

“Words of Wisdom” Project

Purpose:

“Words of Wisdom” Project is designed to set forth principles that would help our nation and communities by displaying these words in businesses and other public venues. As these short Proverbs are read by those entering, it allows the person reading them to make a choice to follow this path. We believe even if only a few are moved to choose this path, it will help move our nation back to principles on which this nation was built.

Over a number of years more attention has been given to self-indulgence and little attention to concern for others. This deterioration, no doubt, came over a long period of time. The idea is to display Proverbs showing responsible action and how it leads to the blessings of God for all in our nation to see as they walk into business establishments. God’s Word has the power to change lives.

The Proverb would be changed out from time to time for new principles to be seen.

We recognize many are not concerned about religion or the Bible but know the Proverb principles have great value to our society and would be willing to put them in their workplace anyway.

Our country, to some degree, has moved to a bad place, wanting others to provide for them, etc. Proverbs directs us from bad behavior to good and productive behavior. It teaches us using drugs brings destruction to many lives. (Prov. 20:1; 21:17) It shows us the destructiveness of haughty eyes and a proud heart. (Prov. 21:4) It teaches us how diligence leads to profit and haste to poverty, (Prov. 21:5) and on and on it goes.

These Proverbs are basic truths which will lead to a more responsible society when accepted.

Little by little we’ve gotten away from these good principles and therefore it will take our nation seeing these principles over and over to move us back. That is what this project endeavors to promote.

The ISBE, Vol. 3, p. 1012 says it all in its definition of Proverbs. “A saying, usually brief, stating observations from experience so arrestingly that it gains popularity. The purpose is to warn against dangerous conduct, while encouraging behavior that promotes personal and social well-being.”

Process:

Business Displays:

1. Ask business owner to hang Proverbs in their establishment.
2. Provide needed items to hang the Proverb frame.
3. Go by every 1 to 2 months and change Proverb to another one.
4. Keep records: (Using blank location sheet.)
 - Establishment's name, address and telephone number.
 - Name of contact person.
 - Establishment's business hours.
 - Ask if they want Lord or God in the Proverb. Check Yes__or No__
 - Ask if you may change out Proverb without asking them each time. Yes__or No__
 - Proverb left, date it was left and person who left it.
 - On bottom of page put any verses special to them that they want hung up and do not change out.
 - Give them a choice to start with. (Have several on hand to do so.)
5. When we go in they will see Christ in each of us. (Phil. 2:14-16). This puts us in the community where God wants us.

Yard Signs:

- From thumb drive, print yard signs Proverbs you wish printed. These are formatted in landscape on thumb drive. Take to local printing company to be printed.
- Proverbs are printed on corrugated plastic (coroplast) yard signs.
- Members of the congregation display signs in their yards.
- To resist wind, cut rebar 24" long – spray with liquid galvanized – drive in ground with yard sign post – use zip ties to hold to post.
- Extra yard signs are left in church building foyer. Members bring in signs once a month and take a different Proverb to put up in their yard.

Napkin Holders in Restaurants

- Proverbs printed on 4" x 6" postcard stock.
- Change out at your discretion.
- Put a QR code to your congregation's website on cards, if desired.

PRESENTATION!!

The key to getting permission to place Proverbs in businesses is using this one approach whether they are religious or not.

Hi! I'm (name). I'm working with a project called "Words of Wisdom" Project.

The nation's morals have deteriorated.

This project helps move our nation back to good morals on which it was established.

We are asking businesses to allow us to display Proverbs in their business. May we do that here?

Note: When one says God, Jesus or Bible it often creates a block, thinking, will I lose business by promoting religion with my product? This approach allows God's Word to be placed in their business without stating it is God's Word, leaving no threat to those not interested in God but see the value in good morals. Using the word project is neutral.

Our young people have been bombarded with principles that will tear down society and lead them into bad behavior and into a destructive and non-productive life. "Words of Wisdom" Project is designed to get Proverbs out to be seen by those who come into businesses, schools, etc. Of those who started this country some were atheist but lived by the principles of Proverbs.

By these being set out in plain view many will be influenced by them. Little by little this will cause our country to move back to sound principles that leads to integrity and hard work.

