

# “Fountain of Life” The Book of Proverbs

Summer 2020 (June 14 - August 30)

**Series Overview:** Are you feeling it? With all that’s happening in our world, stress levels are high, and many of us are feeling weary... exhausted...confused. This summer, let’s pause and allow God to refresh our souls through the 3,000-year-old wisdom of Proverbs. Throughout the book, wisdom is referred to as “the fountain of life”—exactly what we need when we’re empty and dry. Come and drink deeply from the fountain of life.

Topics that we’ll be addressing include: Pursuing Wisdom, Humility & Pride, Good Sex/Bad Sex, The Power of Words, Making Decisions, Wealth & Greed, Diligence & Laziness, Good Friends/Bad Friends, The Wisdom of Compassion, Leading Wisely, Controlling Anger, and Everything in Moderation.

## LECTIO DIVINA

This summer, we encourage you and your group to use Lectio Divina to discuss the Sermon message.

**Directions for Lectio Divina:** Use the provided passages to guide your group in a discussion of the sermon topic.

1. Have one person read the passage slowly.
2. Meditate on the passage silently for one minute.
3. Share key words, phrases, situations, or emotions you notice in the passage.
4. Repeat steps 1-3, reading with fresh eyes, and share any new observations or insights.
5. When done, discuss HOW you can apply what you learned from the Scriptures and your group discussion. Be specific. Share one or two action steps you will take. Consider what you can do as an individual, and also together as a Small Group. End your time in prayer, asking the Lord to direct your steps and for His Spirit to empower you in action.

## WEEK 6: Wealth & Greed, Proverbs 18:10-11, Proverbs 23:4-5, Proverbs 11:24-25

### Proverbs 18:10-11

<sup>10</sup> The name of the LORD is a fortified tower;  
the righteous run to it and are safe.

<sup>11</sup> The wealth of the rich is their fortified city;  
they imagine it a wall too high to scale.

### Proverbs 23:4-5

<sup>4</sup> Do not wear yourself out to get rich;  
have the wisdom to show restraint.

<sup>5</sup> Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone,  
for they will surely sprout wings  
and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

### Proverbs 11:24-25

<sup>24</sup> One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

<sup>25</sup> A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

## **Supplementary Scriptures**

### **Proverbs 28:20**

A faithful person will be richly blessed,  
but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

### **1 Timothy 6:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

### **Proverbs 28:22**

The stingy are eager to get rich  
and are unaware that poverty awaits them.

### **Proverbs 15:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> Better a little with the fear of the LORD  
than great wealth with turmoil.

<sup>17</sup> Better a small serving of vegetables with love  
than a fattened calf with hatred.

### **Luke 19:8-9**

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham."