbs 6:1-5 advise against?
 - A. Lending money
 - B. Becoming a guarantor for someone else's debt
 - C. Investing in businesses
 - D. Making charitable donations
2. What animal does Proverbs 6:6 use as an example of diligence?
 - A. Bee
 - B. Ant
 - C. Spider
 - D. Horse
3. What are the consequences of laziness mentioned in Proverbs 6:10-11?
 - A. Increased wealth
 - B. Shortage of food and poverty
 - C. Improved health
 - D. Greater opportunities
4. What character trait is associated with the individual described in Proverbs 6:12-15?
 - A. Honesty
 - B. Deceitfulness

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- C. Generosity
- D. Wisdom
- 5. According to Proverbs 6:16-19, what does the Lord hate?
 - A. Hard work
 - B. Arrogance
 - C. Dishonesty and deceit
 - D. Generosity
- 6. What is the primary advice given in Proverbs 6:20-23?
 - A. Follow the advice of friends
 - B. Seek wisdom and understanding
 - C. Focus on personal success
 - D. Avoid learning new things
- 7. What severe consequence is described for adultery in Proverbs 6:32?
 - A. Loss of wealth
 - B. Increased social status
 - C. Destruction and dishonor
 - D. Improved relationships
- 8. According to Proverbs 6:24, what does wisdom help us avoid?
 - A. Financial success
 - B. The ways of the wicked
 - C. Personal growth
 - D. Professional challenges
- 9. What should we do according to Proverbs 6:5 if we have become a guarantor for someone else's debt?
 - A. Ignore it
 - B. Act quickly to free ourselves
 - C. Increase our debt
 - D. Seek new loans

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10. How is the sluggard described in Proverbs 6:9?

- A. Hardworking
- B. Wise
- C. Lazy
- D. Ambitious

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. B
- 3. B
- 4. B
- 5. C
- 6. B
- 7. C
- 8. B
- 9. B
- 10. C

Vocabulary Words

- 1. **Surety** (Hebrew: עֶרֶב, Erev) - A person who takes responsibility for another's debt or obligation.
- 2. **Sluggard** (Hebrew: עָצֵל, Atzel) - A person who is habitually lazy or idle.
- 3. **Deceit** (Hebrew: מִרְמָה, Mirmah) - The act of deceiving or misleading others.
- 4. **Adultery** (Hebrew: נָאֹף, Na'af) - Voluntary sexual relations between a married person and someone other than their spouse.
- 5. **Infidelity** (Hebrew: בְּגִידָה, Begidah) - The act of being unfaithful to a spouse or partner.

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CHAPTER 7

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 7 provides a vivid portrayal of the dangers of falling into temptation and the consequences of succumbing to seduction. The chapter begins with a father's advice to his son to keep wisdom and understanding close, using them as protection against the allure of the adulteress. It describes a specific encounter with a seductress who entices the young man with flattery and promises, leading him into a path of destruction. The chapter warns of the tragic outcomes of such folly, illustrating the dangers of succumbing to temptation and the importance of heeding wise counsel.

Opening Question

1. How can we protect ourselves from falling into temptation and making poor decisions?
 2. What are some strategies for staying true to our values when faced with persuasive or tempting situations?
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Outline

1. **Advice to Keep Wisdom and Understanding** (Proverbs 7:1-5)
 - Advises the son to keep wisdom and understanding as personal protection against temptation.
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical ways we can keep wisdom and understanding close in our daily lives?
 - **Application Question:** How can we remind ourselves of our values and principles in the face of temptation?
2. **The Seduction of the Adulteress** (Proverbs 7:6-23)

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- Describes the interaction between the young man and the seductive woman, emphasizing her deceit and the consequences of following her.
 - **Application Question:** How can we recognize and avoid situations where we might be tempted to compromise our values?
 - **Application Question:** What steps can we take to address and avoid influences that lead us away from our principles?
3. **The Consequences of Falling into Temptation** (Proverbs 7:24-27)
- Concludes with a warning about the severe outcomes of falling into temptation and the irreversible damage it can cause.
 - **Application Question:** What are some potential long-term consequences of succumbing to temptation, and how can we mitigate them?
 - **Application Question:** How can we support others who are struggling with temptation or moral challenges?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 7:1: "My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you." Test their recall through a short quiz or recitation exercise.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must decide how to respond to tempting situations or peer pressure. Have them role-play the scenarios and discuss the outcomes.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the impact of temptation and how to build resilience against it. Encourage students to share their personal strategies for maintaining their values in challenging situations.
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Quiz

1. What does Proverbs 7:1-5 advise the son to do?
 - A. Follow his own desires
 - B. Keep wisdom and understanding close
 - C. Avoid making decisions
 - D. Listen to the seductress
2. What role does the adulteress play in Proverbs 7?
 - A. She offers guidance
 - B. She tempts and deceives the young man
 - C. She provides protection
 - D. She warns against temptation
3. According to Proverbs 7, what is the outcome for the young man who follows the seductress?
 - A. Prosperity
 - B. Wisdom
 - C. Destruction
 - D. Success
4. What should one do to avoid the path described in Proverbs 7?
 - A. Ignore wise counsel
 - B. Embrace temptation
 - C. Heed wisdom and stay alert
 - D. Follow every desire
5. How is the adulteress described in Proverbs 7?
 - A. Honest and straightforward
 - B. Deceptive and enticing
 - C. Wise and prudent
 - D. Reserved and cautious
6. What does Proverbs 7 say about the consequences of succumbing to temptation?
 - A. It leads to immediate happiness

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- B. It brings short-term gains
 - C. It results in severe and irreversible damage
 - D. It has no impact
7. According to Proverbs 7:6-23, what is the primary method used by the adulteress to lure the young man?
- A. Flattery and promises
 - B. Threats and intimidation
 - C. Generosity and gifts
 - D. Advice and counsel
8. What is the ultimate message of Proverbs 7 regarding temptation?
- A. Temptation is harmless
 - B. Avoiding temptation is impossible
 - C. Wisdom and vigilance are essential to resist temptation
 - D. Temptation leads to immediate rewards
9. How does the chapter suggest one should prepare against temptation?
- A. Ignore wisdom
 - B. Seek to be uninformed
 - C. Keep wisdom and commands close
 - D. Follow the crowd
10. What lesson can be drawn from the fate of the young man in Proverbs 7?
- A. Temptation is easy to resist
 - B. Falling into temptation is inconsequential
 - C. The consequences of yielding to temptation are serious and lasting
 - D. Temptation leads to immediate benefits

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. B
- 3. C

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4. C
5. B
6. C
7. A
8. C
9. C
10. C

Vocabulary Words

1. **Seduction** (Hebrew: תַּעֲנוּגוֹת, Ta'anugot) - The act of enticing someone into a desired behavior or relationship, often through flattery or deceit.
2. **Adulteress** (Hebrew: נָאֵף, Na'af) - A woman who engages in sexual relations outside of her marriage.
3. **Deceit** (Hebrew: מִרְמָה, Mirmah) - The act of misleading or deceiving others, often for personal gain.
4. **Temptation** (Hebrew: נִסְיָוֶן, Nissayon) - The desire to do something that is wrong or unwise.
5. **Folly** (Hebrew: כְּסִילוּת, Kesilut) - Lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness.

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CHAPTER 8

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 8 presents Wisdom as a personified figure who calls out to humanity, offering insight and guidance. Wisdom is portrayed as existing before creation, being present with God during the formation of the world. The chapter emphasizes the value of seeking wisdom, describing its benefits and rewards, such as long life, riches, and honor. Wisdom is contrasted with folly, and the chapter underscores that those who find wisdom are blessed by God. Wisdom's call is urgent, inviting all to listen and follow her teachings to achieve a life of righteousness and prosperity.

Opening Question

1. What are some ways that seeking wisdom can impact our daily lives?
 2. How does the personification of Wisdom in Proverbs 8 help us understand its importance?
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Outline

1. **The Call of Wisdom** (Proverbs 8:1-11)
 - Wisdom calls out to all people, offering guidance and understanding.
 - **Application Question:** How can we actively seek wisdom in our everyday decisions?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical steps we can take to make better choices?
2. **Wisdom's Role in Creation** (Proverbs 8:12-31)
 - Describes Wisdom's involvement in the creation of the world and her presence with God.
 - **Application Question:** How does understanding Wisdom's role in creation enhance our appreciation for wisdom?

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- **Application Question:** In what ways can recognizing the divine aspect of wisdom influence our pursuit of it?
 - 3. **The Benefits of Embracing Wisdom** (Proverbs 8:32-36)
 - Details the rewards of finding and following wisdom, including blessings and favor from God.
 - **Application Question:** What are the long-term benefits of living a life guided by wisdom?
 - **Application Question:** How can we encourage others to seek wisdom in their lives?
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Possible Activities

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
 - Have students memorize Proverbs 8:11: "For wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her." Test their recall through a recitation activity or quiz.
 2. **Role Playing Activity**
 - Create scenarios where students must decide between following wise advice or making a hasty decision. Have them role-play the scenarios and discuss the outcomes.
 3. **Discussion Activity**
 - Facilitate a discussion on how wisdom has influenced historical or personal decisions. Encourage students to share stories where wisdom led to positive outcomes.
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Quiz

1. What does Wisdom offer to those who seek her according to Proverbs 8:1-11?
 - A. Riches and honor
 - B. Knowledge and understanding

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- C. Power and influence
- D. Happiness and peace
- 2. How is Wisdom described in Proverbs 8:12-31?
 - A. As a material possession
 - B. As an abstract concept
 - C. As a person who was present with God during creation
 - D. As a force of nature
- 3. What are the primary benefits of embracing Wisdom according to Proverbs 8:32-36?
 - A. Fame and wealth
 - B. Long life and favor from God
 - C. Power and control
 - D. Immediate gratification
- 4. What is Wisdom's role in creation as described in Proverbs 8?
 - A. Wisdom was absent during creation
 - B. Wisdom was a spectator during creation
 - C. Wisdom played a central role in creation alongside God
 - D. Wisdom opposed the creation
- 5. What does Proverbs 8:11 say about Wisdom's value?
 - A. It is less valuable than gold
 - B. It is more valuable than rubies
 - C. It is equivalent to material wealth
 - D. It is of no significant value
- 6. How does Proverbs 8 describe the nature of Wisdom?
 - A. As temporary and fleeting
 - B. As a divine and eternal presence
 - C. As irrelevant to daily life
 - D. As a new and recent concept
- 7. According to Proverbs 8, who are the beneficiaries of Wisdom's teachings?
 - A. Only the wise

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- B. Only the wealthy
 - C. Everyone who seeks and embraces her
 - D. Only the powerful
8. What is the purpose of Wisdom's call in Proverbs 8?
- A. To boast about her achievements
 - B. To offer guidance and understanding
 - C. To challenge authority
 - D. To promote materialism
9. How does the chapter suggest we respond to Wisdom's call?
- A. With indifference
 - B. By seeking her diligently
 - C. By ignoring her
 - D. By pursuing wealth
10. What does Proverbs 8 indicate about the relationship between Wisdom and God?
- A. Wisdom is a separate entity from God
 - B. Wisdom is a creation of God
 - C. Wisdom was with God during creation
 - D. Wisdom opposes God's will

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. B
- 4. C
- 5. B
- 6. B
- 7. C
- 8. B
- 9. B

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10. C

Fill in the Blank

1. Wisdom calls out to those who _____ and offers guidance and understanding.
2. According to Proverbs 8, Wisdom was present with God during the _____ of the world.
3. The chapter emphasizes that Wisdom is more precious than _____.
4. Those who find and embrace Wisdom receive _____ from God.
5. Wisdom is described as a _____ who offers counsel to all people.

Answers:

1. Seek
2. Creation
3. Rubies
4. Favor
5. Person

Vocabulary Words

1. **Personification** (Hebrew: מִשְׁלוּשׁ, Mishloosh) - Attributing human characteristics to abstract concepts like Wisdom.
2. **Rubies** (Hebrew: פִּינְיֹן, Pinyon) - Precious stones used to symbolize great value.
3. **Creation** (Hebrew: בְּרִיאָה, Beriyah) - The act of bringing the universe and life into existence by God.
4. **Favor** (Hebrew: רָצוֹן, Ratson) - Approval or support, especially from a higher authority.
5. **Guidance** (Hebrew: הַנְּחָיָה, Hanhayah) - Advice or direction provided to help someone make decisions.

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CHAPTER 9

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 9 contrasts the invitations of Wisdom and Folly, personified as women calling out to those who pass by. Wisdom's invitation offers a banquet of insight, leading to understanding and life. In contrast, Folly's invitation leads to ruin and death, depicted as a deceptive allure. The chapter emphasizes the value of seeking wisdom and making righteous choices, while warning against the seductive and destructive nature of folly. It encourages embracing wisdom for a fulfilling and righteous life and avoiding the pitfalls of folly which leads to death and regret.

Opening Question

1. How can we distinguish between the invitation of Wisdom and the allure of Folly in our lives?
 2. What are some practical ways to choose Wisdom over Folly in our daily decisions?
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Outline

1. **The Invitation of Wisdom** (Proverbs 9:1-6)
 - Wisdom has prepared a feast and invites people to learn and grow.
 - **Application Question:** How can we actively seek Wisdom in our daily lives?
 - **Application Question:** What are some ways we can make our learning from Wisdom a regular practice?
2. **The Invitation of Folly** (Proverbs 9:13-18)
 - Folly offers a deceptive invitation, leading to destruction and regret.
 - **Application Question:** What are the dangers of falling for Folly's deceitful promises?
 - **Application Question:** How can we recognize and avoid the traps set by Folly?

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3. Comparison and Conclusion (Proverbs 9:7-12)

- The chapter concludes by comparing the benefits of Wisdom with the consequences of Folly.
 - **Application Question:** How does understanding the difference between Wisdom and Folly influence our choices?
 - **Application Question:** What are the long-term effects of consistently choosing Wisdom over Folly?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 9:10: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Test their recall through a recitation activity or quiz.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must decide between following Wisdom or Folly. Have them role-play these scenarios, showing the consequences of each choice and discussing the outcomes.

3. Discussion Activity

- Facilitate a discussion on personal experiences where students faced decisions between wise and foolish choices. Encourage them to share the results and lessons learned.
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Quiz

1. What does Wisdom offer to those who heed her call according to Proverbs 9:1-6?
 - A. Wealth and power
 - B. Understanding and life

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- C. Immediate pleasure
 - D. Fame and recognition
2. How is Folly described in Proverbs 9:13-18?
 - A. As wise and knowledgeable
 - B. As offering a feast of understanding
 - C. As seductive and leading to death
 - D. As trustworthy and reliable
 3. What is the primary difference between the invitations of Wisdom and Folly?
 - A. Wisdom leads to life and understanding, while Folly leads to death and regret
 - B. Wisdom offers wealth, while Folly offers knowledge
 - C. Wisdom leads to immediate pleasure, while Folly leads to long-term benefits
 - D. Wisdom is deceptive, while Folly is clear
 4. According to Proverbs 9:7-12, what is the benefit of gaining Wisdom?
 - A. Short-term rewards
 - B. Favor from others
 - C. A deeper understanding of God and life
 - D. Temporary satisfaction
 5. How does Proverbs 9 describe the ultimate outcome of following Folly?
 - A. Success and prosperity
 - B. Wisdom and growth
 - C. Regret and destruction
 - D. Happiness and fulfillment
 6. What does Proverbs 9:10 say about the fear of the Lord?
 - A. It is a source of trouble
 - B. It is the beginning of wisdom
 - C. It is irrelevant to wisdom
 - D. It is a sign of ignorance
 7. How should one respond to the invitation of Wisdom according to the chapter?
 - A. With indifference

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- B. By seeking and embracing it
 - C. By ignoring it
 - D. By questioning its validity
8. What does the chapter suggest about the consequences of Folly's invitation?
- A. They lead to immediate joy
 - B. They are beneficial in the long run
 - C. They result in destruction and regret
 - D. They offer temporary gain
9. According to Proverbs 9, what is the relationship between Wisdom and understanding?
- A. Wisdom and understanding are unrelated
 - B. Understanding leads to Wisdom
 - C. Wisdom is the source of understanding
 - D. Understanding opposes Wisdom
10. What does Proverbs 9 indicate about those who choose Wisdom over Folly?
- A. They face more challenges
 - B. They experience blessings and growth
 - C. They are always unhappy
 - D. They are considered naive

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. A
- 4. C
- 5. C
- 6. B
- 7. B
- 8. C
- 9. C

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Fill in the Blank

1. Wisdom invites people to her _____ and offers them understanding and life.
2. Folly's invitation leads to _____ and regret.
3. According to Proverbs 9:10, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____.
4. Choosing _____ over Folly results in blessings and growth.
5. Proverbs 9 emphasizes the contrast between the outcomes of _____ and Folly.

Answers:

1. Feast
2. Destruction
3. Wisdom
4. Wisdom
5. Wisdom

Vocabulary Words

1. **Personification** (Hebrew: מִשְׁלוּשׁ, Mishloosh) - The attribution of human characteristics to abstract concepts, like Wisdom or Folly.
2. **Seductive** (Hebrew: מִפְתּוֹת, Miftot) - Tending to allure or tempt, often with deceptive promises.
3. **Regret** (Hebrew: מִצָּעַר, Mitza'ar) - A feeling of sorrow or remorse for a past action.
4. **Understanding** (Hebrew: תְּבוּנָה, Tevunah) - The ability to comprehend or grasp the meaning of something.
5. **Deceptive** (Hebrew: מִשְׁלָל, Mishlal) - Misleading or intended to cause someone to believe something that is not true.

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CHAPTER 10

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 10 presents a collection of wise sayings contrasting the outcomes of righteous and wicked behaviors. It emphasizes the value of wisdom and righteousness, highlighting that the pursuit of wisdom leads to a blessed and secure life, while wickedness results in trouble and instability. The chapter covers various aspects of life including honesty, diligence, and integrity. It portrays the righteous as a source of blessing and the wicked as leading to ruin. The chapter encourages living according to divine wisdom to enjoy peace and prosperity.

Opening Question

1. How does the Book of Proverbs distinguish between the outcomes of righteous and wicked behavior?
 2. What are some practical ways we can apply the wisdom from Proverbs 10 in our daily lives?
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Outline

1. **Contrast Between the Righteous and the Wicked** (Proverbs 10:1-5)
 - The chapter begins by contrasting the lives and outcomes of the righteous versus the wicked.
 - **Application Question:** How can we identify the signs of righteousness and wickedness in our lives?
 - **Application Question:** What practical steps can we take to align our actions with righteousness?
2. **The Benefits of Wisdom and Integrity** (Proverbs 10:6-11)

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- This section highlights the blessings and security that come from wisdom and integrity.
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can living with integrity impact our personal and professional relationships?
 - **Application Question:** How can we seek wisdom in our decision-making processes?
3. **The Consequences of Foolishness and Wickedness** (Proverbs 10:12-32)
- The chapter concludes with the negative effects of foolishness and wicked behavior, emphasizing the impact on one's life and relationships.
 - **Application Question:** What are the long-term consequences of foolishness and wickedness?
 - **Application Question:** How can we avoid falling into patterns of foolish behavior?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 10:9: "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out." Test their recall through a recitation activity or quiz.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must choose between acting with integrity or following a deceptive path. Have them role-play these scenarios and discuss the outcomes of each choice.

3. Discussion Activity

- Facilitate a discussion on personal experiences where students faced decisions between wisdom and foolishness. Encourage them to share the results and lessons learned.
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Quiz

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1. What does Proverbs 10:1 say about the relationship between a wise son and his father?
 - A. A wise son brings grief to his father
 - B. A wise son brings joy to his father
 - C. A wise son causes trouble for his father
 - D. A wise son is irrelevant to his father
2. According to Proverbs 10:4, what happens to the hand of the diligent?
 - A. It becomes idle
 - B. It becomes poor
 - C. It becomes rich
 - D. It becomes weak
3. What is the outcome of the wicked according to Proverbs 10:6?
 - A. They experience joy
 - B. They receive blessings
 - C. They are overtaken by trouble
 - D. They gain wisdom
4. Proverbs 10:9 states that one who walks in integrity walks how?
 - A. With insecurity
 - B. With confidence
 - C. Securely
 - D. With hesitation
5. What does Proverbs 10:11 say about the mouth of the righteous?
 - A. It is a source of violence
 - B. It is a source of life
 - C. It is a source of lies
 - D. It is a source of deceit
6. How does Proverbs 10 describe the impact of wisdom on a person's life?
 - A. It leads to confusion
 - B. It brings peace and security

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- C. It causes instability
- D. It results in failure
- 7. According to Proverbs 10:12, what does hatred stir up?
 - A. Harmony
 - B. Peace
 - C. Strife
 - D. Love
- 8. What does Proverbs 10:22 say about the blessing of the Lord?
 - A. It brings trouble
 - B. It makes one rich
 - C. It causes hardship
 - D. It is irrelevant
- 9. What is the outcome of the foolish as described in Proverbs 10:32?
 - A. They speak with wisdom
 - B. They speak deceitfully
 - C. They speak with understanding
 - D. They speak with honesty
- 10. What is a key message of Proverbs 10 regarding behavior and outcomes?
 - A. Righteousness leads to instability
 - B. Foolishness leads to security
 - C. Wisdom leads to blessings
 - D. Wickedness leads to prosperity

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. C
- 4. C
- 5. B

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6. B
 7. C
 8. B
 9. B
 10. C
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 10 contrasts the outcomes of _____ and wickedness.
2. The chapter highlights that wisdom and _____ bring blessings and security.
3. According to Proverbs 10:9, those who walk in _____ walk securely.
4. Foolishness and wickedness lead to _____ and instability.
5. Proverbs 10 emphasizes the impact of _____ on one's life and relationships.

Answers:

1. Righteousness
2. Integrity
3. Integrity
4. Trouble
5. Behavior

Vocabulary Words

1. **Diligent** (Hebrew: יָגֵעַ, Yagea) - Showing persistent effort and hard work.
2. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּמַר, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
3. **Deceitful** (Hebrew: שָׁקֵר, Sheker) - Misleading or dishonest.
4. **Blessing** (Hebrew: בְּרָכָה, Berachah) - A favor or gift bestowed by God, often resulting in happiness or prosperity.

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CHAPTER 11

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 11 provides guidance on the virtues of righteousness and the consequences of wickedness. It contrasts the outcomes of honest and dishonest behavior, highlighting that integrity and justice lead to favor and stability, while deceit and dishonesty result in downfall and instability. The chapter also emphasizes the value of humility and generosity, noting that those who are generous and fair will find prosperity and peace. Key themes include the rewards of righteous living and the destructive nature of wickedness and pride.

Opening Question

1. How does Proverbs 11 illustrate the relationship between righteousness and prosperity?
 2. In what ways can we practice humility and generosity in our daily lives?
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Outline

1. **Righteousness versus Wickedness** (Proverbs 11:1-8)
 - This section contrasts the outcomes of honest versus dishonest behavior.
 - **Application Question:** How can we ensure our actions align with honesty and integrity?
 - **Application Question:** What are some real-life examples where dishonesty led to negative consequences?
2. **The Value of Humility and Generosity** (Proverbs 11:9-18)
 - The chapter highlights the rewards of humility and generosity, contrasting them with pride and selfishness.

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- **Application Question:** How does practicing humility impact our relationships with others?
 - **Application Question:** What are practical ways to show generosity in our community?
 - 3. **The Final Outcome of the Righteous and Wicked (Proverbs 11:19-31)**
 - This section concludes with the ultimate outcomes of righteous and wicked lives, emphasizing the long-term rewards of virtue.
 - **Application Question:** What long-term benefits have you experienced from living a righteous life?
 - **Application Question:** How can we help others understand the value of living justly and generously?
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Possible Activities

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
 - Have students memorize Proverbs 11:25: "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Test their recall through a recitation activity or quiz.
 2. **Role Playing Activity**
 - Create scenarios where students must choose between acting with humility or pride. Have them role-play these scenarios and discuss the outcomes of each choice.
 3. **Discussion Activity**
 - Facilitate a discussion on personal experiences where students demonstrated generosity or humility. Encourage them to share the impact of these actions on themselves and others.
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Quiz

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1. What does Proverbs 11:1 say about dishonest scales?
 - A. They are a sign of fairness
 - B. They are an abomination to the Lord
 - C. They bring prosperity
 - D. They are a blessing
2. According to Proverbs 11:3, what guides the upright?
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Wisdom
 - C. Integrity
 - D. Strength
3. What is the outcome of the wicked as described in Proverbs 11:5?
 - A. They are rewarded with peace
 - B. They are lifted up by their own power
 - C. Their wickedness destroys them
 - D. They find wisdom
4. What does Proverbs 11:9 say about the righteous?
 - A. They are destroyed by their knowledge
 - B. They are delivered from trouble
 - C. They are silent in the face of evil
 - D. They are overwhelmed by deceit
5. According to Proverbs 11:11, what benefits a city?
 - A. Wickedness
 - B. Righteousness
 - C. Wealth
 - D. Pride
6. What does Proverbs 11:16 say about a gracious woman?
 - A. She gains honor
 - B. She loses wealth

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- C. She gains power
- D. She loses respect
- 7. How does Proverbs 11 describe the result of generosity?
 - A. It leads to regret
 - B. It leads to refreshment
 - C. It leads to conflict
 - D. It leads to failure
- 8. According to Proverbs 11:28, what happens to those who trust in their riches?
 - A. They find true security
 - B. They fall
 - C. They prosper
 - D. They are honored
- 9. What is the outcome of the righteous as described in Proverbs 11:30?
 - A. They are rewarded with long life
 - B. They are a source of wisdom
 - C. They bear fruit
 - D. They face destruction
- 10. What does Proverbs 11:31 say about the righteous and the wicked?
 - A. Both will face the same fate
 - B. The righteous are rewarded while the wicked face trouble
 - C. The wicked will be blessed
 - D. The righteous will be punished

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. C
- 4. B
- 5. B

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6. A
 7. B
 8. B
 9. C
 10. B
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 11 emphasizes the contrast between _____ and wickedness.
2. The chapter highlights the benefits of _____ and generosity.
3. According to Proverbs 11:9, the righteous are delivered from _____.
4. Proverbs 11:25 states that a generous person will _____.
5. Proverbs 11:30 describes the righteous as bearing _____.

Answers:

1. Righteousness
2. Humility
3. Trouble
4. Prosper
5. Fruit

Vocabulary Words

1. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּמַר, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
2. **Generosity** (Hebrew: נָדִיב, Nadiv) - The quality of being kind and giving freely without expecting anything in return.
3. **Righteousness** (Hebrew: צְדָקָה, Tsedek) - The quality of being morally right or justifiable.

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4. **Abomination** (Hebrew: תִּעְבוֹת, To'evot) - Something that is greatly disliked or abhorrent, especially in religious context.
5. **Prosperity** (Hebrew: עִשָּׂר, Osher) - The state of being successful, usually by making a lot of money.

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CHAPTER 12

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 12 explores themes of wisdom, righteousness, and the consequences of one's actions. It highlights the benefits of pursuing wisdom and living righteously, contrasting these with the folly and negative outcomes of wicked behavior. The chapter emphasizes the value of truthful speech and the dangers of deceit. It also covers the importance of diligence and the adverse effects of laziness. Overall, it presents a clear contrast between the results of wise, honest living and the pitfalls of foolishness and dishonesty.

Opening Question

1. How does Proverbs 12 describe the relationship between wisdom and righteousness?
 2. In what ways can our speech reflect our pursuit of wisdom?
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Outline

1. **The Value of Wisdom and Righteousness** (Proverbs 12:1-7)
 - This section emphasizes the importance of seeking wisdom and living righteously, and it contrasts these qualities with foolishness and wickedness.
 - **Application Question:** How can we actively seek wisdom in our daily lives?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical ways to demonstrate righteousness in our actions?
2. **The Power of Words** (Proverbs 12:8-19)
 - The chapter discusses the impact of truthful versus deceitful speech and the benefits of speaking with integrity.

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- **Application Question:** How can we ensure our speech aligns with truth and integrity?
 - **Application Question:** What are some consequences of using deceitful language in relationships?
 - 3. **Diligence versus Laziness** (Proverbs 12:20-28)
 - This section contrasts the outcomes of diligence and laziness, showing the benefits of hard work and the pitfalls of idleness.
 - **Application Question:** How can we cultivate a habit of diligence in our daily tasks?
 - **Application Question:** What are some strategies to overcome laziness and procrastination?
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Possible Activities

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
 - Have students memorize Proverbs 12:18: "The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." Test their recall through a recitation activity or quiz.
 2. **Role Playing Activity**
 - Create scenarios where students must choose between speaking truthfully or deceitfully. Have them role-play these scenarios and discuss the outcomes of each choice.
 3. **Discussion Activity**
 - Facilitate a discussion on personal experiences where diligence or laziness impacted their goals. Encourage students to share how they overcame challenges related to work ethic.
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Quiz

1. What does Proverbs 12:1 say about those who love discipline?
 - A. They are foolish

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- B. They are wise
 - C. They are deceitful
 - D. They are lazy
2. According to Proverbs 12:4, what is the result of a virtuous woman?
- A. She is a source of trouble
 - B. She is a crown to her husband
 - C. She causes discord
 - D. She leads to poverty
3. What does Proverbs 12:5 say about the thoughts of the righteous?
- A. They are wicked
 - B. They are just
 - C. They are inconsistent
 - D. They are deceptive
4. According to Proverbs 12:13, what does a wicked person become ensnared by?
- A. Their wealth
 - B. Their deceit
 - C. Their honesty
 - D. Their diligence
5. What is the outcome of diligent work as described in Proverbs 12:24?
- A. It leads to poverty
 - B. It leads to prosperity
 - C. It leads to idleness
 - D. It leads to trouble
6. According to Proverbs 12:15, what does the way of a fool seem to them?
- A. Wise
 - B. Wise in their own eyes
 - C. Foolish
 - D. Difficult

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7. What does Proverbs 12:18 say about the words of the reckless?
 - A. They heal
 - B. They bring peace
 - C. They pierce like swords
 - D. They encourage
8. How does Proverbs 12:20 describe those who plot evil?
 - A. They find joy
 - B. They find trouble
 - C. They find peace
 - D. They find wisdom
9. According to Proverbs 12:27, what does a lazy person do with their catch?
 - A. They sell it
 - B. They waste it
 - C. They share it
 - D. They save it
10. What does Proverbs 12:28 say about the path of righteousness?
 - A. It leads to confusion
 - B. It leads to death
 - C. It leads to life
 - D. It leads to trouble

Answers:

1. B
2. B
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. B
7. C

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8. B
 9. B
 10. C
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 12 highlights the benefits of _____ and the pitfalls of _____.
2. The chapter emphasizes the impact of _____ speech and the dangers of _____ speech.
3. According to Proverbs 12:24, diligent hands will rule, but _____ will be put to forced labor.
4. Proverbs 12:18 describes the words of the reckless as _____ like swords.
5. Proverbs 12:28 states that in the path of righteousness, there is _____.

Answers:

1. Wisdom, Foolishness
2. Truthful, Deceitful
3. Laziness
4. Piercing
5. Life

Vocabulary Words

1. **Virtuous** (Hebrew: חָרוּץ, Charutz) - Having high moral standards and qualities.
2. **Reckless** (Hebrew: נָכָל, Naval) - Acting without consideration of the consequences; irresponsible.
3. **Diligent** (Hebrew: יָגֵעַ, Yagea) - Showing careful and persistent work or effort.
4. **Deceitful** (Hebrew: שֶׁקֶר, Sheker) - Misleading or dishonest in intention.

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CHAPTER 13

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 13 offers practical wisdom on various aspects of life, including wealth, communication, and relationships. It contrasts the outcomes of wise versus foolish behavior, emphasizing that righteousness leads to a blessed life while wickedness results in trouble. The chapter highlights the value of discipline, the consequences of ignoring wisdom, and the importance of seeking good advice. It underscores the impact of one's actions and decisions on personal and communal well-being, encouraging students to embrace wisdom and avoid folly.

Opening Question

1. How does Proverbs 13 contrast the outcomes of wisdom and foolishness?
 2. What role does discipline play in leading a successful life according to this chapter?
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Outline

1. **The Rewards of Wisdom and Righteousness** (Proverbs 13:1-14)
 - This section contrasts the benefits of listening to instruction and living righteously with the consequences of disregarding wisdom and following wicked ways.
 - **Application Question:** How can we apply the principles of discipline and instruction in our daily lives?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical ways to avoid folly and embrace wisdom?
2. **Wealth and its Implications** (Proverbs 13:15-23)

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- Discusses how wealth can be gained through righteousness and the impact of dishonest gain. It also touches on the value of saving and planning.
- **Application Question:** How should we approach the management and use of our resources to reflect godly principles?
- **Application Question:** What are some ways to ensure that our pursuit of wealth does not lead to unethical behavior?

3. The Impact of Speech and Relationships (Proverbs 13:24-25)

- Examines the effects of harsh versus kind words and the consequences for relationships. Highlights the importance of communication in maintaining healthy interactions.
 - **Application Question:** How can we improve our communication to foster better relationships?
 - **Application Question:** What are some strategies to handle conflicts with kindness and understanding?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 13:20: "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm." Test their memory through a fill-in-the-blank activity or recitation.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must choose between giving kind or harsh advice. Have them role-play these situations and discuss the outcomes of each choice.

3. Discussion Activity

- Facilitate a discussion on personal experiences where wise or foolish decisions impacted their lives. Encourage students to share how they learned from these experiences and how they apply wisdom in their decisions.

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Quiz

1. What does Proverbs 13:1 say about a wise son?
 - A. He despises his father's instruction
 - B. He rejects all advice
 - C. He accepts his father's discipline
 - D. He ignores his father's guidance
2. According to Proverbs 13:7, what does the rich man appear to be?
 - A. Poor
 - B. Wise
 - C. Deceptive
 - D. Self-sufficient
3. What does Proverbs 13:10 say is the result of pride?
 - A. Wisdom
 - B. Conflict
 - C. Peace
 - D. Success
4. According to Proverbs 13:11, how is wealth gained?
 - A. Through deceit
 - B. Through honest work
 - C. Through idleness
 - D. Through luck
5. What does Proverbs 13:16 say about a prudent man?
 - A. He acts out of ignorance
 - B. He displays knowledge
 - C. He is reckless
 - D. He avoids wisdom

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6. According to Proverbs 13:18, what is the consequence of refusing correction?
 - A. Increased knowledge
 - B. Greater understanding
 - C. Poverty and disgrace
 - D. Prosperity
7. What does Proverbs 13:22 say about a good man's inheritance?
 - A. It is lost
 - B. It is for his children's children
 - C. It is wasted
 - D. It is for himself alone
8. What does Proverbs 13:23 say about the land of the poor?
 - A. It yields nothing
 - B. It is fertile
 - C. It is a burden
 - D. It produces much
9. According to Proverbs 13:24, what does a parent who loves their child do?
 - A. Disregards their behavior
 - B. Spares the rod
 - C. Corrects them promptly
 - D. Ignores their faults
10. What does Proverbs 13:25 say about the righteous and their needs?
 - A. They always have plenty
 - B. They go hungry
 - C. They have their desires fulfilled
 - D. They are never satisfied

Answers:

1. C
2. B

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3. B
 4. B
 5. B
 6. C
 7. B
 8. D
 9. C
 10. C
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 13 emphasizes the contrast between _____ and _____ behavior.
2. The chapter highlights the impact of _____ and _____ on wealth and relationships.
3. According to Proverbs 13:11, wealth gained _____ will dwindle, but wealth gained _____ will increase.
4. Proverbs 13:24 states that those who love their child _____ them.
5. Proverbs 13:22 promises that a good man's inheritance is for _____.

Answers:

1. Wise, Foolish
2. Wisdom, Folly
3. Dishonestly, Honestly
4. Correct
5. His children's children

Vocabulary Words

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1. **Prudent** (Hebrew: עָרוּם, Arum) - Acting with or showing care and thought for the future.
2. **Deceptive** (Hebrew: שָׁקֵר, Sheker) - Misleading or intended to deceive.
3. **Inheritance** (Hebrew: נַחֲלָה, Nachalah) - Property or money passed down from ancestors.
4. **Discipline** (Hebrew: מוֹסָר, Musar) - Training to improve behavior or character.
5. **Conflict** (Hebrew: מִשְׁפָּט, Mishpat) - A serious disagreement or argument.

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CHAPTER 14

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 14 explores the contrasts between wisdom and folly, emphasizing the outcomes of each. The chapter highlights how wise choices lead to stability and prosperity, while foolish decisions result in trouble and failure. It covers themes such as the value of humility, the importance of integrity, and the consequences of deceit. The chapter also underscores the impact of one's character on their life, illustrating that righteousness brings blessings, whereas wickedness leads to ruin. Through vivid contrasts, Proverbs 14 provides practical guidance for making wise and righteous decisions in daily life.

Opening Question

1. How does Proverbs 14 describe the effects of wisdom versus foolishness on one's life?
 2. What are some ways humility and integrity are portrayed in this chapter, and how can we apply these qualities?
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Outline

1. **Contrasts Between Wisdom and Folly** (Proverbs 14:1-9)
 - This section contrasts the outcomes of wise and foolish actions, emphasizing that wisdom leads to stability while folly brings destruction.
 - **Application Question:** How can we incorporate wisdom into our daily decision-making to avoid foolish mistakes?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical examples of wisdom and folly in your own experiences?
2. **The Role of Character and Integrity** (Proverbs 14:10-15)

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- Focuses on the inner workings of the heart and how personal integrity influences one's actions and outcomes.
- **Application Question:** How does personal integrity affect your relationships and reputation?
- **Application Question:** In what ways can you strengthen your character to align with the principles outlined in this section?

3. The Impact of Humility and the Consequences of Pride (Proverbs 14:16-35)

- Discusses the importance of humility and the negative effects of pride. It highlights how humility leads to wisdom and peace, while pride leads to downfall and conflict.
 - **Application Question:** How can practicing humility improve your interactions with others and your personal growth?
 - **Application Question:** What steps can you take to recognize and address pride in your own life?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 14:12: "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death." Test their memory through a recitation or a fill-in-the-blank exercise.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must choose between a wise and a foolish course of action. Have them role-play the scenarios and discuss the outcomes and choices made.

3. Discussion Activity

- Facilitate a discussion on personal experiences with humility and pride. Encourage students to share stories where humility led to positive outcomes and pride led to difficulties.

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Quiz

1. What does Proverbs 14:1 say about a wise woman?
 - A. She tears down her house
 - B. She builds her house
 - C. She ignores advice
 - D. She seeks trouble
2. According to Proverbs 14:4, what is the result of having no oxen?
 - A. Increased work
 - B. Abundant harvest
 - C. Clean stalls
 - D. Less effort
3. What does Proverbs 14:7 say about staying away from fools?
 - A. They will teach you wisdom
 - B. They will guide you
 - C. Their folly will lead you astray
 - D. They will encourage you
4. According to Proverbs 14:12, what is the outcome of a way that seems right?
 - A. It leads to life
 - B. It leads to prosperity
 - C. It leads to death
 - D. It leads to peace
5. What does Proverbs 14:15 say about the simple?
 - A. They are wise
 - B. They are easily deceived
 - C. They are knowledgeable
 - D. They are discerning

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6. According to Proverbs 14:22, what happens to those who devise good?
 - A. They are punished
 - B. They are blessed
 - C. They are ignored
 - D. They are misguided
7. What does Proverbs 14:26 say about those who fear the Lord?
 - A. They are abandoned
 - B. They have a strong confidence
 - C. They face danger
 - D. They are rejected
8. What is the consequence of pride according to Proverbs 14:21?
 - A. Wisdom
 - B. Honor
 - C. Disgrace
 - D. Respect
9. According to Proverbs 14:31, what happens when you oppress the poor?
 - A. You honor God
 - B. You prosper
 - C. You insult your Maker
 - D. You gain favor
10. What does Proverbs 14:35 say about a wise servant?
 - A. They cause trouble
 - B. They bring joy
 - C. They are punished
 - D. They are ignored

Answers:

1. B
2. C

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3. C
 4. C
 5. B
 6. B
 7. B
 8. C
 9. C
 10. B
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 14 contrasts the outcomes of _____ and _____ actions.
2. The chapter highlights the value of _____ and the consequences of _____.
3. According to Proverbs 14:4, having no oxen results in _____ stalls.
4. Proverbs 14:12 warns that a way that seems right ultimately leads to _____.
5. Proverbs 14:31 states that oppressing the poor insults your _____.

Answers:

1. Wisdom, Folly
2. Integrity, Pride
3. Clean
4. Death
5. Maker

Vocabulary Words

1. **Integrity** (Hebrew: **אֱמוּנָה**, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
2. **Folly** (Hebrew: **נָבָל**, Naval) - Lack of good sense; foolishness.

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3. **Humility** (Hebrew: עָנָו, Anav) - The quality of having a modest view of one's importance.
4. **Pride** (Hebrew: גָּאוֹן, Gaon) - A high or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, or superiority.
5. **Deceit** (Hebrew: מִרְמָה, Mirmah) - The action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth.

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CHAPTER 15

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 15 presents a collection of wise sayings contrasting the effects of righteous and wicked behavior. The chapter highlights how gentle answers can defuse anger, while harsh words escalate conflicts. It underscores the importance of living with integrity, humility, and discipline, showing that these traits lead to a prosperous life, while deceit and pride lead to downfall. The chapter also emphasizes that God values a humble heart and that righteous living aligns with divine favor. By presenting vivid contrasts, Proverbs 15 guides readers toward making wise and virtuous choices.

Opening Question

1. How do gentle answers and harsh words affect relationships according to Proverbs 15?
 2. What is the role of humility and integrity in determining one's success and favor with God?
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Outline

1. **The Power of Words** (Proverbs 15:1-4)
 - This section contrasts gentle answers with harsh words, showing how the former can calm anger while the latter stirs it up.
 - **Application Question:** How can you apply the principle of giving a gentle answer in your daily interactions to avoid unnecessary conflicts?
 - **Application Question:** Reflect on a time when your words either helped or hurt a situation. What did you learn?
2. **The Importance of Righteousness and Integrity** (Proverbs 15:5-10)

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- Focuses on the value of righteousness and integrity in one's life and how they lead to divine favor and stability.
- **Application Question:** How can you incorporate more integrity into your daily life and decisions?
- **Application Question:** In what ways have you seen righteousness lead to positive outcomes in your life or the lives of others?

3. The Role of Humility and Discipline (Proverbs 15:11-33)

- Discusses the importance of humility and discipline, showing how they contribute to wisdom and divine favor, while pride and foolishness lead to trouble.
 - **Application Question:** How can practicing humility and discipline impact your relationships and personal growth?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical steps you can take to avoid the pitfalls of pride and foolishness?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 15:1: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Test their recall through a recitation or a fill-in-the-blank exercise.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must choose between responding with a gentle answer or a harsh word. Have them role-play the scenarios and discuss the outcomes and their choices.

3. Discussion Activity

- Facilitate a discussion on the impact of humility and discipline. Encourage students to share personal experiences where humility or discipline led to positive changes in their lives.

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Quiz

1. What effect does a gentle answer have according to Proverbs 15:1?
 - A. It increases anger
 - B. It calms anger
 - C. It creates confusion
 - D. It encourages harsh words
2. According to Proverbs 15:3, where are the eyes of the Lord?
 - A. In the heavens
 - B. In every place
 - C. In the temple
 - D. On the earth
3. What does Proverbs 15:8 say about the sacrifices of the wicked?
 - A. They are pleasing to God
 - B. They are an abomination to the Lord
 - C. They bring blessings
 - D. They are accepted without question
4. What does Proverbs 15:10 say about the way of the wise?
 - A. It is easy
 - B. It is filled with joy
 - C. It is harsh
 - D. It requires discipline
5. According to Proverbs 15:16, what is better than great wealth with turmoil?
 - A. A humble heart
 - B. A wise friend
 - C. A simple life
 - D. Great honor

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6. What does Proverbs 15:17 say about a meal with love?
 - A. It is better than a feast with strife
 - B. It is less satisfying than a feast
 - C. It is not preferred
 - D. It is worse than a feast with trouble
7. What is the outcome of the wicked according to Proverbs 15:25?
 - A. They will be lifted up
 - B. They will be brought low
 - C. They will prosper
 - D. They will be favored
8. What does Proverbs 15:30 say about the light of the eyes?
 - A. It brings life
 - B. It brings judgment
 - C. It brings darkness
 - D. It brings trouble
9. According to Proverbs 15:32, what happens to those who ignore discipline?
 - A. They become wise
 - B. They will be honored
 - C. They despise themselves
 - D. They are praised
10. What does Proverbs 15:33 say about humility?
 - A. It brings honor
 - B. It is not valued
 - C. It leads to trouble
 - D. It is irrelevant

Answers:

1. B
2. B

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3. B
 4. D
 5. A
 6. A
 7. B
 8. A
 9. C
 10. A
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Fill in the Blank

1. According to Proverbs 15:1, a gentle answer _____ wrath, while a harsh word stirs up _____.
2. Proverbs 15:3 states that the eyes of the Lord are in _____ place, keeping watch over _____.
3. Proverbs 15:8 says that the sacrifices of the wicked are an _____ to the Lord.
4. The way of the wise requires _____ according to Proverbs 15:10.
5. Proverbs 15:16 indicates that having a _____ heart is better than great wealth with _____.

Answers:

1. Turns away, anger
2. Every, all
3. Abomination
4. Discipline
5. Humble, turmoil

Vocabulary Words

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1. **Gentle** (Hebrew: רַךְ, Rakh) - Showing kindness, tenderness, and mildness.
2. **Wrath** (Hebrew: עֶבְרָה, Ebrah) - Strong anger or rage.
3. **Abomination** (Hebrew: תועבות, Toebot) - Something that is greatly disliked or detested.
4. **Discipline** (Hebrew: מוסר, Musar) - The practice of training oneself to act according to rules or standards.
5. **Turmoil** (Hebrew: מְהוּמָה, Mehomeh) - A state of great disturbance or confusion.

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CHAPTER 16

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 16 focuses on the sovereignty of God and the importance of aligning one's plans with divine will. It emphasizes that while humans can make plans, it is the Lord who ultimately directs their steps. The chapter highlights the value of wisdom, humility, and integrity, contrasting these with pride and wickedness. It also discusses the consequences of one's actions, noting that pride leads to downfall, while humility and righteousness lead to favor and stability. The chapter underscores that a life lived in alignment with God's principles is ultimately fulfilling and prosperous.

