



Fidelity

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

1st January 2023

7 Steps Forward in 2023 To Reach Out to Your Family & Friends



Thank God for the past year of 2022. The Lord has enabled us to be registered, rent a meeting place and gather our members, visitors and supporters for worship, Care teams and fellowship.

As we look forward to 2023, we call on every member to reach out to your family and friends. At our worship tonight, I will explain the 7 simple steps forward for 2023.

1. Pray. Nothing meaningful can be accomplished without prayer. Make a prayer list on your phone. Write down the names of your family, extended family and people that you want to be with you in heaven.

2. Study the Bible. Equip yourself as a tool that God can use - *Give diligence to present yourself approved by God, a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, properly handling the Word of Truth (2 Tim. 2:15).*

3. Invite your family and friends to church. Do not make the mistake of thinking that they will not respond. When I started the Chinese congregation, very few believed that their parents would become Christians.

4. Visit. Nothing can be achieved when we stay locked in our ivory tower. When we go, they will come. Visit and keep the lines of communication open.

5. Fellowship. Invite your family members

and friends out for a meal or just breakfast. This will be a stepping stone to inviting them to a church event.

6. Share the Gospel. Jesus has commanded in Matthew 28:19-20 to *"go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Here we have a command to go and an assurance that God will be with us. So why are we holding back?

7. Fetch to service. Many whom you invite will just brush away your invitation or conveniently not show up after they promise you they will come. Why not arrange to come together to service?

From my experience, this was the best way to get my parents to church - pick them and take them to lunch. Or you can enjoy tea with your friends and come together for our worship. After the first visit, many will want to return.



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 A fresh start
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Or else this time 2024...

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- 7 things we all can do
- Do one each day

Little drops of water,
 Little grains of sand,
 Make the mighty ocean
 And the pleasant land.



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1. Pray

Not "the least we can do"

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of.
Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?

Alfred Lord Tennyson

1 Samuel 12:23

*Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin
against Yahweh in ceasing to pray for you: but I will
instruct you in the good and the right way.*

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Make a prayer list on your phone

- A. *Start with your parents/grand parents – little time left*
- B. *The rest of your family, including extended members*
- C. *Colleagues or fellow students – daily encounters*
- D. *People you come in touch with – neighbours etc*
- E. *Friends and people that you know*



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2 Peter 3:18 *But grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the
glory both now and forever. Amen.*

How?

2 Timothy 2:15 *Give diligence to present yourself
approved by God, a workman who doesn't need to
be ashamed, properly handling the Word of Truth.*

2 benefits

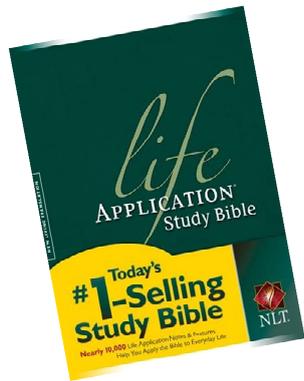
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- 2. Others



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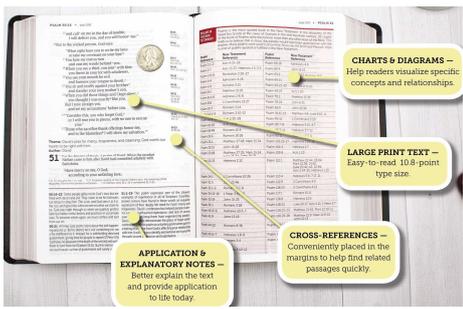
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3. Invite

Psalms 122:1 *I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the LORD.*

John 1:41-42
*He first found his own brother Simon and said to him,
"We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).
He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and
said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall
be called Cephas" (which means Peter).*

Keep inviting – calendar cards

You never mentioned Him to me,
You helped me not the way to see;
You met me day by day and knew I was astray,
Yet never mentioned Him to me."

