



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Ice Breaker:** Where would you like to go to escape this Minnesota winter? Who would you want to take with you?

1. Read Proverbs 3:27-28. Pastor Tom says people who embrace God's wisdom do good works. What examples in the Bible can you think of that demonstrate this? How have you seen this in your own life?
2. Ephesians 2:8-10 says we were created to do good works. Proverbs 11:17 (NLT) tells us that doing good is fulfilling and rewarding. How do these statements speak to you personally? How might they encourage Jesus followers to interact with others? Can you share a story where you have seen this in action? What motivated you to take the action you did?
3. Pastor Tom urges us to think about how we do good works, remembering that we are finite beings with limitations. Can you think of a time when you over extended yourself doing good works? Describe the impact this had on the outcome and your attitude toward the task or situation. How could it have been different if you had used Godly wisdom to assess yourself and the situation?
4. What are some areas you struggle to honestly assess yourself? Time? Money? Abilities? What would change in your life if you took your next step and applied God's wisdom in that area or areas?
5. Read Matthew 25:34-40. God wants us to be channels of goodness. Do you hear God speaking to you about anything in these verses? How can your group be praying for you to carry out what He is speaking to you about?

## PERSONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Read Proverbs 21

Day 2: Read Proverbs 22

Day 3: Read Proverbs 23

Day 4: Read Proverbs 24

Day 5: Read Proverbs 25



## MESSAGE NOTES AND DISCUSSION-PERSONAL GUIDES



## “Wisdom in Action”

[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

### MESSAGE NOTES

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#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Should We Do Good Works?

- A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to do Good Works (note Ephesians 2:8-10) - God’s \_\_\_\_\_ doesn’t recognize the possibility of a fully devoted follower of Jesus not engaging in good works (note II Corinthians 9:8; Galatians 6:9-10; Titus 2:7, 14; Hebrews 10:24).
- B. Doing Good is Deeply \_\_\_\_\_ (note Proverbs 11:17) -doing good is so rewarding and fulfilling because of whose \_\_\_\_\_ we are created in... (note Psalm 34:8; 86:5; Mark 10:18).

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Should We Do Good Works?

- A. With a \_\_\_\_\_ Mind (note Proverbs 3:27a) - we are \_\_\_\_\_ beings with limited time, money, and energy. So who will we help and how and how often?
  - i. We need to honestly assess the \_\_\_\_\_ of another’s need—this isn’t a question of \_\_\_\_\_, it’s a reality of human nature (note II Thessalonians 3:6-15; Proverbs 16:26).
  - ii. We need to honestly assess the genuineness of our own \_\_\_\_\_ - this is a \_\_\_\_\_ for most Jesus followers...if we aren’t honest about our \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge, abilities, time, and resources, then we can either become discouraged, depressed, or burned-out in trying to do good.

- B. With Open H\_\_\_\_\_ and an Open H\_\_\_\_\_ (note Proverbs 3:27-28) - these qualifiers of \_\_\_\_\_ are just that; they are qualifiers of the main principle, which is, “Do not withhold good...” When you and I have open hands and an open heart, we reflect the image of our Creator who provided the \_\_\_\_\_ good work for you and me (note John 5:17, 36; 6:28-29).

*In a world full of opinions, God’s wisdom and truth matter:*

- It’s only when we say yes to Jesus as Lord that we can engage in good works with the right power and right \_\_\_\_\_.
- God wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_ of His goodness...(note Matthew 25:34-40).

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