

Days 113-119 - Readings: Whole Bible

Day	OT	Wisdom/NT	Family Focus
113	Jdg 6-7	Pro 8-9	Judges 7
114	Jdg 8-9	Pro 10	Proverbs 10
115	Jdg 10-11	Pro 11	Judges 10
116	Jdg 12-13	Pro 12	Judges 13
117	Jdg 14-15	Pro 13-14	Proverbs 13
118	Jdg 16-17	Pro 15	Judges 16
119	day off		

Tips:

- The book of Judges is filled with stories of people who abandoned God’s wisdom for subjective human intellect. The key phrase in the book is “**everyone did what was right in his own eyes**” (Jdg 17:6, 21:25). This was the path of moral relativism which Solomon wrote about in Proverbs:
“There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.” (Proverbs 14:12)
- In Judges 11, note how Jephthah foolishly vowed to take the first thing that emerged from his front door and sacrifice it to the Lord. First, what did Jephthah expect to emerge from his front door? Second, Jephthah could have annulled his foolish vow by paying a set number of shekels for a penalty (either 30 or 10 shekels depending on his daughter’s age) according to Lev 27:1-8. He did not. He did what was right in his own eyes. The end of that path was death.
- Proverbs 10-24 contain 375 proverbs on how to apply God’s wisdom to every area of life. These proverbs employ the poetic device known as “Hebrew parallelism” in which two parallel statements compare or contrast one another.

Look for this:

- 113. Why God limited Gideon's forces to just 300 men (Jdg 7); How people benefit more from wisdom than money (Pro 8)
- 114. How Gideon responded when they wanted him to be king (Jdg 8); The topic of the very first proverb listed (Pro 10)
- 115. What God told Israel about their cry for help (Jdg 10); How God blesses generosity and curses greed (Pro 11)
- 116. Why Manoah's wife was forbidden to drink wine (Jdg 13); How the tongue has the power to heal or hurt (Pro 12)
- 117. How the men learned the answer to Samson's riddle (Jdg 14); How our companions affect our future (Pro 13)
- 118. Why Samson told Delilah the secret of his strength (Jdg 16); How a soft answer changes the tone of an argument (Pro 15)