

Friday, October 9: Read [Proverbs 5](#)

Chapter 5 zeroes in on wise choices and personal discipline to avoid sexual immorality and adultery. God promises a blessing for those who are faithful in marriage while judging those who are not. All temptation is enticing to our selfish desires. Notice how Solomon paints adultery as both bitter and sweet. Sweet at first taste, but then bitter afterwards. The wages of sin is death, even though it tastes good at first bite, it is poison to the soul! Again, wisdom (discernment, discipline) can spare us many griefs, sorrows and sufferings! ([Proverbs 2:16-19](#))

My key verse:

Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Sue Saunders** (Bosnia), **Matt and Becky Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezowski** (Wycliffe), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (University of West Virginia), **Salomon and Megan Guzman** (Tijuana), **Alvaro and Rachel Garriga** (Central Asia), **William and Salma Garcia** (Tijuana church plant), **Brendan and Ashley Camp** (Columbia)

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Be the CHURCH is DISCIPLESHIP

Spiritual Disciplines Guide:

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters and 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.*

Our spiritual disciplines the next six weeks will take us through the book of Proverbs. Solomon's proverbs highlight godly wisdom and many ways it is expressed in daily living, habits, decisions and relationships. In his book, he contrasts such things as wisdom and foolishness, duty and laziness, good and evil, honesty and deceit, humility and pride. Each day you will survey a chapter, highlight the themes Solomon presents, and then record a key verse that stands out in the text for you personally. Be ready to share what you are learning each week in church or in your small group.

Monday, October 5: Read [Proverbs 1](#)

Read through Proverbs 1. Take note of the purpose of the book in verses 1-6. Underline verse 7 as a key Proverb for the whole book. Note the tone of the book, written as a father training his son. Verses 20-33 are a warning for ignoring wisdom in life. What are the benefits of wisdom? What results from rejecting it?

My key verse:

Monday: Pray for yourself:

My relationship with God

My life roles and responsibilities

My personal needs/weak areas

My goals and objectives for 2020

Tuesday, October 6: Read [Proverbs 2](#)

Wisdom is powerful. Take note of all that it provides us in this chapter. What alternate words are used to describe wisdom here? How would you rate yourself on godly wisdom? In what practical ways might God be working to “wisen you up”?

My key verse:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, October 7: Read [Proverbs 3](#)

Solomon continues to prompt his son to consider the many rewards of wisdom. Notice, too, the exhortations given in verses 3,5,9,21,25,27,29,30 and 31. Which of them apply to you personally at this moment?

My key verse:

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

1. **Leadership:** 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. **Worship:** 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. **Fellowship:** 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. **Discipleship:** 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.
5. **Outreach:** 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.
6. **Future Faith Goals:** Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God’s clear leading in our 2020 plan 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.

Thursday, October 8: Read [Proverbs 4](#)

Wisdom is supreme! Old Testament scholar Bruce Watke defined wisdom as “skill in living”. Notice in this chapter all the ways that wisdom can train you to live well, that is, to be righteous. Solomon contrasts righteous living with wickedness and evil.

My key verse:

Thursday: Pray for “My World”

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

- **Neighbors** • People who live around me.
- **People at Work** • 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?
- **Community** -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through the Coronavirus crisis.
- **Pray for the area churches** and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches reunite after the quarantine.
- **Pray for the community parachurch ministries** serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Branch County Right to Life, Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Youth and Family Center, Damascus Road Ministry, Family Promise, Forgotten Man Ministries, Foster Closet of Branch County, God’s Choice Church, Jacob’s Well Ministry, Presbyterian Free Health Clinic, Shelterhouse, Tommy’s House, the Gideons and the Bronson Food Pantry.
- **America:** Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America. Pray that God would use the Coronavirus outbreak to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.