

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORDS OF WISDOM



People are always looking for words of wisdom. We seek those nuggets of truth that contain valuable insights regarding life. Our hope is that we might find an easy to remember phrase that will guide us through our journey here on earth. We often seek words of wisdom from people who have a proven record of success, have lived a satisfying life, or have made a significant impact with their life. As humans we like to imitate what we admire, and applying words of wisdom is part of this attempt to imitate.

When it comes to success, a satisfying life, or making a difference in this world, the Bible has much to say on these topics. God is the source of true wisdom and since He is the one who made us with a plan, it shouldn't surprise us that He has given us many words of wisdom in the Bible to direct us towards success (as He defines it), a satisfying life, and making an eternal difference with our lives.

There are many nuggets of truth in God's Word (the Bible). There are phrases that are easy to remember and packed with life-changing truth. Look at these examples:

- **“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” (Proverbs 4:23)**
- **“Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.” (Proverbs 13:11)**
- **“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” (Galatians 6:7)**
- **“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you,” (Matthew 7:12)**

This is a very small sample. The reality is that the Bible is full of such nuggets of truth that when applied can change our lives. The list below is made up of Bible passages that contain such truths. Take the time to read them. Here are some questions that will make your reading of these truths more fruitful.

- What nuggets of wisdom does this passage contain?
- What are the promises for those who follow these truths?
- What are the consequences for those who refuse to follow these truths?
- What are the characteristics of the life of someone who puts these truths into action?
- Which words of wisdom are especially meaningful to you and why?
- How can you put some of these truths into action in your life?

Psalms 1

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1 Corinthians 13

Matthew 5, 6, and 7

Proverbs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9

As a closing encouragement, the book of Proverbs is a whole book of wisdom. It contains 31 chapters which is the number of days in many months of the calendar year. Why not pick a month and read a chapter from Proverbs every day? At the end of that month you will have taken in the entire book of wisdom. Above all else let us remember that God is the source of wisdom and there is great blessing in reading His wisdom and putting it into practice in our lives.