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- 7 Creative ways to invite
1. Direct invitation when you are together
 2. A Call when not together – rotate list
 3. When replying to a text
 4. When texting on your list
 5. Send a card, enclose a Fidelity bulletin
 6. At an event eg family gathering, birthday, wedding
 7. Send a delivery with invitation to church

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James 1:27 *Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

Acts 15:36 *After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's return now and visit our brothers in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, to see how they are doing."*

- Nothing as effective as visiting
- PP's growth due to home visits
- Drop by and leave a Fidelity or invitation card

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4. Visit

- People to Visit – not exhaustive list of options
- 1 Parents – if you are staying out
 - 2 Extended Family – when there is no occasion
 - 3 Keeping in touch with friends
 - 4 Visitors to Household of Faith
 - 5 People whose birthday is coming



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1 Thessalonians 5:11
Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Acts 2:42
And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Galatians 6:2
Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

More than visits – getting a few people together for breakfast or a meal

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Some Suggestions

- 1 Saturday breakfast
- 2 Exercise – walk or jog
- 3 Event – eg movie or concert
- 4 Advance birthday meal
- 5 Fun activity – computer exhibition, favorite hawker store, bbq



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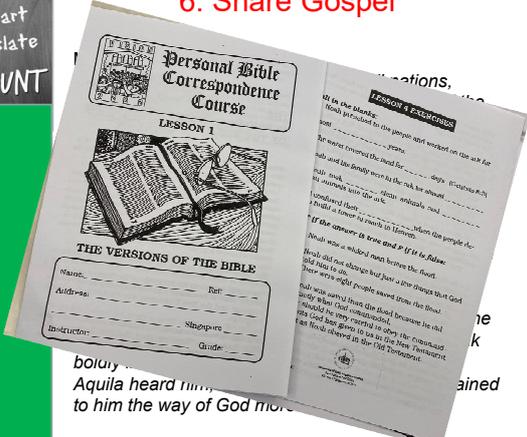
Matthew 28:19-20
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Acts 18:24-26 *Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus. He was mighty in the Scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, although he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside, and explained to him the way of God more accurately.*

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THE VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE

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Introduction: _____ Signature: _____
Guide: _____

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to him the way of God more...

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Hebrews 10:24-25
And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Don't need a car
Your parents enjoy just being with children and having a meal together
Many will refuse, so you have to be consistent
Especially on special occasions

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Rank 1-7
At least 1 of 7 a day
Do more if possible



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HAPPY new year 2023



Happy Birthday,
Tng Huat





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8th January 2023

Scriptures for the New Year What God has in Mind for you in 2023



The word of God is full of God's plans for you in the new year. Take time to ponder upon them to make 2023 a special year for you - *Open my eyes, That I may see wondrous things out of your law* (Psalms 119:18).

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland - Isaiah 43:19.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future - Jeremiah 29:11.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness - Lamentations 3:22-23.

But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me - Micah 7:7.

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint - Isaiah 40:31.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has

called me heavenward in Christ Jesus - Philippians 3:13-14.

You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance - Psalm 65:11.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom - Psalm 90:12.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work - 2 Corinthians 9:8.

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal - 2 Corinthians 4:17-18.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens - Ecclesiastes 3:1.



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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 year. Tonight on Making a Living.





Everyone needs money.
King Solomon was very successful in all that he did – the crowning glory is a magnificent temple to honour God.
He shared good advice on how to make a living.
If you want to make the most of your life on earth, read these proverbs.
Again, 7 verses from book of Proverbs



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1. Be Diligent

Proverbs 10:4
He becomes poor who works with a lazy hand, But the hand of the diligent brings wealth.

We all admire people like Bill Gates and Warren Buffet.
They did not inherit their wealth but work hard for a living.
Solomon emphasized diligence as a key to financial success.
A lazy person will be poor.
The diligent man will do well – eg C.K. Tang.

1. Be Diligent

DILIGENCE



Ecclesiastes 9:10
Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

2. Good Judgment

Proverbs 13:23
An abundance of food is in poor people's fields, but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment."

A fool and his money are soon parted.

Luke 15:13-14
Not many days after, the younger son gathered all of this together and traveled into a far country.

There he wasted his property with riotous living. When he had spent all of it, there arose a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need.

2. Good Judgment

**GOOD JUDGEMENT
COMES FROM
EXPERIENCE.
EXPERIENCE COMES
FROM BAD
JUDGEMENT.**



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3. Learn to Save

Proverbs 21:20
There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise; But a foolish man swallows it up.

I often wonder how people can spend to their last cent. If you have an income, good to save some of the income.

Too many homes have too many things. Especially for children.

Now there is a promotion to pay for your purchases in 4 payments without interest.

Do not purchase anything you cannot afford. So many things we buy are not necessary – we can borrow or do without.



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Proverbs 11:24 *There is one who scatters, and increases yet more. There is one who withholds more than is appropriate, but gains poverty.*

Bible tells us how we can increase our wealth in 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."*

Business schools do not teach this, but Solomon did. If you are stingy and try to protect your assets, you will lose; if you share it, you will prosper!

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 Cast your bread on the waters; For you shall find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, yes, even to eight; For you don't know what evil will be on the earth.



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5. Be Prudent

Proverbs 14:15
A simple man believes everything, But the prudent man carefully considers his ways.

Meaning: acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

So many scams and get rich schemes – eg crypto Currency and bitcoin

Think carefully especially online shopping

Also impulse purchase



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6. Restrain Your Appetite

Proverbs 21:17
He who loves pleasure shall be a poor man: He who loves wine and oil shall not be rich.

Do you spend more than you earn? You cannot prosper.

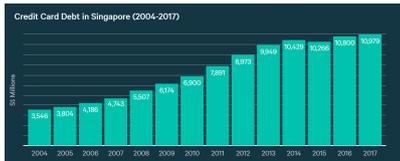
We complain about high cost of living but the trouble is the cost of high living.

Average Credit Card Debt Per Capita in Singapore is approximately S\$1,956, according to the latest data from the Department of Statistics of Singapore.



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STOP
SPENDING
MONEY
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7. Trust God

Proverbs 3:9
Honour the LORD with your substance, With the first fruits of all your increase:

You can honor God by good works, worship and prayer.

Usually when something happens, we cut our contribution first.

Jews honor God by giving Him the firstfruits.



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Example of John Wesley:
When his income was £30, and his living expenses £28, so he had £2 to give away.

The next year, his income doubled, but he still lived on £28 and gave £32 away.

In the third year, his income jumped to £90; again he lived on £28, giving £62 away.

The fourth year, he made £120, lived again on £28, and gave £92 to the poor.

Psalm 20:7
Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

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Ponder on these 7 Proverbs:

1. Be Diligent
2. Exercise Good Judgement
3. Save as You Earn
4. Be Generous
5. Be Prudent
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7. Trust God in Honouring Him



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Thai Food

In celebration of Nat's 79th Birthday

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Below: Men reading Psalm 65:11 in five different languages





15th January 2023

Almost A Year at Ayer Rajah ***Praise God for His Bountiful Blessings***



We met for the last time at PPCOC on the 6th February 2022 as the property was handed to the contractors for rebuilding. For 3 Sundays in February 2022 (13th-27th), we met at our members' homes for live streaming worship with pre-recorded sermons.

We secured our registration in early February and confirmed a meeting place near the one-north MRT. After renovation, we had a dry run on 6th March and have been enjoying the new location for Care teams, worship and dinner fellowship since.

Slowly, but surely, our members got used to the new location. Visitors, supporters, SIBI students and overseas visitors also joined us at our new premises. Last Sunday we had our first overflowing attendance - pictured below.

Worship will end by 7pm



Since **cny** falls on Sunday 22nd January, we will have care teams and worship only.

No dinner fellowship so you can join your family for reunion dinner.

HoF will sponsor a buffet on 29th January

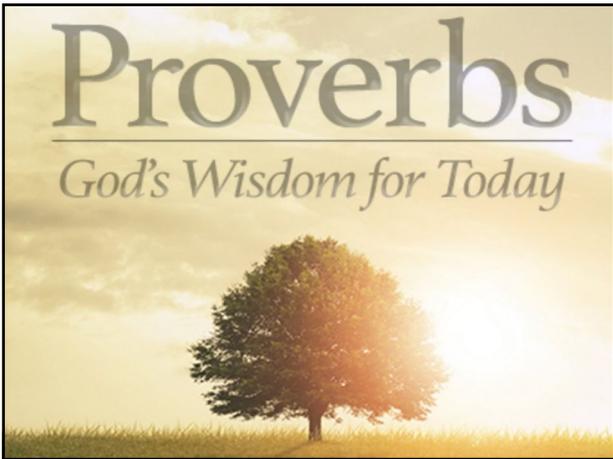


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Tonight, we will look into Business.

We spend more time in our profession or business than anything else we do.

Best Hours of the day
Best Days of the week
Best Years of our lives

Let us look at 7 passages in Proverbs to point the way.

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1. Be Fair

Proverbs 20:14
"It's no good, it's no good," says the buyer; But when he is gone his way, then he boasts.

Do we try to manipulate or cover up to get the best deal?

Getting a good price by criticizing the merchandise and then bragging about it is deceitful.

Integrity demands honesty and a fair price – today people shop at NTUC with confidence.



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2. Be Honest

Proverbs 21:6
Getting treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor for those who seek death.

