

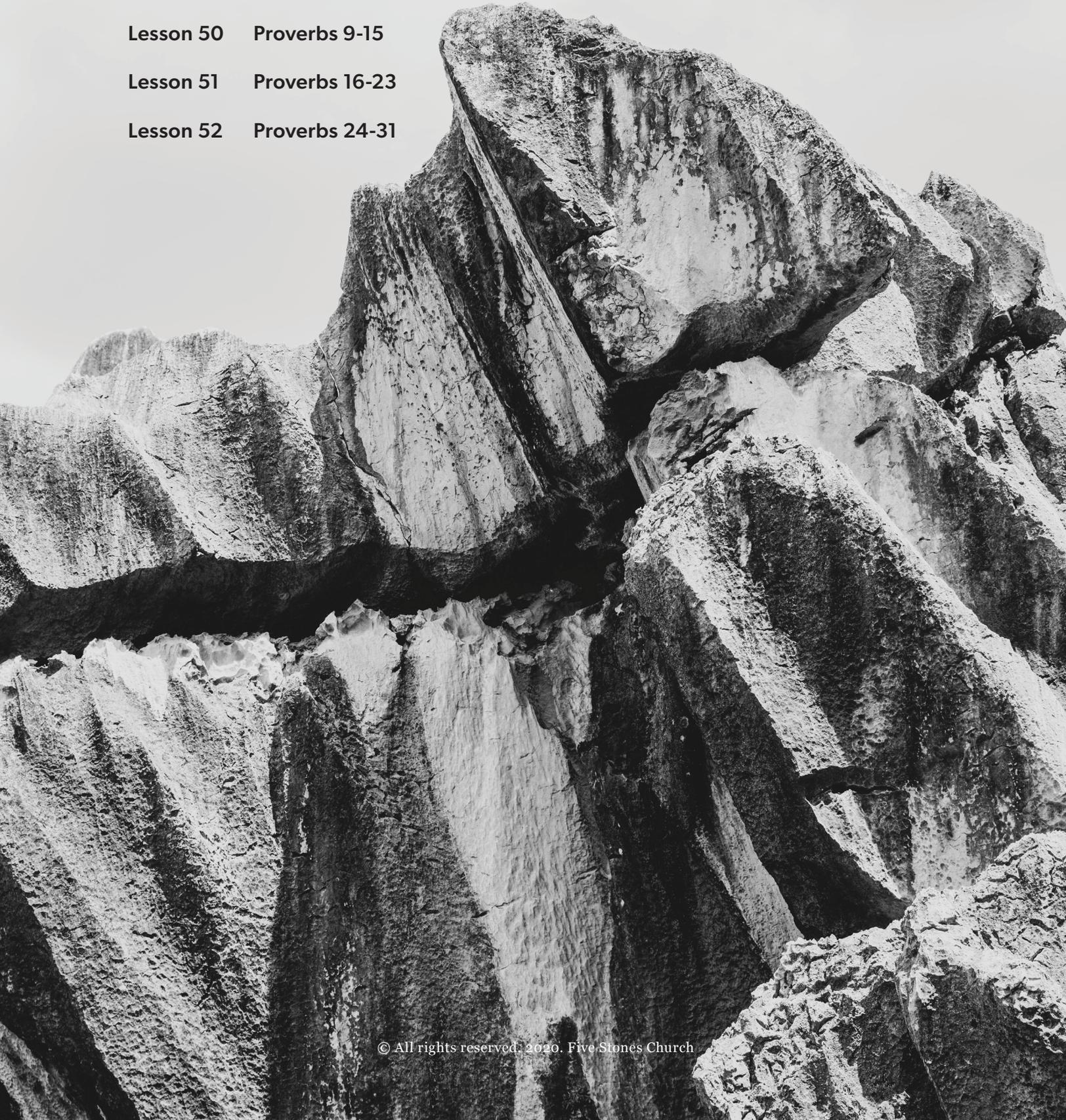
Proverbs

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OBSERVATIONS

1. What is the purpose of Proverbs? (Chapter 1)
2. Is Proverbs written for the simple or for the wise? (Chapter 1)
3. What is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom? (Chapter 1)
4. What will wisdom save you from? (Chapter 2)
5. What should we do if we desire God's direction in our lives? (Chapter 3)
6. What does Proverbs say about giving money to the Lord? (Chapter 3)
7. How far should you go to get understanding? (Chapter 4)
8. What seven things does God detest? (Chapter 6)
9. If you hate wisdom, what do you love? (Chapter 8)

