



4th December 2022

2022 Missions Sunday

2 Pages of Photographs



Thank God for a great 5th Annual Missions Sunday last week! We had a good attendance, great lesson, good food and fellowship. Also, first contributions of around \$10,000. We will be publishing the full record on the last Sunday of this month.




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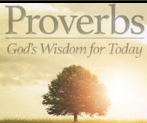
Introduction


Proverbs 9:9
Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser

Many practical gems from the book of Proverbs

Started series last month: Wisdom








Tonight, second topic from Proverbs – Success

Success means different things to different people

Usually finances, relationships, health, and spiritual well-being

We all want to be successful

Again, 7 verses from book of Proverbs



1. Success is Offered

Proverbs 3:16
*Length of days is in her right hand;
and in her left hand riches and honour.*

The Bible promises much success
Long life
Riches
Honour...

God is ready to pour out a blessing for you

Luke 6:38 *"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be given to you. For with the same measure you measure it will be measured back to you."*

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1. Success is Offered

You have good success because God is with you

"David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the Lord was with him."
- 1 Samuel 18:14 (NLT)

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2. Success is Conditional

Proverbs 16:20
He who heeds the Word finds prosperity. Whoever trusts in the Lord is blessed.

2 Conditions mentioned here

Heeds the word - 1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.*

Trusts in the Lord - Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in Yahweh with all your heart, And don't lean on your own understanding.*

Like salvation, free but costly

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1 Success Offered


2. Success is Conditional

me → success → my glory

God → me → success → God's glory

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3. Fear of the Lord

Proverbs 22:4

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

Key to success is the fear of the Lord - Ecclesiastes 5:7

For in the multitude of dreams there are vanities, as well as in many words: but you must fear God.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

Cannot have success without submitting to God

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THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY ONE IS Understanding.

PROVERBS 9:10



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Proverbs 27:18

Whoever tends the fig tree shall eat its fruit. He who looks after his master shall be honored.

Success comes with diligence

Colossians 3:22-23

Servants, obey in all things those who are your masters according to the flesh, not just when they are looking, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for men,



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PROVERBS 6:6
GO TO THE
ANT THOU
SLUGGARD.
CONSIDER
ITS WAYS
AND BE
WISE.

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5. Listen to Advice

Proverbs 15:22
Without counsel purposes are disappointed:
but in the multitude of counsellors they are
established.

Look out for advice and reflect on them thoroughly


Success is not a 'self-made man'



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6. The element of Love

Proverbs 15:17

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.


Success has no meaning if it is without love

Even a poor, uneducated person can be successful



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Proverbs 16:20 *He who heeds the Word finds prosperity. Whoever trusts the Lord is blessed.*

Key to success

For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything he does.

Psalm 33:4 NLT

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I Can Trust God's Plan because He

- Never changes
- Is all powerful
- Is all knowing
- Is always with me
- Is wise
- Is faithful
- Is good
- Is love
- Is merciful

- Hebrews 13:8
- Jeremiah 32:17
- Psalms 147:5
- Psalms 139:7-10
- Romans 11:33
- Psalms 119:90
- Psalms 34:8
- 1 John 4:7-8
- Romans 9:15-16

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Activate the word of God

- Open it

- Read it

- Internalize it

ACTIVATING

THE POWER OF

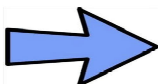
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Ong Kok Bin and Esther

*for a lifetime of selfless
and untiring service ministering
to the churches of Christ
in Kuala Lumpur and Seremban,
in Malaysia*

**5th Missions Sunday
27th November 2022**



**HAPPY
DECEMBER
BIRTHDAY!**
25th - Tng Huat



11th December 2022

Last Month of 2022

Thank God for A Great Year

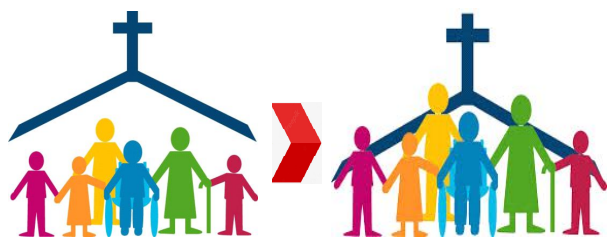


We started 2022 with uncertainty. The PPCOC building was due to be demolished and we had to pre-record our worship for 3 Sundays as we awaited approval for the registration of our church with the authorities.

By February, after more than a month, we received approval for our registration and were able to rent a meeting place near an MRT station.

It took us a few weeks to renovate the rented premises. It was a relief to secure a place and not just rent a hall on an hourly basis. We did not have to worry about moving furniture, and have a place we can use during the week.

On the 6th March, we had our first worship in the new location. What a joy it was to have a place of our own after moving around between 3 other venues.



With a new location, it was time to modify our logo from a house church to a growing church coming out into the community (above) while retaining its original simplicity in design. The Household of Faith was now ready for a new start.

After 3 weeks, Care teams resumed. As the children have grown, a youth Care team was started besides the men's and ladies' care teams.

It was observed that it took a while for the membership to return in full strength, but by our 5th Anniversary, most had returned.

