

Proverbs: Wisdom for Life
Group Discussion Questions
Proverbs 4:23

Ice Breaker: In light of Father's Day, what did God teach you through your dad?

"Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life." -

Proverbs 4:23 (NASB) - Focal Verse

Initial Reflections:

1. Read the focal verse from a variety of translations (ESV, NIV, CSB, NLT, etc.)
2. What are your initial thoughts from this verse?
3. What stood out to you from Dr. Tyler's sermon Sunday regarding this verse?

Bible Study:

4. When the Bible speaks of the *heart*, what is it speaking about? The actual bodily organ or what?
5. Read **Proverbs 4:20-27** for a bit more context.
6. Besides the *heart*, what other bodily features does Solomon incorporate into his admonition to his son? Why do you think he did that?
7. How is a *deceitful mouth* and *devious lips* (vs. 24) connected to the *heart* (vs. 23)?
8. Connect the adage, "*What's down in the well comes up in the bucket*" to vss. 23 and 24.
9. Similar to the *mouth* and *lips*, how are the *eyes* (vss. 25-27) connected to the *heart* (vs. 23)?
10. Children have often been taught to sing...

*O be careful little eyes what you see
O be careful little eyes what you see
For the Father up above
Is looking down in love
So, be careful little eyes what you see*

11. Why do we need to be careful with what we see with our eyes?

Application:

12. Would you agree or disagree with the statement, “*Our life flows from our thoughts and inner being*”?

13. How is what’s in your *heart* affected what you’ve *said* recently (for good or bad)?

14. How is what’s in your *heart* affected what you’ve *seen* recently (for good or bad)?

15. What do you practically need to do to incorporate **Proverbs 4:23** into your life?

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Proverbs 3:27

INTRO QUESTIONS

1. How has your time with the Lord been this week? What passage of Scripture has impacted you the most this week?
2. Did you have any key points from last week’s sermon from Pastor Benji that you’ve reflected on?
3. What are some highs and lows from this past week in your life? How can you give thanks to the Lord for what he has done in your life? How can we pray for you?

QUESTIONS FROM TEXT

1. Why are we often tempted to withhold good from others?
2. Who should we not withhold good from, according to this verse?
 - SEE Gal. 6:10
3. Who are we most likely to withhold good from?
 - READ: Ja. 2:15
4. What good do we (Christians) owe to everyone?
 - SEE Prov. 3:29-32, Rom. 1:14, Rom. 12, and Rom. 13:7 for examples
 - Make sure to emphasize the necessity in sharing the gospel, without the neglect of providing for material needs

5. What do we display/teach others about the Lord when we seek to show them good.
 - READ 1 Tim. 6:17
6. What does this kind of living do to our relationship with others?
7. What happens to our own hearts when we do not give what is good to others?
 - READ Lk. 12:13-21
8. How does this verse relate to our lives, specifically at work?
9. How can we practically honor and do good to those around us this week? In what areas can you grow in practicing doing good to others?
10. Any other reflections/observations from Prov. 3:27?

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

The gospel transforms the way that we think about doing good to those around us. No longer do we give because we must, or to those we think deserve it, but we seek to promote the abundant goodness and loving-kindness of our God to all people. He is “rich in mercy” (Eph. 2:4) and “good and upright” (Ps. 25:8). And now, God is remaking us in Christ to do good to others (Eph. 2:10). As we keep the Lord’s commandments in our hearts (Prov. 3:1-3), we begin to reflect through our deeds his character, so that others might see and glorify God (Matt. 5:16). This week, let us preach the gospel in word and deed to our community, our co-workers, friends, and family. Your one act of goodness toward another might be the catalyst that the Lord uses to draw them to salvation!

BONUS QUESTIONS FOR CONTEXT: SEEKING WISDOM FOR LIFE

Go back and read the entirety of Prov. 3 if you have not already done so.

1. v. 4: Notice that keeping the teachings of God’s Word leads to finding “favor and good success in the sight of God and man.” How does following the commands of Scripture give us a good standing with those around us?
 2. v. 5: What are we most often to put our trust in besides the Lord? And why you do think the command is “to trust the Lord with all *your heart*”?
 3. v. 13-15: Do you often think of wisdom as something we should pursue? Do we consider wisdom as the most important pursuit of our lives?
 4. v. 16-18: Notice the connection between wisdom and life. What is promised for those who obtain wisdom?
 5. v. 18: Where else do we find the phrase tree of life in the Scriptures? Why is this significant?
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Proverbs 1:1–7

Icebreaker: If wisdom were a person and walked into the room right now, what do you think they'd be wearing — and why?

1. A Question for Accountability

**Were you able to apply the word we read together last week to your life?
How?**

- Celebrate obedience!
 - Celebrate partial obedience as a sign of real growth.
 - Celebrate even non-obedience as a sign of honesty in the group.
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2. Read Proverbs 1:1–7

- Read the passage twice—once for the head and once for the heart.
- After reading, close your Bibles and try to retell what the passage was about together as a group.
- Then reflect together:

Discussion Questions:

- How does this passage speak to you personally?
- What caught your attention or touched your heart?

Leader Tip: If the discussion goes off-track, gently ask: “Where is that in this passage?” This helps guide the group back to the Word.

3. Discussion Questions for Proverbs 1:1–7

(Use the questions that fit your group best)

Verse 1:

- Who is Solomon, and why do you think he wrote these proverbs?
- Who is he writing to? What does that tell us about the purpose?

Verses 2–4:

- What are the stated purposes of the Proverbs in these verses?
- Can you put those in your own words? (e.g., helping us live wisely, make good choices, etc.)

Verse 5:

- What kind of listening is described here? How is it different from just hearing?
- Why is listening so important for gaining wisdom?

Verse 7:

- What does “the fear of the Lord” mean? Does it mean being afraid?
- Why does Solomon say that fear of the Lord is the *beginning* of knowledge?
- How does this verse help unlock the rest of the book of Proverbs?
- The verse also says, “Fools despise wisdom and instruction.” What does this reveal about the heart of a fool versus the heart of the wise?

Language and Meaning (from the whole passage):

- Which words or phrases sound old or unfamiliar? (e.g., prudence, discretion)
- What might they have meant in Solomon’s time, and how would we say them today?

Reflection on audience:

- In verses 4–5, who is Solomon talking about: the simple, the young, the wise, the understanding?
- Do you see yourself in any of those groups? Why?

4. Obedience

What is one thing you want to do/obey from today’s passage?

- Each response should begin with “I will...”
- Be specific and measurable.

Good Examples:

- I will ask God for wisdom before making a big decision this week.
- I will spend 10 minutes a day reading Proverbs this week.
- I will listen more carefully to advice from others instead of acting quickly.

Bad Examples:

- I will be wise.
- I will trust God more.
- I will be a better person.

Close with Prayer.