

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 20:11

Even a child is known by his actions,
by whether his conduct is pure and right.

PSALMS/PROVERBS 28-1

"STUMBLING BLOCKS"
Psalm 120; Proverbs 20 and 23

1. What thoughts touched you in last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ Psalm 120:1-7

2. a. "Save me, O Lord, from (A) _____ and from (B) _____."
- b. How can those be a cause for stumbling (sin) according to James 3:2-10?
3. a. How can the lips and tongue be building blocks instead of stumbling blocks from these Scriptures?
Psalms 35:28

Hosea 14:2

Ephesians 4:15
- b. Write Proverbs 10:32.
4. a. In Psalm 120:6 the psalmist states, "Too long I have lived among those who hate peace." Contrast the lifestyle of "those who hate peace" with that of the "peacemakers" in James 3:16-18.
- b. Share something you know or have experienced about how living in an unpeaceful situation creates stumbling blocks for Christians.

DAY 2 – READ Proverbs 20:1-15

5. "(C) is a mocker . . ." What do we learn in Ephesians 5:18?
6. Verse 3 says every fool is quick to (D) _____.
 - a. What was Paul's advice to Timothy (2 Timothy 2:23,24)?
 - b. What are some effective ways you've found to avoid quarrels?
 - c. What happens to emotions when you're involved in a quarrel and how do you handle them?
 - d. Share the circumstances of a successful settlement of a quarrel in your life.
7. What stumbling block do you see in 20:6? (E) _____

DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Proverbs 20:1-15

8. Stumbling blocks in our lives makes us realize what as we read verse 9?
9. How is discipline a building block for children?
10. a. Fill in: "I think (F) _____ is the stumbling block of verse 13."
b. If the word you chose was meant in a physical sense, apply verse 13 spiritually.

DAY 3 – READ Proverbs 20:16-30

11. a. Who betrays a confidence? (G) _____
b. If you share a confidence with someone, what burden do you place on the listener?
12. Verse 22 speaks of (H) retaliation. What do these Scriptures say?
Matthew 5:39

1 Peter 3:9
13. a. What is a trap according to Proverbs 20:25? (I) _____
b. Ecclesiastes 5:4-7 reminds us of what?

DAY 4 – READ Proverbs 23:1-35

14. What potential stumbling blocks are found in these verses?
vs.2 (J) vs.13 (M)

vs.4 (K) vs.17 (N)

vs.6 (L) vs.27 (O)
15. Verses 29-35 are descriptive of the state of drunkenness.
 - a. It goes down _____, but in the end it does what?
 - b. How are these affected?
Eyes

Mind

Sleep
 - c. What is the tragedy of verse 35?
 - d. Stop and pray silently for someone you know who has a problem with alcohol.

DAY 4 (Continued) - READ Proverbs 23:1-35

16. The Scriptures are full of warnings about things that hinder our Christian walk. What are some others from these Scriptures?
- a. Genesis 19:26 (P)
 - b. Nehemiah 4:10-12 (Q)
 - c. Matthew 13:58 (R)
 - d. Luke 9:61 (S)
 - e. Hebrews 12:1 (T)

DAY 5 MISCELLANEOUS TEXTS

17. What are warnings in these Scriptures?
- a. Matthew 18:7
 - b. Romans 14:21
 - c. 1 Corinthians 10:32
18. a. In traveling along the spiritual highway, we have identified these potential stumbling stones:
(Review the lesson answers)
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| (A) | (F) | (K) | (P) |
| (B) | (G) | (L) | (Q) |
| (C) | (H) | (M) | (R) |
| (D) | (I) | (N) | (S) |
| (E) | (J) | (O) | (T) |
- b. What do these Scriptures say about the highway?
- Proverbs 16:17
- Isaiah 35:8
- Isaiah 62:10
- c. Pray in the power of 1 John 1:9 and remove any of your stones today!

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: