



PROVERBS
EXTRAORDINARY WISDOM FOR ORDINARY LIFE





GRADE 9 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

St. George Coptic Orthodox Church

The Book of **PROVERBS**

*Ancient Wisdom for
Modern Living*



Name:

Check off
each chapter
of Proverbs
as you read it.



DoNotDepart's

One for Thirty One Challenge

Read One Chapter of the Bible Each Day
for Thirty One Days *and nourish your soul.*

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You did it!



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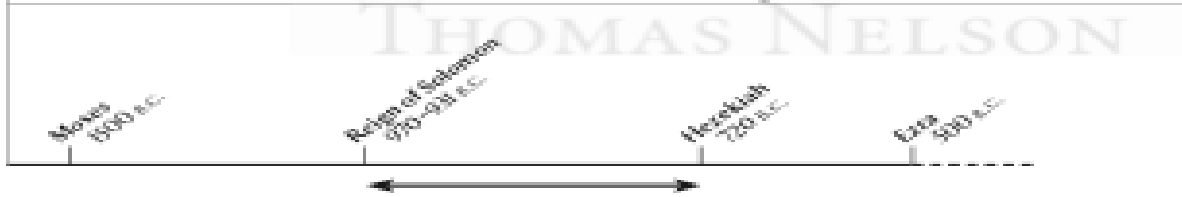


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Introduction & Background

When the Proverbs Were Written and Compiled



THE TITLE

The word "*proverb*" comes from a Hebrew word "*mishal*," which is used of various meanings, such as the following:

1. An allegory: For example, Christ and His Church or man's soul are allegorized as the Groom and His bride (Ezek. 17:2).
2. A discourse (Num. 23:7-8).
3. A song of triumph (Isa. 14:4).
4. An argument (Job 29:1).
5. A type (Heb. 9:9).
6. A lament (Mic. 2:4).
7. A proverb (Prov. 1:1; 1 Kings 4:32; 2 Chron. 7:20; Ps. 44:14; 69: 11; Jer. 24:9), that is a short saying which expresses many meanings.
8. "To rule or to govern" (Gen. 1:18; 3:16; Exod. 21:8). Thus, proverbs are saying designed to rule or govern our conduct, and may be called "Heaven's rules for men on earth"²¹.

PROVERBS AT A GLANCE						
Focus	Purpose Of Proverbs	Proverbs To Youth	Proverbs Of Solomon	Proverbs Of Solomon (Hezekiah)	Words Of Agur	Words Of Lemuel
Reference	1:1 — 1:8	10:1	25:1	30:1	31:1	31:31
Division	Purpose And Theme	Father's Exhortations	First Collection Of Solomon	Second Collection Of Solomon	Numerical Proverbs	Virtuous Wife
Topic	Prologue	Principles Of Wisdom			Epilogue	
	Commendation Of Wisdom	Counsel Of Wisdom			Comparisons Of Wisdom	
Location	Judah					
Time	c. 950-450 B.C.					

God grant me wisdom in:

THOUGHT

SPEECH

ACTION

Ask for wisdom, to have the mind of Christ, to speak the words Christ, and to live according to Christ (as in Philippians)

Wisdom is personified in the Proverbs and acts as God's dynamic Word. In the NT, Jesus becomes the Wisdom and Word of God.

Origin of Wisdom	Teaching of Wisdom	Value of Wisdom
In God (v. 22) From everlasting (v. 23) Before all things (vv. 23-30)	Prudence (vv. 5, 12) Understanding (v. 5) Excellent things (v. 6) Truth (v. 7) Hatred of wickedness (v. 7) Righteousness (v. 8) Knowledge (v. 12) Discretion (v. 12) Fear of the Lord (v. 13)	Yields riches and honor (v. 18) Greater than gold and silver (v. 19) The wise are blessed (vv. 32, 34) The wise find life (v. 35) The foolish love death (v. 36)

God loved Solomon's request for wisdom, and He also granted him peace and many riches (silver was as much as stone during the time of Solomon). Why?

Because to have wisdom is to have Christ Himself

**"Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."
1 Corinthians 1:24**

(asking God for wisdom is asking The Father to give us Christ)



Interesting Facts About Proverbs

MEANING: "Comparison, similar, parallel."

AUTHOR: The principle author is Solomon.

- Agur wrote chapter 30.
- Lemuel Wrote chapter 31 about the worthy woman.

TIME WRITTEN:

- Solomon's proverbs were written by 931 B.C.
- The proverbs in chapters 25-29 were collected by Hezekiah about 230 years later. Hezekiah reigned from 715 B.C. to 686 B.C.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 20th Book in the Bible
- 20th Book in the Old Testament
- 3rd of 5 Poetical books (Job - Song of Solomon)
- 46 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 31

VERSES: 915

WORDS: 15,043

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT PROVERBS:

- Concerning the proverbs of Solomon:
 - According to 1 Kings 4:32, Solomon spoke:
 - 3,000 proverbs.
 - 1,005 songs.
 - Only about 800 of Solomon's proverbs are included in this Book of Proverbs.
 - Therefore, 2,300 of his proverbs are not contained in the Book of Proverbs.
- There is no Biblical information about Agur or Lemuel.
- Solomon's great wisdom was well known during his day.
 - In 1 Kings 3:9-12, Solomon asked for wisdom and it was granted.
 - 1 Kings 10:24 - "Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart."

