

## **Proverbs Chapters 20-24**

### **Life and Conduct (Chapters 20-23); Precepts and Warnings (Chapter 24)**

We are continuing to plow through these recorded Proverbs of Solomon.

Chapters 1-24 are all organized and compiled by Solomon himself. Chapters 25-29 were compiled later under the reign of Hezekiah which we will look at next week.

Our format is shifting from teaching to sharing. Last week I asked each of you to read the above five chapters and highlight the proverbs that were most meaningful to you and share them with the group.

Some of the major themes we encounter in these chapters are:

- Abuse of alcohol
- Laziness and the negative results of being a sluggard
- Honest weights and balances vs. dishonest
- Child raising and discipline
- Fools who refuse discipline and reproof
- Diligence and prosperity
- Peace at home with little vs. tension with abundance
- Concern for the poor
- The tongue – the less said the better
- The uncertainty of wealth
- God's faithfulness – righteous fall 7 times but rise again – wicked not so
- Revenge and rejoicing when enemies stumble
- Impartiality within the hall of justice