



THE
WORD

SESSION SNAPSHOT

WALKING ON THE PATH OF PROSPERITY

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Proverbs 3:1-12

GOSPEL FOCUS:

Hebrews 13:8

TAKEAWAYS:

- The real path to prosperity is paved through the practice of giving
- God is worthy to be trusted with our possessions

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Proverbs 1-2
- Proverbs 3-4
- Proverbs 16-18
- Proverbs 31
- 1 Kings 11-12

STUDY THE WORD

Who is the person in your life you trust the most? Why do you trust them?

Why do you think Scripture tells us so often to remember the things that God has said and done?

When do you find yourself most likely to forget how you've experienced God in your life before?

What does it look like to put your trust in somebody?

Why is it so tempting to be impressed with our own wisdom (v.5, 7) instead of leaning on the Lord's?

What does it really look like to trust God? How can you know whether you're actually trusting Him or trusting in yourself?

What does it look like to honor God with your possessions? How does that affect what you buy and what you want?

What outcome does this section tell us comes from honoring God with our possessions and wealth? Have you found that to be true?

Refer to verses 11 and 12. What do you think of when you read about "the Lord's discipline"?

Share a story about a time you were corrected and how you responded to it, whether good or bad.

What should our reaction be to being told, in a godly way, that we are out of line?

Would you consider your life abundant and prosperous? Why or why not?

How do you define an abundant and prosperous life?

What do you need to do to get to that point?

APPLY THE WORD

Our entire being is involved in this biblical case study of trusting the Lord. Our minds, our bodies, and even our possessions are absolutely included in this kind of trust: we trust God to direct our minds and our decisionmaking; we trust God to direct the steps we take; we trust God to provide for us as we honor Him with the things He's given us.

Are any of your "ways" not devoted to the Lord? How can you take steps to change that this week?

Do you honor the Lord with the things that you have? What is one thing you can do with something you have this week in order to honor Him with it?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***1 Kings 16:29-34; 17***
- ***1 Kings 18-19***
- ***1 Kings 21-22***
- ***2 Kings 2***
- ***2 Kings 5; 6:1-23***