

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Proverbs – Part 11

Living by Faith: listening to God’s Word and doing it

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: Living by Faith: listening to God’s Word and doing it.

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

“Whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe” Prov. 29:25b

- 1) Listening to God’s Word
 - a) Proverbs 28:4,7,9
 - b) Why do those who trust in the LORD listen to His Word?
 - c) Proverbs 28:5 – Really? What is the wise man saying here? (see also John 16:13)
 - d) How does learning more about God’s Word help our faith in Him to grow stronger?
 - e) How can we come to the place where we love the truth? 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10
- 2) Sharing your wealth rather than hoarding it
 - a) Proverbs 28:8; see also Luke 12:16-21
 - b) Proverbs 21:13
 - c) Proverbs 28:27
 - d) Proverbs 28:24
- 3) Viewing the poor from God’s perspective
 - a) Proverbs 29:13; see also Proverbs 22:2
 - b) Proverbs 28:3 – even the poor can oppress the poor
 - c) Proverbs 28:6 – even if you are poor, you can choose to live with integrity
- 4) Learning lessons the easy way and the hard way
 - a) Proverbs 19:20
 - b) Proverbs 29:15, 17
 - c) What were some of the most important lessons you learned from your parents?
 - d) Perhaps some of us had absent or neglectful parents. How did God provide for you so you could be trained in the way of the Lord?
 - e) Share a lesson you refused to learn the easy way and ended up having to learn the hard way.
- 5) How has your attitude about training a child changed now that you are older?
- 6) Discussion question
 - a) Why do you think so many practical instructions are included in the Scriptures?
 - b) What word of wisdom have you heard today?

- i) It seems that some of the most intense family conflicts are money-related.
 - ii) What are some ways we might rob our fathers and mothers?
 - iii) What are some excuses people use to justify their greedy behavior?
- e) Think of a time when you were impressed to share your wealth rather than hoard it. What challenges did you face before finally making that decision?