

Get Smart: Wisdom for Life From Proverbs”
Discussion 7: “The Proverbs Man (Integrity)”

SPECIAL NOTE:

This discussion is written specifically for MEN. There is a corresponding discussion for WOMEN called “The Proverbs 31 Woman.”

Summary/Overview:

“The Proverbs Man” is a man of integrity. What is integrity and how do we possess it?

Reminder:

This is a guide. Adjust the content used based on the needs of your group.

I. Group Welcome/Icebreaker, if needed (Suggested Time: 3-5 min.)

II. Life Sharing (Suggested Time: 10-15 min.)

III. DNA Journal Sharing (Suggested Time: 3-5 min.)

Allow people to share about what God is speaking to them through their daily reading using their DNA Journal.

IV. DVD Discussion Introduction (Approximately 20-25 min.)

Open in prayer.

Play “Get Smart” DVD

V. Discussion (Suggested Time: 30-45 min.)

What stood out to you from the DVD?

A Man of Integrity

1. What does the word “integrity” mean?
 - Complete, whole, firm in principles.
2. What does integrity look like? Give an example.
3. “The Proverbs Man” is a man of integrity. What does it mean to be a man of integrity?
4. Why is integrity so important?
5. Who modeled integrity for you?

6. What happens when our integrity is compromised?

Prov 10:9 “The man of **integrity** walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.”

- Have you found this to be true? Explain.
- Integrity provides security, confidence, peace to the soul

Prov 11:3 “The **integrity** of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.”

- What is duplicity?
- Can you think of an example of duplicity?
- Why is duplicity an enemy of integrity?
- How does integrity guide you?
- Integrity gives you a sure path on which to lead your life.
- Integrity is “true north”

Prov 13:6 “Righteousness guards the man of **integrity**, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.”

- What are your thoughts about this verse?
- Righteousness means the ability to make things correct, to restore and reconcile.
- By having integrity, you invite the truth to work for you, even if it takes awhile.

Prov 17:26 “It is not good to punish an innocent man, or to flog officials for their **integrity**.”

- Have you ever seen someone pay the price for maintaining his integrity?
- Do you think it was worth it?

Prov 29:10 “Bloodthirsty men hate a man of **integrity** and seek to kill the upright.”

- There is brokenness in a culture that condemns innocent people, or punishes people for telling the truth.
- Isn't this just known as “playing hardball” in terms of the business world?
- Why is integrity constantly attacked?

Conclusion (Getting Real):

1. Is it possible for you to have more integrity in your life?
2. Do you consider yourself to be a man of integrity? Why or why not?

3. Are there any changes you need to make to become a man of integrity?

A “Wise” Suggestion: There are 31 chapters in Proverbs. Read one chapter of Proverbs each day for the corresponding date (i.e. on June 4, read Proverbs 4, etc.).

VI. Prayer (Suggested Time: 10-15 min.)

Pray for any issues related to the discussion.

Pray for any personal needs.

VII. Important Church Announcement (Suggested Time: 2-3 min.)

Encourage your Life Group members to participate in the upcoming opportunities and events at The Cause.