Opening Question

1. How does Proverbs 16 describe the relationship between human plans and God's will?
 2. What is the significance of humility and wisdom in achieving success according to this chapter?
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Outline

1. **The Sovereignty of God in Human Plans** (Proverbs 16:1-3)
 - Highlights that while humans plan, it is God who ultimately determines outcomes.
 - **Application Question:** How can acknowledging God's control over your plans impact your decision-making process?
 - **Application Question:** Reflect on a time when your plans did not align with God's will. What did you learn from that experience?
2. **The Consequences of Pride and Wickedness** (Proverbs 16:4-9)
 - Discusses how pride and wickedness lead to destruction, whereas humility and righteousness bring stability and favor.

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- **Application Question:** In what ways can you work to combat pride in your life and foster humility?
- **Application Question:** How do you see the effects of pride or wickedness in relationships around you?

3. The Value of Wisdom and Integrity (Proverbs 16:10-33)

- Emphasizes the importance of wisdom, integrity, and righteousness for a prosperous and fulfilling life.
 - **Application Question:** How can you apply the principles of wisdom and integrity in your everyday actions?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical steps you can take to live with greater integrity and wisdom?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 16:9: "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Test their recall through a recitation or by having them write the verse from memory.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must decide between acting out of pride or humility. Have them role-play these scenarios and discuss the outcomes and their choices.

3. Discussion Activity

- Facilitate a discussion on the relationship between wisdom and success. Encourage students to share how applying wisdom has influenced their achievements or decisions.
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Quiz

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1. According to Proverbs 16:1, who ultimately determines the outcome of human plans?
 - A. The individual
 - B. The community
 - C. The Lord
 - D. Fate
2. What does Proverbs 16:5 say about those who are proud?
 - A. They will be praised
 - B. They will be honored
 - C. They will be brought low
 - D. They will be favored
3. Proverbs 16:8 states that a little with righteousness is better than what?
 - A. A lot with wickedness
 - B. A lot with pride
 - C. A little with deceit
 - D. A lot with trouble
4. What does Proverbs 16:10 say about a king's decisions?
 - A. They are based on human wisdom
 - B. They are decrees from the Lord
 - C. They are influenced by advisors
 - D. They are subject to change
5. According to Proverbs 16:19, what is better than a humble spirit with the lowly?
 - A. Riches
 - B. Honor
 - C. Wealth
 - D. Wisdom
6. What does Proverbs 16:24 say about pleasant words?
 - A. They are harsh
 - B. They are like a honeycomb

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- C. They are ignored
- D. They are ineffective
- 7. According to Proverbs 16:32, what is better than being a mighty warrior?
 - A. Being wise
 - B. Being wealthy
 - C. Being a peacemaker
 - D. Being humble
- 8. What does Proverbs 16:7 say happens when a person's ways please the Lord?
 - A. Their enemies will be increased
 - B. Their enemies will be at peace with them
 - C. Their plans will fail
 - D. Their success will be diminished
- 9. According to Proverbs 16:21, what is the effect of a wise heart?
 - A. It is sought after
 - B. It is ignored
 - C. It is troubled
 - D. It is wealthy
- 10. What does Proverbs 16:33 say about casting lots?
 - A. It is controlled by chance
 - B. It is a method for making decisions
 - C. It is under the Lord's control
 - D. It is not significant

Answers:

- 1. C
- 2. C
- 3. A
- 4. B
- 5. B

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6. B
 7. C
 8. B
 9. A
 10. C
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 16:1 says that humans make their _____, but it is the Lord who establishes their _____.
2. According to Proverbs 16:5, everyone who is _____ is an abomination to the Lord.
3. Proverbs 16:8 states that a little with _____ is better than great _____ with trouble.
4. Proverbs 16:19 mentions that it is better to be of a humble spirit with the _____ than to divide the spoil with the _____.
5. Proverbs 16:33 says that the lot is cast into the lap, but its _____ is every decision from the Lord.

Answers:

1. Plans, steps
2. Proud
3. Righteousness, treasure
4. Lowly, proud
5. Outcome

Vocabulary Words

1. **Sovereignty** (Hebrew: מְשָׁלָה, Memshal) - Supreme power or authority.

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2. **Pride** (Hebrew: גִּּוּן, Ge'on) - A high or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, or superiority.
3. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּמַר, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
4. **Humility** (Hebrew: אָנָּוָה, Anavah) - The quality of being humble and having a modest opinion of one's importance.
5. **Righteousness** (Hebrew: תְּשׁוּבָה, Tsedaqah) - The quality of being morally right or justifiable.

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CHAPTER 17

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 17 emphasizes the value of wisdom, righteousness, and harmonious relationships. It highlights that a quiet and peaceful home is preferable to a lavish one marked by strife. The chapter underscores the significance of integrity and truthfulness, stating that even small acts of wisdom and kindness hold great value. It also contrasts the outcomes of wise and foolish behaviors, showing that wisdom leads to joy and stability, while foolishness results in trouble and conflict. Additionally, the chapter speaks on the impact of righteousness on personal and communal harmony.

Opening Question

1. What does Proverbs 17 say about the relationship between peace and prosperity in a household?
 2. How does the chapter suggest wisdom and righteousness impact our daily interactions and decisions?
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Outline

1. **The Value of Peace and Harmony** (Proverbs 17:1-3)
 - Emphasizes that a peaceful home is better than a wealthy one filled with strife.
 - **Application Question:** How can you contribute to creating a more peaceful and harmonious environment at home or school?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical steps you can take to resolve conflicts peacefully?
2. **The Importance of Integrity and Wisdom** (Proverbs 17:4-14)

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- Highlights the importance of truthfulness, wisdom, and integrity in relationships and decisions.
- **Application Question:** How can you practice honesty and integrity in challenging situations?
- **Application Question:** Reflect on a time when wisdom guided you to make a difficult decision. What was the outcome?

3. The Outcomes of Wise and Foolish Actions (Proverbs 17:15-28)

- Contrasts the outcomes of wise versus foolish actions, showing that wisdom leads to stability while foolishness leads to trouble.
- **Application Question:** What are some ways you can seek wisdom before making important decisions?
- **Application Question:** How can understanding the consequences of foolish actions help you avoid them?

Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 17:1: "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife." Have them recite it in class or write it from memory.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios involving conflict and resolution. Have students role-play different approaches to resolving conflicts peacefully and discuss which strategies worked best.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the impact of integrity and wisdom in everyday life. Encourage students to share personal experiences where integrity or wisdom made a difference.

Quiz

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1. According to Proverbs 17:1, what is better than a house full of feasting?
 - A. A house with noise
 - B. A house with peace and quiet
 - C. A house with wealth
 - D. A house with many people
2. What does Proverbs 17:4 say about a wicked person?
 - A. They are trustworthy
 - B. They listen to lies
 - C. They are kind
 - D. They are wise
3. According to Proverbs 17:6, what is the crown of old men?
 - A. Their wealth
 - B. Their wisdom
 - C. Their children
 - D. Their accomplishments
4. Proverbs 17:9 highlights the importance of what quality in relationships?
 - A. Judgment
 - B. Forgiveness
 - C. Criticism
 - D. Discretion
5. What does Proverbs 17:13 say about rewarding evil for good?
 - A. It brings prosperity
 - B. It brings happiness
 - C. It leads to trouble
 - D. It is encouraged
6. According to Proverbs 17:15, who is considered wicked?
 - A. The person who justifies the wicked
 - B. The person who helps the poor

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- C. The person who seeks wisdom
- D. The person who speaks truth
- 7. What does Proverbs 17:22 say about a cheerful heart?
 - A. It is like medicine
 - B. It is burdensome
 - C. It is irrelevant
 - D. It is troublesome
- 8. According to Proverbs 17:27, who is wise?
 - A. The person who speaks frequently
 - B. The person who is silent and discerning
 - C. The person who argues often
 - D. The person who is quick to anger
- 9. What does Proverbs 17:28 say about a fool?
 - A. Even a fool is considered wise when silent
 - B. A fool is always right
 - C. A fool is never wrong
 - D. A fool is wise in many matters
- 10. According to Proverbs 17:12, what is more dangerous than a bear robbed of her cubs?
 - A. A fool in their folly
 - B. A wise person
 - C. An angry king
 - D. A peaceful person

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. B
- 3. C
- 4. D
- 5. C

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6. A
 7. A
 8. B
 9. A
 10. A
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 17:1 says that a dry _____ with peace and quiet is better than a house full of _____ with strife.
2. According to Proverbs 17:4, a wicked person listens to _____ and a false tongue.
3. Proverbs 17:6 says that children's _____ are the crown of old men.
4. Proverbs 17:13 warns that rewarding _____ for good brings trouble.
5. Proverbs 17:22 states that a cheerful heart is like _____ to the soul.

Answers:

1. Crust, feasting
2. Lies
3. Children
4. Evil
5. Medicine

Vocabulary Words

1. **Integrity** (Hebrew: טוֹם, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
2. **Discretion** (Hebrew: עֵצָה, Etzah) - The quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offense or revealing confidential information.

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3. **Wisdom** (Hebrew: חֵכְמָה, Chokhmah) - The ability to make sound decisions based on knowledge and experience.
4. **Folly** (Hebrew: נָבָל, Nabal) - Lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness.
5. **Strife** (Hebrew: רִיב, Riv) - Conflict or discord.

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CHAPTER 18

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 18 addresses themes of wisdom, speech, and personal conduct. It emphasizes the power of words, noting that they can either uplift or harm. The chapter highlights the importance of wise speech and understanding, suggesting that those who are quick to listen and slow to speak are often more respected and effective in their interactions. It also discusses the value of friends and the impact of integrity and knowledge on one's reputation and life outcomes. Overall, the chapter underscores the significance of choosing words carefully and maintaining a wise and honest character.

Opening Question

1. How can the way we use our words impact our relationships with others?
 2. What does Proverbs 18 teach us about the importance of wisdom and integrity in our daily lives?
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Outline

1. **The Power of Words** (Proverbs 18:1-8)
 - Discusses how words can influence and affect others, and the importance of speaking wisely.
 - **Application Question:** In what situations have your words significantly impacted someone positively or negatively?
 - **Application Question:** How can you improve the way you use words to foster better relationships?
2. **Wisdom and Understanding** (Proverbs 18:9-15)

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- Highlights the value of wisdom and understanding in decision-making and personal growth.
- **Application Question:** How can seeking wisdom change the way you approach problems and decisions?
- **Application Question:** What are some ways you can seek understanding in your interactions with others?

3. Friendship and Integrity (Proverbs 18:16-24)

- Explores the role of friendship, the value of integrity, and the impact of our conduct on our reputation.
 - **Application Question:** How do you maintain and build trustworthy friendships?
 - **Application Question:** What does integrity mean to you, and how can you demonstrate it in your daily life?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 18:21: "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." Encourage them to recite it and discuss its meaning.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must respond to various situations using wisdom and integrity. After each role play, discuss how different responses might affect relationships and outcomes.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the impact of words and how they can be used to build or harm relationships. Ask students to share personal experiences and strategies for using words positively.

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Quiz

1. According to Proverbs 18:21, what does the tongue have the power of?
 - A. Life and death
 - B. Joy and sorrow
 - C. Wealth and poverty
 - D. Success and failure
2. Proverbs 18:2 states that a fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in what?
 - A. Wisdom
 - B. Acknowledgment
 - C. Their own opinions
 - D. Teaching others
3. What does Proverbs 18:4 compare wise words to?
 - A. Water
 - B. Fruit
 - C. A deep well
 - D. Gold
4. According to Proverbs 18:13, what does the one who answers before listening do?
 - A. Shows wisdom
 - B. Displays integrity
 - C. Shows folly
 - D. Demonstrates patience
5. Proverbs 18:16 says that a gift opens what?
 - A. Opportunities
 - B. Doors
 - C. Hearts
 - D. Minds

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6. What does Proverbs 18:19 say about a brother offended?
 - A. They are easily reconciled
 - B. They are difficult to win over
 - C. They forgive quickly
 - D. They forget easily
7. According to Proverbs 18:24, what can a friend do that sticks closer than a brother?
 - A. Help in times of need
 - B. Offer advice
 - C. Provide comfort
 - D. Show loyalty
8. What does Proverbs 18:15 say about the heart of the discerning?
 - A. It seeks knowledge
 - B. It is full of joy
 - C. It is empty
 - D. It is troubled
9. Proverbs 18:12 compares humility before honor to what?
 - A. A journey
 - B. A plan
 - C. A battle
 - D. A feast
10. According to Proverbs 18:10, what is the name of the Lord?
 - A. A shield
 - B. A fortress
 - C. A treasure
 - D. A strength

Answers:

1. A
2. C

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3. C
 4. C
 5. C
 6. B
 7. D
 8. A
 9. C
 10. B
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 18:21 states that the _____ has the power of life and death.
2. According to Proverbs 18:2, a fool takes delight in their own _____ rather than understanding.
3. Proverbs 18:4 compares wise words to a deep _____ of wisdom.
4. Proverbs 18:13 warns that answering before _____ is folly.
5. A _____ opens doors and makes way for acceptance, as stated in Proverbs 18:16.

Answers:

1. Tongue
2. Opinions
3. Well
4. Listening
5. Gift

Vocabulary Words

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1. **Discernment** (Hebrew: בִּינָה, Binah) - The ability to judge well or make sound decisions based on understanding.
2. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּם, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
3. **Folly** (Hebrew: נָבָל, Nabal) - Lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness.
4. **Wisdom** (Hebrew: חֵכְמָה, Chokhmah) - The ability to make sound decisions based on knowledge and experience.
5. **Fortress** (Hebrew: מִשְׁגָּב, Mishgab) - A stronghold or place of safety and protection.

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CHAPTER 19

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 19 explores themes of wisdom, integrity, and the consequences of one's actions. It emphasizes the value of wisdom and understanding over wealth and status. The chapter addresses the importance of listening to counsel and heeding correction, highlighting that folly and dishonesty lead to trouble. It also discusses the significance of kindness, honesty, and responsibility in building a life of stability and success. Overall, Proverbs 19 underscores the benefits of living with wisdom and integrity, and the negative outcomes of neglecting these principles.

Opening Question

1. How can wisdom and understanding influence the decisions we make in our daily lives?
 2. What are the consequences of ignoring advice and acting foolishly according to Proverbs 19?
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Outline

1. **The Value of Wisdom and Integrity** (Proverbs 19:1-7)
 - Discusses the worth of wisdom and honesty compared to wealth and status, and how folly leads to trouble.
 - **Application Question:** How can you prioritize wisdom and integrity over material gains in your own life?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways have you experienced the consequences of acting foolishly or dishonestly?
2. **Listening to Counsel and Correction** (Proverbs 19:8-14)

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- Highlights the importance of seeking advice and accepting correction to gain wisdom and avoid pitfalls.
 - **Application Question:** How can you be more receptive to advice and correction from others?
 - **Application Question:** What steps can you take to offer constructive feedback to others in a helpful way?
3. **Consequences of Actions and the Importance of Responsibility** (Proverbs 19:15-29)
- Explores how one's actions have consequences and the importance of being responsible and diligent.
 - **Application Question:** How can understanding the consequences of actions help you make better decisions?
 - **Application Question:** What are some ways you can demonstrate greater responsibility in your daily activities?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 19:20: "Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise." Students can recite the verse and discuss its application in their lives.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must decide between heeding wise advice or ignoring it. Role-play each scenario and discuss the potential outcomes of their choices.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the impact of listening to counsel and the consequences of ignoring it. Have students share personal experiences where advice significantly influenced their decisions.

