



Proverbs

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PROVERBS 1:3

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trust
in the
Lord

PROVERBS 3:5-6

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guard
your
heart

PROVERBS 4:23

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wisdom
is more
precious
than
rubies

PROVERBS 8:11

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knowledge
is understanding

PROVERBS 9:10

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a
friend
loves
at all
times

PROVERBS 17:17

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Speak
Life

PROVERBS 18:21

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Reputation
Forever
Riches

PROVERBS 22:1

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Illon
Shall
Frown

PROVERBS 27:17

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whoever
obeys
the laws
is joyful

PROVERBS 29:18

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worth
more
than
jewels

PROVERBS 31:10

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charm
can
mislead
beauty
can
fade

PROVERBS 31:30

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trusting God

Mary most likely had all the feels. She was engaged. She was a virgin. And she was pregnant. As a devout Jewish girl, there was nothing usual—or acceptable—about her situation. “An angel said I’m carrying the Messiah” probably didn’t quell the angry masses. Mary was most certainly surrounded by skeptics and furious family members. Not to mention a very confused Joseph, her fiancé.

But you know what? Mary didn't allow her senses, or those of the people around her, to dictate her heart position. Her stance was to trust in the Lord, even when her circumstance (her surroundings) was intense. Mary chose to believe her God when He said it would all be okay: "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true" (Luke 1:38 NLT).

In Proverbs 3:6, the Hebrew word for *to know* is *yadá*.

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Mary looked past her surroundings and made choices in line with God's heart for her, for His Son, and for the eternal story of His Kingdom. To do this, she lived out Proverbs 3:5-6 on a daily basis: to trust in God, to rely on Him alone, to know the depths of His heart, and to let Him lead her. It was this lifestyle of intimacy with Him that allowed her a wise answer in the time of greatest need.



Read Luke 1:26-38. When have you needed a wise response to an overwhelming situation? Have you been ready?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6 every day this week and ask God for a fresh perspective on the message.

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thinking yourself happy

PROVERBS 12:25 CSB

The Bible is full of advice not to be anxious or worried. 1 Peter 5:7 says we can cast our cares on Him. Philippians 4:6 straight-up says not to be anxious. Matthew 6:25 says not to worry about the essentials of life. But what about our toughest, most unusual circumstances? When the teenager is making scary choices. When the job is on the line. When the diagnosis is not what we were praying for. Is it okay to be anxious then?

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And while an anxious thought will weight a heart down, a good word—one of rejoicing, prayer, or thanks—will cheer a person up. In any situation. That's a promise.



Proverbs 12:25, I Peter 5:7, Philippians 4:6
Matthew 6:25, Philippians 4:13
II Corinthians 12:9-10

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valued friendship

One of the most interesting friendships in the Bible happens between David, a shepherd and musician; and Jonathan, a prince. David worked in Jonathan's dad's house. Which is putting it mildly, as Jonathan's dad was the king, and his house was a palace. So while the two friends were about the same age and fought in the same army, they had little else in common.

But something endeared them to one another. After David defeated Goliath, 1 Samuel 18:1 (CSB) says that “Jonathan was bound to David in close friendship, and loved him as much as he loved himself.” Jonathan gave David his own cloak, armor, and weapons as a sign of loyalty. And the friendship that had started after a great victory was primed for action in a time of crisis.

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Proverbs 17:17 has two things to say about friendship. First, the love of a friend is constant. It doesn't have an on-off switch, whether we feel the feelings at the moment or not. Second, we have Kingdom friendships so that we have support when we need it most. The Hebrew word translated as *brother* in this verse is *ách*, which can simply mean a kindred spirit. Our close friends are our support system, and the people we support, in times of need.



Read I Samuel 20. Have you been in a situation where your friendship saved your life, either literally or figuratively? If someone comes to mind, write them a note today to tell them how much they mean.

If you are lacking in close friendships, take heart. We were designed for fellowship! Ask God to bring kindred spirits into your life, and He will be faithful.

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becoming a
woman of God

What Bible-reading woman hasn't read Proverbs 31 over and over again—either with nervousness that she doesn't measure up to the "ideal" wife, or for encouragement that she is called to great things? Proverbs 31 isn't meant to shame us, but to invite us into relationship with the Lord. When we partner with Him, it is the work of the Holy Spirit which transforms us. Over time, and in any of the many ways these verses highlight, God does His good work in us (Philippians 2:13).

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Maybe instead of wondering if we measure up, we can use Proverbs 31 as a road map. We can take action steps where we can, and ask God to keep transforming us. Then we can watch and see where He is taking us as virtuous women and wives. Be encouraged, friend: your worth is far above rubies. God is getting you there.



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Reading Challenge

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week one challenge Put your phone on silent and turn it over for the 5-10 minutes while you read the daily text. Soak it in.

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
CHAPTER 1	CHAPTER 2	CHAPTER 3	CHAPTER 4	CHAPTER 5	CHAPTER 6	CHAPTER 7

week two challenge Show grace even when it is hard.
Challenge yourself to speak words of life about people through the week.

DAY 8	DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11	DAY 12	DAY 13	DAY 14
CHAPTER 8	CHAPTER 9	CHAPTER 10	CHAPTER 11	CHAPTER 12	CHAPTER 13	CHAPTER 14

week three challenge Write a daily note of three things you are thankful for!

DAY 15	DAY 16	DAY 17	DAY 18	DAY 19	DAY 20	DAY 21
CHAPTER 15	CHAPTER 16	CHAPTER 17	CHAPTER 18	CHAPTER 19	CHAPTER 20	CHAPTER 21

week four challenge Send your favorite verse from each chapter and why to a friend each day.

DAY 22	DAY 23	DAY 24	DAY 25	DAY 26	DAY 27	DAY 28
CHAPTER 22	CHAPTER 23	CHAPTER 24	CHAPTER 25	CHAPTER 26	CHAPTER 27	CHAPTER 28

week five challenge Take a friend to lunch and tell them one or two things you have learned from the book of Proverbs!

DAY 29	DAY 30	DAY 31
CHAPTER 29	CHAPTER 30	CHAPTER 31



rejoice. pray.
give thanks.

believe



grace is
more than
enough...

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