02

DEEPER THOUGHT

1. Can a fool find wisdom in the midst of disaster? (Chapter 1)
2. To whom is the pronoun “me” referring in Chapter 1:28 & 33?
3. In a practical, tangible way, how does one get wisdom? (Chapter 2)
4. What are the benefits of wisdom? (Chapter 3)
5. What is the right attitude toward sudden disaster? (Chapter 3)
6. Why is adultery so bad? (Chapter 5)
7. What is the application of verses 27 & 28? (Chapter 6)
8. What is meant by “bind them on your fingers” in verse 3? (Chapter 7)
9. This Proverb gives instructions concerning wisdom and wealth. What are they? (Chapter 8)

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Consider this:

In Proverbs, wisdom is personified, which gives us a better picture of how to relate to wisdom as a person and not just a concept or words. Calling out to a person (wisdom), listening to a person (wisdom), responding to a person (wisdom), understanding a person (wisdom), are all actions that help us embrace wisdom in reality.

ANSWERS TO LESSON 49

OBSERVATIONS

1. For attaining wisdom and discipline, and for understanding words of insight. (1:2)
2. Both. The simple get wisdom and the wise add to it. (1:4-5)
3. The fear of the Lord. (1:7)
4. The adulteress and wicked men. (2:12,16)
5. Trust in the Lord with your whole heart and not your own understanding. Acknowledge God completely and he will direct your paths. (3:5-6)
6. Honor the Lord with your wealth. (3:9-10)
7. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. (4:7)
8. Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness, and a man of dissension. (6:16-19)
9. Death. (8:36)

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. No, a fool must learn wisdom in preparation for times of trouble. Wisdom is not to be found in the midst of calamity. (1:22-33)
2. Wisdom
3. Cry out for it and search like it is treasure, then apply it. (2:1-6)
4. Long life, prosperity, health and honor. (3:2, 8, 16)
5. It is for the wicked, not the righteous. We are not to fear it because God is our confidence. (3:25-26)
6. It appears inviting at first, but will bring utter ruin on a man's life and character, and bring death. (5)
7. Sinful actions have real definite consequences.
8. Do anything you can to remind yourself of God's teachings. It's like tying a string around your finger.
9. If you have to, give up wealth to get wisdom because it is priceless. However, remember that wisdom makes people prosper. (8:10-11,21)

PROVERBS 9-15

01

OBSERVATIONS

1. What kind of person should we not rebuke or correct? What kind should we rebuke? (Chapter 9)
2. What is the fruit of fearing the Lord and having knowledge of Him? (Chapter 9)
3. Does the fact that a person is righteous or wicked have an effect on those who remember him after he dies? (Chapter 10)
4. Does it matter how we earn money and what our heart is like, or is money just money however it is earned? (Chapter 10)
5. What goes with pride? What goes with Humility? (Chapter 11)
6. What happens to the one who gives freely and is generous as he refreshes others? (Chapter 11)
7. What does loving discipline result in? Hating discipline? (Chapter 12)
8. What is the result of an anxious heart? A kind word? (Chapter 12)
9. What does hope deferred result in? A longing fulfilled? (Chapter 13)
10. What does discipline, or a lack of it, show us about a man's heart toward his son? (Chapter 13)
11. What is the result of following a way which seems right to a man? (Chapter 14)
12. What is the result of a heart which is at peace? (Chapter 14)
13. How should one answer the wrath of another? What does a harsh word do? (Chapter 15)
14. When is it better to have a little money or a meal of vegetables, rather than great wealth and a feast? (Chapter 15)