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Quiz

1. What does Proverbs 19:1 say about a person who is perverse in their ways?
 - A. They are blessed
 - B. They are wise
 - C. They are foolish
 - D. They are righteous
2. According to Proverbs 19:2, what is not good for a person?
 - A. To be hasty
 - B. To be wise
 - C. To be wealthy
 - D. To be patient
3. Proverbs 19:8 states that the one who gets wisdom loves what?
 - A. Life
 - B. Wealth
 - C. Honor
 - D. Knowledge
4. What does Proverbs 19:11 say about a person's ability to overlook an offense?
 - A. It is a sign of strength
 - B. It is foolish
 - C. It is a mark of wisdom
 - D. It is unnecessary
5. Proverbs 19:13 compares a foolish child to what?
 - A. A heavy burden
 - B. A source of joy
 - C. A source of peace
 - D. A continual drip

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6. According to Proverbs 19:17, what is true of someone who is kind to the poor?
 - A. They will be repaid by the Lord
 - B. They will gain great wealth
 - C. They will be honored among men
 - D. They will receive many friends
7. Proverbs 19:18 advises disciplining a child while there is hope. What should one not do?
 - A. Be angry
 - B. Give up
 - C. Ignore the child
 - D. Be too lenient
8. What does Proverbs 19:21 say about the plans of a person's heart?
 - A. They are always successful
 - B. They can be changed by God
 - C. They are fixed
 - D. They are easily forgotten
9. Proverbs 19:23 states that the fear of the Lord leads to what?
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Peace
 - C. Success
 - D. Longevity
10. According to Proverbs 19:29, what is prepared for mockers?
 - A. Joy
 - B. Knowledge
 - C. Discipline
 - D. Honor

Answers:

1. C
2. A

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3. A
 4. C
 5. D
 6. A
 7. B
 8. B
 9. B
 10. C
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 19:1 says that a person who is perverse in their ways is _____.
2. According to Proverbs 19:2, it is not good for a person to be _____.
3. Proverbs 19:8 states that the one who gets wisdom loves _____.
4. Proverbs 19:11 suggests that overlooking an offense is a mark of _____.
5. Proverbs 19:13 compares a foolish child to a continual _____.

Answers:

1. Foolish
2. Hasty
3. Life
4. Wisdom
5. Drip

Vocabulary Words

1. **Perverse** (Hebrew: **יִקְשֵׁה**, Iqqesh) - Willfully determined to go counter to what is expected or desired; stubbornly disobedient.

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2. **Hasty** (Hebrew: מָהֵר, Maher) - Done with excessive speed or urgency; hurried.
3. **Discipline** (Hebrew: מוֹסָר, Musar) - Training to improve strength or self-control; correction or instruction.
4. **Mockers** (Hebrew: לִצְיִים, Letsim) - Individuals who make fun of or ridicule others; scorners.
5. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּם, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

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CHAPTER 20

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 20 focuses on the characteristics of a wise person and the consequences of poor behavior. It highlights the importance of self-control, honesty, and integrity. The chapter contrasts righteous behavior with deceitful practices, emphasizing that true wisdom and righteousness lead to a respected life, while deceit and impulsivity result in negative outcomes. It also stresses the value of hard work and diligence, warning against laziness and dishonesty. The chapter teaches that one's actions, whether good or bad, will ultimately reflect their character and impact their life.

Opening Question

1. How do self-control and honesty contribute to a person's reputation and success?
 2. What are some ways that deceit and impulsivity can negatively affect our lives?
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Outline

1. **The Importance of Self-Control and Integrity** (Proverbs 20:1-3)
 - Discusses the value of controlling one's behavior and the impact of integrity on one's life.
 - **Application Question:** How can practicing self-control improve your daily interactions?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can you demonstrate integrity in challenging situations?
2. **The Role of Hard Work and Diligence** (Proverbs 20:4-7)
 - Highlights the benefits of hard work and the negative effects of laziness.

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- **Application Question:** What are some practical steps you can take to be more diligent in your responsibilities?
 - **Application Question:** How can setting goals help you maintain a strong work ethic?
 - 3. **The Consequences of Deceit and Impulsivity** (Proverbs 20:8-30)
 - Explores the repercussions of deceitful actions and impulsive behavior, and the value of righteous living.
 - **Application Question:** How can you avoid falling into the trap of deceit or impulsiveness?
 - **Application Question:** What are some strategies to ensure your decisions reflect wisdom and integrity?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 20:7: "The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them." Have them recite the verse and discuss how living righteously impacts those around them.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios involving ethical dilemmas where students must choose between honest and dishonest actions. Role-play each scenario and discuss the potential outcomes and lessons learned.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the impact of hard work versus laziness. Have students share their experiences with the results of their own work habits and how they align with the teachings of Proverbs 20.
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Quiz

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1. What does Proverbs 20:1 say about wine?
 - A. It is beneficial
 - B. It is a mocker
 - C. It is harmless
 - D. It is a blessing
2. According to Proverbs 20:3, what is the mark of a wise person?
 - A. Avoiding conflict
 - B. Speaking loudly
 - C. Shunning strife
 - D. Ignoring advice
3. Proverbs 20:4 warns against what kind of behavior during harvest?
 - A. Laziness
 - B. Overwork
 - C. Honesty
 - D. Diligence
4. What does Proverbs 20:7 say about a righteous person?
 - A. Their children are cursed
 - B. Their children are blessed
 - C. They live in poverty
 - D. They are often criticized
5. Proverbs 20:10 states that different weights and measures are what?
 - A. Fair
 - B. Unjust
 - C. Reliable
 - D. Rare
6. According to Proverbs 20:13, what should you not do?
 - A. Work hard
 - B. Sleep too much

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- C. Save money
- D. Seek wisdom
- 7. Proverbs 20:17 says that bread gained by deceit is what?
 - A. Sweet
 - B. Dangerous
 - C. Unsatisfying
 - D. Honest
- 8. What does Proverbs 20:22 advise against?
 - A. Seeking revenge
 - B. Forgiving others
 - C. Helping the poor
 - D. Pursuing justice
- 9. Proverbs 20:24 discusses the steps of a man being directed by whom?
 - A. His friends
 - B. His own plans
 - C. The Lord
 - D. His desires
- 10. According to Proverbs 20:29, what is the glory of young men and the splendor of old men?
 - A. Youthful energy
 - B. Old age
 - C. Strength
 - D. Wisdom

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. A
- 4. B
- 5. B

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6. B
 7. C
 8. A
 9. C
 10. C
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 20:1 says that wine is a _____.
2. According to Proverbs 20:3, a wise person shuns _____.
3. Proverbs 20:4 warns that laziness during harvest leads to _____.
4. Proverbs 20:7 states that the righteous are blessed and their _____ are blessed as well.
5. Proverbs 20:10 says that different weights and measures are _____.

Answers:

1. Mocker
2. Strife
3. Poverty
4. Children
5. Unjust

Vocabulary Words

1. **Blameless** (Hebrew: תָּם, Tam) - Free from fault or wrongdoing; innocent.
2. **Deceit** (Hebrew: מִרְמָה, Mirmah) - The act of deceiving or misleading; dishonesty.
3. **Laziness** (Hebrew: עֲצָל, Etsel) - The quality of being unwilling to work or put in effort; idleness.
4. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּם, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; wholeness.

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CHAPTER 21

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 21 provides practical wisdom on living a righteous life and making just decisions. It contrasts the outcomes of righteous versus wicked behavior, emphasizing that God values justice and integrity over mere rituals. The chapter discusses the importance of wise leadership, the consequences of folly, and the effectiveness of righteousness in guiding one's actions. Key themes include the value of honest behavior, the impact of one's choices on their future, and the importance of humility and obedience to God's will. Ultimately, the chapter underscores that righteousness leads to a favorable outcome, while wickedness brings downfall.

Opening Question

1. How do our daily choices reflect our values and beliefs?
 2. Why is it important to seek justice and integrity in our actions?
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Outline

1. **The Value of Righteous Actions** (Proverbs 21:1-3)
 - Emphasizes that God values righteous deeds and justice over rituals and superficial acts.
 - **Application Question:** How can you apply the principle of valuing righteousness over appearance in your daily life?
 - **Application Question:** What are some ways you can seek justice in your interactions with others?
2. **The Role of Wisdom and Leadership** (Proverbs 21:4-11)

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- Discusses how wisdom and effective leadership are crucial for guiding others and making just decisions.
 - **Application Question:** How can you develop wisdom and effective leadership skills in your own life?
 - **Application Question:** What qualities make a leader effective and just?
3. **The Consequences of Wickedness and Folly** (Proverbs 21:12-31)
- Describes the negative outcomes of foolishness and wicked behavior and the benefits of righteousness.
 - **Application Question:** How can recognizing the consequences of wickedness help you avoid making poor choices?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can focusing on righteous behavior lead to better outcomes in your life?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 21:3: "To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice." Have them discuss how this verse applies to their daily actions and decisions.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must make decisions based on principles of justice and integrity. Role-play the scenarios and discuss how making righteous choices impacts the outcome.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the importance of wisdom in leadership. Have students share examples of leaders they admire and how those leaders demonstrate wisdom and justice in their roles.

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Quiz

1. According to Proverbs 21:1, where is the king's heart?
 - A. In his own control
 - B. In the hands of the Lord
 - C. In the palace
 - D. In his people's hands
2. What does Proverbs 21:3 say is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice?
 - A. Rituals
 - B. Wealth
 - C. Righteousness and justice
 - D. Prayer
3. Proverbs 21:4 describes what as sinful?
 - A. Hard work
 - B. A haughty eye and a proud heart
 - C. Charity
 - D. Humility
4. According to Proverbs 21:7, what will the violence of the wicked do?
 - A. Bring prosperity
 - B. Lead to destruction
 - C. Ensure peace
 - D. Increase joy
5. Proverbs 21:13 warns against closing your ears to whom?
 - A. Friends
 - B. Teachers
 - C. The poor
 - D. Family

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6. What does Proverbs 21:15 say about justice?
 - A. It brings fear
 - B. It is a joy to the righteous
 - C. It causes conflict
 - D. It is unnecessary
7. Proverbs 21:17 says that those who love pleasure will end up with what?
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Hardship
 - C. Wisdom
 - D. Happiness
8. According to Proverbs 21:21, what does the one who pursues righteousness and love find?
 - A. Life
 - B. Wealth
 - C. Power
 - D. Fame
9. Proverbs 21:25 mentions that the desire of the lazy will do what?
 - A. Bring fulfillment
 - B. Lead to success
 - C. Slay them
 - D. Ensure prosperity
10. What is said to be precious in Proverbs 21:20?
 - A. Wisdom
 - B. Righteousness
 - C. Treasures
 - D. Food and oil

Answers:

1. B
2. C

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3. B
 4. B
 5. C
 6. B
 7. B
 8. A
 9. C
 10. C
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 21:3 says that to do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than _____.
2. According to Proverbs 21:4, a haughty eye and a proud heart are _____.
3. Proverbs 21:7 states that the violence of the wicked will lead to _____.
4. Proverbs 21:13 warns against closing your ears to the _____.
5. Proverbs 21:17 says that those who love pleasure will end up with _____.

Answers:

1. Sacrifice
2. Sinful
3. Destruction
4. The poor
5. Hardship

Vocabulary Words

1. **Righteousness** (Hebrew: צְדָקָה, Tsedaqah) - The quality of being morally right or justifiable.

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2. **Haughty** (Hebrew: עָרוֹם, Arom) - Arrogantly superior and disdainful.
3. **Folly** (Hebrew: נָבָל, Nabal) - Lack of good sense; foolishness.
4. **Destruction** (Hebrew: שָׁדָד, Shadad) - The action or process of causing so much damage to something that it no longer exists or cannot be repaired.
5. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּם, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

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CHAPTER 22

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 22 emphasizes the importance of wisdom and moral character in guiding one's life. It underscores that a good name and reputation are more valuable than riches, and highlights the significance of righteous behavior and ethical decisions. The chapter offers practical advice on education, diligence, and the influence of one's character on their future. It also includes warnings against various forms of wickedness and encourages generosity, fairness, and self-discipline. Overall, the chapter teaches that living a life of integrity and wisdom leads to lasting respect and prosperity.

Opening Question

1. Why is it important to prioritize character and reputation over material wealth?
 2. How can making wise decisions impact your future?
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Outline

1. **The Value of a Good Name and Reputation** (Proverbs 22:1)
 - Emphasizes that a good reputation is more valuable than wealth.
 - **Application Question:** How can you build and maintain a good reputation in your daily life?
 - **Application Question:** Why might a strong character be more beneficial than financial success?
2. **The Importance of Wisdom and Education** (Proverbs 22:6)
 - Discusses the value of training children in the right way and the long-term benefits of wisdom.

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- **Application Question:** What are some effective ways to educate and guide young people towards wisdom?
 - **Application Question:** How can wisdom learned early in life influence future choices and behaviors?
 - 3. **Warnings Against Wickedness and Injustice** (Proverbs 22:22-29)
 - Offers advice on avoiding theft, oppression, and other forms of injustice.
 - **Application Question:** How can recognizing and avoiding injustice improve your community?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can you stand up against unfair practices in your own life?
 - 4. **Encouragement to Practice Generosity and Self-Discipline** (Proverbs 22:9)
 - Encourages generosity and the importance of self-control in personal conduct.
 - **Application Question:** How does practicing generosity benefit both the giver and the receiver?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical steps you can take to improve self-discipline in your daily routine?
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Possible Activities

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
 - Have students memorize Proverbs 22:1: "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold." Discuss how this verse applies to their lives and how they can prioritize building a good reputation.
2. **Role Playing Activity**
 - Create scenarios where students must make ethical decisions based on the principles from Proverbs 22. Role-play the scenarios and discuss the outcomes of different choices.
3. **Discussion Activity**

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- Lead a discussion on the impact of self-discipline and generosity. Have students share personal experiences of how these traits have affected their lives or the lives of others.
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Quiz

1. According to Proverbs 22:1, what is more valuable than great riches?
 - A. A good name
 - B. A new house
 - C. High status
 - D. Expensive clothes
2. What does Proverbs 22:6 say about training a child?
 - A. It should be done sporadically
 - B. It should be done only when necessary
 - C. It should be done in the way they should go
 - D. It is not important
3. Proverbs 22:9 mentions that the generous will be blessed because they share their food with the _____.
 - A. Poor
 - B. Rich
 - C. Family
 - D. Neighbors
4. What does Proverbs 22:22-23 warn against?
 - A. Helping others
 - B. Oppressing the poor
 - C. Generosity
 - D. Hard work
5. According to Proverbs 22:29, what will be the outcome for those who are skilled and diligent?
 - A. They will be promoted

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- B. They will be neglected
 - C. They will be overlooked
 - D. They will be punished
6. Proverbs 22:7 says the rich rule over the _____.
- A. Poor
 - B. Young
 - C. Educated
 - D. Wise
7. What does Proverbs 22:15 say about folly and the heart of a child?
- A. It is not important
 - B. It is bound up in the heart of a child
 - C. It is encouraged
 - D. It is easily forgotten
8. Proverbs 22:17-18 advises to pay attention to what?
- A. Fashion trends
 - B. Wisdom and knowledge
 - C. Financial investments
 - D. Social media
9. According to Proverbs 22:26, what is advised against?
- A. Making friends
 - B. Being financially wise
 - C. Being surety for debts
 - D. Investing in businesses
10. Proverbs 22:27 mentions that being a surety for a loan can lead to _____.
- A. Financial freedom
 - B. Debt
 - C. Prosperity
 - D. Success

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1. A
2. C
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. A
7. B
8. B
9. C
10. B

Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 22:1 states that a good name is to be chosen rather than _____.
2. According to Proverbs 22:6, training a child in the way they should go will ensure they do not _____ from it.
3. Proverbs 22:9 says the generous will be blessed because they share their food with the _____.
4. Proverbs 22:22-23 warns against oppressing the _____.
5. Proverbs 22:29 promises that the skilled and diligent will be _____.

Answers:

1. Great riches
2. Depart
3. Poor
4. Poor
5. Promoted

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Vocabulary Words

1. **Reputation** (Hebrew: שֵׁם, Shem) - The beliefs or opinions that are generally held about someone or something.
2. **Generosity** (Hebrew: נָדִיב, Nadib) - The quality of being kind and giving.
3. **Oppression** (Hebrew: עֲשֵׂק, Osheq) - The exercise of authority or power in a burdensome, cruel, or unjust manner.
4. **Discipline** (Hebrew: מוֹסָר, Mosar) - The practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior.
5. **Folly** (Hebrew: נָבָל, Nabal) - Lack of good sense; foolishness.

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CHAPTER 23

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 23 offers practical wisdom on various aspects of life, focusing on proper conduct and the pursuit of righteousness. It emphasizes the importance of wise choices in handling wealth, warns against excessive indulgence, and advises moderation in all things. The chapter also touches on the influence of good and bad company and the value of discipline and instruction. It encourages maintaining integrity and honoring one's parents, recognizing the benefits of living a life aligned with wisdom and righteousness. The teachings underscore how such a life leads to long-term well-being and respect.

Opening Question

1. How can maintaining moderation in various aspects of life contribute to personal success and well-being?
 2. What role does discipline play in shaping our character and decision-making?
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Outline

1. **Warnings Against Excessive Indulgence** (Proverbs 23:1-3)
 - Advises moderation when dining with influential people and avoiding the temptation of indulgence.
 - **Application Question:** How can you recognize and avoid excessive indulgence in your own life?
 - **Application Question:** Why is it important to practice moderation, even in seemingly harmless situations?
2. **The Value of Wisdom and Knowledge** (Proverbs 23:12-14)

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- Highlights the importance of applying wisdom and receiving discipline as a path to knowledge.
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can applying wisdom and knowledge impact your daily decisions?
 - **Application Question:** How can you balance receiving discipline with maintaining a positive attitude towards learning?
3. **The Influence of Companions and Conduct** (Proverbs 23:19-21)
- Warns against associating with those who live a life of excess and encourages choosing companions wisely.
 - **Application Question:** How can the company you keep affect your behavior and choices?
 - **Application Question:** What are some strategies for choosing positive influences and avoiding negative ones?
4. **The Importance of Honoring Parents and Maintaining Integrity** (Proverbs 23:22-25)
- Stresses the significance of respecting one's parents and upholding integrity.
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical ways to show respect and honor to your parents?
 - **Application Question:** How can maintaining integrity influence your personal and professional relationships?
5. **The Benefits of Living a Righteous Life** (Proverbs 23:24-26)
- Encourages living a life of righteousness and highlights the benefits of such a lifestyle.
 - **Application Question:** How does living a righteous life benefit you and those around you?
 - **Application Question:** What are some steps you can take to incorporate righteousness into your daily life?

Possible Activities

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1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 23:12: "Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge." Discuss the importance of dedicating oneself to learning and instruction.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must make decisions involving moderation and integrity. Role-play these scenarios and discuss the consequences of different choices.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on how choosing positive influences and maintaining integrity can impact one's life. Have students share personal examples of how their choices have shaped their experiences.

Quiz

1. What does Proverbs 23:1-3 advise when dining with influential people?
 - A. To indulge in all the food
 - B. To eat modestly and avoid greed
 - C. To accept every invitation
 - D. To avoid eating altogether
2. According to Proverbs 23:12-14, what should one apply their heart to?
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Instruction
 - C. Entertainment
 - D. Comfort
3. Proverbs 23:19-21 warns against associating with those who live a life of _____.
 - A. Wisdom
 - B. Generosity

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- C. Excess
 - D. Moderation
4. What does Proverbs 23:22-25 emphasize about honoring parents?
 - A. It is optional
 - B. It should be done only when convenient
 - C. It is a source of great benefit
 - D. It is not necessary
 5. According to Proverbs 23:24-26, what are the benefits of living a righteous life?
 - A. Temporary pleasure
 - B. Long-term respect and well-being
 - C. Financial gain
 - D. Immediate success
 6. Proverbs 23:12 advises to apply your heart to _____.
 - A. Luxury
 - B. Instruction
 - C. Status
 - D. Fame
 7. According to Proverbs 23:22, what should you do for your father?
 - A. Ignore him
 - B. Respect him
 - C. Compete with him
 - D. Disregard his advice
 8. What does Proverbs 23:24 say about a wise son?
 - A. He will bring joy to his father
 - B. He will be punished
 - C. He will be ignored
 - D. He will be neglected
 9. Proverbs 23:13-14 discusses the importance of discipline in _____.
 - A. Achieving wealth

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- B. Learning
- C. Gaining popularity
- D. Accumulating possessions

10. According to Proverbs 23:19, how should one conduct themselves?

- A. Carelessly
- B. Wisely
- C. Indifferently
- D. Arrogantly

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. B
- 3. C
- 4. C
- 5. B
- 6. B
- 7. B
- 8. A
- 9. B
- 10. B

Fill in the Blank

- 1. Proverbs 23:1-3 advises against excessive _____ when dining with influential people.
- 2. According to Proverbs 23:12-14, applying your heart to instruction will lead to _____.
- 3. Proverbs 23:19-21 warns against associating with those who live a life of _____.
- 4. Proverbs 23:22-25 emphasizes the importance of _____ one's parents.

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5. Living a righteous life, as described in Proverbs 23:24-26, results in long-term _____ and respect.

Answers:

1. Indulgence
2. Knowledge
3. Excess
4. Honoring
5. Well-being

Vocabulary Words

1. **Indulgence** (Hebrew: תַּעֲרוֹת, Ta'arot) - Excessive enjoyment of pleasure or luxury.
2. **Instruction** (Hebrew: מוֹסָר, Mosar) - The act of teaching or educating.
3. **Excess** (Hebrew: יֹתֵר, Yoter) - An amount that is more than necessary.
4. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּם, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
5. **Righteousness** (Hebrew: צְדָקָה, Tzedakah) - The quality of being morally right or justifiable.

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CHAPTER 24

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 24 offers wisdom on the themes of justice, diligence, and the consequences of wrongdoing. It contrasts the fate of the righteous with that of the wicked, emphasizing the importance of integrity, fairness, and perseverance. The chapter advises against envy and malicious behavior, stressing the value of wisdom and sound judgment. It also encourages building a strong foundation through righteous actions and warns against participating in deceitful schemes. Overall, it provides practical guidance for living a life characterized by moral uprightness and dedication to one's responsibilities.

Opening Question

1. How do our actions and choices influence our long-term success and reputation?
 2. What role does wisdom play in navigating challenges and making ethical decisions?
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Outline

1. **The Importance of Wisdom and Knowledge** (Proverbs 24:3-6)
 - Emphasizes that wisdom and knowledge are foundational to building a strong and stable life.
 - **Application Question:** How can seeking wisdom impact your daily decision-making?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can you actively pursue knowledge and understanding in your life?
2. **The Consequences of Wickedness** (Proverbs 24:15-18)
 - Warns against plotting evil and the eventual downfall that comes from wicked actions.

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- **Application Question:** How do you think engaging in deceitful or malicious actions might affect your future?
 - **Application Question:** What are some ways to ensure that your actions align with ethical principles?
 - 3. **The Value of Integrity and Fairness** (Proverbs 24:23-25)
 - Highlights the importance of acting with integrity and fairness in all dealings.
 - **Application Question:** How can maintaining fairness and integrity influence your relationships with others?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical steps you can take to ensure you act with integrity in challenging situations?
 - 4. **Warnings Against Envy and Laziness** (Proverbs 24:30-34)
 - Advises against succumbing to envy and laziness, which can lead to personal and financial decline.
 - **Application Question:** How can you combat feelings of envy and stay motivated to achieve your goals?
 - **Application Question:** What are some strategies to overcome procrastination and remain diligent in your tasks?
 - 5. **Building a Strong Foundation Through Righteous Actions** (Proverbs 24:1-2)
 - Encourages focusing on righteous actions as a means to build a solid and respected foundation.
 - **Application Question:** How can living a life of righteousness contribute to your overall success?
 - **Application Question:** What are some ways to incorporate righteous actions into your everyday life?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

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- Have students memorize Proverbs 24:3: "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established." Discuss how wisdom and understanding contribute to building a strong foundation in life.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must choose between right and wrong actions in various situations. Role-play these scenarios and discuss the potential outcomes of each choice.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on how envy and laziness can negatively impact one's life. Have students share personal experiences or observations of how overcoming these challenges can lead to greater success.

Quiz

1. According to Proverbs 24:3-6, what is essential for building a strong and stable life?
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Wisdom and knowledge
 - C. Influence
 - D. Popularity
2. Proverbs 24:15-18 warns against plotting _____.
 - A. Generosity
 - B. Evil
 - C. Kindness
 - D. Honesty
3. What does Proverbs 24:23-25 emphasize about dealings with others?
 - A. Acting with indifference
 - B. Acting with fairness and integrity
 - C. Being overly competitive
 - D. Ignoring others' needs

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4. According to Proverbs 24:30-34, what can lead to personal and financial decline?
 - A. Hard work
 - B. Envy and laziness
 - C. Generosity
 - D. Discipline
5. What does Proverbs 24:1-2 encourage focusing on to build a respected foundation?
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Righteous actions
 - C. Fame
 - D. Status
6. Proverbs 24:3 states that a house is built by _____.
 - A. Luck
 - B. Wisdom
 - C. Power
 - D. Influence
7. According to Proverbs 24:15, what should one avoid plotting?
 - A. Prosperity
 - B. Good deeds
 - C. Evil
 - D. Success
8. Proverbs 24:23-25 suggests that acting with _____ leads to better outcomes.
 - A. Deceit
 - B. Integrity
 - C. Indifference
 - D. Neglect
9. What does Proverbs 24:30-34 say about laziness?
 - A. It leads to success
 - B. It is beneficial

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C. It causes decline

D. It is encouraged

10. According to Proverbs 24:1-2, focusing on _____ helps build a strong foundation.

A. Personal gain

B. Righteous actions

C. Popularity

D. Luxury

Answers:

1. B

2. B

3. B

4. B

5. B

6. B

7. C

8. B

9. C

10. B

Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 24:3-6 emphasizes the importance of wisdom and _____ for building a strong and stable life.
2. Proverbs 24:15-18 warns against plotting _____.
3. Acting with _____ and fairness is highlighted in Proverbs 24:23-25 as crucial for good dealings.
4. According to Proverbs 24:30-34, envy and _____ can lead to decline.

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5. Proverbs 24:1-2 encourages focusing on righteous _____ to build a respected foundation.

Answers:

1. Knowledge
2. Evil
3. Integrity
4. Laziness
5. Actions

Vocabulary Words

1. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּמַר, Tom) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
2. **Deceit** (Hebrew: מִרְמָה, Mirmāh) - The action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth.
3. **Envy** (Hebrew: קִנְיָה, Kin'ah) - A feeling of discontented or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck.
4. **Diligence** (Hebrew: מְלָאכָה, Melā'ākāh) - Careful and persistent work or effort.
5. **Foundation** (Hebrew: יָסַד, Yāsad) - The underlying basis or principle for something.

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CHAPTER 25

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 25 continues the theme of wisdom and guidance, providing practical advice for personal conduct and interpersonal relationships. It emphasizes the importance of self-control, discretion, and integrity. The chapter discusses the value of wise speech, the dangers of boasting, and the benefits of humility. It also highlights the significance of patience and the wisdom of knowing when to speak and when to remain silent. The chapter uses various analogies to illustrate the value of wise behavior and the consequences of foolish actions, offering a guide to living a life of balance and righteousness.

Opening Question

1. How can practicing self-control and discretion improve our relationships with others?
 2. What are some examples of how wise speech can positively impact our interactions and decisions?
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Outline

1. **The Value of Wise Speech and Self-Control** (Proverbs 25:11-12)
 - Compares wise speech to apples of gold in settings of silver, illustrating its value and impact.
 - **Application Question:** How can you apply the principle of speaking wisely in your daily conversations?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical ways to practice self-control in challenging situations?
2. **The Dangers of Boasting and Overconfidence** (Proverbs 25:14)

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- Warns against boasting and making promises that one cannot keep, likening them to clouds without rain.
 - **Application Question:** How can overconfidence affect your credibility and relationships?
 - **Application Question:** What strategies can you use to avoid making promises you cannot fulfill?
3. **The Importance of Patience and Humility** (Proverbs 25:15-16)
- Highlights the benefits of patience and humility, noting that they lead to better outcomes and respect from others.
 - **Application Question:** How does patience contribute to resolving conflicts effectively?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can practicing humility enhance your interactions with others?
4. **The Wisdom of Knowing When to Speak** (Proverbs 25:23)
- Advises on the importance of timing in speech, noting that a timely word is like a refreshing spring.
 - **Application Question:** How can you determine the best time to speak up or remain silent in a conversation?
 - **Application Question:** What are some signs that indicate when it's better to listen rather than speak?
5. **The Consequences of Foolish Actions** (Proverbs 25:28)
- Compares a person who lacks self-control to a city without walls, emphasizing vulnerability to consequences.
 - **Application Question:** How can a lack of self-control lead to negative outcomes in your life?
 - **Application Question:** What steps can you take to build better self-control and avoid foolish decisions?
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Possible Activities

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1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 25:11: "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Discuss how choosing the right words can positively impact relationships.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must choose between boasting and speaking with humility. Role-play these scenarios and discuss the potential effects of each approach.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the importance of timing in speech. Have students share personal experiences where speaking at the right or wrong time significantly impacted the outcome of a situation.

Quiz

1. What is wise speech compared to in Proverbs 25:11?
 - A. Gold and silver
 - B. Apples of gold in settings of silver
 - C. A well-timed joke
 - D. A rich harvest
2. According to Proverbs 25:14, boasting is like _____.
 - A. A bright light
 - B. A hidden treasure
 - C. Clouds without rain
 - D. A flowing river
3. What does Proverbs 25:15 say about patience and humility?
 - A. They lead to failure
 - B. They result in better outcomes and respect

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- C. They are signs of weakness
 - D. They should be avoided
4. Proverbs 25:23 advises on the importance of _____ in speech.
- A. Volume
 - B. Timing
 - C. Length
 - D. Frequency
5. What analogy is used in Proverbs 25:28 to describe a lack of self-control?
- A. A broken vessel
 - B. A city without walls
 - C. A neglected garden
 - D. A broken bridge
6. Proverbs 25:11 compares wise speech to _____.
- A. A golden crown
 - B. A beautiful garden
 - C. Apples of gold in settings of silver
 - D. A valuable gem
7. According to Proverbs 25:15, patience can _____.
- A. Lead to arguments
 - B. Create misunderstandings
 - C. Lead to better outcomes
 - D. Cause delays
8. Proverbs 25:23 notes that a timely word is like _____.
- A. A heavy burden
 - B. A refreshing spring
 - C. An old book
 - D. A closed door
9. What does Proverbs 25:28 say about a person without self-control?
- A. They are disciplined

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- B. They are like a fortified city
 - C. They are vulnerable to consequences
 - D. They are always successful
10. Proverbs 25:14 uses the analogy of _____ to describe boasting.
- A. A shining star
 - B. A hidden treasure
 - C. Clouds without rain
 - D. A flowing river

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. B
- 4. B
- 5. B
- 6. C
- 7. C
- 8. B
- 9. C
- 10. C

Fill in the Blank

- 1. Proverbs 25:11 compares wise speech to _____ in settings of silver.
- 2. According to Proverbs 25:14, boasting is like _____ without rain.
- 3. Proverbs 25:15-16 highlights that patience and _____ lead to better outcomes and respect.
- 4. Proverbs 25:23 advises that a timely word is like a _____ spring.

