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**SESSION 4 | How to Study the
Priorities of Proverbs**

**I. WHY STUDY THE PRIORITIES OF PROVERBS?
DISCERNMENT FOR DAILY LIFE**

A. We Lack Discernment for Daily Life

1. Our inability
2. Our circumstances

B. God has Provided Wisdom

C. Warning of Proverbs: Two Ways of Life

II. DISCERNING THE PRIORITIES OF PROVERBS

Principles of Discerning the Priorities of Proverbs:¹

- Observe what actions are commanded and what actions are prohibited
- Observe what values are offered for approval: what paths lead to the good life and what ones lead to destruction
- Observe the verse in the context of the book

¹ Tremper Longman III, *How to Read Proverbs* (Downers Grove, Ill: InterVarsity Press, 2002); Leland Ryken, *A Complete Handbook of Literary Forms in the Bible* (Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway, 2014).

GET WISDOM! DISCERNMENT FOR DAILY LIFE FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

- Look at the book of Proverbs as one part of the conversation in Wisdom Literature
- Context is King

A. Do's and Don'ts

B. Two Ways of Life

C. A Thought Within a Book

D. One Volume in the Set

E. Context is King

III. PRIORITIZING THE PRIORITIES

A. Rooted in the Fear of the Lord

B. A Means of Loving God and Neighbor

C. A Message of Hope