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1. There are two characteristics pictured as women in a city. What are they? What can we learn from this? (Chapter 9)
2. What can we learn about our response to discipline and correction from this proverb? (Chapter 10)
3. How does a kind person benefit himself? (Chapter 11)
4. What does this proverb teach us about hard work and the relationship between righteousness and kindness? (Chapter 12)
5. What relationship do our lips have to life as a whole? (Chapter 13)
6. What is the meaning of verse 7? How does one pretend to be rich or poor? (Chapter 13)
7. What can we learn from verse 4? (Chapter 14)
8. What do we learn about the heart from Chapter 14 verse 10?
9. Why do our plans fail? What should we learn from this? (Chapter 15)

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CONSIDERATION CORNER

Consider this:

The Proverbs teach us that our words can really minister to people. The tongue of the righteous and wise can bring healing as a tree of life. Godly knowledge and wisdom nourish many with the truth, and endure forever. It is the source of our words, which is the Lord, not the quantity of words that ministers.

ANSWERS TO LESSON 50

OBSERVATIONS

1. Rebuking a mocker or a wicked man will incur abuse and insult. Rebuke a wise or righteous man and he will love you and grow wiser. (9:7-9)
2. It is the beginning of wisdom and understanding. (9:10)
3. Yes, the memory of the righteous will be a blessing but the name of the wicked will rot. (10:7)
4. The wages of the righteous bring them life but the income of the wicked brings them punishment. (10:16)
5. With pride comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. (11:2)
6. He gains even more and is himself refreshed. (11:24-25)
7. If you love discipline you love knowledge. If you hate correction you're stupid. (12:1)
8. It weighs a man down. A kind word cheers him up. (12:25)
9. It makes the heart sick. It is a tree of life. (13:12)
10. If he doesn't discipline his child it shows he hates him, but if he loves his child, he is careful to discipline him. (13:24)
11. In the end, it leads to death. (14:12)
12. It gives life to the body. (14:30)
13. With a gentle answer. It stirs up anger. (15:1)
14. It is better to have a little with the fear of the Lord and love, than to have a lot with turmoil and hatred. (15:16-17)

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. Wisdom and folly. Wisdom builds and feeds. Wisdom is a source of life through understanding. Folly is loud, undisciplined, without knowledge, lazy. Folly brings death. (9)
2. If we respond to discipline and correction we lead others to life. If we don't respond we actually lead others astray. (10:17)
3. By being kind, a person wins the respect of others, which, in turn, benefits himself. (11:16-17)
4. Some people chase after "get rich quick" schemes, which are fantasies. Those who work hard reap the fruit of their labor in abundance. Righteousness brings forth kindness. (12:10-11)
5. If we guard our lips we guard our life and from the fruit of our lips we enjoy good things. (13:2-3)
6. Trying to act rich for status is only pretending, and that person is poor in soul. A rich person who walks in humility has great wealth in life and soul. (13:7)
7. In life and ministry trying to keep things neat does not produce results. Effectual work requires resources.
8. Others don't know the internal emotions of our heart, which is another reason why a personal relationship with the Lord is so essential.
9. Plans fail for lack of counsel. We should have trusted advisors to help us make important decisions. (15:22)

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OBSERVATIONS

1. How do a man's ways seem to him? How does the Lord see them? What results when a man's ways please the Lord? (Chapter 16)
2. What is the result of pride or a haughty spirit? (Chapter 16)
3. When people mock the poor or gloat over a disaster, who are they really hurting? What will result? (Chapter 17)
4. What is the result of covering an offense? What results in repeating a matter? Why should a quarrel be stopped immediately? (Chapter 17)
5. What is the name of the Lord compared to? Why? (Chapter 18)
6. Houses and wealth can be inherited from parents, but where does a good wife come from? (Chapter 19)
7. When one lends to the poor, who is he really lending to? (Chapter 19)
8. Whether we are a child or adult, how are we known and remembered? (Chapter 20)
9. What will happen to the man who shuts his ears to the cry of the poor? (Chapter 21)
10. He who pursues righteousness and love finds what? (Chapter 21)
11. The rich rule over the poor. What relationship does the borrower have with the lender? (Chapter 22)
12. When the mocker is driven out, what also goes out? (Chapter 22)
13. Why should one not wear himself out to get rich, but show restraint? (Chapter 23)

