



PROVERBS

Proverbs: Fair Trade

Much of the book of Proverbs can be understood as wisdom that is passed from father to son. The parent prepares his children to face the challenges and threats of life. There is advice on work, money, debt, loans, generosity, and more. In this study we will be preparing to give advice to the youth in our church to guide them in managing their finances, minimising debt, avoiding greed and envy, learning the secret of contentment and satisfaction, and growing hearts of generosity toward others. It's important that we don't merely give Jewish advice or leave our youth with a set of rules. We must pay special attention to grounding our wisdom in the gospel of Jesus.

Biblical research

Divide the following sets of verses among your group so as to identify important ideas that need to be included in your advice to the youth. Summarise your research below, then work as a group to work out what advice you believe should be passed on to the next generation. And remember—it's the gospel that gives the motivation, and the Spirit of God who empowers the change.

Prov 11:1; 16:11;
20:10, 14, 23

Prov 22:7; 11:15; 22:26-27;
Romans 13:8

Prov 13:11; 15:27; 16:8

Prov 10:2; 11:18, 24-25

Matthew 6:19-24

Luke 12:13-21

Philippians 4:12-13, 19

2 Corinthians 8:8-15; 9:6-8

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Any other Scriptures?

Advice

Draw on the Scriptures above to offer Christian wisdom to our youth. Spend time praying for them and for yourselves.

WISDOM