PROVERBS

- The key word in Proverbs is "wisdom," meaning "the ability to live skillfully."
 - "Wisdom" means skill.
 - "Instruction" means discipline.
- Proverbs provides detailed instructions for His people to deal successfully with the practical affairs of everyday life.
 - How to relate to God.
 - How to relate to neighbors.
 - How to relate to parents.
 - How to relate to government.
 - How to relate to children.
- The Book of Proverbs is designed to:
 - Prevent ungodly life-styles.
 - Remedy ungodly life-styles.
- Included in Proverbs is instruction regarding:
 - Wisdom and folly
 - Righteousness and wickedness
 - The tongue and speech
 - Pride and humility
 - Justice and vengeance
 - The family
 - Laziness and work
 - Poverty and wealth
 - Friends and neighbors
 - Love and lust
 - Anger and strife
 - Masters and servants
 - Life and death
 - Drunkenness
- Proverbs 31 includes an acrostic of 22 verses (the first letter of each follows the complete Hebrew alphabet) portraying the virtuous woman.

OUTLINES

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|---------------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| 1. Counsel for young men | ch. 1-9. | 3. Counsel for kings and rulers | ch. 21-30. |
| 2. Counsel for all men | ch. 10-20. | 4. The virtuous woman | ch 31. |

PROVERBS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT

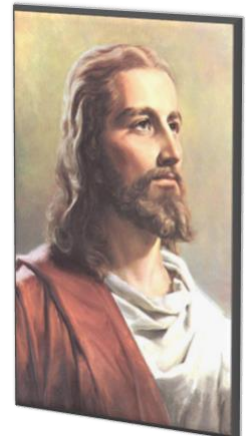
More than twenty quotations and allusions to the Book of the Proverbs is found in the New Testament. [Rom. 3:15 (Prov. 1:16); Heb. 12:5-6 (Prov. 3:11-12); Rev. 3:19 (Prov. 3:11-12); Jas. 4:8 (Prov. 3:34); 1 Pet. 5:5 (Prov. 3:34); 1 Pet. 4:18 (Prov. 11:31); Rom. 12:20 (Prov. 25:21-22); 2 Pet. 2:22 (Prov. 26:11)].

The Epistle of St. James is called "The Proverbs of the New Testament," for it concentrates on the behavior of the believers.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Wisdom and the Instructor:

✠ *The Word... has appeared as our Teacher, He by whom the universe was created. The Word who in the beginning gave us life when He fashioned us as Creator, has taught us the good life as our Teacher, that He may afterwards, as God, provide us with eternal life. Not that He now has for the first time pitied us for our wandering; He pitied us from old, from the beginning. But now, when we were perishing, He has appeared and has saved us*²⁶.

St. Clement of Alexandria





WEEK 1: CHAPTERS 1-7

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

➤ Chapter 1: **“THE CALL OF WISDOM”**

Breakdown:

1. The purpose of Proverbs	1-7
2. Warning against joining gangs	8-19
3. The call of Wisdom	20-33

➤ Interesting Fact:

CHRIST IN THE PROVERBS

When you read the book of Proverbs, if you put “**Christ**” instead of the word “**Wisdom**” you will see a wonderful power in the book.
He is a Friend who sticks closer than a brother (18:24).

Questions

- Who did write the Proverbs? When?

- What is the beginning of knowledge?

- “My son, hear the _____ your father, and do not _____ the _____ of your mother” verse ____.
- What do the sinners invite us to do? Example or verses!

- What we should do (verse 15) _____
- What will the one who listened to wisdom gain? Verse?

Memorize Verse 33

“But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.”



➤ Chapter 2: **“THE REWARDS OF WISDOM”**

<u>Breakdown:</u>	1. Exhortation to seek wisdom	1-9
	2. The advantages of wisdom	10-22

➤ **Interesting Fact:** The **22 verses** of this chapter correspond to the **22 letters** of the Hebrew Alphabet

➤ **Questions:**

1. According to Proverbs 2, the Lord gives:

- a) Treasures b) Gold c) Wisdom d) Victory

2. “So you may walk in the way of _____, and keep to the paths of _____.”

3. According to Proverbs 2, what does the Lord give?

4. According to verse 11, what will protect and guard you?

5. What happens to a person who has wisdom in his heart?

6. Why should one be on guard from the immoral woman?

Memorize Verse 6

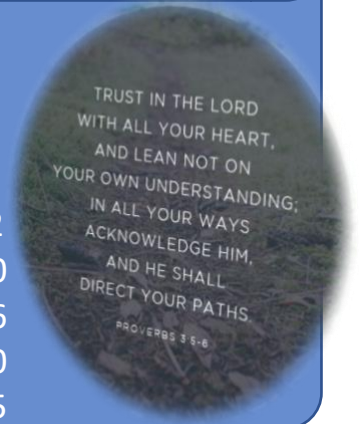
“For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding”



➤ **Chapter 3: “THE PRACTICAL WAY OF THE WISDOM”**

Breakdown:

1. An exhortation to obedience	1-4
2. Trust in God’s providence	5-6
3. Humility	7-8
4. Charity	9-10
5. Submission to God’s chastening	11-12
6. Seeking after wisdom	13-20
7. Accepting the guidance of Wisdom	21-26
8. Brotherly love and forbearance	27-30
9. The Lord’s curse and blessing	33-35



➤ **Interesting Fact:** This chapter explains the practical way of the wisdom.

➤ **Questions:**

1. “My son, do not despise the _____ of the Lord, nor detest His _____; for whom the Lord _____ He _____, just as a father the son in whom he delights.”

2. According to Proverbs 3, who are we to trust?
a) Friends b) God c) our understanding d) knowledge

3. What will win us favor and good name in the sight of God and man?

4. List the things mentioned in this PROVERBS that we should not do.

5. How should we treat our neighbor?

Memorize verse 5

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding”



Giving Purposefully

WE ARE TO BE "PURPOSEFULL GIVERS."

