

Wisdom for Life: Proverbs and James

Summer preaching series resources

May 11	The Wise and Foolish Ways of Life
May 18	Everything You Do Flows from Your “Heart”
May 25	Character: The Fear of the Lord
June 1	Character: Humility
June 8	Standalone Pentecost
June 15	Character: Self-Control
June 22	Character: Justice
June 29	Enjoying the Book of James as Whole
July 6	The Value of Trials
July 13	The Rich and Poor from God’s Perspective
July 20	Keeping a Tight Reign on the Tongue
July 27	The Life that Flows from a New Heart

Bible Project Resources

The Bible Project has helpful overview videos of Proverbs as a book, Proverbs in comparison to Ecclesiastes and Job, and Proverbs 8. More, there are articles, podcasts and more for both Proverbs and James at the links below. *Highly recommended for any age or level of Bible reading.*

<https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-proverbs/>

<https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-james/>

Books and Commentaries

Below are a range of books that should be accessible and readable for most teens or adults who have at least a moderate level of biblical understanding.

Allberry, Sam. *James for You*. India: The Good Book Company, 2015.

Brownback, Lydia. *Proverbs: A 12 Week Study*. Knowing the Bible Series.

Edited by J.I. Packer, Dane C. Ortlund and Lane T. Dennis. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2014.

Longman, Tremper, III. *How to Read Proverbs*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2002.

McKnight, Scot. *New Testament Everyday Bible Study Series: James and*

Galatians. Grand Rapids: Harper, 2022.

Nielson, Kathleen. *Proverbs for You*. India: The Good Book Company, 2020.

Smith, Christopher R. *Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and James*. Understanding the Books of the Bible. Downers Grove: IVP, 2011.

Bible Reading Plan

Here is a sample reading plan to cover Proverbs 2x during the 6-week period we are covering this book and to cover James 3x during the time we are covering that book. You may want to adjust this according to your needs. Another idea is to read through each book and then listen through each book during walks or workouts.

Proverbs & James Reading Plan (May 16 - July 20, 2025)

Date	Reading
May 16	Proverbs 1, Proverbs 2
May 17	Proverbs 3, Proverbs 4
May 18	Proverbs 5, Proverbs 6
May 19	Proverbs 7, Proverbs 8
May 20	Proverbs 9, Proverbs 10
May 21	Proverbs 11, Proverbs 12
May 22	Proverbs 13, Proverbs 14
May 23	Proverbs 15, Proverbs 16
May 24	Proverbs 17, Proverbs 18
May 25	Proverbs 19, Proverbs 20
May 26	Proverbs 21, Proverbs 22
May 27	Proverbs 23, Proverbs 24
May 28	Proverbs 25, Proverbs 26
May 29	Proverbs 27, Proverbs 28
May 30	Proverbs 29, Proverbs 30
May 31	Proverbs 31, Proverbs 1
Jun 01	Proverbs 2, Proverbs 3
Jun 02	Proverbs 4, Proverbs 5
Jun 03	Proverbs 6, Proverbs 7
Jun 04	Proverbs 8, Proverbs 9
Jun 05	Proverbs 10, Proverbs 11
Jun 06	Proverbs 12, Proverbs 13
Jun 07	Proverbs 14, Proverbs 15
Jun 08	Proverbs 16, Proverbs 17
Jun 09	Proverbs 18, Proverbs 19
Jun 10	Proverbs 20, Proverbs 21
Jun 11	Proverbs 22, Proverbs 23
Jun 12	Proverbs 24, Proverbs 25

Jun 13	Proverbs 26, Proverbs 27
Jun 14	Proverbs 28, Proverbs 29
Jun 15	Proverbs 30, Proverbs 31
Jun 16	Break or catch up
Jun 17	Break or catch up
Jun 18	Break or catch up
Jun 19	Break or catch up
Jun 20	Break or catch up
Jun 21	Break or catch up
Jun 22	Break or catch up
Jun 23	James 1
Jun 24	James 1 slow re-read
Jun 25	James 2
Jun 26	James 2 slow re-read
Jun 27	James 3
Jun 28	James 3 slow re-read
Jun 29	James 4
Jun 30	James 4 slow re-read
Jul 01	James 5
Jul 02	James 5 slow re-read
Jul 03	Break or catch up
Jul 04	Break or catch up
Jul 05	Break or catch up
Jul 06	James 1
Jul 07	James 2
Jul 08	James 3
Jul 09	James 4
Jul 10	James 5
Jul 11	Break or catch up
Jul 12	James 1
Jul 13	James 2
Jul 14	James 3
Jul 15	James 4
Jul 16	James 5
Jul 17	Break or catch up
Jul 18	Break or catch up
Jul 19	Break or catch up
Jul 20	Break or catch up