02

DEEPER THOUGHT

1. A man plans his own course and may even cast lots to make decisions, but who determines the outcome? We make decisions, but who determines the outcome? What should we learn from this? (Chapter 16)
2. What are the results of a cheerful heart and a crushed spirit. What can we learn from this? (Chapter 17)
3. What should a person do before he gives an answer? What does the tongue have power to do? What does it mean that those who love it will eat its fruit? (Chapter 18)
4. How does verse 2 prove to be true? (Chapter 19)
5. What is the answer to the question asked in in verse 24? (Chapter 20)
6. What can we learn from verse 1. (Chapter 21)
7. This proverb talks about children. What can we learn about dealing with the foolishness in a child and how to insure his future? (Chapter 22)
8. What can we learn from this Proverb about eating and drinking? (Chapter 23)

03 CONSIDERATION CORNER »

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Consider this:

Proverbs 22:17-19, exhorts us to pay attention to the sayings of the wise so that our trust may be in the Lord. When we act and react according to the desires of our natural man, we are not wise, or trusting in the Lord. We must apply our hearts to his teaching to be wise and trusting.

ANSWERS TO LESSON 51

OBSERVATIONS

1. Innocent. The Lord weighs the motives. God makes even His enemies to live at peace with Him. (16:1-7)
2. Destruction. A fall. (16:18)
3. They show contempt for God and punishment will result. (17:5)
4. Love is promoted. It separates close friends. It is like a leak in a dam so drop it before it bursts. (17:9, 14)
5. A strong tower. Righteous ones use it and are safe. (18:10)
6. From the Lord. (19:14)
7. The Lord. (19:17)
8. By our actions, by whether our conduct is pure and right? (20:11)
9. He, too, will cry out but not be answered. (21:13)
10. Life, prosperity and honor. (21:21)
11. The borrower is servant to the lender. (22:7)
12. Strife, quarrels, and insults. (22:10)
13. Riches fly away quickly like they have wings. (23:5)

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. The Lord determines a man's steps and even how lots fall. We should acknowledge Him in all our ways. (16:9, 33)
2. A cheerful heart is good medicine but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. We should seek the Lord when we need healing and walk in his joy. (17:22)
3. Listen well. Speak life or death .If we treat our tongue well in respect to how we talk, we will reap the fruit of good and life-giving communication. (18:13, 21)
4. A person with zeal only can easily go the wrong way and mislead others. He brings excitement, which people follow, but he does not know what he is doing.
5. We can only understand fully what to do, if we seek the Lord and he shows us.
6. God is sovereign and can cause a ruler to move any direction He pleases to accomplish His purposes.
7. Children are not naturally wise but discipline drives away foolishness. If a child is trained, it will set him on the right path for the future. (22:6,15)
8. If food or drink have control over us, we can get into trouble. We should especially be careful when eating with important people or those who are stingy. We should not drink or eat too much, or join in with those who do. (23:1-3, 6-8, 20-21, 30-35)