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5. A person without self-control is compared to a _____ without walls in Proverbs 25:28.

Answers:

1. Apples of gold
2. Clouds
3. Humility
4. Refreshing
5. City

Vocabulary Words

1. **Discretion** (Hebrew: בִּינָה, Binah) - The quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offense or revealing private information.
2. **Boasting** (Hebrew: גִּאווָה, Ge'āvāh) - The act of talking about one's achievements or qualities with excessive pride.
3. **Patience** (Hebrew: עֲרֵךְ, Erekh) - The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious.
4. **Humility** (Hebrew: עֲנָוָה, Anavah) - A modest or low view of one's own importance; humbleness.
5. **Self-Control** (Hebrew: שִׁלְטוֹן, Shiltōn) - The ability to control oneself, in particular, one's emotions and desires or the expression of them in one's behavior, especially in difficult situations.

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CHAPTER 26

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 26 offers practical wisdom on dealing with foolishness and the nature of deceit. It addresses the behavior of fools, highlighting their tendencies towards causing strife, spreading falsehoods, and failing to learn from their mistakes. The chapter uses vivid analogies, such as comparing a fool's folly to a dog returning to its vomit, to illustrate the ineffectiveness of correcting foolish behavior. It also emphasizes the dangers of slander and the importance of discerning truth from deception. The chapter concludes with reflections on the consequences of foolishness and the need for wise counsel.

Opening Question

1. How can recognizing and addressing foolish behavior in ourselves and others lead to better outcomes?
 2. What are some ways to handle slander and deceit when you encounter them in your community?
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Outline

1. **The Nature of Foolishness** (Proverbs 26:1-3)
 - Describes the folly of a fool and its effects, comparing it to a snow in summer or rain in harvest.
 - **Application Question:** How can you identify foolish behavior in yourself or others?
 - **Application Question:** What strategies can you use to avoid or correct foolish actions?
2. **The Consequences of Ignoring Wisdom** (Proverbs 26:4-5)
 - Discusses the futility of responding to a fool in the same manner and the importance of appropriate responses.

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- **Application Question:** How can you choose the right response when dealing with someone who is acting foolishly?
- **Application Question:** Why is it important to avoid engaging in foolish arguments or debates?

3. The Effects of Slander (Proverbs 26:6-10)

- Warns about the dangers of sending messages by a fool and the repercussions of slander and deception.
- **Application Question:** What are some practical ways to protect yourself from being a victim of slander?
- **Application Question:** How can you ensure that your communication is truthful and constructive?

4. The Characteristics of a Fool (Proverbs 26:11-16)

- Uses analogies to describe the unchanging nature of fools and their behaviors, such as a dog returning to its vomit.
- **Application Question:** How can understanding the characteristics of a fool help you avoid their pitfalls?
- **Application Question:** What are some ways to address and correct your own foolish tendencies?

5. The Consequences of Deceit (Proverbs 26:17-28)

- Discusses the harm caused by deceit and manipulation, and the importance of integrity and truthfulness.
- **Application Question:** What are the long-term effects of deceit on personal relationships and community trust?
- **Application Question:** How can you cultivate a culture of honesty and integrity in your own life?

Possible Activities

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1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 26:11: "As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly." Discuss how this verse illustrates the nature of foolishness and how to avoid repeating mistakes.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must respond to foolish behavior and slander. Role-play these scenarios, then discuss what actions were effective or ineffective and why.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the effects of deceit and how to maintain integrity. Have students share personal experiences where honesty made a difference in their lives and brainstorm ways to handle deceit in various situations.

Quiz

1. What analogy is used in Proverbs 26:1 to describe the folly of a fool?
 - A. Snow in summer
 - B. A tree without fruit
 - C. A river without water
 - D. A storm at sea
2. According to Proverbs 26:4-5, how should one respond to a fool?
 - A. In the same manner
 - B. With silence
 - C. With patience
 - D. With mockery
3. What is warned about in Proverbs 26:6-10?
 - A. The dangers of deceit
 - B. The value of wisdom

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- C. The effects of hard work
- D. The importance of kindness
- 4. Proverbs 26:11 compares a fool returning to his folly to a dog returning to _____.
 - A. Its food
 - B. Its master
 - C. Its vomit
 - D. Its home
- 5. What are the characteristics of a fool according to Proverbs 26:11-16?
 - A. They are easily taught
 - B. They are unchanging
 - C. They are wise
 - D. They are respectful
- 6. Proverbs 26:17 discusses the consequences of _____.
 - A. Truthfulness
 - B. Deceit
 - C. Hard work
 - D. Generosity
- 7. According to Proverbs 26:6, why is sending messages by a fool dangerous?
 - A. They are unreliable
 - B. They are too slow
 - C. They are too costly
 - D. They are too quick
- 8. How does Proverbs 26:13 describe a lazy person?
 - A. As a wise advisor
 - B. As a diligent worker
 - C. As a lion in the street
 - D. As a watchman
- 9. What is the effect of slander according to Proverbs 26:20?
 - A. It builds trust

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- B. It causes strife
 - C. It fosters friendship
 - D. It promotes peace
10. Proverbs 26:25 warns against _____ in speech.
- A. Truthfulness
 - B. Deception
 - C. Directness
 - D. Clarity

Answers:

- 1. A
- 2. A
- 3. A
- 4. C
- 5. B
- 6. B
- 7. A
- 8. C
- 9. B
- 10. B

Fill in the Blank

- 1. Proverbs 26:1 compares the folly of a fool to _____ in summer.
- 2. In Proverbs 26:4-5, the fool's behavior is likened to _____.
- 3. Proverbs 26:11 describes a fool repeating his folly as a dog returning to _____.
- 4. The dangers of sending messages by a fool are mentioned in Proverbs 26:_____.
- 5. Proverbs 26:20 states that _____ causes strife.

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Answers:

1. Snow
2. Ignoring wisdom
3. Vomit
4. 6
5. Slander

Vocabulary Words

1. **Folly** (Hebrew: נָבָל, Nābāl) - Lack of good sense; foolishness.
2. **Slander** (Hebrew: רָכִיל, Rākhīl) - The action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation.
3. **Deceit** (Hebrew: מִרְמָה, Mirmāh) - The act of deceiving; concealment or distortion of the truth for the purpose of misleading.
4. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּמִים, Tāmmīm) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
5. **Discernment** (Hebrew: בִּינָה, Bināh) - The ability to judge well; insight.

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CHAPTER 27

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 27 offers practical advice on various aspects of life, including personal conduct, relationships, and wisdom. It emphasizes the importance of honesty, humility, and the value of good counsel. The chapter highlights the significance of trustworthiness and the benefits of having loyal friends who offer constructive criticism. It also discusses the rewards of diligent work and the consequences of relying on one's own understanding. The chapter underscores the need for patience and the value of listening to wise advice in navigating life's challenges.

Opening Question

1. How can honest feedback from friends help us grow and improve?
 2. What are the benefits of having a trustworthy friend, and how can we be such a friend to others?
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Outline

1. **The Value of Trust and Humility** (Proverbs 27:1-2)
 - Emphasizes the uncertainty of tomorrow and the importance of humility.
 - **Application Question:** How can recognizing the unpredictability of the future influence our daily decisions?
 - **Application Question:** Why is humility crucial in our interactions with others?
2. **The Role of Friendship and Loyalty** (Proverbs 27:3-10)
 - Highlights the strength of friendship and the significance of loyalty and constructive criticism.
 - **Application Question:** How can we cultivate deeper, more supportive friendships?

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- **Application Question:** In what ways can we provide honest but loving feedback to our friends?
 - 3. **The Importance of Work and Wisdom** (Proverbs 27:11-18)
 - Discusses the rewards of diligent work and the necessity of wise choices.
 - **Application Question:** What are the benefits of working diligently and being wise in our efforts?
 - **Application Question:** How can we balance work and rest to maintain productivity and well-being?
 - 4. **The Consequences of Poor Judgment** (Proverbs 27:19-27)
 - Warns about the results of poor judgment and emphasizes the value of sound advice and preparation.
 - **Application Question:** How can poor judgment affect our lives and relationships?
 - **Application Question:** What steps can we take to seek and apply wise counsel in our decision-making?
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Possible Activities

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
 - Have students memorize Proverbs 27:17: "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Discuss how this verse relates to the role of constructive criticism in friendships.
2. **Role Playing Activity**
 - Create scenarios where students must offer or receive constructive criticism in a friendship. Role-play these scenarios and then discuss how the interactions could be improved.
3. **Discussion Activity**

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- Lead a discussion on the balance between work and rest. Have students share personal experiences about how diligent work and proper rest have impacted their lives, and brainstorm ways to improve this balance.
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Quiz

1. According to Proverbs 27:1, what is uncertain?
 - A. The past
 - B. The present
 - C. The future
 - D. The outcome
2. Proverbs 27:2 emphasizes the importance of _____.
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Humility
 - C. Knowledge
 - D. Popularity
3. What does Proverbs 27:6 say about wounds from a friend?
 - A. They are harmful
 - B. They are deceitful
 - C. They are faithful
 - D. They are unnecessary
4. Proverbs 27:17 uses the analogy of _____ to describe the impact of friendship.
 - A. Gold
 - B. Fire
 - C. Iron
 - D. Light
5. According to Proverbs 27:23-24, why should we pay attention to the state of our flocks?
 - A. For profit

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- B. For enjoyment
 - C. For survival
 - D. For preparation
6. What is the main message of Proverbs 27:10 about friendship?
- A. Be wary of new friends
 - B. Trust your friends implicitly
 - C. Keep your friends close and your enemies closer
 - D. Loyal friends are valuable
7. Proverbs 27:14 discusses the consequences of _____ in the morning.
- A. Waking up early
 - B. Speaking loudly
 - C. Being cheerful
 - D. Working hard
8. What is highlighted as a benefit of diligent work in Proverbs 27:18?
- A. Immediate rewards
 - B. Increased wisdom
 - C. Long-term success
 - D. Personal satisfaction
9. According to Proverbs 27:23, what should be taken care of?
- A. Your health
 - B. Your home
 - C. Your flocks
 - D. Your reputation
10. Proverbs 27:19 compares a person's _____ to their face in water.
- A. Thoughts
 - B. Heart
 - C. Work
 - D. Character

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1. C
2. B
3. C
4. C
5. D
6. D
7. B
8. C
9. C
10. B

Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 27:1 states that we should not boast about _____.
2. In Proverbs 27:6, wounds from a friend are described as _____.
3. Proverbs 27:17 compares friendship to _____ sharpening _____.
4. According to Proverbs 27:23, we should take care of our _____.
5. Proverbs 27:10 advises that friends and relatives should not be _____.

Answers:

1. Tomorrow
2. Faithful
3. Iron, iron
4. Flocks
5. Abandoned

Vocabulary Words

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1. **Humility** (Hebrew: עָנָו, 'Ānāv) - The quality of having a modest view of one's importance.
2. **Loyalty** (Hebrew: אֱמֻנָה, 'ēmûnāh) - The quality of being faithful and committed to someone or something.
3. **Constructive** (Hebrew: יָשָׁר, Yāšār) - Serving a useful purpose; intended to help or improve.
4. **Diligence** (Hebrew: דִּלֵּג, Dilleġ) - Careful and persistent work or effort.
5. **Judgment** (Hebrew: מִשְׁפָּט, Mišpāt) - The ability to make considered decisions or come to sensible conclusions.

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CHAPTER 28

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 28 addresses themes of justice, righteousness, and the consequences of wickedness. It highlights the importance of integrity and the impact of one's actions on their life and community. The chapter contrasts the outcomes for the righteous and the wicked, emphasizing that the wicked are eventually exposed and their plans fail, while the righteous are rewarded and protected. It stresses the value of honesty and hard work, showing that those who live according to God's principles will find favor and stability, whereas those who act unjustly will face ruin and instability.

Opening Question

1. How do our actions and choices affect the outcomes in our lives and the lives of others?
 2. What are the benefits of living a righteous and honest life, according to the Proverbs?
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Outline

1. **The Consequences of Wickedness** (Proverbs 28:1-5)
 - Discusses how the wicked flee even when no one pursues, while the righteous are bold as lions.
 - **Application Question:** How can we recognize and avoid behaviors that lead to instability and fear?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can being righteous provide confidence in challenging situations?
2. **The Value of Justice and Integrity** (Proverbs 28:6-14)

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- Highlights the importance of living a just life and the rewards for those who are honest and fair.
 - **Application Question:** How does integrity influence our relationships and opportunities in life?
 - **Application Question:** What steps can we take to ensure we are living justly in our daily interactions?
3. **The Impact of Wealth and Generosity (Proverbs 28:15-22)**
- Explores the relationship between wealth, generosity, and righteousness, and the consequences of greed and corruption.
 - **Application Question:** How can generosity and fairness in handling wealth impact our personal and community relationships?
 - **Application Question:** What are the dangers of allowing wealth to become a source of pride or corruption?
4. **The Final Outcome of the Righteous and the Wicked (Proverbs 28:23-28)**
- Summarizes the outcomes for the righteous and wicked, emphasizing that honesty and wisdom lead to success, while deceit and wrongdoing lead to downfall.
 - **Application Question:** How can understanding the eventual outcomes for the righteous and wicked influence our decision-making?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can we apply the principles of Proverbs 28 to our own lives and future plans?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 28:1: "The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion." Discuss how this verse illustrates the difference between the lives of the wicked and the righteous.

2. Role Playing Activity

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- Create scenarios where students must make ethical decisions in challenging situations. Role-play these scenarios, and then discuss the outcomes of their choices, focusing on the principles from Proverbs 28.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on the relationship between wealth and generosity. Have students share their perspectives on how they can balance financial success with ethical behavior and generosity.
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Quiz

1. According to Proverbs 28:1, what characterizes the righteous?
 - A. They are timid
 - B. They are bold as lions
 - C. They are greedy
 - D. They are fearful
2. What does Proverbs 28:6 say about living a righteous life?
 - A. It leads to poverty
 - B. It is better than wealth
 - C. It is filled with trouble
 - D. It is insignificant
3. Proverbs 28:15 compares a wicked ruler to _____.
 - A. A roaring lion
 - B. A raging storm
 - C. A prowling bear
 - D. A flickering flame
4. What does Proverbs 28:20 say about faithfulness?
 - A. It brings quick rewards
 - B. It leads to poverty

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- C. It is rewarded with blessing
 - D. It is irrelevant
5. According to Proverbs 28:22, what is the danger of a greedy person?
- A. They are often lonely
 - B. They rush towards wealth
 - C. They are easily deceived
 - D. They are slow to act
6. Proverbs 28:23 discusses the outcome of _____ from the righteous.
- A. Criticism
 - B. Deceit
 - C. Wisdom
 - D. Generosity
7. According to Proverbs 28:27, what happens to those who give to the poor?
- A. They are ignored
 - B. They are blessed
 - C. They are punished
 - D. They are overlooked
8. What is said about a ruler in Proverbs 28:2?
- A. They should be feared
 - B. They should be generous
 - C. They should be wise
 - D. They should be strict
9. Proverbs 28:12 talks about the glory of the _____ when the righteous triumph.
- A. Rich
 - B. Poor
 - C. Righteous
 - D. Wicked
10. What is promised to those who are steadfast in Proverbs 28:14?
- A. Immediate wealth

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- B. Security
- C. Fame
- D. Power

Answers:

1. B
 2. B
 3. C
 4. C
 5. B
 6. A
 7. B
 8. C
 9. C
 10. B
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Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 28:1 says that the wicked flee even when _____ pursues them.
2. In Proverbs 28:6, it is stated that better is a poor person who _____ in his ways.
3. Proverbs 28:15 describes a wicked ruler as a _____ bear.
4. Proverbs 28:20 promises a _____ person will be richly blessed.
5. According to Proverbs 28:22, a greedy person hastens after _____.

