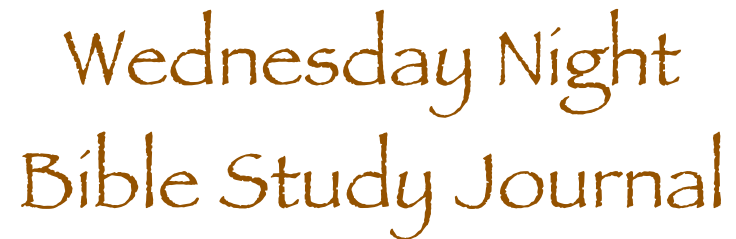




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Watch out for fools (v. 7)! Wisdom builds but folly destroys (v. 1), and the tent of the godly is stronger than the house of the wicked (v. 11). When you obey the Word of God, you build on a solid foundation (Matt. 7:21–27).

Watch out for fools! Their speech can tear you down (v. 7), for their words are like a rod that hurts (v. 3). You cannot trust what they say (v. 8); they mock at sin (v. 9); and they rage in their self-confidence (v. 16). Be sure to watch out for their temper (vv. 17, 29); it can get you and them into trouble.

When you fear the Lord, your walk will be marked by uprightness (vv. 2, 16), confidence (v. 26), and protection (v. 27). The fear of the Lord is better than the folly of fools.

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Personal Reflection:

Which Proverb from this chapter stood out to you the most?

Describe what this Proverb means to you?

How do you think God is seeking to have you apply this Proverb in your life?

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¹ The wise woman builds
her house,
But the foolish pulls it
down with her hands.

² He who walks in his
uprightness fears the
Lord,
But *he who is* perverse
in his ways despises
Him.

³ In the mouth of a fool *is*
a rod of pride,
But the lips of the wise
will preserve them.

Legend



good cause or focus



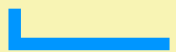
good result or reality



bad cause or focus



bad result or reality



contrast or connection (but, and)



God and His character



Impact of and from God

4 Where no oxen *are*, the
trough *is* clean;
But much increase
comes by the
strength of an ox.

5 A faithful witness does
not lie,
But a false witness will
utter lies.

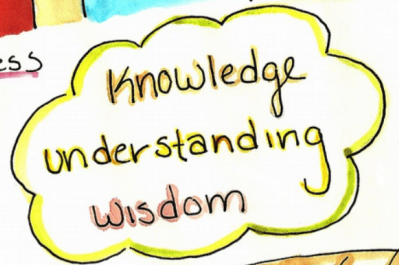
6 A scoffer seeks
wisdom and does not
find it,
But knowledge *is* easy
to him who
understands.

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The wise woman builds
her house
But the foolish tears
it down with her
own hands. ^{v1}



He who walks in his uprightness
fears the Lord
But he who is devious in his
ways despises Him ^{v2}



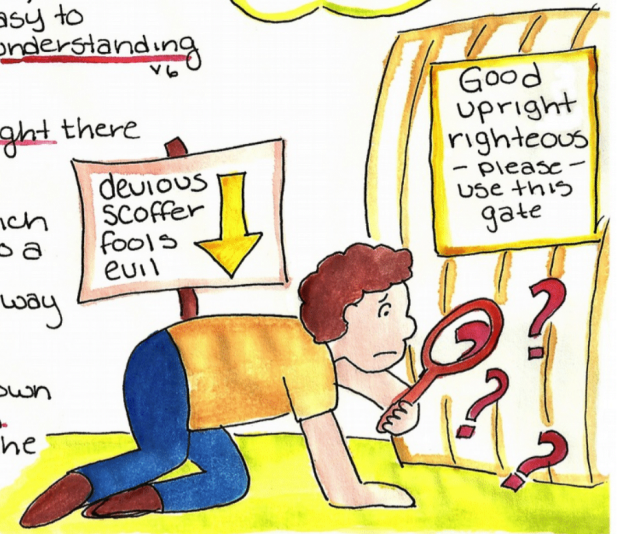
A scoffer seeks wisdom
and finds none,
But knowledge is easy to
one who has understanding ^{v6}

Fools mock at sin,
But among the upright there
is good will ^{v9}

There is a way which
seems right to a
man,
But its end is the way
of death ^{v12}



The evil will bow down
before the good.
And the wicked at the
gates of the
righteous ^{v19}



Righteousness exalts a nation
but sin is a disgrace to any people ^{v34}

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refuge in his death.

33 Wisdom rests in the
heart of him who has
understanding,
But *what is* in the heart
of fools is made
known.

34 Righteousness exalts
a nation,
But sin *is* a reproach to
any people.

35 The king's favor *is*
toward a wise
servant,
But his wrath *is against*
him who causes

7 Go from the presence
of a foolish man,
When you do not
perceive *in him* the
lips of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the
prudent *is* to
understand his way,
But the folly of fools *is*
deceit.

9 Fools mock at sin,
But among the upright
there is favor.

10 The heart knows its
own bitterness,
And a stranger does
not share its joy.

- 11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown,
But the tent of the upright will flourish.
- 12 There is a way *that seems* right to a man,
But its end *is* the way of death.
- 13 Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,
And the end of mirth *may be* grief.
- 14 The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways,
But a good man *will be satisfied* from above.

- 30 A sound heart *is* life to the body,
But envy *is* rottenness to the bones.
- 31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker,
But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.
- 32 The wicked is banished in his wickedness,
But the righteous has a

27 The fear of the Lord
is a fountain of life,
To turn *one* away from
the snares of death.

28 In a multitude of
people *is* a king's
honor,
But in the lack of
people *is* the downfall
of a prince.

29 *He who is* slow to
wrath has great
understanding,
But *he who is* impulsive
exalts folly.

15 The simple believes
every word,
But the prudent
considers well his
steps.

16 A wise *man* fears and
departs from evil,
But a fool rages and is
self-confident.

17 A quick-tempered
man acts foolishly,
And a man of wicked
intentions is hated.

18 The simple inherit
folly,
But the prudent are
crowned with
knowledge.

19 The evil will bow
before the good,
And the wicked at the
gates of the
righteous.

20 The poor *man* is
hated even by his
own neighbor,
But the rich *has* many
friends.

21 He who despises his
neighbor sins;
But he who has mercy
on the poor, happy *is*
he.

22 Do they not go astray
who devise evil?
But mercy and truth
belong to those who
devise good.

23 In all labor there is
profit,
But idle chatter *leads*
only to poverty.

24 The crown of the
wise is their riches,
But the foolishness of
fools *is* folly.

25 A true witness
delivers souls,
But a deceitful *witness*
speaks lies.

26 In the fear of the Lord
there is strong
confidence,
And His children will
have a place of
refuge.