2 Corinthians 9:7

If we are being purposeful givers, we will realize that giving is a spiritual sacrifice.



- It shows God's worth. 2 Sam. 24:24; Mal. 1:6-8
- It shows our trust in God. Deut. 8:11-18; Luke 12:18-19; 2:2-4; Mark 10:24;

If we are not being purposeful givers, we may:



- Fail to adjust our giving when we have increases in prosperity. 1 Corinthians 16:2; Leviticus 5:7
- Fail to give our contribution every week. 1 Corinthians 16:2
- Fail to make our spiritual gift a priority over material purchases. Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-37; Proverbs 3:9



Love Gives!

Are You a **CHEERFUL** Giver?
Are You a **PURPOSEFUL** Giver?
Are You a **FAITHFUL** Giver?

HAVE YOU BEEN MADE PURE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST?

Some Precious Things



THE WORD OF THE LORD

- 1 Samuel 3:1

THE SOUL OF MAN

- 1 Samuel 26:21



TRUE WISDOM

- Proverbs 3:15

THE PROMISES OF GOD

- 2 Peter 1:4

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

- 1 Peter 1:9

MAN'S PERSONAL FAITH

- 2 Peter 1:1

THE DEATH OF A SAINT

- Psalm 116:15



HOW MANY OF THESE PRECIOUS THINGS WILL YOU HAVE?



➤ **Chapter 4: "INSTRUCTION OF A FATHER"**

Breakdown:

- 1. Exhortation to the study of wisdom 1-13
- 2. Cautions against bad company. Exhortation to faith and holiness 14-27

➤ **Interesting Fact:** The Christian walks in the way of light. Christ is their way and Christ is the light, The Bible guides us, which is the light of our feet.

➤ **Questions:**

1. Above all we are instructed to guard our:
 - a) eyes b) tongue c) heart d) ears
2. "Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from _____."
3. Whose path and way we should not follow? Verse 14

4. List the "Do not's" that are in this PROVERBS.

5. Compare the path of the wicked with that of the just.

Sins of the Tongue

THE BIBLE LISTS AT LEAST 18 SINS OF THE TONGUE

(1) CURSING	(5) TALE BEARING Leviticus 19:16	(9) DECEIT Romans 3:13	(13) IDLE WORDS Matthew 12:36
(2) FLATTERY Psalm 12:3	(6) WHISPERS Romans 1:29	(10) REVILING 1 Corinthians 6:10	(14) BLASPHEMY Colossians 3:8
(3) EVIL SPEAKING Ephesians 4:31	(7) BACKBITING Romans 1:30	(11) FOOLISH TALKING Ephesians 5:4	(15) FALSE TEACHING Titus 1:10-11
(4) LYING Revelation 21:8	(8) BOASTING Romans 1:39	(12) JESTING Ephesians 5:4	(16) FILTHY SPEECH Colossians 3:8
(17) CROOKED SPEECH Proverbs 4:24		(18) HARSH CRITICISM Matthew 5:22	

Barnes' Bible Charts

Memorize verse 23

"Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life"



➤ Chapter 5: “THE VICE OF THE ADULTEROUS”

Breakdown:

- 1. The evils of licentiousness 1-14
- 2. Remedies against licentiousness, the miserable end of the wicked 15-23

➤ **Interesting Fact:**


We ought industriously to avoid everything that might be an occasion of the sin of adultery or a step towards it, for it is destructive of all the seeds of virtue of the soul and those who are entangled in it have but a step between them and hell.

➤ **Questions:**

1. “For the ways of man are before the eyes of the _____, and He _____ all his paths.”
2. “His own _____ entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his _____.”
3. Describe the immoral woman.

4. What are the consequences of living with an immoral woman?

What is Sin?

<p>Sin is TRANSGRESSION of the law 1 John 3:4</p>		<p>Sin is a binding cord which HOLDS man in its power Proverbs 5:22</p>
<p>Sin is a grievous MALADY Romans 3:10-18</p>	<p>Sin is a terrible DEVASTATION Micah 6:3</p>	<p>Sin is a ROBBER of blessing Jeremiah 5:25</p>
<p>Sin is an obscuring cloud that HIDES the face of God’s blessings Isaiah 59:2</p>		<p>Sin is an ACCUSING witness Isaiah 59:12</p>

Memorize verse 21

“For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, And He ponders all his paths.”



➤ Chapter 6: **“IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR”**

Breakdown:

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| 1. Cautions against rash suretyship | 1-5 |
| 2. A rebuke to slothfulness | 6-11 |
| 3. Seven things hateful to God | 12-19 |
| 4. Exhortations to walk according to God’s commandments | 20-35 |

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

Go to the **ant**, you **slugard**! Consider her ways and be **wise**.

➤ **Questions:**

1. The Lord hates:
 - a) a proud look b) a lying tongue c) a false witness d) all of these

2. “My son, keep your _____ command, and do not forsake the _____ of your mother.”

3. What wisdom are we to draw from the ants?

4. What are the 7 things that the Lord hates?

Memorize verse 20

“My son, keep your father’s command, And do not forsake the law of your mother.”



➤ Chapter 7: “ESCAPE FROM THE ADULTEROUS”

Breakdown:

- 1. Invitations to learn wisdom. A farther exhortation to acquire wisdom, in order to be preserved from impure connections 1-5
- 2. The art of seducers, with warnings against them 6-27
The character of a harlot, and her conduct towards a youth who fell into her snare. Solemn exhortations to avoid this evil.

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

Beware of sins which are said to be **pleasant sins**. They are the more dangerous, because they most easily gain the heart, and close it against repentance.

