Friday, March 17 Today's Theme: A Noble Woman Related Verses: Proverbs 31:10-31, 12:4; 18:22; 19:14

What characterizes a noble woman?

Can I apply any of these to my life?

Other Notes from Proverbs:

Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries

David & Miriam Trott (Tucuman, Argentina), Dan and DeAnn Gerard (San Antonio, TX), Craig and Shelly Schafer (Asia-Pacific Region), Joe and Sue Saunders-Robb (Reliant), Daniel Jezowski (Papau, New Guinea), Brad and Christa Babjack (Michigan State University and Lansing Community College), Alvaro and Raquel Garriga (Central Asia), Pastor Roberto (Las Palmas Church, Tijuana)



Spiritual Disciplines Guide Week of March 12, 2023

Having read through the book of Proverbs this past month, let's take one final week to survey five themes that are prominent in the book. I will single out passages from various chapters that apply to each day's topic. My list will be representative but not exhaustive. Take some time to read each verse. Notice its correlations with the other verses. You might also see some variations or a different emphasis on the theme from verse to verse. The question I want to ask is, what primary themes, principles or instructions stand out to me (or you) from Proverbs? And, how can we take them to heart and apply them today? That's really the final focus of personal Bible study...being doers of the word (*James 1:22*). I pray that we will be excellent students of scripture, attentive to God-given details in his word, and careful to put into practice what we learn as we study. Have a good week!

Monday, March 13 Today's theme: Wisdom

Related verses *Proverbs 2:6; 3:7-8, 13-18; 4:7; 8:11; 9:8-10, 12; 10:8, 14; 11:2,30; 12:15,18; 13:10,20; 14:8,16; 15:2,33; 16:23; 19:8,11: 20:1; 23:4; 24:3-5*

According to these verses, what does wisdom do?

What principles of wisdom can I apply today?

Monday: Pray for yourself:

My relationship with God My life roles and responsibilities My personal needs/weak areas My goals and objectives for the new year. Tuesday, March 14 Today's Theme: The Heart

Related Verses: *Proverbs* 3:1-2, 5-6; 4:23; 10:8; 13:12; 14:30; 15:13-15,30: 16:1,23; 17:22; 22:11; 23:19; 24:17; 27:19; 30:24-28.

What characterizes a "good" heart?

What can I apply to my life?

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

5. <u>Outreach:</u> Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others through the Kingdom Assignment "*Dare to Care*".

6. <u>Future Faith Goals</u>: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our future plans as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

<u>Thursday</u>, March 16 <u>Today's Theme</u>: *Rewards of Righteousness*

Related Verses: <u>Proverbs 3:9-10; 4:18; 10:2,6,7,11,16,21, 28-31; 11:3, 5,8,18-19; 14:32,34; 18:10; 21:21; 24:16</u>

Note the results of right living below:

Wednesday, March 15 Today's Theme: The Tongue

Related Verses: <u>Proverbs 10:19-21, 31-32; 12:14, 17-19, 25; 13:2-3; 15:1-</u>2,4,7,23; 16:24; 18:4, 6-8, 21; 20:15; 24:25; 25:11

What do we learn about speech?

How can this apply to my speech?

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- 1. <u>Leadership</u>: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest (*Matthew 9:38*)
- 2. <u>Worship</u>: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship, including a pianist. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
- 3. <u>Fellowship</u>: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship. Take some time to pray through this past Sunday's congregational prayer requests.
- 4. <u>Discipleship:</u> Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.

How can I apply these today?

Thursday: Pray for "My World"

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- <u>Neighbors</u> People who live around me.
- <u>People at Work</u> Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church?
- <u>Community</u> -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through time of crisis.
- <u>Pray for the area churches</u> and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches reunite after the pandemic.
- <u>Pray for the community parachurch ministries</u> serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Branch County Right to Life, Joppa Recovery/ Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Center, Family Promise, Forgotten Man Ministries, Freedom Recovery Center, God's Choice Church, Jacob's Well Ministry, Presbyterian Free Health Clinic, Shelterhouse, Tommy's House, the Gideons and the Bronson Food Pantry.
- <u>America</u>: Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America. Pray that God would use the pandemic, the economy and world events to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for God's guidance and protection for our nation in the coming weeks and months.