- This is a project that one in the congregation, or all, can do. -

Outreach:

Adults:

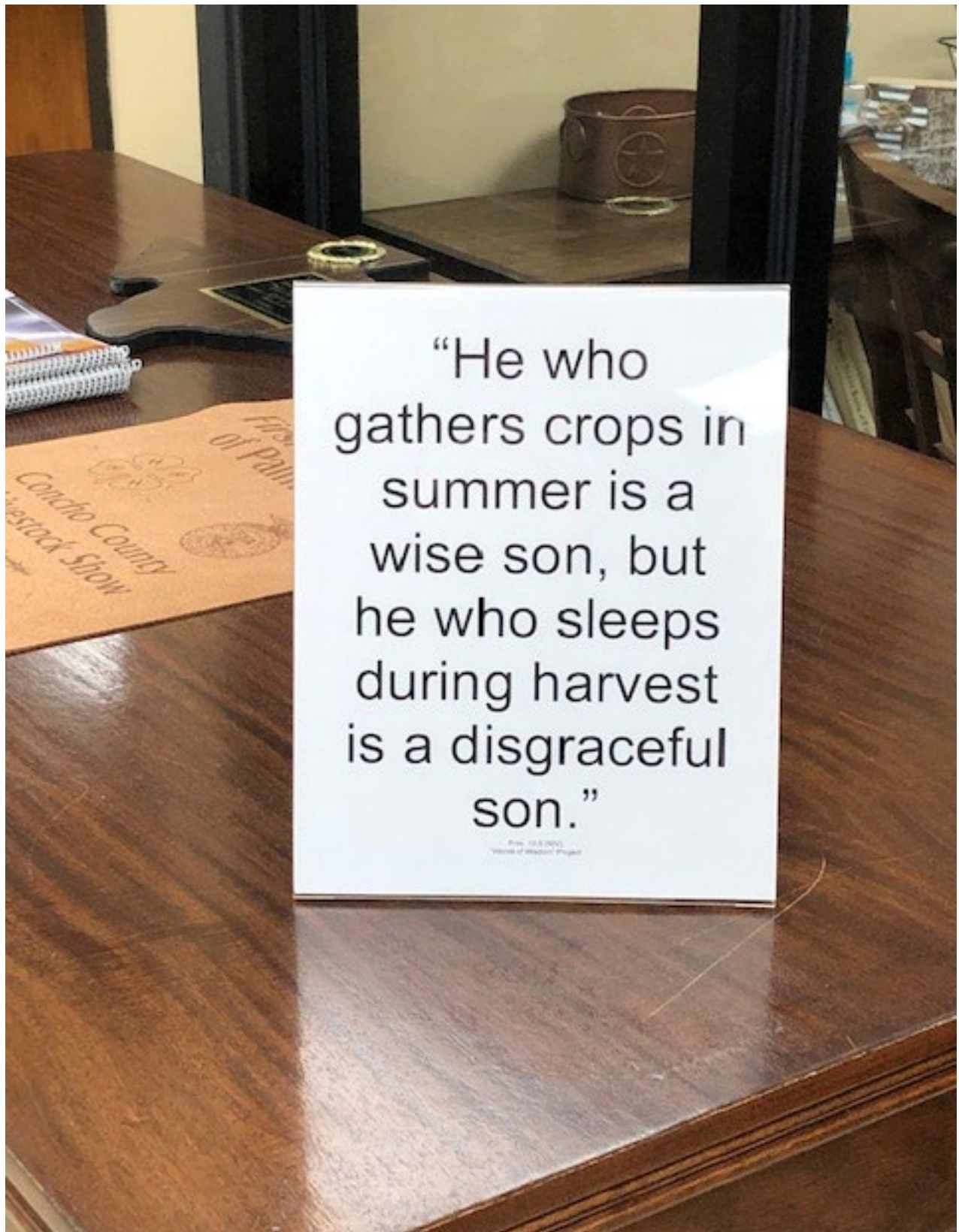
- Changing out Proverbs develops rapport to set up study with owners, managers and employees.
- Opens doors for ministering to people's spiritual needs, many of whom are already Christians.
- Having volumes of Proverbs out there will encourage God's people not to be complacent.
- Excellent for new preachers (and old) of the area to make contact and to get to know their community.
- It lets the community know God's Word is important to you and your congregation.

