



Sermon Discussion Questions

For small group leaders or for a whole small group to use

“The Wisdom We Need for a Fruitful Life” (Proverbs 12 & 13), October 12, 2025

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Sermon Overview

Main Idea

Every culture needs Proverbs because every culture needs to know how God designed life. Every person needs Proverbs because every person needs to know how to live wisely. The starting point has always been the same: it is the fear of the Lord. It is a posture of trusting reverence toward God. It is respecting God and respecting reality as he made it—and then adjusting to live in line with it. These chapters emphasize five themes that lead us to live with wisdom.

Sermon Outline

1. A Life that Endures (12:3, 28; 13:6)
2. A Heart that Listens (12:1, 15; 13:10, 13–14)
3. Speech that Heals (12:17, 18, 22, 25; 13:3, 5)
4. Work that Fulfills (12:11, 14, 27; 13:11)
5. A Spouse that Crowns (12:4)

Quotation(s)

“The shameful wife robs her husband of social standing, and the noble wife strengthens his very being by giving him social honor and empowering him to rule the community. The ignoble wife invisibly saps his strength and vitality and deconstructs him from within... “as the decay progresses, he is slowly but continuously undermined in his inward happiness and outward usefulness... Marriage is no light matter; the wife either makes or breaks a man in his home and in the community.”

Bruce Waltke

Discussion Questions

Read the Scripture Text (if the text is shorter, consider reading it together several times).

Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text, or what did the sermon focus on? (See above to review the main point)
- What insight from the text or sermon stood out to you most, and why? (Encourage several people to share)

Deeper Reflection on the Meaning and Implications

1. A life of godly wisdom has roots that go down deep into reality as God designed it. In honestly considering your own life, what areas are not working well? (Proverbs 12:3, 38; 13:6)
2. When are you open to listening well to input, and when do you resist correction or instruction? (Proverbs 12:1, 15; 13:10, 13, 14)
3. How have you experienced the healing effect of true or wise words? How do you think the Lord wants you to be mindful of the impact of your words? (Proverbs 12:17, 18, 22, 25; 13:3, 5)



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4. What are your biggest distractions or temptations to do the things that don't matter rather than doing things that matter? (Proverbs 12:11,14,27; 13:11)
5. An excellent or virtuous spouse fears the Lord and lives with wisdom. If you are married, how can you bring honor to your spouse through your words, attitudes, or actions?

Final Response

- What is one thing you want to remember or do in light of this sermon or discussion?