

# word **TO THE** wise

A S E R I E S I N P R O V E R B S

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## Part 8 | **Be the Ideal Neighbor!**

Multiple Proverbs

### **Proverbs 27:10**

<sup>10</sup>Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.

### **Proverbs 27:17**

<sup>17</sup>Iron sharpens iron and one man sharpens another.

### **Proverbs 24:28-29**

<sup>28-29</sup>Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause, and do not deceive with your lips. Do not say "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for what he has done."

## The Call to **LOVE** Our Neighbor

**God's Command to the Israelites**      Leviticus 19:18

**Jesus reaffirmed this priority during His earthly ministry.**      Matthew 22:34-40

**Also affirmed by the apostles Paul and James.**      Galatians 5:14; James 2:8

**Jesus clarifies "Who is our neighbor?"**      Luke 10:25-37

## The **PITFALLS** to Avoid as Neighbors

**Mind Games**      Proverbs 3:27-28, 26:18-19, 29:5

**Abuse of Trust**      Proverbs 3:29, 6:29

**Avoid Financial Dealings**      Proverbs 6:1-5, 17:18

**Be Careful with Your Words**      Proverbs 11:9, 11:11-12, 24:28-29

**Relate Impartially**      Proverbs 14:20-21, 19:4

**Avoid Legal Disputes**      Proverbs 25:8-10

**Be Careful with Your Time**      Proverbs 25:17

## The **PRACTICE** of Being the Ideal Neighbor

**Live out your life and faith in Christ.**

**Take time to be a good neighbor to others.**

**Pray for the welfare and salvation of your neighbors.**



Grow.

# Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

This summer we're in a series called "Word to the Wise". We'll be studying parts of the book of Proverbs and seeking the wisdom it offers. Have you every wanted wisdom? James tells us it's a good thing and we should ask for it (**James 1:5**), but there's also some effort to be put in on our end. Scripture makes it clear we don't get wisdom on accident but by searching for it like a hidden treasure (**Proverbs 2:1-22**).

**This summer let's make an effort to read from Proverbs every day.**

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

- 1. What applies to me today?** (*And how can I do it—in thought, attitude, word, or deed?*)
- 2. Where have I seen this in others?**
- 3. Where have I experienced this?**

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## Ideas to Maximize Your Reading of Proverbs:

**Pick a Time:** If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen. Consider your options.

**Mark it Up:** Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you've done this over time.

**Write Down Your Thoughts:** Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.

**Use an App:** Below are sites/apps that have Proverbs reading plans for your smartphone, tablet or computer. There is even an audio option for listening instead of reading. Each app allows you to mark up verses, jot down notes, as well as share your thoughts with friends.

### **Gateway Bible Proverb Reading Plan**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/proverbs-monthly/today?version=NIV>

### **YouVersion Bible Proverb Reading Plan** (*Free in AppStore*)

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/149-proverbs>

### **Faithlife Study Bible** (*Free in AppStore*)

<https://support.faithlife.com/hc/en-us/articles/360032481712-Reading-Plans>

**Ease Up:** If you miss a day reading, don't stress and say, "*Forget about it...*" and give up! Just pick it up the next day and keep going!

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## Life Groups Return in the Fall!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, look for sign-ups in August or let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin. **Look for other opportunities to connect outside of Life Groups over the summer.**



# Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

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## Word Find for Leviticus 19:13-18 (NLT)

Find the words **bolded** below.

C M D C M Y H L I H N E X T  
H A L W A Y S O P D J S D D  
T W I S T U M B L E N L A D  
E P A R T I A L P F E A R P  
C A U S E F A V O R I N G W  
J W S P R E A D W A G D O A  
H P J U S T I C E U H E S I  
B E I N G O L O R D B R S T  
P O D M R I C H F F O O I O  
R P L A V V D I U L R U P W  
A L Y K F A I R L Y G S O B  
R E C E I V E E E L Y H O M  
O I N S U L T D G S Y G R C  
F B L I N D S T A N D E A F  
C R J U D G E B L P M W A M

<sup>13</sup>“Do not **defraud** or rob your **neighbor**. “Do not **make** your **hired** workers **wait** until the **next** day to **receive** their pay. <sup>14</sup>“Do not **insult** the **deaf** or **cause** the **blind** to **stumble**. You must **fear** your God; I am the **LORD**. <sup>15</sup>“Do not **twist** **justice** in **legal** **matters** by **favoring** the **poor** or **being** **partial** to the **rich** and **powerful**. **Always** **judge** **people** **fairly**. <sup>16</sup>“Do not **spread** **slandorous** **gossip** among your **people**. “Do not **stand** **idly** by when your **neighbor’s** life is threatened. I am the **LORD**. <sup>17</sup>“Do not nurse hatred in your heart for any of your relatives. Confront **people** directly so you will not **be** held guilty for their sin. <sup>18</sup>“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your **neighbor** as yourself. I am the **LORD**.”