Answers:

1. No one
2. Walks

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3. Growling
4. Faithful
5. Riches

Vocabulary Words

1. **Integrity** (Hebrew: תָּמַר, Tôm) - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
2. **Generosity** (Hebrew: נָדָב, Nādīb) - The willingness to give more than is expected or necessary.
3. **Corruption** (Hebrew: שֹׁחַד, Šōḥaḏ) - Dishonest or unethical behavior, often for personal gain.
4. **Deceit** (Hebrew: מִרְמָה, Mirmah) - The act of deceiving or misleading someone.
5. **Righteousness** (Hebrew: צְדָקָה, Šēdāqāh) - The quality of being morally right or justifiable.

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CHAPTER 29

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 29 focuses on the dynamics of leadership, justice, and wisdom. It emphasizes the importance of righteous leadership and how it influences the well-being of a nation. The chapter highlights the consequences of poor leadership and the benefits of wise, just rulers. It also addresses issues of discipline, the importance of vision, and the power of wise counsel. The chapter contrasts the outcomes for those who follow wisdom and justice versus those who disregard these principles, underscoring that righteousness leads to stability and prosperity, while wickedness brings ruin and chaos.

Opening Question

1. How does the quality of leadership impact the success and stability of a community or nation?
 2. What are the key characteristics of a wise and just leader according to Proverbs 29?
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Outline

1. **The Role of Righteous Leadership** (Proverbs 29:1-5)
 - Describes the importance of wise and righteous leadership and its impact on society.
 - **Application Question:** How can we support and promote righteous leadership in our communities?
 - **Application Question:** What qualities should we look for in leaders to ensure they are just and wise?
2. **Discipline and Correction** (Proverbs 29:6-11)
 - Discusses the role of discipline in maintaining justice and the effects of ignoring correction.

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- **Application Question:** How can we embrace and apply correction in our own lives for personal growth?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can we encourage others to accept and benefit from discipline?
3. **The Power of Vision and Counsel** (Proverbs 29:12-18)
- Highlights the importance of having vision and seeking wise counsel to avoid failure and achieve success.
 - **Application Question:** How can having a clear vision help us achieve our goals?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical ways to seek and incorporate wise counsel into our decision-making processes?
4. **The Outcomes of Righteousness and Wickedness** (Proverbs 29:19-27)
- Compares the results of living righteously versus wickedly, emphasizing the stability and success of the righteous.
 - **Application Question:** How can understanding the outcomes of righteousness versus wickedness influence our daily choices?
 - **Application Question:** What steps can we take to align our actions with righteousness to ensure positive outcomes?
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Possible Activities

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
 - Have students memorize Proverbs 29:18: "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Discuss how vision and adherence to principles contribute to success.
2. **Role Playing Activity**
 - Create scenarios involving leadership decisions. Have students role-play as leaders faced with ethical dilemmas and discuss the outcomes based on Proverbs 29's principles.
3. **Discussion Activity**

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- Lead a discussion on the importance of vision in personal and communal settings. Ask students to share how having a vision has helped them or others achieve goals and avoid pitfalls.
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Quiz

1. What does Proverbs 29:1 say about a person who is often reproved?
 - A. They become wiser
 - B. They become angry
 - C. They harden their neck
 - D. They seek more knowledge
2. According to Proverbs 29:4, what does a king who judges the poor with righteousness bring?
 - A. Destruction
 - B. Favor
 - C. Justice
 - D. Peace
3. Proverbs 29:7 discusses the righteousness of the _____.
 - A. Rich
 - B. Poor
 - C. Ruler
 - D. Wicked
4. What is promised to those who keep the law according to Proverbs 29:18?
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Happiness
 - C. Power
 - D. Fame
5. In Proverbs 29:11, what does a fool do with their anger?
 - A. Respects it

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- B. Lets it go
 - C. Displays it
 - D. Controls it
6. According to Proverbs 29:14, a king who judges the poor with truth will have a _____ throne.
- A. Short
 - B. Weak
 - C. Strong
 - D. Unstable
7. What does Proverbs 29:15 say about the rod of correction?
- A. It causes anger
 - B. It causes distress
 - C. It gives wisdom
 - D. It causes confusion
8. According to Proverbs 29:12, what happens when a ruler listens to lies?
- A. They are more successful
 - B. They bring trouble
 - C. They gain wisdom
 - D. They are rewarded
9. What is the effect of not having vision according to Proverbs 29:18?
- A. Success
 - B. Prosperity
 - C. Perishing
 - D. Stability
10. Proverbs 29:26 indicates that many seek the ruler's _____.
- A. Guidance
 - B. Favor
 - C. Wisdom
 - D. Approval

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Answers:

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. C
7. C
8. B
9. C
10. B

Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 29:1 warns that a person who is often _____ will harden their neck.
2. According to Proverbs 29:4, a king who judges the poor with _____ brings stability.
3. Proverbs 29:7 states that the righteous consider the _____ of the poor.
4. Proverbs 29:18 suggests that without _____, people perish.
5. In Proverbs 29:15, the rod of correction is said to give _____.

Answers:

1. Reproved
2. Righteousness
3. Rights
4. Vision
5. Wisdom

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Vocabulary Words

1. **Reprove** (Hebrew: יָכַח, Yāḥăḵ) - To correct or reprimand someone firmly.
2. **Righteousness** (Hebrew: שְׁדָאָה, Šēdāqāh) - The quality of being morally right or justifiable.
3. **Vision** (Hebrew: חֵזוֹן, Ḥāzôn) - The ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom.
4. **Correction** (Hebrew: מוֹסָר, Mōsār) - The act of correcting or adjusting something to improve accuracy or effectiveness.
5. **Perish** (Hebrew: אָבַד, 'Āḇad) - To suffer death or ruin.

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CHAPTER 30

Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 30 presents the wisdom of Agur, who reflects on the mysteries of God's creation and the limits of human understanding. The chapter contains a series of numerical proverbs that highlight the characteristics of the wise, the dangers of pride, and the consequences of foolishness. Agur acknowledges human limitations and the need for divine revelation to understand the complexities of life. He offers insights into the nature of various societal issues, including corruption and moral decay, and concludes with a prayer for moderation and understanding in all things.

Opening Question

1. What does Agur's reflection about human limitations teach us about our understanding of life and wisdom?
 2. How can acknowledging our limitations help us seek better understanding and avoid pitfalls?
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Outline

1. **The Limits of Human Knowledge** (Proverbs 30:1-4)
 - Agur begins by acknowledging his own lack of wisdom and the divine knowledge that surpasses human understanding.
 - **Application Question:** How can recognizing our own limitations lead us to seek greater wisdom from God?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can we use our understanding of our limitations to foster a more humble and learning-oriented approach to life?
2. **Numerical Proverbs and their Lessons** (Proverbs 30:5-14)

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- Provides a series of observations about the world, including the nature of the righteous and the wicked.
- **Application Question:** How do the observations in these proverbs reflect on current societal issues?
- **Application Question:** What practical steps can we take to embody the virtues described in these proverbs in our daily lives?

3. Prayers for Moderation and Understanding (Proverbs 30:15-33)

- Agur offers a prayer for balance and understanding, seeking to avoid extremes in both wealth and poverty.
 - **Application Question:** How can we apply Agur's prayer for moderation in our own lives to avoid the pitfalls of excess or lack?
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical ways to maintain balance and seek understanding in our daily choices?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 30:5: "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him." Discuss how trusting in God's wisdom can act as a shield in our lives.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students must make decisions based on the principles outlined in Proverbs 30. Have them role-play characters faced with choices involving moderation, wisdom, and humility.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on how Agur's reflections on human limitations and the need for divine wisdom can impact our approach to problem-solving and decision-making. Encourage

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students to share personal experiences where understanding their limits led to better outcomes.

Quiz

1. According to Proverbs 30:1, who is the author of the sayings in this chapter?
 - A. Solomon
 - B. David
 - C. Agur
 - D. Hezekiah
2. In Proverbs 30:4, what is questioned about God?
 - A. His wisdom
 - B. His creation
 - C. His knowledge
 - D. His power
3. What does Proverbs 30:7 request from God?
 - A. Wealth
 - B. Health
 - C. Moderation
 - D. Fame
4. According to Proverbs 30:10, what should we avoid?
 - A. The rich
 - B. The poor
 - C. The oppressor
 - D. The false witness
5. Proverbs 30:15 speaks about the _____ that is never satisfied.
 - A. Grave
 - B. Rich

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- C. Famine
 - D. Wind
6. What does Proverbs 30:18 say about things that are too wonderful for Agur?
- A. They are beyond understanding
 - B. They are clear to him
 - C. They are easy to grasp
 - D. They are unimportant
7. According to Proverbs 30:21-23, what causes unrest in a society?
- A. Corruption
 - B. Poverty
 - C. Lawlessness
 - D. Leadership
8. Proverbs 30:24-28 lists four small creatures that display wisdom. Which of the following is NOT one of them?
- A. Ants
 - B. Locusts
 - C. Spiders
 - D. Mice
9. What does Proverbs 30:32 say about one who has done foolishly?
- A. They will be praised
 - B. They will be forgiven
 - C. They will be humbled
 - D. They will be excused
10. Proverbs 30:33 describes a process involving churning milk, which leads to _____.
- A. Butter
 - B. Cheese
 - C. Cream
 - D. Yogurt

Answers:

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1. C
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. A
7. A
8. D
9. C
10. A

Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 30:1 identifies Agur as the _____ of these sayings.
2. In Proverbs 30:7, Agur asks for _____ and _____ from God.
3. Proverbs 30:10 warns against speaking _____ of a servant to their master.
4. Proverbs 30:15 mentions a _____ that is never satisfied.
5. Proverbs 30:24-28 describes small creatures that demonstrate _____.

Answers:

1. Author
2. Moderation, Understanding
3. Evil
4. Grave
5. Wisdom

Vocabulary Words

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1. **Agur** (Hebrew: עגור, 'Āgūr) - The name of the speaker or author of the proverbs in this chapter.
2. **Moderation** (Hebrew: מִתְמוּטָה, Mītmōṭāh) - The avoidance of extremes; balance in behavior and desires.
3. **Oppressor** (Hebrew: מוֹשֵׁל, Mōšēl) - One who unjustly exercises authority or force.
4. **Insatiable** (Hebrew: לֹא-שָׂבָע, Lō'-śāba') - Unable to be satisfied or quenched.
5. **Reproach** (Hebrew: חֶרְפָּה, Ḥerpāh) - Disgrace or shame; expression of disapproval or criticism.

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Summary of Chapter

Proverbs 31 concludes the book with a focus on the virtuous woman. The chapter begins with the words of King Lemuel's mother, who imparts wisdom on leadership and the qualities of a noble wife. It describes the attributes of a virtuous woman who is industrious, wise, and compassionate. This woman is praised for her strength, dignity, and her role in supporting her family and community. The chapter highlights her ability to manage her household and contribute to society while maintaining faithfulness to God. It underscores the value of a woman who fears the Lord and upholds righteous living.

Opening Question

1. What qualities of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31 do you find most admirable, and why?
 2. How can the principles of Proverbs 31 be applied to modern-day roles and responsibilities?
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Outline

1. **The Wisdom of Lemuel's Mother** (Proverbs 31:1-9)
 - Lemuel's mother advises him on the qualities of a good ruler and the importance of justice.
 - **Application Question:** How can leaders today apply these principles of justice and moderation in their roles?
 - **Application Question:** What are some examples of how you can promote justice and fairness in your own community?
2. **The Virtuous Woman** (Proverbs 31:10-31)

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- Describes the attributes and virtues of an ideal wife, focusing on her strength, diligence, and character.
 - **Application Question:** How can the qualities of the virtuous woman be modeled in our own lives and relationships?
 - **Application Question:** In what ways can we encourage and support others to develop these virtues in their daily lives?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize Proverbs 31:30: "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Discuss how this verse emphasizes the importance of inner qualities over outward appearances.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create scenarios where students act out situations involving decision-making, leadership, or family management based on the qualities of the virtuous woman. Discuss how these scenarios reflect the principles outlined in Proverbs 31.

3. Discussion Activity

- Lead a discussion on how the virtues of the woman described in Proverbs 31 can be relevant to both men and women today. Encourage students to think about ways they can embody these virtues in their own lives and communities.
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Quiz

1. What is the primary advice given by Lemuel's mother in Proverbs 31?
 - A. How to handle wealth
 - B. The qualities of a noble ruler

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- C. How to manage a household
 - D. The importance of public speaking
2. According to Proverbs 31:10, what is the value of a virtuous woman?
 - A. More precious than jewels
 - B. More skilled than a craftsman
 - C. More influential than a king
 - D. More intelligent than a scholar
 3. What does Proverbs 31:15 say about the virtuous woman's daily routine?
 - A. She sleeps late
 - B. She rises early
 - C. She travels frequently
 - D. She studies constantly
 4. According to Proverbs 31:20, how does the virtuous woman help those in need?
 - A. By donating money
 - B. By providing food and clothing
 - C. By giving advice
 - D. By advocating for others
 5. What does Proverbs 31:25 say about the virtuous woman's strength and dignity?
 - A. They are her greatest assets
 - B. They are her primary concerns
 - C. They are temporary
 - D. They are reserved for special occasions
 6. According to Proverbs 31:28, what do the virtuous woman's children and husband do?
 - A. Criticize her
 - B. Ignore her
 - C. Praise her
 - D. Replace her
 7. What does Proverbs 31:30 say about charm and beauty?
 - A. They are lasting

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- B. They are important
 - C. They are fleeting
 - D. They are essential
8. How does Proverbs 31:31 describe the virtuous woman's deeds?
- A. They are celebrated
 - B. They are ordinary
 - C. They are hidden
 - D. They are disregarded
9. What is the key attribute of the virtuous woman according to Proverbs 31:30?
- A. Charm
 - B. Intelligence
 - C. Fear of the Lord
 - D. Wealth
10. According to Proverbs 31:16, what does the virtuous woman do with her earnings?
- A. Invests in real estate
 - B. Buys luxury items
 - C. Plants a vineyard
 - D. Saves for the future

Answers:

- 1. B
- 2. A
- 3. B
- 4. B
- 5. A
- 6. C
- 7. C
- 8. A
- 9. C

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10. C

Fill in the Blank

1. Proverbs 31:1 contains advice from _____ mother about the qualities of a good ruler.
2. The virtuous woman described in Proverbs 31 is said to be worth more than _____.
3. According to Proverbs 31:15, the virtuous woman rises while it is still _____.
4. Proverbs 31:20 highlights the virtuous woman's commitment to helping the _____.
5. Proverbs 31:30 emphasizes that charm is _____ and beauty is fleeting.

Answers:

1. Lemuel's
2. Jewels
3. Night
4. Needy
5. Deceptive

Vocabulary Words

1. **Virtuous** (Hebrew: הַיִּיל, ḥāyil) - Morally excellent; showing high moral standards.
2. **Noble** (Hebrew: נָשִׂיא, nāśi') - Having high moral qualities; honorable.
3. **Diligence** (Hebrew: אֲשָׁר, 'āšār) - Careful and persistent work or effort.
4. **Charm** (Hebrew: חֵן, ḥēn) - The quality of being pleasant or attractive.
5. **Fleeting** (Hebrew: מַהֵר, māhēr) - Passing quickly; short-lived.