➤ **Questions:**

- 1. “My son, keep my _____, and _____ my commands within you.”
- 2. “Keep my _____ and live, and my _____ as the apple of your eye. _____ them on your fingers; _____ them on the tablet of your heart.”
- 3. Reread verse 2, how carefully are we instructed to guard God’s teaching?

- 4. With what did the woman perfume her bed?

- 5. What does the immoral woman represent in our life?

Memorize verse 26

“For she (**Sin**) has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong men.”



Goals for Today- Part 1

I WILL USE MY TIME
WISELY

I WILL MENTION
CHRIST TO SOMEONE

I WILL HAVE A SMILE
AND A GOOD WORD
FOR OTHERS

I WILL NOT LIVE IN
THE PAST

I WILL DO A GOOD
DEED FOR SOMEONE

I WILL PRAY
WITHOUT CEASING

Today
I
Will

HAVE YOU SET RIGHT GOALS FOR TODAY?



WEEK 2: CHAPTERS 8-14

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020

➤ Chapter 8: **“THE EXCELLENCE OF WISDOM”**

Breakdown:

1. A call for wisdom	1-11
2. Blessings of this calling	12-21
3. Eternal Wisdom	22-29
4. Wisdom is the Creator and the Saviour	30-31
5. Wisdom gives the blessing	32-34
6. Wisdom is the giver of life	35
7. Sadness of those who refuse the calling	46

➤ Interesting Fact:

Verses 22&30 symbol the incarnation; as the wisdom is the word of God **“Jesus Christ”** who incarnated for us.

➤ Questions

- To fear the Lord is to hate:
 - sinner
 - evil
 - foolishness
 - knowledge
- “I love those who _____ me, and those who _____ me _____ will find me.”
- To fear the Lord is to hate what?

- When was wisdom established?

- What is the reward of those who find wisdom?

- Whom Solomon is talking about on verses 22 & 30?

Memorize verse 17

“I love those who love me, And those who seek me **diligently** will find me.”



➤ Chapter 9: **“THE WAY OF WISDOM”**

Breakdown:

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|------------------------------|-------|
| 1. The invitations of Wisdom | 1-12 |
| 2. The invitations of folly | 13-18 |

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

The **wisdom** has built her house which symbol the **incarnation** and her **7 pillars** is the **Holy Spirit** in the **Church** as the Church is the **body of Christ**.

➤ **Questions:**

1. “The _____ of the _____ is the beginning of wisdom, and the _____ of the Holy One is _____.”

2. “If you are wise, you are wise for _____, and if you _____, you will _____ it alone.”

3. What happens to the one who corrects a scoffer?

4. Where does the foolish woman sit?

5. Who are the two extending invitations in this PROVERBS?

Memorize verse 10

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”



➤ Chapter 10: **“THE TONGUE AND SPEECH”**

Breakdown:

1. Weighty Sayings	1-7
2. Signs of Wisdom and of folly	8-17
3. The proper use of the tongue	18-21
4. The advantages of the righteous	22-24
5. Happiness to the righteous	25-32

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

From this chapter to the 25th are observations about moral virtues, and their opposite vices.

➤ **Questions:**

1. “A _____ son makes a glad father, but a _____ son is the grief of his mother.”

2. “In the multitude of _____ sin is not lacking, but who _____ his lips is wise.”

3. What does love cover?

4. What makes one rich?

5. Reread verse 19; give an example of sin resulting from excessive talking? Why is the holding of one’s tongue wise? **As a spiritual exercise: Read James 3**

Memorize verse 19...

“In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.”



➤ **Chapter 11: “THE FOLLY OF WICKEDNESS”**

Breakdown:

- 1. Behaving with righteous and integrity 1-15
- 2. Reward for righteousness (virtues, generosity, seeking righteousness) 16-31

➤ **Interesting Fact:** The ways of righteousness are plain and safe and in them we may enjoy a holy security. The ways of wickedness are dangerous and those who indulge themselves in sin are fitting themselves for destruction. A parallel of the advantages of the righteous and wise, opposed to the miseries of the wicked and the foolish. True and false riches.

➤ **Questions:**

1. A talebearer reveals _____, but he who is of a _____ spirit conceals a matter.”

2. We will fail if we trust in:

- a) our riches b) God c) our parents d) our church

3. What comes with pride?

4. If you have a friend that tells you the secrets of his/her other friends, do you think this is a trustworthy friend? Explain and give a verse that supports your point of view.

5. Give verses that praise **generosity**.

Memorize verse 30

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree, **And he who wins souls is wise.**” *No bullying!



➤ **Chapter 12: “INCONSISTENT & CONTRADICTIONARY BEHAVIOUR”**

Breakdown:

1. Acceptance and rejection of instruction	1
2. Righteous vs wicked people	2-8
3. False empty appearances, Mercy vs. cruelty	9-10
5. Work, Laziness, jealousy, fruits of the mouth	11-14
6. Heeding counsel is wise	15
7. Anger, the tongue, persistence	16-25
8. Way of righteousness vs way of wickedness	26-28

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

In the life of the **righteous**, there is all true comfort and satisfaction and at the end of life there is **eternal joy**. The man who devises wickedness in under condemnation and all his triumphing on earth is but for a moment. Of the benefit of instruction, and the cultivation of piety. The virtuous woman. The different lot of the just and unjust. The humane man. The industrious man. The fool and the wise man. The uncharitable. The excellence of the righteous. The slothful is in want. Righteousness leads to life, etc.

➤ **Questions:**

1. The Lord detests:
 - a) truthfulness
 - b) lying lips
 - c) an anxious heart
 - d) knowledge
2. A _____ man conceals _____, but the _____ of fools proclaims foolishness.
3. Who chose his friends carefully?
4. Find and explain a verse that talks about “the power of the words we speak”.