Honesty is the best policy.

Dishonesty will hurt you in the long run.



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3. Do not take unnecessary risks

Proverbs 20:16
Take his garment that is surety for a stranger; and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

Taking risks is not wise; it tempts God.

In every shopping mall, new shops are replacing older ones which cannot stay solvent



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4. Be Skillful

Proverbs 22:29
Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve kings; He won't serve obscure men.

In business, retain your customers by giving the best and being innovative.

Christian Mission Statement e.g. Eagle Eye

Recent fall – Glue instead of stitch

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5. Pay Attention

Proverbs 27:23
Know well the state of your flocks, And pay attention to your herds

Pay attention to your work

Do not be distracted

Know your strengths

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6. Seek Counsel

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

Go for a second opinion instead of relying on your gut feeling

Network with people in the same vocation and learn from one another

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7. It is God's Business

Proverbs 16:11
*A just weight and balance are the LORD's:
all the weights of the bag are his work.*

More and more businesses are communicating their faith on their mission statement



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JOIN US FOR A
**FELLOWSHIP
DINNER**

Laksa Etc.

No Dinner Fellowship Next Week

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Clockwise: Celebrating Nat's 79th birthday after worship; Care teams before worship; Elder Pang's grandchildren; Dessert and food galore.





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22nd January 2023

What the Bible Says about The Year of the Rabbit



The Bible does not have anything to say about the year of the Rabbit, but there are a few references to rabbits in the Bible. It is both interesting and timely for us to look at them during the first day of the year of the Rabbit.

From the internet, here are some mentions of rabbits in the Bible:

Coney (2 Occurrences)
Hare (2 Occurrences)
Rabbis (1 Occurrence)
Rabbith (1 Occurrence).

In Leviticus 11:5-6, in dealing with clean and unclean animals, the animal rabbit is mentioned twice - the coney, because it chews the cud but doesn't have a split hoof, is unclean to you. The hare, because it chews the cud but doesn't part the hoof, it is unclean to you.

Also in the context of clean and unclean food, Deuteronomy 14:7 states that *nevertheless these you shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of those who have the hoof cloven: the camel, and the hare, and the rabbit; because they chew the cud but don't part the hoof, they are unclean to you.*

We learn from these passages that the Jews in the Old Testament follow a very strict diet of clean healthy food. In the New Testament, God no longer requires this.

We read in Acts 10:13-16 - *A voice came to him, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat!" But Peter said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." A voice came to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed, you must not call unclean." This was done three times, and immediately the vessel was received up into heaven.*

Peter was immediately perplexed by this vision, but God revealed to him later in Acts 10:34-36 *Peter opened his mouth and said, "Truly I perceive that God doesn't show favoritism; but in every nation he who fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. The word which he sent to the children of Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.*

The apostle Paul supported what Peter understood by writing to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:4 *For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with thanksgiving.*

As we celebrate the new year of the Rabbit, let us enjoy every good and perfect gift from God, receiving it with thanksgiving.



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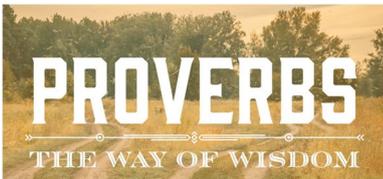
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In the past 2 weeks focused on what Bible says about making a living and business



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Tonight share Proverbs wisdom on Marriage

King Solomon was married 1000 times.

Most of these were for political reasons.

Let us look at 7 passages in Proverbs to see what King Solomon has to say about his experiences.

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1. Look beyond Superficial

Proverbs 31:30
Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

So many look at the physical for their choice of mate.

Look for someone who is diligent, passionate and progressive.

Especially a faithful Christian – active in Bible class and church activities

Beauty is vain, but faith is stable.

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Proverbs 11:16
A gracious woman retained honour: and strong men retain riches.

For the woman, grace is her honour.

Grace is more attractive than the most beautiful face you can gaze upon.

For the men, strength is his forte.

1 Corinthians 16:13 *Watch! Stand firm in the faith! Be courageous! Be strong!*

KJV - 1 Corinthians 16:13 *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.*

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3. Learn about Marriage

Proverbs 18:22
Whoso finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtained favour of the LORD.

Better to visit your partner's family before committing yourself.

Chances are, we learn about marriage from our parents; but these are not always the best role models.

Is your partner a home builder?

Ecclesiastes 4:9
Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.

