



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: March 12, 2023

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Proverbs 15:22 together.
- 3) How have you seen the truth of this passage be true in your own life / workplace / family / etc.?
- 4) Do you find it easy to ask others for advice? Explain.
- 5) Respond to this quote by Duane Garrett:

“Verse 22 does not describe making decisions by committee but advocates an internal attitude of willingness to hear and heed advice.”¹

- 6) Read Proverbs 27:1-2 together.
- 7) Regarding these verses, Garrett says:

“These two proverbs both begin with the same verbal root. Behind both is the contrast between arrogance and humility. One should neither be too certain of the future or of one’s own gifts. The two verses together espouse an attitude of humility before the sovereignty of God and the judgment of the community.”²

Discuss: What is the difference between healthy self-esteem and arrogance? How can we foster the first without falling into the second?

- 8) Respond to this longer quote from Tremper Longman III:

“Planning requires a goal. Once the goal is envisioned, then a strategy may be devised to reach the goal. Planning involves the imagination. To be a successful planner, one must understand what it takes to reach a goal. A good planner must anticipate obstacles on the way and devise alternatives to reach the goal or perhaps even alter the goal. In short, to plan well requires wisdom, a skill of living that shows how to navigate life.”³

- 9) Do you consider yourself a good planner? Why or why not? What (based on Longman's quote do you need to add to your planning tool belt?
- 10) Read Proverbs 16:1-9 together.
- 11) What stuck out to you? Is there anything you'd like to discuss? Is there anything you didn't understand?
- 12) What would say is the overall message of Proverbs 16:1-9?
- 13) What would you say is the secret to staying humble?
- 14) Is there anything you're planning right now in your life? Share with the group and pray about these things together.

¹ Duane A. Garrett, [*Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs*](#), vol. 14, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1993), 151.

² Duane A. Garrett, [*Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs*](#), vol. 14, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1993), 216.

³ Tremper Longman III, Baker Commentary on the Old Testament Wisdom and Psalms: Proverbs, 557.