

WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE?

Situation No. 1: A friend from Sunday School has been asked to work an extra shift on Sundays. She doesn't feel good about it, but it is only for a few months, and she needs the money. What should she do?

Situation No. 2: A cousin who just graduated from high school seeks your advice about whether to go to college or move right out into the workforce. His career goal is to start his own business. What do you tell him?

Situation No. 3: A close friend has been dating the same person for two years now. She is wondering about the possibilities of marriage. The person she is dating is stable and responsible, and his personality is plain and simple. She comes to you and asks, "How do you know if this person is *the one*?" What factors do you tell her to consider, and in which direction do you point her (marry or wait)?

Situation No. 4: Your neighbor's brother was recently killed in a senseless car accident. A few days after the funeral he comes by in a moment of sadness. What do you say to him?



KINDS OF PROVERBS

1. **Comparison—**
Proverbs 25:19: “Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.”
2. **Contrast—**
Proverbs 10:1: “A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother.”
Proverbs 10:12: “Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers all wrongs.”
3. **Synonymous Parallelism—**
Proverbs 3:11: “My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline and do not resent his rebuke.”
4. **“Better Than” Sayings—**
Proverbs 15:16: “Better a little with the fear of God than great wealth with turmoil.”
Proverbs 21:9: “Better to live on the corner of a roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.”
5. **Rhetorical Question—**
Proverbs 17:16: “Of what use is money in the hands of a fool, since he has no desire to get wisdom?”
6. **Truth or Consequence—**
Proverbs 26:27: “If a man digs a pit, he will fall into it; if a man rolls a stone, it will roll back on him.”
7. **Numerical Proverb—**
Proverbs 30:18-19: “There are three things that are too amazing for me, four that I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a maiden.”
8. **Parable-Like Sayings—**
Proverbs 6:6-11: “Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise . . .”
9. **Instruction—**
Proverbs 4:1: “Listen my sons, to a father’s instruction . . .”
Proverbs 22:22: “Do not exploit the poor . . .”