5. What does this chapter in Proverbs tell us about lying?

Memorize verse 27

“The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, But **diligence** is man’s precious possession.” * study hard, work hard ... be serious in your spiritual life!



Why Some Don't feel Guilty

THEIR CONSCIENCE IS SEARED OVER

• 1 Timothy 4:2

THEY CANNOT CEASE FROM SINNING

• 2 Peter 2:14

THEY CALL EVIL GOOD AND GOOD EVIL

• Isaiah 5:20



THEY REJECT REBUKE

• 2 Timothy 4:1-5

THEY REJECT GOD'S WAY

• Proverbs 12:15

THEY LOVE WAGES OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

• 2 Peter 2:15

THEY FAIL TO SEE UGLINESS OF SIN

• Proverbs 14:9

HAVE YOU ALLOWED CHRIST TO TAKE AWAY YOUR GUILT?

How A Christian Should Not Walk

A Christian Should Not Walk in
THE WAY OF THE UNGODLY
Psalm 1

**"THE WAY OF THE
TRANSGRESSOR
IS HARD."**
Proverbs 13:15

A Christian Should Not Walk in
THE WAYS OF THE WORLD
1 John 2:15-17

A Christian Should Not Walk in
**THE WAY OF THE
TRANSGRESSOR**
Proverbs 13:15



A Christian Should Not Walk in
THE WAYS OF MEN
1 Corinthians 3:3; 1:10-15

A Christian Should Not Walk in
THE WAY OF THE FOOL
Proverbs 12:15

A Christian Should Not Walk in
THE WAY OF FEAR
1 John 4:18

A Christian Should Not Walk in
**THE WAY OF
DENOMINATIONALISM**
John 17



➤ Chapter 13: “THE WISE IS JOYFUL AND CONTENT”

Breakdown:

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|--|-------|
| 1. The wise son & the tongue | 1-5 |
| 2. Richness & joy of Righteousness | 6-9 |
| 3. Wisdom and: struggling, knowledge, peace | 10-17 |
| 4. The way of wisdom & internal satisfaction | 18-25 |

➤ Interesting Fact:

*By **pride** comes contention — Perhaps there is not a quarrel among individuals in private life, nor a war among nations, that does not proceed from pride and ambition. It was to destroy this spirit of pride, that Jesus was manifested in the extreme of humility and humiliation among men. The **salvation of Christ is a deliverance from pride**, and a being clothed with humility. **As far as we are humble, so far we are saved.***

➤ Questions:

1. “A wise son _____ his father’s instruction, but a scoffer does not _____ to rebuke.”
2. “He who spares his rod _____ his son, but he who loves him _____ him promptly.”
3. How does a prudent man act?

4. The person who loves his son; how should he treat him?

5. Find and explain a verse that talks about the effect of friends (companions) in shaping a person?

6. State whether the following statements are true or false and give a verse that supports your answer:
 - a. The Lord does not approve of parents punishing their kids. (_____)
 - b. If your parents punish you that means they do not love you. (_____)

Memorize verse 3

“He who guards his mouth preserve his life.” ***Read** Matthew 12: 35-37



Where is Your Faith?



Many have their faith in SATAN

1 Peter 5:8-10

Many have their faith in SIN

Proverbs 14:9 • Isaiah 30:1

Many have their faith in SELF

2 Timothy 3:1-4

Many have their faith in the SAVIOR

Ephesians 1:13

Many have their faith in the SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 1:23-25

Many have their faith in the SAINTS

Ephesians 4:11-19



WHERE HAVE YOU PLACED YOUR FAITH?



➤ **Chapter 14: “WISDOM AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD”**

Breakdown:

1. The house of the wicked, though built ever so strong and high, shall be brought to disgrace and at length made extinct. The tabernacle of the upright, through moveable shall at all events have grace and comfort, and shall be eternally established.
2. Various moral sentiments; The ways of life and death, and the different effects of each

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

The **envious** are to be told that, while they consume themselves with this inward plague, they destiny whatever good they seem to have within them (Pro14:30). For what is signified by the flesh but certain weak and tender actions, & what by the bones but brave ones? And for the most part it comes to pass that some, with innocence of heart, in some of their actions seem weak; but others, though performing some stout deeds before human eyes, still pine away inwardly with the pestilence of envy towards what is good in others. It is well said, **Soundness of heart is the life of the flesh**; because, if innocence of mind is kept, even such things as are weak outwardly are in time strengthened. **Envy is the rottenness of the bones**; because through the vice of spite what seems strong to human eyes perishes in the eyes of God. For the rotting of the bones through envy means that certain even strong things utterly perish.

Fr. Gregory (the Great)

➤ **Questions:**

1. “There is a way that seems _____ to a man, but its end is the way of _____.”
 2. “He who _____ the poor reproaches his _____, but he who honors Him has _____ on the needy.”
 3. What would happen to the house of the wicked?
 4. What does a wise man fear?
 5. Give verse that tells us we should not get angry quickly. _____
 6. What is a way through which we can honor God?
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Memorize verse 12

“There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.”



Six Things to Remember When You Are

• 1 Peter 2:19-20

Treated Unfairly - Part 1

• Ephesians 4:31

• Ephesians 4:26 • James 3:14 • Proverbs 14:10 • Ecclesiastes 7:24

SIX THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN TREATED UNFAIRLY ...