Youth:

- Supervised well - gives youth excellent contact with presenting God's Word to the outside world.
- The response will show them many are looking for God.

Children:

- Parents, with their children, going into nursing homes. Put Proverbs in room and go back with kids to change out and to visit. It leaves it open for others to go in with them and teach. (Teaches children to serve.)



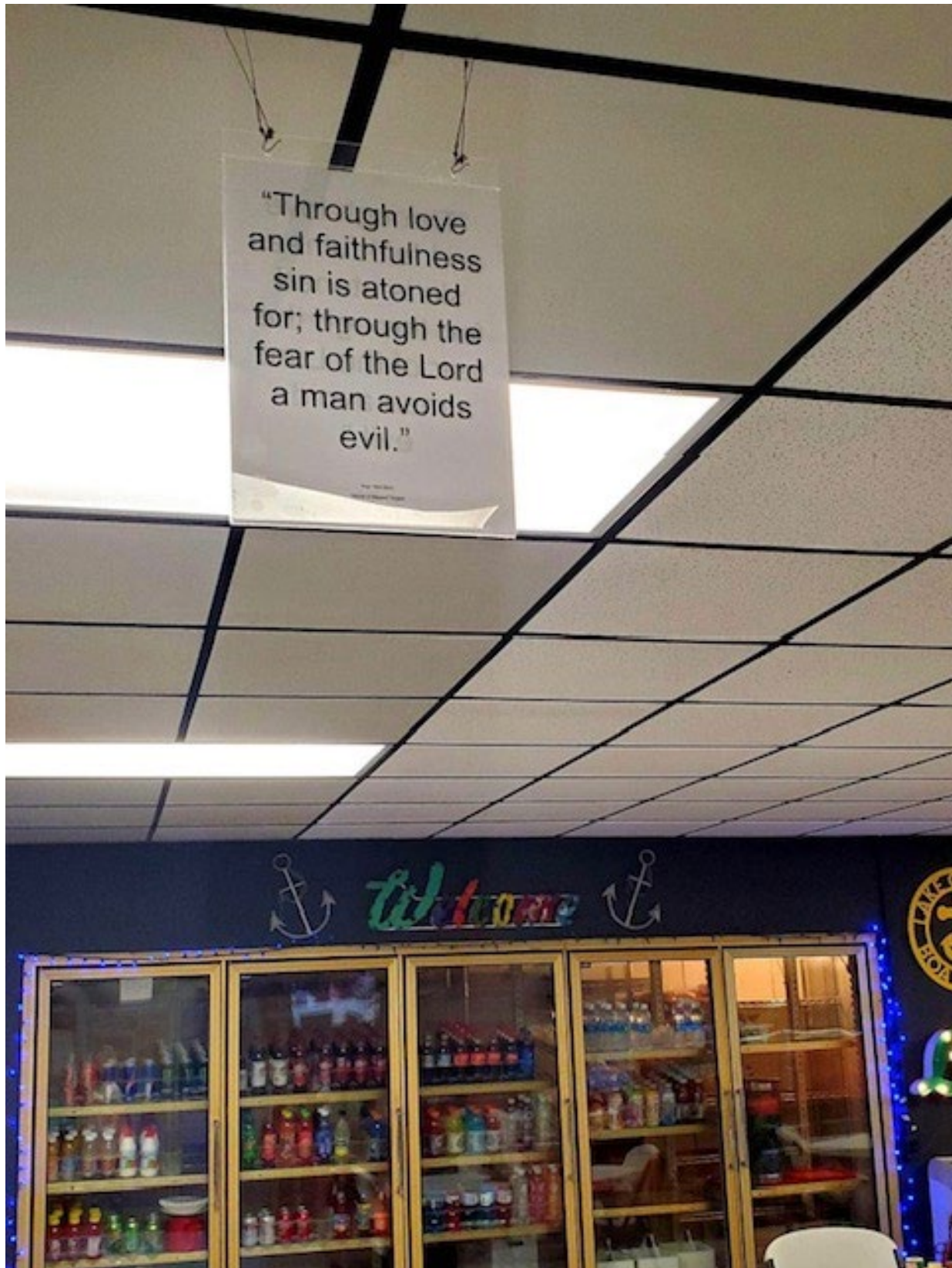
“He who
gathers crops in
summer is a
wise son, but
he who sleeps
during harvest
is a disgraceful
son.”

