

Hello, It's Me: Proverbs 14:15, 22:3, 31:10-12

### Part 1: Getting Together

There's 1 thing that all of your relationships have in common – past, present and future:

Relationship Principle: \_\_\_\_\_ are more effective than \_\_\_\_\_.

***Proverbs 14:15: The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps.***

**A simple person is: naïve, stubborn and/or irresponsible.**

Here are some common misconceptions about relationships:

**A prudent person is: teachable, shrewd and future focused.**

***Proverbs 22:3: The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.***

#### **Application:**

Are the **steps** that you are taking leading you to the kind of relationship that you want to have?

## *Life Group Study Guide*

### ***This week, before you go to your Life Group:***

Reflect on what you think the most important aspects of a healthy relationship are. What have you learned from present or past relationships? What have you learned from your experience that you might be able to share with others?

### ***Life Group Discussion Questions:***

Have you ever had good intentions to do something but failed to follow through? Do you agree with the principle: *Actions are more effective than intentions*? If so, how have you seen this principle played out in your life?

In your experience, what is the best relationship advice that you could give to someone else? If you don't have a lot of experience, what are some of the characteristics that you think are important in building a strong marriage or relationship?

What is the difference between prudent people and simple people (see Proverbs 12:15, 14:8, 14:15, 22:3, etc.)? What potentially dangerous things might a couple ignore because they are 'in love' that could send them down a foolish path?

Proverbs 31:10-31 is a poem encouraging us to be married to wisdom. Divide up into groups of 3 or 4. Have each group take a few verses from Proverbs 31:13-28. In your groups, summarize each verse with one characteristic of wisdom. As a larger group, have each group share the characteristics of wisdom that they read about. How could these principles help you in your present or future relationships?

What is one thing that you've learned from this study that you can put into action this week?