

**Reading assignment for July 16-22:** Proverbs 11-31; Ecclesiastes 1-2

**Theme:** Stability in troubled times

**Memory:** Proverbs 30:5 *"Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him."*

**Consider/discuss:**

1. Describe the principles for conducting business you see in Proverbs 11.
2. Proverbs 14:4 states *"Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; but much increase comes by the strength of an ox."* How does this verse apply to our congregation?
3. Proverbs 17:22 states *"A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones."* What are some practical steps we can take to cultivate a *"merry heart"* and heal a *"broken spirit"*?
4. Proverbs 26:20 states *"Where there is no wood the fire goes out."* What are some practical implications of this verse?
5. What is the key verse in Ecclesiastes 1? In chapter 2?