

The Way of Wisdom

Questions for Discussion: Session #2

The following are questions that can be used after you have watched the Session #2 Video.

- #1 Do you agree or disagree with the Oxford study that described the health benefits of women gathering together on a regular basis? Why or why not?
- #2 Read **Leviticus 10:9** for an understanding of God's guidelines for priests. Then read **Isaiah 28:7** for an example of their later disobedience. How did their disobedience in the area of *strong drink* negatively affect the whole community?
- #3 Not to harp on the *strong drink* message, but read **Ephesians 5:15-18**. How does the Apostle Paul's words in that passage bring a similar warning in a more modern tone?
- #4 Before watching this message, did you view yourself as a *leader*? Do you view yourself as a *leader* now? Share with your group some of the people that you regularly influence.
- #5 Sue mentioned that Proverbs 31 is a picture of *wisdom in action* – what it looks like when wisdom rules a woman's life. Share about someone in your life that has been an example of *wisdom in action*.
- #6 Before we even begin studying the character qualities found in Proverbs 31, what character qualities would you say that you want the Lord to grow in you?

*Who can find a virtuous woman,
For her price is far above rubies (Prov. 31:10)*



Proverbs Reading Assignment for this Week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 10 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 12 |

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Study & Prep for Session #3

#1 Proverbs 7 is the perfect follow up to the mother's advice in the first half of Proverbs 31. Did you notice both are addressed to 'my son'? On a natural level, the chapter is an appeal for a young man to embrace the wisdom that would spare him from foolish and destructive relationships. On a broader level, what other types of folly might one be spared from by embracing wisdom?

#2 After expressing the warnings of folly in chapter seven, chapter eight reminds us that wisdom isn't hidden from sight, it's actually fairly accessible.

- List some of the ways that you have observed wisdom to be easy to find and readily accessible in your life.
- List some of the 'noise' in your life that may conceal wisdom and cause you to have to look harder.

#3 **Proverbs 9:10** gives that final bookend for the first nine chapters regarding the *Fear of the Lord*. Read **Proverbs 9:11** and **10:27**. These seem like a promise for anyone who has really embraced wisdom in their life, yet we all know people whose years have been cut far too short. Discuss how to handle verses like this. Is it a promise? Is it a probability? How would you explain it to a child?

#4 As you begin to read chapters 10-30, there will be themes that the Holy Spirit will uniquely draw your attention to – things that make sense for your life. Be prepared to note those things in your journal, remembering you can't study everything all at once. You might want to choose 3 concepts or 5 concepts for this pass through the book – things like *your words, use of money, diligence, pride & humility*. Consider how you might mark your themes and share one of them with your group, explaining why you're highlighting that theme.

#5 In preparation for Session #3, ponder these three verses from Proverbs 31 and consider what they have in common:

verse 13
verse 16
verse 19