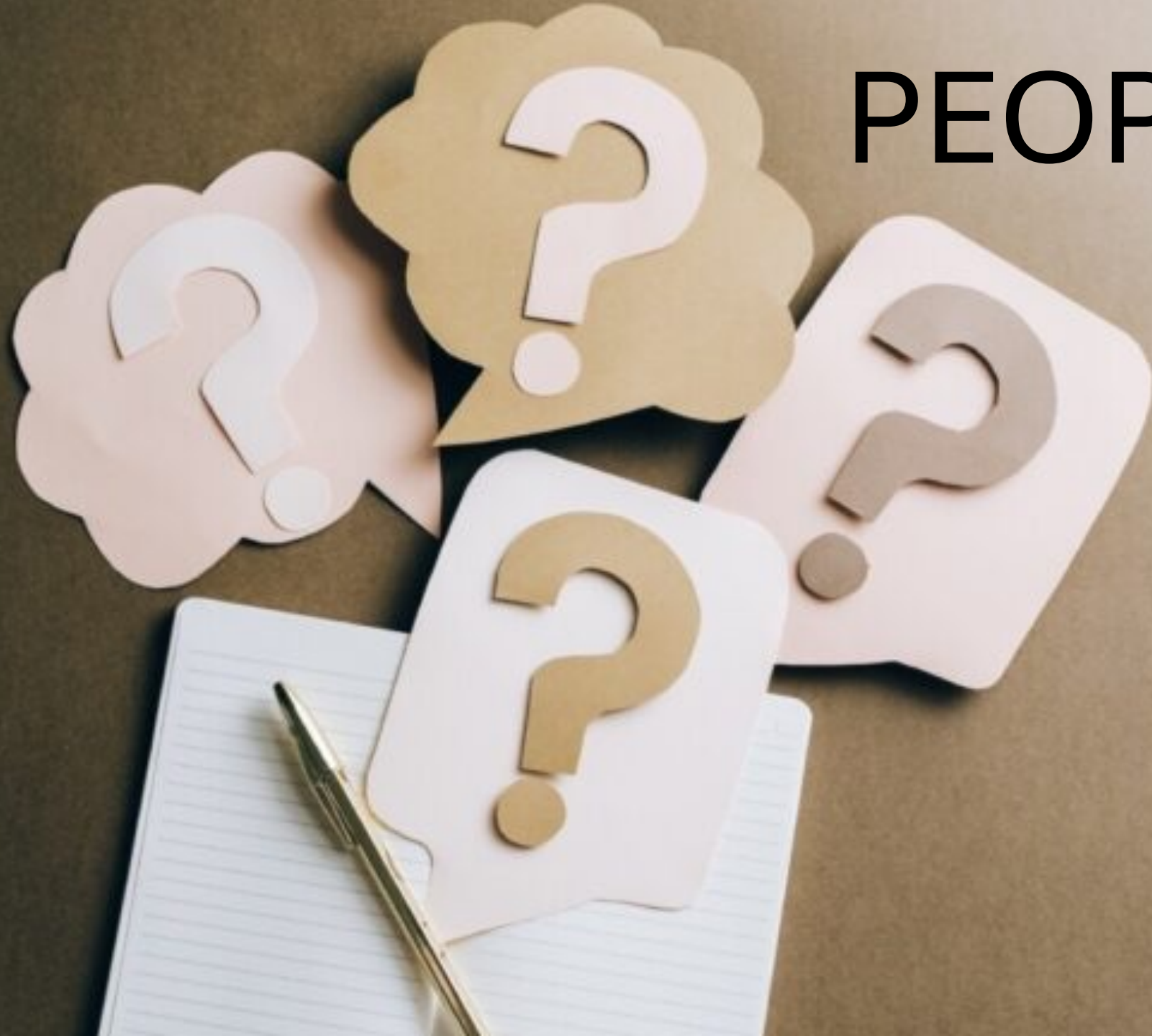


PEOPLE















PROVERBS 22:13 the sluggard says,
“There’s a lion outside!” or “I will be
murdered in the streets!”

Some people say **ANYTHING.**
Do not **BELIEVE** them!

Pessimism, lies, & ignorance are part of normal human communications. Ask God to make you **smart** and **discerning**.

A simple man believes anything,
but a prudent person gives
thought to their steps *(14:13)*.

The simple inherit folly, but the
PRUDENT are crowned with
knowledge *(14:18)*.

Research/Expertise etc. often end up far away from **God's truth**. Let the Bible be your filter!

A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions (18:2).

PROVERBS 1:10-19 My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them. If they say, “Come along with us, let’s lie in wait for someone’s blood... We will get all sorts of valuable things and fill our house with plunder... My son, do not go along with them. Do not set foot on their path...

Some people are PERVERSE.
STAY AWAY from them.

You may have to associate with them but you do not have to **respect** them. Give them **NO influence** in your life.

... a companion of fools suffers harm *(13:20)*.

A fool finds PLEASURE in evil conduct *(10:23)*.

PROVERBS 13:8 A man's
riches may ransom his life, but a
poor man hears no threat.

Some people seem to **HAVE** it **ALL**.
Do not **ENVY** them!

I may have struggles and burdens they do not have. But the opposite is true also!

Even in laughter the heart may ache, and joy may end in grief (*14:13*).

Sinful people become “successful.” I do not have to imitate them in order to have success. My “hope” lies in a **different kind** of success.

Do not let your heart envy sinners but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord. There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off *(23:17-18)*.

When the wicked man dies, his hope perishes. All he expected from his power comes to nothing *(11:7)*.

PROVERBS 4:10-13 Listen my son,
accept my words and the years of your life
will be many. I guide you in the way of
wisdom... When you walk, your steps will
not be hampered. Hold onto my
instruction and do not let it go. Guard
it well; for it is your life.

Some people can **IMPROVE** your life.
PAY ATTENTION to them!

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another (27:17).

“Sharpening” > one iron is harder than the other. So those made hard and strong by difficulties are worth my time and consideration.

PROVERBS 14:1 The wise woman
BUILDS her house, but with her own hands
the foolish one tears her's down.

Some people add great **VALUE**
to this world. **CELEBRATE** them!

When I seek to participate and perpetuate the life work of a godly person, I not only encourage **them**, but I make a statement to **others** about what I believe is important and worthwhile.

In the way of the righteous there is LIFE.
Along the way is immortality *(12:28)*.

The memory of the righteous
will be a blessing... *(10:7)*