

Small Group Leader & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: Proverbs 10:4

“Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.”

Discovery Bible Study Exercise: In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out Proverbs 10:4
- Step #2: Re-write Proverbs 10:4 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out two or three things you discover from this passage?

Daily Bible Meditation: A Study of Wisdom

- Sunday – Proverbs 20
- Monday – Proverbs 21
- Tuesday – Proverbs 22
- Wednesday – Proverbs 23
- Thursday – Proverbs 24
- Friday – Proverbs 25
- Saturday – Proverbs 26

Lesson: Wise at Work

1. Last week we talked about wealth bringing turmoil and not trusting in riches and now Proverbs tells us that diligent hands bring wealth. How would you explain this week’s memory verse (Proverbs 15:16) in relationship to last week’s verse (Proverbs 10:4)?

I think that God is telling us to work hard and work honest in order to care for our families and that he will bless that work. He is not, however, giving us a green light to desire wealth but simply a promise to faithfulness and a promise to care for us. As he provides all the birds in the air and the flowers in the fields he will provide for us but he desires a heart willing to work hard. Laziness is not from God.

2. What does Proverbs 10:4 say about God pleasing work ethics?

God wants us to have a willing spirit. We please God by pleasing our boss, our family, our church, and our neighbors by being willing to do the right things. We are to work in a way that is honorable. God from the beginning made man to do jobs. You can see it through the beginning of creation and beyond as you read God’s word, God’s people worked.

3. Read Colossians 3:22-24. What is to be our motivation for hard work?

We understand that when we do our work we are to be honoring God. We work as if we worked for the Lord. If He is the Lord of our life, then we should honor Him in everything we do and our work life is one of the most obvious places we can honor God.

4. How could you be more responsible to God in with work ethics at work, at home, in your community, and in your church?