

Friday, December 16: Read [Proverbs 19-20](#)

Social courtesy is another virtue that flows from wisdom. How you see and treat others reflects how you see and relate to God. Notice some of the counterparts to this trait as taught in the New Testament: [Matt. 7:12](#), [Romans 12:18](#), [Ephesians 4:32](#), [Col. 4:6](#). [Proverbs 14:31](#) is a great example of this virtue.

Notes:



Spiritual Disciplines

Reading Assignments

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters of the Bible according to the date.
- Underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.
- Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.
- Think about what you're reading. Ask:
 1. How does this apply to me?
 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?
 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?
- Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Nate & MaryBeth Brace** (Kentucky), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert Newkirk** (Jesus Film), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Randy & Kari Ash**, **John Smith** (CEF), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (YWAM), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (New Tribes).

Specific Concerns:

- Christmas Services
- The upcoming prayer service, "The Call", scheduled for January 15.

Pray this weekend:

- Review of the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- Note any ongoing concerns to pray for the week.

Weekly Readings

Monday, December 12: Read [Proverbs 11-12](#)

This week we will center in on the Proverbs of King Solomon, specifically the characteristics of a wise person as Solomon describes them in his book. The first characteristic of a wise person as described by Solomon is *humility*. Note all references to pride and its counterpart humility, along with the fruits of each. How is humility cultivated? How does God respond to a humble heart according to [James 4:6, 10](#)?

Notes:

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Monday Pray for:

1. *My relationship with God.*
2. *My life roles*
3. *My personal needs/weak areas*
4. *Goals and objectives*

Tuesday, December 13: Read [Proverbs 13-14](#)

The second characteristic is *moral integrity*. Take special note of the verses in these chapters that deal with righteousness in contrast to wickedness, evil and ungodliness. Note Paul's prescription for moral living in [Romans 6:11-14](#).

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday December 14: Read [Proverbs 15-16](#)

A third characteristic of wisdom is *honesty*. Note the numerous references to the tongue in these two chapters. According to Jesus, what do our words indicate? ([Mark 7:14-23](#)) What is Paul's admonition on speaking to others and how can you grow in this area? ([Ephesians 4:29-32](#))

Notes:

Wednesday's Prayer List Next Page

Wednesday Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church
(Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn as she transitions into her new position at BGCC.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future Pray for God's clear leading in 2017 and beyond.

Thursday, December 15: Read [Proverbs 17-18](#)

Another characteristic of a wise person is what I'll call *industry*; that is, the willingness to work hard. Note the following passages for an example, contrasted with laziness and sloth. ([Proverbs 10:4, 12:11,27, 14:23, 16:1-3, 18:9, 20:4, 23:19-21, 27:23-27, 31:10-31](#))

Notes:

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People at Work • Others God brings into my life
- Continue to pray for the nation, our county and area churches.
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County.