

THE PURPOSE OF PROVERBS

Proverbs are wise _____ designed to provoke a
_____ in those that hear them and relate them to life

- They teach us Godly wisdom
- They help us develop Godly character
- They inspire obedience to God's Word

*"These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is **to teach** people to live disciplined and successful lives, **to help** them do what is right, just, and fair. These proverbs will **give insight** to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles."*
Proverbs 1:2-5

IMPORTANT BIBLICAL PRINCIPAL IN PROVERBS 27

God _____ us and _____ us to
_____, _____, and _____ in
community with other believers

"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."
Proverbs 27:17

OBSERVATIONS

- Who you hang out with _____
"You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with." Jim Rohn
- Are your "friends" _____ you toward Christlikeness or are they hindering or holding you back?
"Having right relationships is a critical element in our journey toward godliness." Charles Stanley

All Scripture references are from the New Living Translation (NLT) of the Bible unless otherwise noted.

IRON SHARPENS IRON WHEN YOU...

- _____ people into your life who will help you raise your game: spiritually, relationally, financially, physically, intellectually, etc.

"Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33

"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- Surround yourself with people who are _____ for you and will help you grow closer to Jesus
- Allow yourself to be held _____ by an inner circle of friends who you give permission to speak truth into your life
- _____ set yourself up for success
"A wise person chooses the right road; a fool takes the wrong one." Ecclesiastes 10:2
"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25
- Recognize that everyone you hang out with, everything you watch, everything you read, and everything you listen to...it all _____!
- Quiet the _____ in your life
- Read, study, and meditate on _____
- Establish and maintain healthy _____
- Live for an audience of _____