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Proverbs 21:19
It is better to dwell in a desert land, Than with a contentious and fretful woman.

Being single for life is okay!
It is better than marrying a person with anger issues.



Singapore has one of the highest divorce rates in the world – 58% of all marriages

1st marriage - 58% divorces
2nd marriage - 60% divorces
3rd marriages - 73% divorces

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5. Add Faithful Love

Proverbs 15:17
Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

The best thing you can do for your marriage is love.

Camelot: How to handle a woman?

Do not wait until it is too late.



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6. Be Praiseworthy

Proverbs 31:31
Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

We are too quick to criticize one another.

When I had my recent fall, too many people advised me not to look at my phone!

Use occasions like birthdays and anniversaries to heap praises

Do not be stingy with your praises – it cost nothing!

Especially on internet where everyone can see how naggy you are!

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7. Seek God's Blessing

Proverbs 10:22
The blessing of the LORD, it makes rich, and he added no sorrow with it.

Start your marriage by devoting your home to the Lord.

Psalms 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, They labour in vain who build it.



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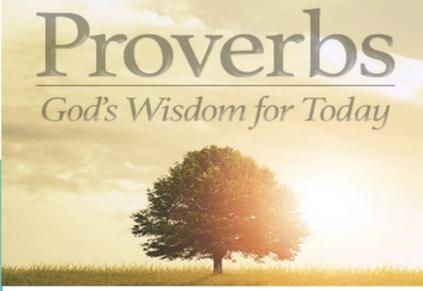
“Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Mark 10:9





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**Next Week:
Proverbs on Speech**



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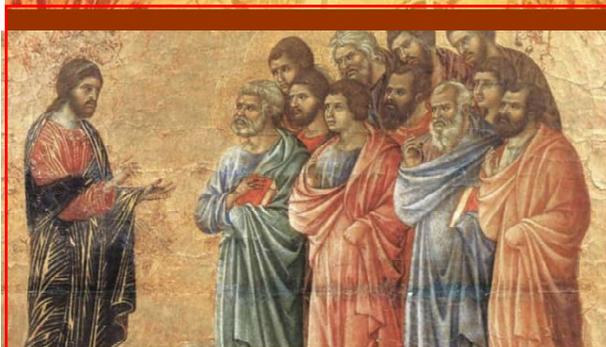
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Happy New Year
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Bible Christians



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New series on Christians in the New Testament

Each sermon has a short introduction of each one and 5 things we can learn from each

Some of these Christians are well-known eg Andrew

Others are not so popular eg Philemon

After an abstract series on Proverbs, good to have some character studies





Fidelity

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

29th January 2023

New Series on Bible Christians Starts Next Month



We have completed a 3-month series on the book of Proverbs. It is one of the books in the Bible that is hard to read and we come across it in bits and pieces. After this series, we hope that members will be revisiting this gem of wisdom more frequently.

Since the lessons from the book of Proverbs are abstract, our new series is very tangible - easy to grasp and draw lessons. Here is a brief rundown of the upcoming lessons.

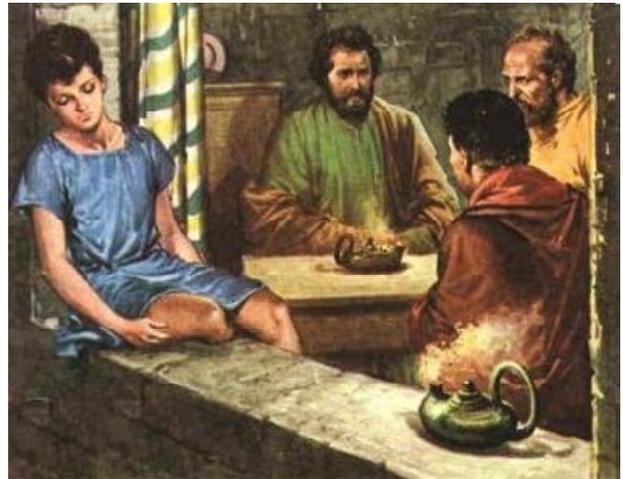
5th February: Andrew, also known as the quiet apostle who stood in the shadow of his more outspoken brother, Peter, whom he brought to Christ. Tradition has it that he was crucified in an X formation, because he did not deem himself worthy to die like his Lord Jesus.

12th February: Philemon - mentioned by name only once in the Bible. He is a convert of Paul, who offered his home for the church to meet and to host the apostle whenever he was in Colossae. He was also a Christian slave-owner.