Prov. 10:2 (NIV)
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First State Bank
Paint Rock, TX



Donna's Beauty Shop
Paint Rock, TX



Concho Park Marina
Millersview, TX



Sportsman's Lodge
Voss, TX



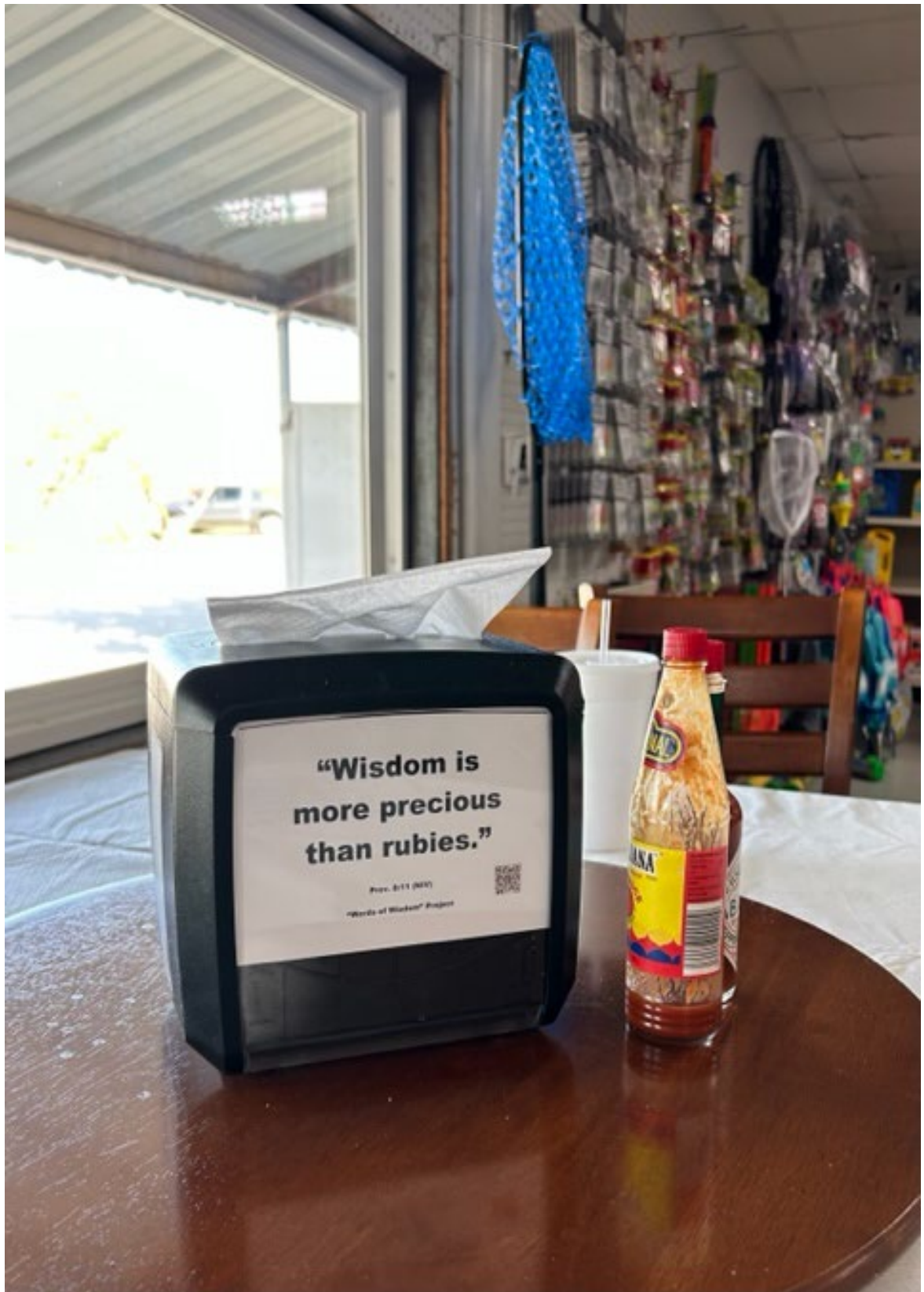
Willie's Beer, Wine & R.V. Campground
Voss, TX



