

Proverbs

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MAKING LIFE WORK

PUTTING GOD'S WISDOM INTO ACTION



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THE WAY OF WISDOM

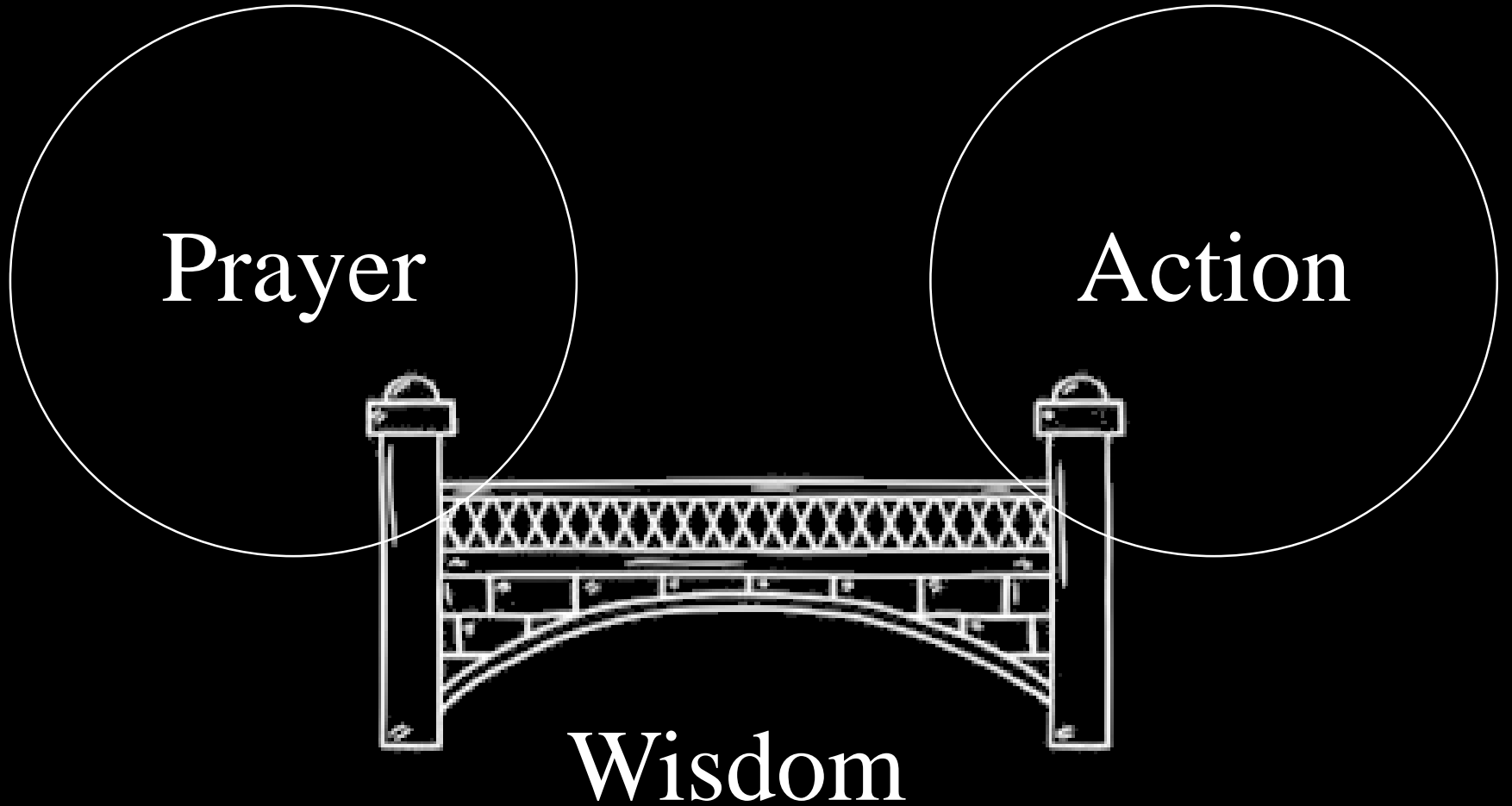
A YEAR OF DAILY DEVOTIONS
IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

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Prayer

Action

Wisdom



1. Wisdom is Relational

“The fear of the Lord...”

2. Wisdom is Practical

Kidner: “Proverbs moves in the realm of personal dealings, asking what a person is like to live with, or to employ; how he manages his affairs, his time and himself.

This good lady, for instance – does she talk too much? That cheerful soul – is he bearable in the early morning? And this friend who is always dropping in – here is some advice for him...and for that rather aimless lad...It offers a key to life.”

Proverbs 14:30: “A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.”

Keller: “Proverbs...calls us to study, to think, to learn the practical discipline of centering all our thoughts and actions on God. Indeed, one of the main messages of Proverbs is – *you’ve never really thought enough about anything...*

Proverbs is about how, having trusted, God, we should then live that faith out.”

3. The Wisdom of Proverbs is poetic

Some features of Poetry

Needs thought

Proverbs 14:4: “Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest.”

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Needs thought

Needs caution

Bananas are good for you



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Parallelism

Proverbs 9:9: “Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.”