

Smart Living: The Book Of Proverbs
"How To Become A Wise Leader"
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Their purpose is to teach people to **live disciplined and successful lives**, to help them do what is **right, just, and fair**. **Proverbs 1:3 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

Big Idea: If I want success in my life, then I must create **habits** that support my commitments.

Wise Leaders:

10. Keep Their Egos In Check

Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall. **Proverbs 16:18 (NLT2)**

Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but **a person is tested by being praised**.
Proverbs 27:21 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

9. Foresee Danger And Take Precautions

A prudent person **foresees danger** and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences. **Proverbs 22:3 (NLT2)**

Without oxen a stable stays clean, but you need a strong ox for a large harvest.
Proverbs 14:4 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

8. Surround Themselves With Wise Advisers

Plans go wrong for lack of advice; **many advisers bring success**. **Proverbs 15:22 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

7. Outlast Their Critics

A fool is **quick-tempered**, but a wise person stays **calm** when insulted. An **honest witness** tells the truth; a **false witness** tells lies. Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing. **Truthful words** stand the test of time, but **lies** are soon exposed.
Proverbs 12:17-19 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

6. Help Create Growth

A growing population is a king's glory; a prince without subjects has nothing.
Proverbs 14:28 (NLT2)

5. Create Healthy Boundaries With The Opposite Sex

Stay away from her! **Don't go near the door of her house!** If you do, you will **lose your honor** and will lose to merciless people all you have achieved. **Strangers will consume your wealth**, and someone else will enjoy the fruit of your labor. In the end you will groan in anguish when **disease** consumes your body... I have come to the brink of utter ruin, and now I must face **public disgrace.**" **Proverbs 5:8-11, 14 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

4. Keep Their Hearts In Check

Guard your **heart** above all else, for it **determines the course of your life.**
Proverbs 4:23 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

3. Develop A Good Reputation With Loyalty And Kindness

My child, never forget the things I have taught you. **Store my commands in your heart.** If you do this, you will **live many years**, and your **life will be satisfying.** Never let **loyalty and kindness** leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find **favor** with both **God and people**, and you will **earn a good reputation.** **Proverbs 3:1-4 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

2. Keep Their Eyes On What's Most Important

Look straight ahead, and **fix your eyes** on what lies before you. **Mark out a straight path** for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.
Proverbs 4:25-27 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

1. Answer To A Higher Authority

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer."
Proverbs 9:10-12 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

➤ Which Leadership Truth Do You Need To Embrace The Most?

My next right step, I will:

- Be a leader in my family and at work
- Take action where God is leading me to lead
- Focus on developing my character

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

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Open in Prayer.

Ice breaker: Who has influenced you the most in your family? In what way?
Who has influenced you the most, outside of your family? In what way?

Wise Leaders:

10. Keep Their Egos In Check

Read Proverbs 16:18

Can you share a time when your pride got you into trouble?
What did you learn from your experience?

Read Proverbs 27:21

How does praise test us?

9. Foresee Danger And Take Precaution

Read Proverbs 22:3

What is your process of taking precaution?
How would you describe your willingness to take risks?

Read Proverbs 14:4

Describe a time where you participated in doing something big.

What kind of mess was involved? Was it worth it?

8. Surround Themselves With Wise Advisers

Read Proverbs 15:22

Who do you go to when you need advice?

When do you ask for advice? Well in advance? Shortly before you need help?
When are things going wrong?

7. Outlast Their Critics

Read Proverbs 12:17-19

Have you ever been falsely accused? How did you handle it?

How well do you keep your cool when you are insulted?

What does this passage teach you?

6. Help Create Growth

Read Proverbs 14:28

In what areas can our church grow?

What areas are we growing as a church?

In what area can you help our church to grow?

5. Create Healthy Boundaries With The Opposite Sex

Read Proverbs 5:8-11, 14

What boundaries have you set for the opposite sex?

4. Keep Their Hearts In Check

Read Proverbs 4:23

What emotion do you struggle with the most? Bitterness? Greed? Envy? Pride?...

What helps you to guard your heart?

3. Develop A Good Reputation With Loyalty And Kindness

Read Proverbs 3:1-4

Who is an example to you of loyalty and kindness?

How can you demonstrate more loyalty and kindness?

2. Keep Their Eyes On What's Most Important

Read Proverbs 4:25-27

What do you learn from this passage?

What is your strategy to keep you on the right path?

What gets you sidetracked?

1. Answer To A Higher Authority

Read Proverbs 9:10-12

Who or what is your ultimate authority?

How does this shape your leadership?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.