

Proverbs 10:6-14

Good life...good works



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Proverbs 10:6-14

1. From Proverbs 10, we will read and explore verses 6-14. The group of proverbs in chapter 10 are loosely grouped around living wisely in the areas of speaking (words) and riches (wealth). Read 10:6-14 as a group. Which of these proverbs are about words?
2. Consider 10:6-7. The word “blessings” is about words of blessing. God’s blessings are spoken words, promises of faithfulness and love. When we bless one another we speak words to one another or perhaps pray for one another. How does God bless his people? How do we bless one another?
3. In 6:9 the word translated “blameless” or “integrity” is very important. What does “blameless” mean? What is the contrasting word that describes the life of the wicked? Draw some contrasts between the righteous and the wicked with regard to speaking.
4. On two occasions in 6:8 and 6:10 fools are described as “babbling” or “chattering”. What do you think this word means? Why is it a foolish way to speak?

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5. Important areas of life are explored on a number of occasions throughout the book of Proverbs. Look at the other uses of the term “blameless” and discuss them. They are found in Proverbs 11:20; 19:1; 28:6, and 28:18.
6. What does Jesus teach about his own words in John 12:47-50? In what way is Jesus the epitome of wisdom?
7. Read James 3:1-6. What are some of James’ most important teachings about speech in this portion of his letter?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Proverbs 10:6-14 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. What are some of the most significant challenges we face today with regard to the way we speak?
9. What areas of speaking are you working on presently? How can we support you in prayer as you seek to be wise in this area of your life?