19th February: Onesimus - A slave mentioned twice in the Bible. He ran away from his owner to Rome where he found Paul, a frequent visitor to his master's house. Paul converted him and persuaded him to do the right thing and return home.

26th February: Eutychus - a light-hearted look at an interesting event in the New Testament

church of falling asleep during a sermon as he sat on the window sill.



In addition to the above, we can look forward to colourful people like Simon the Zealot, fellow tentmakers of Paul - Aquila and Priscilla, Apollos - a powerful preacher who is not acquainted with the baptism of Jesus.

I am looking forward to sharing this series and useful background with little-known facts. Invite your family and friends to join us during the months of February and March.



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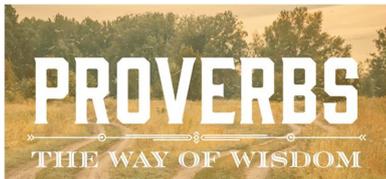
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Proverbs 9:9
Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser

Many practical gems from the book of Proverbs

Last lesson on this series tonight





Tonight, for our final lesson on Proverbs, we will look into our speech.

This is one of the areas in our lives that create trouble more than any other

This is why we say, "putting your foot in your mouth"



Better to zip



1. Speech is Powerful

Proverbs 18:21
Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Your tongue has power of life or death!

James 3:4-5
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!

Matthew 12:36
I tell you that every idle word that men speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

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2. Be Concise

Proverbs 10:19
In the multitude of words there is no lack of disobedience, But he who restrains his lips does wisely.

The more you talk the more you sin.

3 good rules before you speak:

- Is it true?
- Is it kind?
- Is it necessary?



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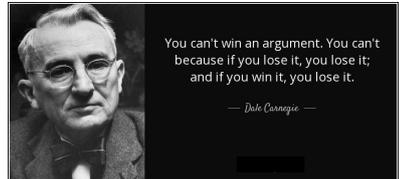
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Proverbs 26:4
Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.

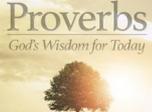
Answer not a fool, lest you lower yourself to him.

Best way to win an argument is to avoid it.



You can't win an argument. You can't because if you lose it, you lose it; and if you win it, you lose it.
— Dale Carnegie —

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4. Lies & Flattery

Proverbs 26:28
A lying tongue hates those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth works ruin.

Lies now come in black and white.

Genesis 20:10-12 *The King said to Abraham, "What did you see, that you have done this thing?" Abraham said, "Because I thought, 'Surely the fear of God is not in this place. They will kill me for my wife's sake.' Moreover she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.*

Flattery is lies in another form in order to gain favour from another.

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5. Be Slow to Speak

Proverbs 29:20
Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Today, more likely replying a text message.

James 1:19 *So, then, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger*

A wise old owl lived in an oak.
The more he saw the less he spoke.
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?



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6. Bleeding or Growing?

Proverbs 12:18
There is one who speaks rashly like the piercing of a sword, But the tongue of the wise heals.

Do your words leave others bleeding or thriving?

Learn to be gentle, gracious, and kind in your speech.

Colossians 4:6
Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.



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7. Guard Your Speech

Proverbs 13:3
He who guards his mouth guards his soul. One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

2 protectors: Your tongue is guarded by your teeth and lips.

Your speech advertises to the world what kind of person you are.



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James 3:2-10 *For in many things we all stumble. If anyone doesn't stumble in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also...*

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...

But nobody can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the image of God. Out of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing.

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Let thy speech be better than **silence**, or be silent.



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Malay Food

Contributions welcome! See June



CHRISTIAN LO HEI - A Singaporean Tradition

Introduction: Oh God of loving providence, You have generously given us another year to live in Your goodness. As we celebrate this lo hei meal, we ask of You a special blessing:

On the fish, that it be a reminder of your abundance when Jesus Christ once fed the multitudes with just five loaves and two fishes

On the oil, that we will never forget the anointing that we as believers have received (at our baptism) from the Holy Spirit

On the salt and pepper, that we will flavour with love all that we do, and preserve the divine image that we are made in

On the mixture of fruits and vegetables, that we may be endowed with the fruit of the Spirit, so we may learn how to mix with each other in harmony as members of the body of Christ

On the flour crisps of "golden pillows", that which we have abundantly received, that may we freely share, and be a blessing to others.

And so as we toss these with raised hopes, may we never forget that Jesus Christ raised from the dead is our greatest cause of celebration – of a new and everlasting life.