Ballinger, TX



Ballinger, TX



Elm Creek Marina
Voss, TX

Name:

Owner/Manager:

Store #:

Address:

Cell #:

Business Hours:

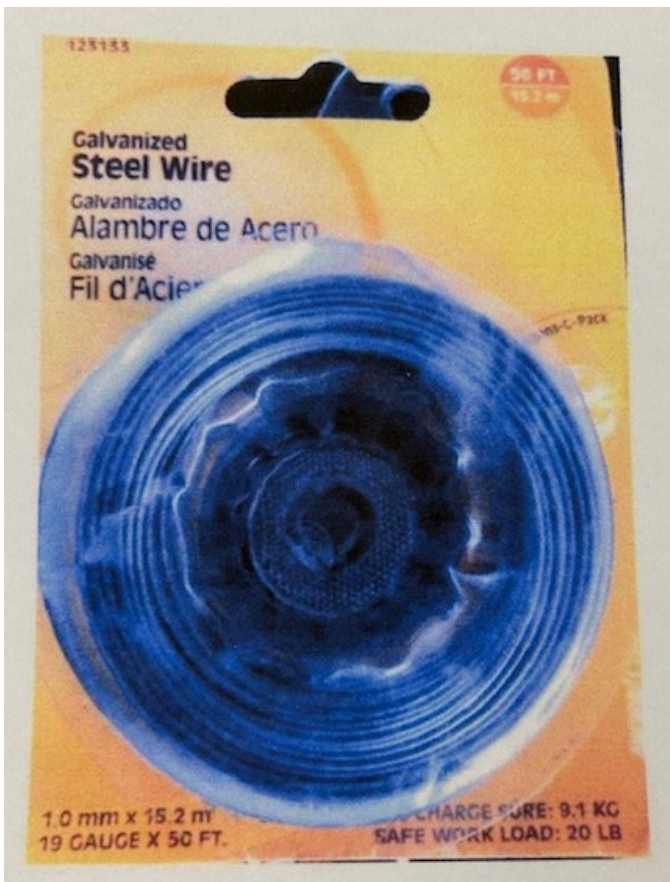
Proverb with Lord, God Yes ___No___

Permission needed to change out? Yes___No___

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We order document holders from Amazon.



Expandable folders with Proverbs available to congregation. We keep in Fellowship Building.

Wire we use to hang from dropped ceilings.

Testimonials:

Hello Larry,

Just wanted to give you an update. We are in our second week of participation with the “Words of Wisdom” Project, and it is a huge success! We’ve already got about a dozen signs up and about half a dozen church members involved actively and are excited to see how quickly it is catching on. As well as the enthusiasm of so many business owners wanting to be a part of it. Thank you so much for sharing this ministry with us. It is truly a blessed work!

Bernie,
Westside Church of Christ
Seminole, TX

(Bernie Yedor’s sermon can be found on
Facebook at Westside Church of Christ,
Seminole, TX 11-6-22)

[SEVERAL WEEKS LATER BERNIE YEDOR WROTE:]

Good morning Larry,

The “Words of Wisdom” Project has been a tremendous blessing to not only my personal ministry, but to my church congregation, and to my town. It has really taken off, with more than 20 businesses (including dry cleaners, mechanics, machine shops, restaurants, hardware stores, pharmacies, etc.) gladly keeping a sign posted in their establishments, and counting. What I didn’t expect, however, is how much this has done to bolster my specific situation as a brand new preacher (and resident) in the town. It has blossomed into a great relationship builder between myself and many business owners, as well as their managers, their employees, and even their family members! In no indirect way, it has introduced me to this town as the “new preacher on the block” who deeply loves the Word of God, wants to publicly share it everywhere, and wants to connect to people one-on-one right where they live and work. It has been an incredibly effective icebreaker in countless scenarios where a conversation may never have started, and as the signs grow in their visibility and recognition, it’s become something that the whole city is starting to give notice to. I can’t recommend this ministry more for any new preacher that is looking for a fun, versatile and non-intrusive way to get to know his new town and to have them get to know him back.

