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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

PROVERBS 15-17

MONDAY

Read Proverbs 15:1-15

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you from this proverb?
- When was the last time you should have given a "soft answer" rather than a harsh one (vs. 1)? What was the outcome?
- Why might Solomon want his son to recognize the all-seeing nature of God (vs. 3)?

We indulge in sarcasm as if we would rather lose a friend than miss scoring a point in the argument. All this the world excuses. But the Gospel sets before us our Savior's example and imbues us with his spirit; so we should be careful not to provoke a chafed or wounded spirit.

- Jerry Bridges

Kids Discussion Questions

- Solomon says a "soft answer" keeps people from getting upset (vs. 1). Think about an argument you've been in. What would be an example of a "soft answer"?
- Why would Solomon want his son to know that God sees everything he does (vs. 3)?

Sing

The Solid Rock
Edward Mote

Pray

For wisdom from your
study in proverbs this
week.

THE SOLID ROCK - EDWARD MOTE

1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

3

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

4

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

TUESDAY

Read Proverbs 15:16-33

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you from this passage?
- What does Solomon communicate about wealth in verses 16 and 17?
- What does Solomon mean when he says "whoever ignores instruction despises himself" (vs. 32)?

To part with what we cannot keep, that we may get that we cannot lose, is a good bargain. Wealth can do us no good, unless it help us toward heaven.

-Thomas Adams

Kids Discussion Questions

- Solomon has a habit of pointing out those things that are more valuable than money (vs. 16-17). What are some things that are better to have than money?
- Solomon also often points out how important it is to always be willing to learn, even as grown men (vs. 32)! Why is this so important?

Sing

How Deep The Father's Love
Stuart Townsend

Pray

For the widows and
widowers of Calvary.

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US - STUART TOWNSEND

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

WEDNESDAY

Read Proverbs 16:1-15

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- What do these verses communicate about the sovereignty of God?
- What is Solomon communicating about God in verse 11?

Prayer assumes the sovereignty of God. If God is not sovereign, we have no assurance that He is able to answer our prayers. Our prayers would become nothing more than wishes. But while God's sovereignty, along with his wisdom and love, is the foundation of our trust in Him, prayer is the expression of that trust. - Jerry Bridges

Kids Discussion Questions

- Twice in this proverb Solomon points out that God is totally in charge (Vs. 1,9). Why is it important to remember this?
- In verse 11, Solomon talks about how fair our God is. When was the last time you were treated unfairly? Why do you think Solomon wanted his son to know about the fairness of God?

Sing

*In Christ Alone
Keith and Kristyn Getty*

Pray

Pick a family from
Calvary to pray for.

IN CHRIST ALONE

- KEITH AND KRISTYN GETTY

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

THURSDAY

Read Proverbs 16:16-33

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you from this passage?
- What warning does Solomon give concerning pride in this proverb?
- What kind of strength does Solomon write of in verse 32?

No matter how just your words may be, you ruin everything when you speak with anger. - John Chrysostom

Kids Discussion Questions

- Solomon tells us that pride leads to destruction (vs. 18). What is pride?
- How can we keep ourselves from pride?
- Solomon points out in verse 32 that the man who is slow to anger is better than even a great warrior. Why is this such an important skill?

Sing

*Come Thou Fount of Every
Blessing*
Robert Robinson

Pray

That the Lord would
grant wisdom to our
governing officials.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE - CHARITIE BANCROFT

1 Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2 When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there,
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

3 Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

FRIDAY

Read Proverbs 17

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What is one way you can apply what you've read in Proverbs this week?
- Why would insulting the poor mock God (vs. 5)?
- What is Solomon communicating about personal relationships in verse 9?
- How is personal strife like "letting out water" (vs. 14)?

Why is it that you harbor strife, bad temper, dissention, schism, and quarreling? Do we not have one God, one Christ, one Spirit of grace which was poured out on us. - Clement of Rome

Kids Discussion Questions

- What is one thing you've learned from Proverbs this week?
- In verses 27-28 Solomon addresses how wise men use words. What does he point out?

Sing
Doxology
Thomas Ken

Pray
For the children and
youth of our church.

DOXOLOGY - THOMAS KEN

1

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

2

Praise God the Father who's the source;
Praise God the Son who is the course;
Praise God the Spirit who's the flow;
Praise God, our portion here below!