Visitors are now joining us every week as well as supporters, SIBI students and overseas visitors.



We had a good turn out at Missions Sunday with brother Ong Kok Bin as our guest speaker.


With only a month left in 2022, we are thankful to the Lord, members and supporters for a great year. We look forward to all kinds of possibilities in the coming year, with God's grace.



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Already: Wisdom and Success








Tonight, we go a little bit deeper – on the negative area, what to avoid

In order to do good and be successful must be aware of evil

Learn tonight what the Bible says about Vices





A vice is an evil, immoral, or wicked habit or practice.

vice

noun

UK /vaɪs/ US /vaɪs/

vice noun (FAULT)

[C or U]

a moral fault or weakness in someone's character:

- Greed, pride, envy, and lust are considered to be vices.
- mainly humorous *My one real vice (= bad habit) is chocolate.*

[U]

illegal and immoral activities, especially involving illegal sex, drugs, etc.:

- *The chief of police said that he was committed to wiping out vice in the city.*

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1. No Self Control

Proverbs 25:28
He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Today many attracted to drugs – even Olympic athletes in Singapore

Example: our speech - James 3:4-10 *Behold, the ships also, though they are so big and are driven by fierce winds, are yet guided by a very small rudder, wherever the pilot desires. So the tongue is also a little member, and boasts great things. See how a small fire can spread to a large forest! And the tongue is a fire. The world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature, and is set on fire by Hell.*

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1. No Self Control

SELF-CONTROL

1. Stop

2. Think

3. Act

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1. Self Control

2. Pride

Proverbs 16:18
Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Some people indulge in vices because of pride

Pride is the sin of the devil - 1 John 2:16
For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's, but is the world's.

Put on a false front

Lose face or lose your soul?

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1. Self Control

2. Pride

3. Gossip

4. Learn from Mistakes

Proverbs 29:1

He who is often rebuked and stiffens his neck

Will be destroyed suddenly, with no remedy.

Can we do better? Will we try?


Receive instructions and improve – do not let mistakes prevent you from doing better

FORGET THE MISTAKE

REMEMBER THE LESSON

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Easy to judge

mistake of others.


Difficult is to

recognize your

own mistakes.

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5. Do not Scorn

Proverbs 14:6

A scorner seeks wisdom, and finds it not:

but knowledge is easy unto him that understands

“

Scorn - a feeling

that someone

or something

is not good enough

to deserve your

approval or respect”

definition

No sense of humility to learn or accept – a bad attitude that prevents learning.

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5. Do not Scorn
6. Be Diligent

7. Look on the Bright Side

Proverbs 15:15

*All the days of the afflicted are evil:
but he that is of a merry heart
had a continual feast.*

So easy to be depressed by things around us

Which one are you?

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THANKFUL

GRATEFUL

BLESSED

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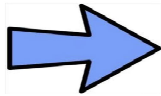
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Let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith - Galatians 6:10

18th December 2022

Quotes from Proverbs Keep them in Your Meditation



"A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult."

Proverbs 12:16 (NIV)

The one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker, but one who is kind to the needy honors Him.

- Proverbs 14:31



HE WHO FOLLOWS AFTER
RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND KINDNESS
FINDS LIFE,
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND HONOR.
PROVERBS 21:21



**TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND LEAN NOT ON
YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING;
IN ALL YOUR WAYS
ACKNOWLEDGE
HIM, AND HE
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YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.**

Proverbs 3:5-6




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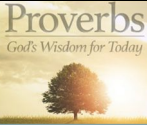
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Already: Wisdom, Success and Vices








Tonight we look at relationships.

Our happiness and well-being depends on our relationships.

How is our relationship with our family and friends?
 Do you get along with others?

Proverbs show the way to better relationships.



1. Build Friendships

Proverbs 18:24
*A man that hath friends must show himself friendly:
 and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.*

Start by counting the number of your friends.


Then see how many you are keeping touch.

Some people have over a thousand friends on Facebook – but they do not mean anything.

More than just friends – how many are you keeping in touch, and how many you can call for help?

These are more special than a brother.

Friendliness is a two-way street.



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1. Build Friendships

2. Walk with Wise

Proverbs 13:20
*He that walks with wise men shall be wise:
but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*


You are known by the friends you hang out with.

These people will influence you either for good or evil.

An easy way to be wiser is to choose good friends.
People with ambition and are hard working.

Do not befriend people who are always looking for fun and finding some new place to eat all the time.

The corruption may already have started.



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1. Build Friendships


2. Walk with the Wise

3. Avoid Contention

Proverbs 22:10
*Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out;
yea, strife and reproach shall cease.*

In friendship, there is always contention. So easy to take sides.

Usually there is a troublemaker in every group. The best way to solve it is to avoid this person.



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1. Build Friendships

2. Walk with the Wise

3. Avoid Contention

4. Seek Integrity

Proverbs 22:11
*He that loves pureness of heart,
for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.*


Bible has much to say about being pure in heart.

Basically it is to be truthful and honest to yourself and your friends

Matthew 5:8
Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

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5. Strengthen Ties


Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpened iron; so a man sharpened the countenance of his friend.

Do you keep in touch with your friends?


