



# STUDY GUIDE

## WISDOM FOR LIFE 05.05.2019

### [start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:  
Rahab Ministries

Start with prayer launching from Proverbs 1:7

### [set up]

What is one of the best pieces of marriage advice that you have heard and why? (Bonus points if it's biblical!)

What's one of the worst pieces of marriage advice that you have heard and why?

### [digging deeper]

Read Proverbs 18:22 and summarize in a sentence or less your understanding of this verse.

Have each person take 30-60 seconds and share how you met your spouse. (If you're not married, what are your thoughts on how to best find a spouse?)

Read Proverbs 24:3. In what ways does a "wise" person build a stable home?  
What do you see people doing today that is destructive to their home/marriages?  
(Proverbs 14:1 can help stir up some thoughts...)

Have each person randomly circle one of the Proverbs below and then read it and share what insights or instructions are within it that gives wisdom for marriage. You can do more than one if time allows, and you can also look up the others at a later time with your spouse.

Proverbs 18:1	Proverbs 20:6-7	Proverbs 21:9	Proverbs 5:18-20
Proverbs 6:23-29, 32	Proverbs 27:15	Proverbs 7:1-27	Proverbs 12:4
Proverbs 19:14	Proverbs 20:6-7	Proverbs 30:21-23	Prov. 31:10-12

Why do you think some couples are unable to understand (or believe) the principles God gives us about marriage?

What is the only way to fully understand and apply the wisdom that we see in Proverbs?  
These verses will help: Colossians 2:2-4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; James 3:17

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## **[praying it up]**

Using verses and language from the study, pray for:

1. Your spouse (include one of their most urgent felt needs and ask God to help them in that area).
2. Your marriage (thank God for His presence and where your marriage is strong. Ask for His help in an area of growth for your marriage).
3. Christian marriages—that they will depend on God, and that because of Christ and through the Spirit they would all be marriages that glorify God and experience His favor and blessing.

## **[living it out]**

Depend on Christ. Your ability to apply God's wisdom is dependent on your relationship with Christ. What is one step you need to take in your relationship with Jesus that will grow you as a man/woman of God and as a husband/wife?

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Focus on your spouse's strengths rather than his/her weaknesses. Using some of the concepts or language from the verses above, list 3 strengths you see in your spouse:

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Encourage rather than criticize. Share with your spouse the three strengths you just listed and why they are meaningful to you. When will you do this?