

# Myths that Make Us Miserable

Join us for a look at some ancient wisdom that is just as true for today. Each Sunday we will look at wisdom from the book of Proverbs. This series will challenge us to think about what we think and how we act on a daily basis.

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## July 11 Series Introduction

**Big Idea:** The myths that make us miserable are destroyed by confrontation with the truth.

Proverbs 4:23

Be careful what you think,  
because your thoughts run your life. (NCV)

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## July 18

**Big Idea:** The myth is that the more we have, the happier we will be.

Proverbs 21:20

The wise have wealth and luxury,  
but fools spend whatever they get. (NLT)

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## July 25

**Big Idea:** The myth is that children don't need to know how to handle money.

Proverbs 22:6-7

Point your kids in the right direction—  
when they're old they won't be lost.  
The poor are always ruled over by the rich,  
so don't borrow and put yourself under their power. (MSG)

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## August 1

**Big Idea:** The myth is that I can responsibly handle my money without a written plan [budget].

Proverbs 3.21-22

My child, hold on to wisdom and good sense.  
Don't let them out of your sight.  
They will give you life  
and beauty like a necklace around your neck.(NCV)

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### August 8

**Big Idea:** The myth is that credit is good.

Proverbs 6.1-5

Dear friend, if you've gone into hock with your neighbor  
or locked yourself into a deal with a stranger,  
If you've impulsively promised the shirt off your back  
and now find yourself shivering out in the cold,  
Friend, don't waste a minute, get yourself out of that mess.  
You're in that man's clutches!  
Go, put on a long face; act desperate.  
Don't procrastinate—  
there's no time to lose.  
Run like a deer from the hunter,  
fly like a bird from the trapper!(MSG)

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### August 15

**Big Idea:** The myth is that wearing the right clothes, living in the right house, driving the right car, etc, will give you respect and importance... riches matter.

Proverbs 22.1

Being respected is more important than having great riches.  
To be well thought of is better than silver or gold. (NCV)

Proverbs 13:22

A good life gets passed on to the grandchildren;  
ill-gotten wealth ends up with good people.(MSG)

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### August 22

**Big Idea:** The myth is that old dogs can't learn new tricks.

Proverbs 1.5

Wise people can also listen and learn;  
even they can find good advice in these words. (NCV)

Proverbs 23:4-5

Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich;  
be wise enough to control yourself.  
Wealth can vanish in the wink of an eye.  
It can seem to grow wings  
and fly away like an eagle.(NCV)

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### August 29

**Big Idea:** The myth is that a little white lie doesn't hurt anyone.

Proverbs 17.20

A bad motive can't achieve a good end;  
double-talk brings you double trouble.(MSG)

Proverbs 28:20

Committed and persistent work pays off;  
get-rich-quick schemes are ripoffs. (MSG)