

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Proverbs – Part 3

A Matter of Life and Death

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Proverbs. Our topic today: A Matter of Life and Death.

Scripture Theme Song: “Listen to Counsel” – Proverbs 19:20

- 1) Paying attention to wise counsel
 - a) Proverbs 6:20-21
 - b) Proverbs 7:1-3
 - c) What lessons can we learn from the imagery used here?
- 2) Light for our path
 - a) Proverbs 6:23
 - b) Psalm 119:105
 - c) Psalm 119:130
 - d) John 8:12 – Jesus offers us His light!
 - e) How has a connection with Jesus and the light of His Word blessed your life?
- 3) Resisting temptation
 - a) Proverbs 6:24-29
 - b) What flattering words does an evil person use when trying to seduce someone?
- c) Why are the thoughts that “no one will know” and “no harm will result” so deceptive? v. 27-28; Luke 12:2-3.
- d) We all know individuals who have experienced moral falls. They knew better. Why do people fall for the deceptions of the enemy?
- 4) Consequences for transgression
 - a) Proverbs 6:30-31 - consequences
 - b) While we might not despise a thief who steals because he or his family is starving, there are still consequences.
 - c) How can we help a person who is facing such a difficult situation? Deuteronomy 15:7-8
 - d) Think of a time when you justified your disobedience because you seemed to have no other option. Share your experience and lessons learned.
- 5) Avoiding a fatal mistake
 - a) Proverbs 7:6-23
 - b) What fatal mistakes did this young man make?
 - c) An earnest plea: Proverbs 7:24-27
 - d) We have all made fatal mistakes in our lives, and were it not for God’s grace, we would all be hopelessly lost. How have you seen God’s grace at work in your own life, in spite of your failures?
- 6) Discussion questions
 - a) God provides wise counsel through His Word and also through wise counselors. Share a time when God used a wise counselor to direct your path?
 - b) How can we distinguish between wise and foolish counselors?