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Week 1

ey Reading: Proverbs 4: 1-9

1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. 2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. 3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. 4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. 5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee



Weekly Reading		
Day 1	Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.	
Day 2	Proverbs 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.	
Day 3	Proverbs 10:13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.	
Day 4	Ecclesiastes 2:26 For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.	
Day 5	Ecclesiastes 7:12 For wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.	
Day 6	1 Corinthians 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.	
Day 7	1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.	

What is your definition of wisdom?	
What are some of the benefits of possessing wisdom?	
What wisdom or sage advise did you learn from your parents and/ or grandparents?	
Name one life event that taught you a great lesson.	

Week 2

7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? 8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? 9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; 10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.



Weekly Reading	
Day 8	Mark 8: 36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
Day 9	Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
Day 10	Matthew 6: 19-21 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
Day 11	Mark 8:35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.
Day 12	Luke 12:33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.
Day 13	Mark 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.
Day 14	Luke 10:42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

How do you define success?
What might a good and prosperous life look like for you?
In what things have you invested your heart?
What spiritual practices help anchor your soul? How much time per day do you give to these practices?

In what ways has your body responded to recent stressors? How might you redress those issues in order to resume a healthy normal life?	

Week 3

ey Reading: 3 John 1: 1-8

1 The elder unto the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. 5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; 6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: 7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.



Weekly Reading		
Day 15	Daniel 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.	
Day 16	Psalm 1:2-3 ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.	
Day 17	Psalm 127:1 Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.	
Day 18	Psalm 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.	
Day 19	Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.	
Day 20	Philippians 4:12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.	
Day 21	Numbers 6: 24-26 ²⁴ The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: ²⁵ The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: ²⁶ The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.	

	rds of encouragement, or advice to your at wisdom would you provide yourself for the
In what areas have	e you gained greater perspective in your life?
•	s you are intentionally providing wisdom to so
their journey will b assistance in their	e smoother? How might you offer greater life journey?



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