LIFE ISN'T FAIR

■ The Bible doesn't promise that all of life is fair ... it isn't

WHAT HAPPENS IN YOU IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU

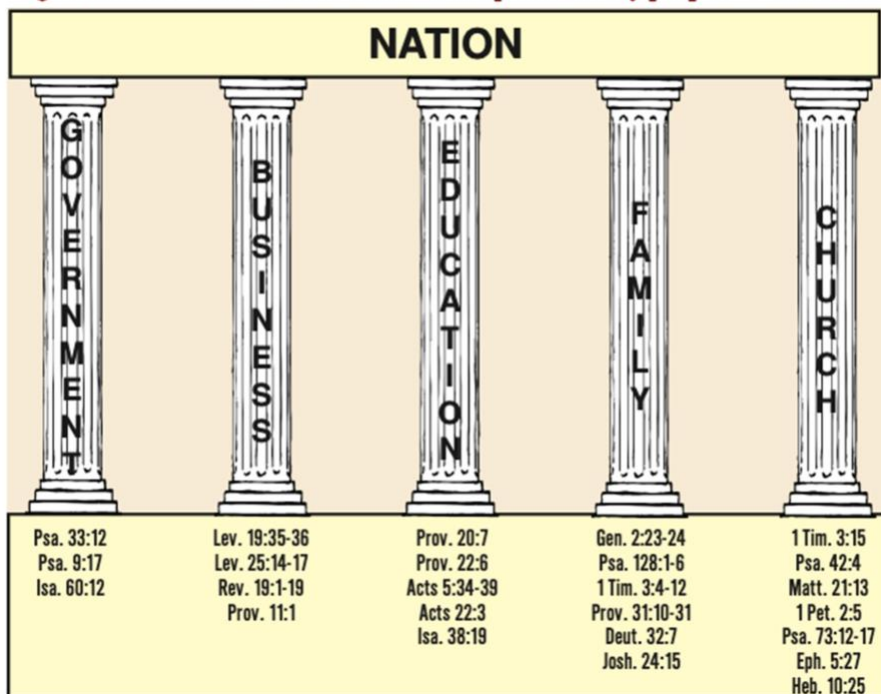
■ Choose BETTER-NESS over BITTER-NESS

GOD IS WATCHING TO SEE WHAT YOU WILL DO

■ 1 Peter 2:19-20

Five Pillars Which Support a Nation

“Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.” Proverbs 14:34



All Pillars Should be Strong and Secure for the Success and Preservation of a Nation!

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Goals for Today- Part 2



I WILL NOT COMPLAIN

I WILL SET A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE

Today

I WILL SHARE WITH MY FAMILY

I WILL GO THE SECOND MILE

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I WILL FORGIVE THOSE WHO WRONG ME

I WILL REFRAIN FROM HASTY JUDGMENTS



HAVE YOU SET RIGHT GOALS FOR TODAY?





WEEK 3: CHAPTERS 15-21

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

➤ Chapter 15: “**PROVERBS CONTRASTING THE GODLY & THE WICKED**”

Breakdown:

1. The soft answer.
2. Useful correction.
3. Stability of the righteous.
4. The contented mind. The slothful man. The fool. The covetous.
5. The impious.
6. The wicked opposed to the righteous; to the diligent; and to the man who fears the Lord.

➤ Interesting Fact:

God has foreseen all, He has neglected nothing. His eye, which never sleeps, watches over all. He is present everywhere and gives to each being the means of preservation. If God has not left the sea urchin outside His providence, is He without care for you?

St. Basil the Great

➤ Questions:

1. A fool _____ his father’s instruction, but he who receives correction is _____.”
2. “The Lord is for from the _____, but He _____ the prayer of the _____.”
3. How is the person who despises his father’s discipline described? Explain.
4. How we can control our wrath (anger) in verse 1?
5. What is the verse talking about food?
6. What is the verse similar to **Proverbs 10:1**? Verse _____

Memorize verse 1

“A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.”



➤ **Chapter 16:** **“WISDOM IS BETTER THAN GOLD”**

Breakdown:



1. Man prepares, but God governs.
2. God has made all things for himself; he hates pride.
3. The judgments of God.
4. The administration of kings; their justice, anger, and clemency. God has made all in weight, measure, and due proportion. Necessity produces industry.
5. The patient man. The lot is under the direction of God.

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

God makes no man wicked, but He made those whom He foreknew would be wicked of their own choice, because He knew how to get glory to Himself and honor upon them (Rom. 9:22) by the display of His grace in Christ Jesus.

➤ **Questions:**

1. There is a way that seems _____ to a man, but its end is the way of _____.”

2. “The _____ is cast into the lap, but its every _____ is from the Lord.”

