

# sermon notes

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June 30, 2024 | “Thirty Resolutions to Live By (Part 3)” | **Prov 24:3–22**

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- 20) Build your \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:3–4)
- 21) Leverage the \_\_\_\_\_ of wise \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:5–6)
- 22) Make sure when you \_\_\_\_\_, you have something worth \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:7)
- 23) Don’t be a scheming \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:8–9)
- 24) Strength is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:10)
- 25) Don’t ignore those in \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:11–12)
- 26) Savor the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:13–14)
- 27) Don’t be on the wrong side of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:15–16)
- 28) Don’t gloat over the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:17–18)
- 29) Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:19–20)
- 30) Fear \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_  
(24:21–22)

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read Proverbs 24:3–22 and count all the references to wisdom. What other words are used here that derive from the Hebrew concept of wisdom? How does this passage correlate with the main themes and ideas throughout Proverbs?

Read Proverbs 24:7 several times. What is being communicated with this short, pithy statement? How does strength relate to resilience? How is resilience shown in the Christian life?

Why is it important to fear both the Lord and the king (24:21)? How does the king operate as an authority figure in the OT world? How does the king’s authority derive from the Lord’s authority? How do we understand and submit to civil and spiritual authority in the modern-day world?

### GET PERSONAL

Read Proverbs 24:5–6. Is the emphasis of this statement on making war or on accessing good counsel? Are you someone who is open to counsel? Who gives you regular, meaningful, challenging counsel in your life?

We are told in 24:19 to not envy evildoers. We’ve seen that command before in Collection III of Proverbs (23:17; 24:1–2). But 24:19 adds “Fret not” to this statement. How might we fret over evil in our world? How do we win the battle against fretting (i.e. anxiety, worry) over evil? What about envying evildoers?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Review the thirty sayings in Collection III of Proverbs (23:17–24:22). Also review the thirty resolutions in Part 1, 2, and 3 of this series through Proverbs at [www.vbvf.org](http://www.vbvf.org).

Write out thirty resolutions for your own life that would incorporate these passages. But consider adding a handful of resolutions that encapsulate NT statements about grace, ethics, and the gospel.

### ADVANCED QUESTION

Read Proverbs 24:11–12. How might we apply this passage in today’s world? Consider issues like abortion, euthanasia, human trafficking, and the opioid crisis in America? Is this a statement that prohibits capital punishment? Would the ancient Israelites read it that way? If not, why not? Interact with the following article on this issue: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/family-qa/pro-life-perspective-on-the-death-penalty/>