Proverbs: Ancient Wisdom for Contemporary Organizations

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Abstract

This article discusses how the Biblical Book of Proverbs applies to contemporary organizations. An inductive study of the Proverbs related to organizational life elicited a set of thematic categories. All proverbs related to these categories are reported, and a subset of these categories is explored further. Select examples of proverbs are provided to illustrate each topic with connections made to current management scholarship. Finally, these topical themes are integrated in the context of organizational trust, demonstrating the importance of comprehensive adherence by organizations and their members to all the principles that Proverbs advocates. The degree to which all of the themes within Proverbs are present in organizational trust highlights the significance of God’s wisdom for organizational relationships and effectiveness.
The book of Proverbs comes as the written legacy of King Solomon’s great gift of wisdom that was given from the Lord (Proverbs 1:1), and invites all men and women to read and learn from it to navigate life’s complex questions and decisions, and to live well. Throughout this series we will discover that Proverbs is a timeless book, written specifically to young men and women braving adulthood. We will also see that this ancient book addresses contemporary issues, while providing practical advice in a compelling way. Featured: Ancient Wisdom for a Modern World. Browse This Group. 15 Videos. Modern Proverbs Laughter is the best medicine, but if you are laughing for no reason, you might need medicine. Modern Proverbs A celebrity is someone who works hard all his life to become known and then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized. Modern Proverbs Smile. It'll either warm your heart or tick them off. Either way, you win! Modern Proverbs When life gives you lemons, squeeze them into the eyes of your enemies. Modern Proverbs Aoccdmrng to rscheearch, it deosn't mttaer in waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoetnt tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be at th