PROVERBS 24-31

01

OBSERVATIONS

1. How is a house(life) built and filled with good things? (Chapter 24)
2. What is a sluggard and what are his rewards? (Chapter 24)
3. What is a word spoken at the right time compared to? (Chapter 25)
4. What should we do if our enemy is thirsty or hungry? What will be the results? (Chapter 25)
5. What is a man like who deceives his neighbor and then says, "I was only only joking?" (Chapter 26)
6. What is a quarrel without gossip compared to? (Chapter 26)
7. What is better than hidden love or kisses from an enemy? (Chapter 27)
8. What is the earnest counsel of a friend compared to and what is like iron sharpening iron? (Chapter 27)
9. What kind of man understands justice? (Chapter 28)
10. What are the results of concealing sin or confessing sin? (Chapter 28)
11. What happens to people when there is no revelation (vision)? (Chapter 29)
12. How good is every word of God? What happens to those who add to God's words? (Chapter 30)
13. Why does Agur ask the Lord to make him neither rich or poor? (Chapter 30)
14. Who should kings speak up for and judge fairly? (Chapter 31)
15. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting, but what type of woman is to be praised? (Chapter 31)

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1. Chapter 24 verses 10 and 16 tell us that if we falter in times of trouble we are not very strong, and yet, it says a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again. Does this mean the righteous are weak? What do we learn from this?
2. What is a man like who boasts of gifts he does not give? What can we learn from this? (Chapter 25)
3. In Chapter 26 verses 4 and 5, why does there seem to be two conflicting ideas about answering a fool?
4. What is the meaning of Chapter 27 verse 7?
5. Why would a wicked man flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion? (Chapter 28)
6. What does Chapter 29 verse 13 teach us?
7. What spiritual lessons can we learn from ants, conies, locusts, and lizards? (Chapter 30)
8. What are the spiritual parallels between the church and the noble wife, whose lamp doesn't go out at night, her family is well clothed in winter, and she laughs at the days to come? (Chapter 31)

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CORNER

Consider this:

Jesus said, "Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him." Proverbs tells us that he who fears God will gain wisdom and understanding . He will prosper. He who does not fear God will not receive wisdom or understanding. He will not prosper but become desolate.

ANSWERS TO LESSON 52: OBSERVATIONS

1. Through wisdom , understanding, and knowledge. (24:3-4)
2. One who lacks judgment and loves loafing. Poverty, scarcity, ruin. (24:30-34)
3. Apples of gold in vessels of silver. (25:11)
4. We should give him food and water. It will heap burning coals on his head and the Lord will reward you. (25:21-22)
5. Like a madman shooting firebrands and deadly arrows. (26:18-19)
6. A fire without wood. (26:20)
7. Open rebuke and the wounds of a friend. (27:5-6)
8. Perfume and incense. Like sharpening your friend. (27:9, 17)
9. Those who seek the Lord. (28:5)
10. The one who conceals does not prosper. The one who confesses finds mercy. (28:13)
11. These people cast off restraint (godliness). They perish spiritually. (29:18)
12. They are flawless. They will be rebuked and proven as liars. (30:5-6)
13. If he has too much he will forget the Lord. If he is poor, he may steal and dishonor God. (30:9)
14. Those who cannot speak for themselves, the destitute, poor and needy. (31:8-9)
15. A woman who fears the Lord. (31:30)
2. Like clouds and wind without rain. Proverbs 13:12 says that hope deferred makes the heart sick. If we promise someone a gift and don't deliver, we hurt them. (25:14)
3. Sometimes answering a fool is necessary so they don't continue in their stupidity, and other times it is best to not stoop to their level. We need to be led by the Holy Spirit to know what is called for.
4. Those who have had teaching, but don't put it into practice, aren't hungry to learn more. For those who are spiritually hungry, even a hard word is nourishing.
5. A wicked man is paranoid because of guilt, so he runs in fear and torment. A righteous man is confident and assured because he is forgiven and therefore bold. (28:1)
6. Whatever our physical or financial status is, we can have vision for our lives because God gives sight to all. We are responsible for what we put before our eyes.
7. The average Christian may be small in the eyes of the world but we can be very wise. We can store up for hard times both physically and spiritually. We can live in God's strongholds of faith, walk together as soldiers, and get into important places. (30:24-28)
8. The church, like the woman who fears God, will have anointing and protection even in dark and trying times. She is not afraid of the last days that will bring trouble. (31:18-25)

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. Even if we fall seven times because we are human, if we don't falter in our faith, we are righteous and will rise.