Are you there in good times and also when your friends are worried or in trouble?

Celebrate birthdays, send cards or texts if you cannot get together.



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6. Be Gentle and Kind

Proverbs 15:1

A soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Sometimes we get all worked up because of differences of opinion.

It takes two to fight.

It is not the first angry word, but the second angry word that fuels discord.


Learn to be a peacemaker

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called children of God.

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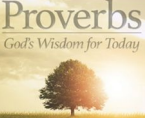
Proverbs 25:15

By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks the bone.

Patience is the key to good and long relationships.

Think about your parents – what they have to put up with you.

Since relationships are so important, bear with it and be patient.



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Proverbs 17:17
*A friend loveth at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.*

Are you a fair weather friend?

Are your friends only around when the going is good?

A true friend loves at all times, and a close friend is a gift for hard times.

Superficiality is a waste of time. You need to find and be a true friend.




Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
Communion & Giving
Exhortation
Invitation
Announcements
Closing Prayer




*Joy to the world
the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.*

Next Week:
Joy to the World



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JOIN US FOR A
**FELLOWSHIP
DINNER**

Rice & Dishes

If you'd like to contribute a dish, see June

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Delicious food from our ladies - Curry Chicken (Elaine), Thai Green Curry (Phai) and pictured, desserts from Kang Hwei and Iris.



25th December 2022

5th Missions Sunday Gifts

Thank You for Sharing Your Love



The Bible teaches in 2 Corinthians 9:7 Let each man give according as he has determined in his heart; not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. We thank these cheerful givers to our 5th Missions Sunday.

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	MF 0008	Anonymous	\$200
	MF 0009	Anonymous	\$5,000
	MF 0010	Anonymous	\$1,000
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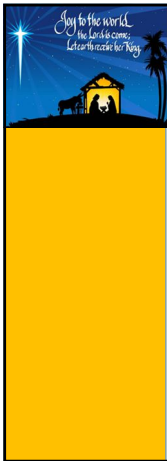


*Joy to the world
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What does "Joy to the World" mean to you?

- Decorations and parties
- Presents
- A public holiday to celebrate

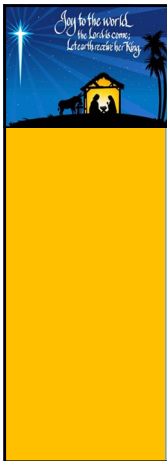


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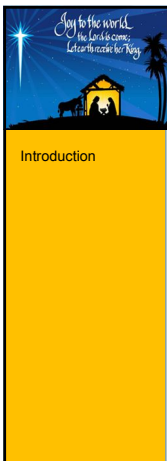
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While all of these are positive, there is much more to "Joy to the World"

Tonight, I will cover 3 areas

Hope this will bring new meaning to the words





Joy for the Jews

Let us focus on the Jews at the time of Christ:

- Taken into captivity
- Returned to a small portion of land
- Temple only a shadow of what it was

In their recent 400 years:

- No divine intervention
- Religion was legalistic and political
- Greek king Antiochus IV marched into the Jewish temple and sacrificed a pig
- Rebel warriors Maccabees secured 100 years independence - Hanukkah
- General Pompey brought it under Roman rule



Introduction

Joy for the Jews

Luke 1:13-19

But the angel said to him, "Don't be afraid, Zacharias... your wife, Elizabeth, will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. You will have joy and gladness..."

He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord, their God...

The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God. I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news."

Matthew 3:3

For this is he who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ready the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight."



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Joy for the Jews

Joy for the People

Luke 1:30-31

The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and will call his name 'Jesus.'"

Matthew 1:20-21

But when he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take to yourself Mary, your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She shall bring forth a son. You shall call his name Jesus, for it is he who shall save his people from their sins."



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Joy for the Jews

Joy for the People


Luke 4:18-21

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, Because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim release to the captives, Recovering of sight to the blind, To deliver those who are crushed, And to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him.

He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."




Joy for the World

Mark 11:17
*My house shall be called a house of prayer **for all the nations***


Matthew 24:14 (paraphrased)
*When asked concerning the end of the age, Jesus said, in effect: "Don't be misled. It will not be as soon as some think. For this gospel of the kingdom shall **be preached in the whole world** for a witness to all nations, and after that, the end shall come"*


Acts 1:8
*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, **and to the end of the earth***



Joy for the World

Matthew 27:51
*At that moment the curtain of the temple **was torn in two** from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split*





Conclusion

God created the world but it never obeyed Him
Genesis 6:5-6 God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. God was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him in his heart.

God created the Hebrew nation, gave it the 10 commandments so the world would learn how to worship Him
1 Corinthians 10:6-11 Now these things were our examples... Neither grumble, as some of them also grumbled, and perished by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them by way of example, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.



Conclusion

God sent Jesus to fulfill the law and remove the middle wall of division for all mankind

Ephesians 2:11-14 *Therefore remember that once you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "uncircumcision" by that which is called "circumcision," (in the flesh, made by hands);*

that you were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off are made near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who made both one, and broke down the middle wall of partition



Conclusion

Joy To The World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room;
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

The most significant event: The Lord has come!




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