I. Note: Are you reading ahead? Book Three begins in Chapter 25 and addresses leaders.

A. With the US election over and a new president-elect in place, Book 3 is timely.

II. Proverbs 16 is truly a summation application of all the presentations of chapters 1 – 15.

A. Application answers the question, “So what?” to the “What’s what” of scripture.

B. God’s attributes line up as follows:

1. God is holy; therefore, He hates and detests.

2. God is omniscient; therefore, He sees, hears and knows everything.

3. God is omnipotent; therefore, He does miracles.

4. God is merciful; therefore, He loves and forgives.

III. Proverbs’ Book Two calls for the Concessions of Faith (vs. the Confessions).

A. Wise/Mature people confess their faith.

B. Wise/Mature people profess their faith’s concessions. eg. 16:33

IV. In Chapter 17 the age factor of the audience addressed is apparent.

A. This proverb connects prudence and restraint.

1. Wise people learn to say “no.”

2. Wise people look for motive – theirs and others.

3. Wise people know the value of being grandparents.

4. Wise people mature in their concept of friendship.

5. Wise people know when to keep their mouths shut.

V. In Chapter 18 the age factor of the audience continues to be apparent.

A. This proverb connects knowledge and ignorance.

1. Wise people know there is a big difference between stupidity and ignorance.

2. Wise people learn to value humility.

3. Wise people value peace of mind and heart.

4. Wise people redefine family.

VI. In Chapter 19 the age factor of the audience continues to contextualize the content.

A. This proverb connects the tree to the forest.

1. Wise people reset their value system and redefine their assets.

2. Wise people learn what to seek in a partner – marriage or otherwise.

3. Wise people learn that the purpose of prayer is alignment, not assignment.

**Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

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| **1.** Have Thine own way, Lord!  Have Thine own way!  Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  Mold me and make me after Thy will,  While I am waiting, yielded and still. | **3.** Have Thine own way, Lord!  Have Thine own way!  Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  Power – all power – surely is Thine!  Touch me and heal me, Savior divine! |

**4.** Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Hold o’er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit ‘till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

Amen.