

**What does a truly prosperous life look like?**

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**1) Humbling yourself before God**

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**2) Honouring God in want and in plenty**

(9-12)

**3) Valuing wisdom above all else**

(13-18)

**1) The Word One to One (Tuesdays, 11:45am to 1:00pm)**

Is English your second language? Would you like to learn more about who Jesus is? Join us as we look at the Gospel of John on Tuesday mornings after the language classes. Contact Gussie Staton ([esl.sjdh@gmail.com](mailto:esl.sjdh@gmail.com) or 020 7099 9360).

**2) Lunar New Year Dinner (Saturday, 17th February, 5:30 to 8:00pm)**

COME for a fun, food-filled, family friendly celebration to see in the year of the dog. INVITE your friends, colleagues and neighbours (invitations available at the back of church) HELP us before, during and after. Email Lydia ([leelydia@hotmail.com](mailto:leelydia@hotmail.com)) if you can help at all.

**3) Life Explored**

We are planning to run 'Life Explored' over three weeks beginning on 19th February. Venue tbc but we will meet at 7:30pm for a meal followed by a short film and discussion. Please email Andy Palmer ([andy@sjdh.org](mailto:andy@sjdh.org)) or visit our website at: [www.sjdh.org](http://www.sjdh.org) for more details.

**4) The Big Weekend 2018 (16th to 18th March)**

This year's theme is 'Eternity Changes Everything' and is for everyone in years 6-13. Contact Gareth Burns ([gsburnsireland@gmail.com](mailto:gsburnsireland@gmail.com)) for more information. Book by Sunday 18th February in order to avoid missing out (online sign-up at [tinyurl.com/tbw18](http://tinyurl.com/tbw18)).

**5) Christian Medical Fellowship at St John's**

Next meeting of the CMF North London group on Thursday, 15th March, 6:30pm to 9:00pm, at 122 Chomley Gardens, NW6, dinner provided. Please let Siobhan Burns ([gsburnsireland@gmail.com](mailto:gsburnsireland@gmail.com)) or Karen Chitra ([karensilok@yahoo.com](mailto:karensilok@yahoo.com)) know if you'd like to attend. CMF Day Conference - Saline Solution, Saturday, 17th March, 9:30am to 4:30pm in the undercroft. Contact Karen Chitra for more details.

**For further discussion**

- How would you define prosperity in relation to your hopes for your life, career, relationships? How might that be similar to/different from other people you know?
- How do v5-7 compare with what many people think we need to do in order to be prosperous?
- Do you have a "shopping list" approach to prayer? How do v5-7 correct that?
- How do v11-12 act as a counterbalance to v9-10?
- Do you see God's discipline as loving? Can you think of examples from your own life where you have needed God's loving discipline? Were you aware of it at the time or only later? What is helpful/not helpful to say to others who are suffering?
- Why is wisdom more valuable than gold and silver? When are we tempted not to believe that? How are these verses an encouragement?
- Can you think of real life examples of people who value wisdom like this? What is different about them? What can you emulate?