

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

### Title:

On the Way to Satisfaction

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### Scriptures:

Proverbs 19:1–29

**Theme:** Take the way that leads to life and you will rest in satisfaction.

**Introduction:** At the heart of Proverbs 19 is verse 23: “The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.” This verse reminds us of the overarching theme of Proverbs, especially as it is found in Proverbs 1:7. In verse 23—and by extension, all of chapter 19—the author is appealing to us on the basis of what is good for us. Satisfaction awaits those who will fear the Lord.

The way that leads to life includes at least four elements, according to chapter 19:

### 1. Integrity (1–9)

- Integrity is the quality of being whole, consistent, and true.
- Honest speech means we have nothing to hide, and we therefore have peace.
- For our desires to be whole/have integrity, they must be biblically informed.

### 2. Sense (10–17)

- The idea of common sense (or “horse sense”) is that certain things are obviously right, good, and fair.
- Verses 10–17 should be common sense to every human because every human has been made by God in his world, but it is not common sense to everyone.

### 3. Reverence (18–23)

- Verse 23 calls us to and incentivizes us to fear the Lord.
- All things—such as discipline (v. 18)—must be done in the fear of the Lord as worship to him.

### 4. Justice (24–29)

- Justice is not simply a legal idea: it transcends human law, finding its source in the perfect character of God.
- The last two verses highlight how even someone who confuses or subverts justice is acting wickedly.

### Questions:

1. Examine the four virtues above.
  - a. Which do you most need the Lord’s help to grow in?
  - b. Which proverb(s) from that section give you what you need to grow in that area?