3. To whom should we commit our works? _____

4. What does the heart of the wise do?

5. Which verse is similar to **Proverbs 14:12**? Verse _____

Memorize verse 18

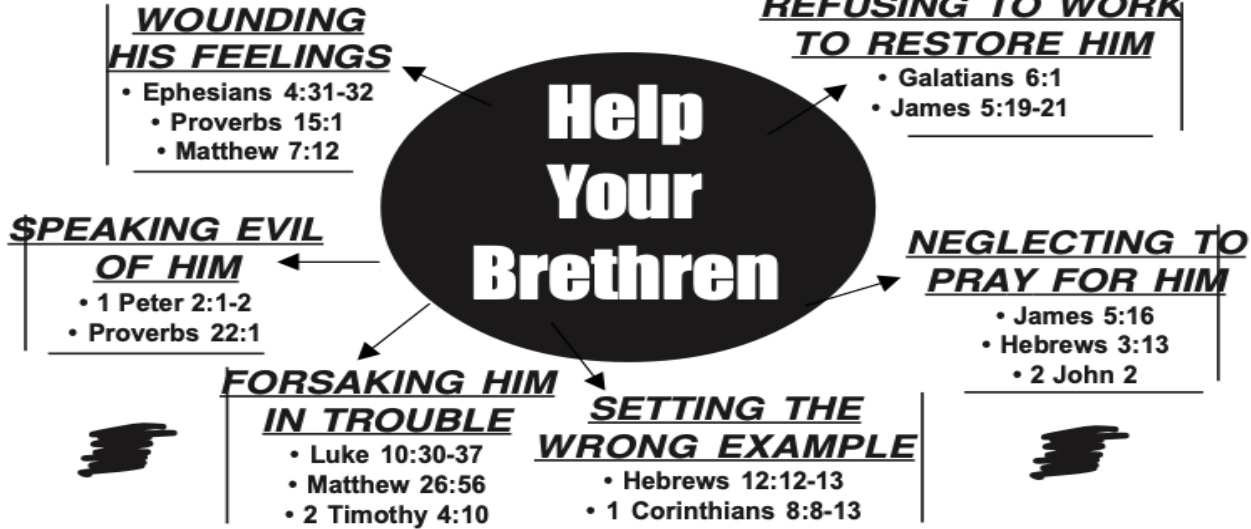
“Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.” *The Sin...



"We Are Guilty Concerning Our Brother"

GENESIS 42:21

We may be Guilty concerning our Brother By:



WHAT ATTITUDE DO YOU HAVE REGARDING YOUR BROTHER?

Which Road Are You On?

THERE IS A ROAD THAT SEEMS RIGHT BUT ISN'T
• Proverbs 16:25

THERE IS A BROAD ROAD LEADING TO DESTRUCTION
• Matthew 7:13



THERE IS CHRIST'S ROAD... HIMSELF
• John 14:6

THERE IS A NARROW ROAD LEADING TO EVERLASTING LIFE
• Matthew 7:14

THERE IS THE ROAD OF OTHERS

THERE IS SATAN'S ROAD

THERE IS ONE'S OWN ROAD

ARE YOU ON THE RIGHT ROAD?



➤ Chapter 17: “THE LORD TESTS THE HEART”

- Breakdown:**
1. Contentment & The wise servant. The Lord tries the heart.
 2. Children a crown to their parents. We should hide our neighbour’s faults.
 3. The poor should not be despised. Litigations and quarrels to be avoided.
 4. Wealth is useless to a fool. The good friend.
 5. A fool may pass for a wise man when he holds his peace.

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

Verse 14 *“The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.” This is just like a hole in a water dam that goes unnoticed. Over time, for a long time. Eventually, this will cause ... by the time we won't be able to stop the water damage which will happened...*

➤ **Questions:**

1. A wise servant will rule over a _____ who causes shame.
a) house b) son c) inheritance d) brother

2. “He who _____ the poor _____ his maker.

3. What is a foolish son/daughter to his parents?

4. Which verse is similar to **Proverbs 14:31**? Verse _____

5. Which verse is similar to **Proverbs 15:17**? Verse _____

Memorize verse 17

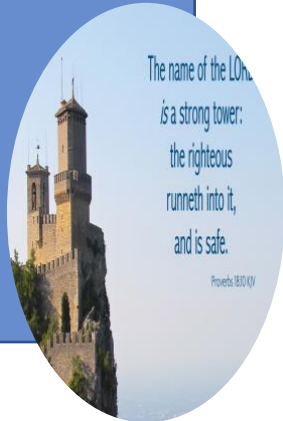
“A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.” *Friendship



➤ **Chapter 18: "THE NAME OF THE LORD IS A STRONG TOWER"**

Breakdown:

1. The man who separates himself and seeks wisdom.
2. The fool and the wicked man. Deep wisdom. Contention of fools.
3. The talebearer and the slothful. The name of the Lord.
4. Pride and presumption because of riches. Hastiness of spirit.
5. The wounded spirit. The influence of gifts. The offended brother.
6. The true friend.



➤ **Interesting Fact:**

The only zone of safety is the name of the Lord which is the strong tower in which one find rest and be fortified against the evil one, if they will but come into it by faith in God's Word. Christ is the true friend to all believers, who sticks closer than a brother. To Him therefore let us show ourselves friends.

➤ **Questions:**

1. "The name of the Lord is a _____; the _____ run to it and are _____."

