

Week of October 11 2020



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 12: Read [*Proverbs 6*](#)

Chapter 6 continues in the tone of a father instructing his son how to live wisely. Notice the practical instructions including keeping out of debt, the advantage of being industrious, deceitfulness, rejecting lies and falsehood, and steering clear of sexual immorality and lust. He envisions these instructions as a lamp and a light to his son's life. And so they are to us.

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 13: Read [*Proverbs 7*](#)

Solomon dedicates one whole chapter to the destructiveness of adultery. Why? He saw it firsthand growing up. His father, King David, committed adultery and then murder to cover it up. His firstborn brother died before he was born. And he saw firsthand the ongoing fruits of his father's unfaithfulness (See [*2 Samuel 12:10; 13:36; 18:33*](#)). The wages of sin is still death!

My key verse:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, October 14: Read [*Proverbs 8*](#)

The personification of wisdom. Some of the content of this chapter could be applied to Jesus Christ but in general it is the exaltation of one of God's many attributes -- He is the all wise, all knowing God. And wisdom reflects his nature. So we should pursue it.

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

1. community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others.
2. 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 15: Read [Proverbs 9](#)

Proverbs 9 contrasts the work of the women of "Wisdom" with the foolish ways of the women "Folly". Both appeal to the simple minded. One calls for the simple to grow and develop their intellect and integrity. The other offers the easy route of remaining "clueless", but eventually suffering the consequences. Wisdom, again, begins with a right orientation to Almighty God (verse 10). Are you growing in wisdom or folly?

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.

Friday, October 16: Read [Proverbs 10](#)

Chapter 10 leads us from the first section of the book where a father instructs his son to the general contrasts of wise and foolish living. Notice from here on out the style of Hebrew poetry contrasts one idea to another. The word “but” is the contrasting connective. Take note of the variety of themes covered in these short one sentence ditties. Which theme most relates to your life at present?

My favorite 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)