-Bernie

We are so pleased to display the “Words of Wisdom” Project in our Blacksmith Shop. People will stop to read the verse, and some will comment and begin to share their needs. Our business is God’s business, and we are fortunate to be able to minister, love on, pray with or just encourage those who stop in. The verses encourage us too. We feel God has placed a light here for those who are in need. Then we are available for whatever God needs us to do. Jesus said to be light. Matt. 5:14-16, and we are thankful we are included in His great plan.

Randy & Margie Kiser
3 Nail Ironware
Paint Rock, TX

The “Words of Wisdom” Project has been such a HUGE blessing for so many I’ve had folks tell me sometimes that verse spoke directly to their need that day! That’s the POWER OF THE WORD.... All we have to do is get it out there and God does the rest! I even had one business owner say “could you change my verse ... I’ve already memorized that one!”

Trish Tharp
Millersview, TX

God's word calls people to a point of decision, so that they either accept or reject them. (Mt. 15:12; Mk. 10:22; 8:38)

GOD'S WORD

"Hold out the word of life." (Phil. 2:16); "Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law." (Prov. 29:18); "As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless." (2 Sam. 22:31a); "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him." (Prov. 30:5); "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." (Psa. 19:7); "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire." (Isa. 55:11); "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads,...write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates." (Deut. 11:18, 20); "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Tim. 3:16) "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all our strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." (Deut. 6:4-9) "My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart." (Prov. 7:1-3)

Eternalize God's Word

"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." (Josh. 1:8) "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psa. 119:105) "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." (Col. 3:16) "My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart." (Prov. 4:20-21) "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. (Jas. 1:22)

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PURPOSE:

The “Words of Wisdom” Project is designed to move our nation back to sound principles. By displaying Proverbs in public places to be read by customers, we believe God’s Word will change lives for the better.

Second, we use it for outreach to bring people to Christ.

- Both will require time and effort. Provide Proverb in a document holder and needed items to hang it.

PRESENTATION:

The key to getting permission to place Proverbs in a venue is using the following approach whether they are religious or not.

The nation’s **MORALS** have **DETERIORATED**. This **PROJECT** helps move our nation back to the good morals on which it was established.

When God, church or religion is stated it turns many off from displaying Proverbs. They think they may lose business. Only use “Project” to get in the door. Even atheists want good morals. Give them a choice of Proverbs without Lord or God to start with as you approach them.

Examples:

Proverbs may be hung from a dropped ceiling or placed near the cash register, soda or coffee area.



Concho Park Marina
Millersview, TX



First State Bank
Paint Rock, TX

Proverbs may be put on yard signs and each member of the congregation displays one in their yard. Have a location where they can trade their sign out when ready. Napkin holders in restaurants are good exposure.



Ballinger, TX



Elm Creek Marina
Voss, TX

Ask each family of your congregation to display a yard sign in their yard and change out as needed. Some will put forth God’s Word this way when they will not by other means.

As time goes by neighbors will ask where they can get these.

EVANGELISM:

Adults

- Develops rapport.
When changing out Proverbs every month.
- Opens doors to ministering and teaching.

Youth

- Gives youth mission exposure.
- Shows them many are seeking God.

Children

- Parents taking children into retirement homes. Display Proverb in rooms.
Go monthly to change out and visit.
To make contacts, sit in foyer with those who are lonely. Develop rapport and ask if you could put up Proverbs and come by with kids. Change out Proverbs and visit each month.
- Teaching children to serve.

Once permission is granted, the Proverb is changed monthly. It is a simple, kind and loving way to “Hold out the word of life”. (Phil. 2:16)

Process:

- Keep records: Establishment's name, address, telephone number, contact person's name, business hours. Ask if Lord or God can be in Proverb. (Honor request)
- When they want personal verse put up note not to change.
- Yard Signs:
 - Thumb drive has Proverbs typed landscape. Print out and take to a printer to make yard signs.
 - To resist wind, cut rebar 24" long – spray with galvanized paint – drive in ground with yard sign post – use zip ties to hold to post.
 - Put extra yard signs in a place where members can change them out monthly.
- Napkin Holders:
 - Proverbs printed on 4"x6" postcard stock.
 - Change out at your discretion.
 - Put QR code to your congregation's website on cards, if desired.

Supplies:

- 8.5"x11" acrylic wall mount document holder, 8.5"x11" acrylic slanted document holder.
- Galvanized steel wire, 1.0mm or 19 gauge.

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