

Proverbs 3:5

- ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

Proverbs 18:2

- ² A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing his opinion.

Proverbs 14:15

- ¹⁵ The simple believes everything,
but the prudent gives thought to his steps.

Thinking: Neglected But Necessary

Proverbs 3:5, 18:2, 14:15

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Thinking leads us to trust God.

A closed mind and an open mouth is not a wise way to live.

A thoughtful approach to life makes it more meaningful and happy.

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on Proverbs 3:5, 18:2, 14:15

Getting Started

1. Would you describe yourself as more of a thinker or a feeler? Do you tend to 'over-think' situations or more 'go with the flow'?
2. In our culture, do you think people tend to emphasize thinking or feeling more? Is there someone in your life whom you respect as both careful in their thinking and caring in their expressions/actions?
3. How do you think reason and faith are related but separate?

Digging into the Text

4. Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and respond to these questions:
 - Summarize in your own words what the author is saying?
 - How would you define what is meant by the phrases "*trust in the Lord*" and "*do not lean on your own understanding*"?
 - Based on these verses, in what way does the head (what you understand and think about) determine your heart's affections/motivations and your hands' actions? Said differently, how does wrong thinking lead to problematic feelings and actions?
 - As described at the end of v. 6, what is the inevitable outcome for someone who whole-heartedly trusts and follows God?

Applying It to My Life

5. Being honest, does your current understanding of God (who He is and what He has done) draw you in and cause you to be more excited and trusting? If yes, how so? If not, why not?
6. What is a step you can take this week to think more accurately about God?
7. How can the group be praying for you as we all seek to better know, trust and follow Jesus?