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Bible Study / Prayer Project

Wisdom Categorized

Purpose:

This project is designed to help you meditate on God’s Word and discover applications for the Scriptures you read. In addition, you will find it helps you automatically memorize the Scriptures without trying and, as you progress with the project, you will be creating an invaluable resource you can reference when you need advice or are giving counsel to others.

Tools:

Start with a three ring binder and 8 divider sheets.

The attached “Table of Contents” should be page one of your notebook followed by the dividers.

Label the divider sheets as follows:

- Characteristics of Wisdom
- Wisdom in Relationships
- Wisdom in Finances
- Wisdom in Speech
- Inner Qualities and Integrity
- Vices and Character Flaws
- The Nature of God
- Miscellaneous

Pages between the dividers need to be titled with each of the subtitles given on the next page. For example: After the divider labeled “Characteristics of Wisdom” place six sheets of paper. Page one should say at the top “What is Wisdom?”, page 2 should say “Importance and Blessings of Wisdom”, etc.

Procedure:

Decide which version of the Bible you prefer to work with. King James is good because of its wide acceptance and ease in memorizing. The New International Version (NIV) or New American Standard (NAS or NASU) are good for ease of understanding.

Start with the Book of Proverbs. I suggest starting with Chapter 10 because Chapters 1-9 are harder to categorize and can be done after you are more experienced.

1. Read the Proverb. We will use Proverbs 10:1 for our example.

A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother. (NIV)

2. Decide what category this proverb applies to. The obvious one here is under “Wisdom in Relationships” – Parent and Child Relationships. Turn to that page in your notebook and write out the entire passage and where it is found. As you write, think about the meaning of this proverb. You will probably also think of other areas this passage applies. For example, this one also relates to “Characteristics of a Fool” and “Characteristics of a Wise Man.” Write the passage and its reference out under both of those categories as well.

3. Move on to the next passage: Proverbs 10:2 - Ill-gotten treasures are of no value, but righteousness delivers from death. (NIV) Categories: Wisdom in Finances / Seeking Wealth; Wisdom in Finances / Cheating and Dishonest Gain; Wisdom in Relationships / Characteristics and Blessings of the Righteous and Prudent. Do you see others?

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