2. A man who has friends must himself be:
a) generous b) helpful c) friendly d) tolerant

3. How dangerous are the fool's mouth and lips? Verse _____

4. Is **talebearer** a **Sin**? Which verse explains that?

5. Where can we run to be safe in times of trouble? Which verse supports your answer?

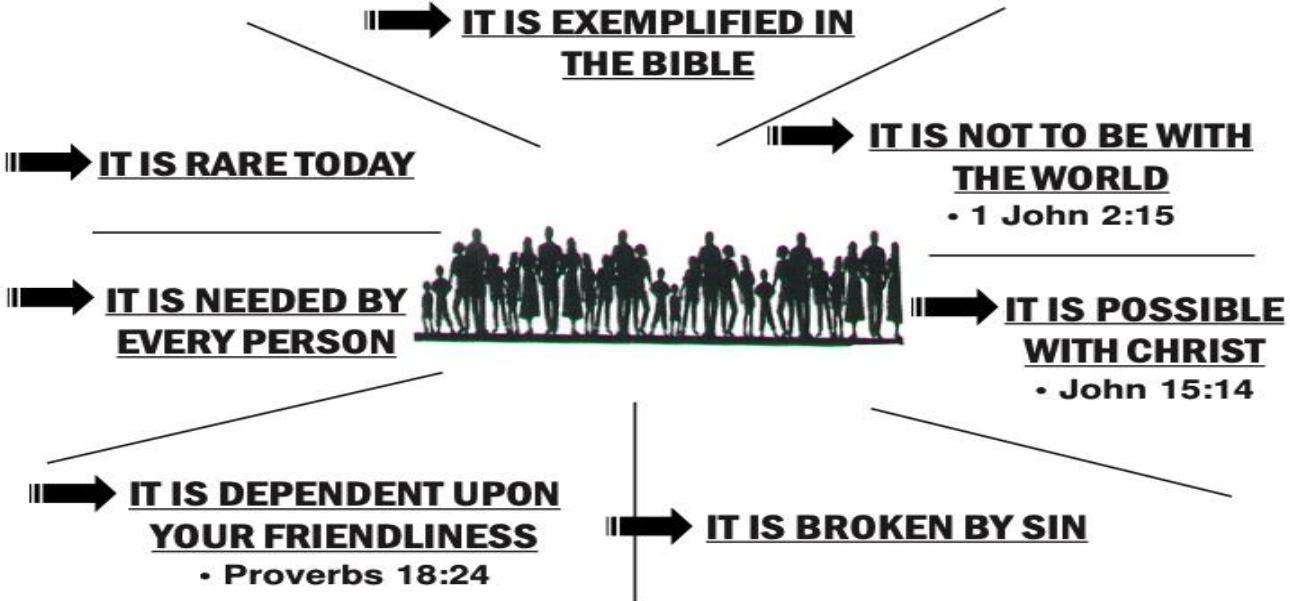
6. What is the verse, which can combine those two verses **16:18** and **15:33**?

Memorize verse 10

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe."



Friendship



ARE YOU THE RIGHT KIND OF FRIEND TO OTHERS?

God's Nobility

Acts 17:11-12

THESE WERE NOBLE IN THAT THEY WERE. . .



HOW NOBLE ARE YOU IN GOD'S SIGHT?



➤ **Chapter 19: “THE FEAR OF THE LORD LEADS TO LIFE”**

Breakdown:

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| 1. The worth of a poor upright man. | 4. The foolish son. |
| 2. False witnesses. False friends. | 5. Slothfulness. Pity for the poor. |
| 3. A king’s wrath. | 6. The fear of the Lord. |
| | 7. Obedience to parents. |

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

- *If we keep God’s Word, God’s Word will keep us from all things that are hurtful. And those who despise the ways of His Word are on the right road to ruin.*
- *What is given to the poor out of love for Christ, God places to our account as lent to Him. Jesus said, “In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me.”*

➤ **Questions:**

1. “He who keeps the _____ keeps his soul, but he who is _____ of his ways will die.
2. "He who has _____ on the poor lends to the _____."
3. What makes many friends? Are they good friends?

4. What will happen to the one who speaks lies?

5. How can we be lenders to the Lord? What verse supports your answer?

6. What do we get from our Parents? In addition, what do we get from God? Verse?

Memorize verse 17

“He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, And He will pay back what he has given “



➤ Chapter 20: “WINE IS A MOCKER”

Breakdown:

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| 1. Against wine and strong drink. | 5. Weights and measures. |
| 2. We should avoid contentions. | 6. The wicked son. |
| 3. The sluggard. | 7. The wise king. |
| 4. The righteous man. | 8. The benefit of correction |

➤ Interesting Fact:

- *Here in this imperfect state, no person can claim to be sinless, but the just man, walking by the rule of God’s Word **may have the comfort of a good conscience**, and his children will fare the better for his sake.*
- ***This is a challenge to any man in the world to prove himself sinless.*** *Only saints in heaven, who “have seen Him as He is” and been made like Him, can say it. Through the believer, through the work of the Spirit, is pure from the sins of many others, yet each one still has sins that easily beset him—sins of omission and sins of commission which they have to continually confess in order to maintain unbroken fellowship with Christ.*

➤ Questions:

1. Whoever _____ his father or mother, his lamp will be put out in deep _____.”
2. ‘Do not say, “I will _____ evil”; wait for the Lord, and He will _____ you.’
3. What should happen to whoever curses his father or mother?
4. What did preserve the king?
5. What are we commanded to do to repay evil deeds done against us? What verse supports your answer?
6. Which verse supports “avoid strong liquors”? _____

Memorize verse 7

“The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.”



➤ **Chapter 21: “FOLLOW RIGHTEOUSNESS TO FIND HONOR & LIFE”**

Breakdown:

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| 1. The king’s heart is in the hand of God. | 5. The wicked a ransom for the righteous. |
| 2. We should practice mercy and justice. | 6. The treasures of the wise. |
| 3. The lying tongue. The quarrelsome woman. The punishment of the wicked. | 7. He who guards his tongue. Desire of the sluggard. The false witness. |
| 4. The uncharitable. The private gift. The happiness of the righteous. | 8. Salvation is of the Lord. |

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

*Those who follow after righteousness, shall find righteousness, honor and life. The sacrifice which typified **the great sacrifice of Christ**, was a divine institution. Religious ceremonies based upon Christ’s sacrifice are pleasing to God when offered in faith and repentance, but when not backed by true devotion, are an abomination.*

➤ **Questions:**

1. “To do _____ and _____ is more acceptable to the Lord than _____.”
2. “Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the _____ will also cry himself and not be _____.”
3. Name two things that are more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice?

4. What do you learn from verse 1?

5. Why will the lazy be punished?

6. Which verse explain” God looks to your heart and not to your ways”? _____

Memorize verse 23

“Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles”



The Enemies of Financial Freedom - Part 1

Problem #1 COVETOUSNESS

THE DESIRE FOR "THINGS"

- Exodus 20:17
- Joshua 7:21
- Mark 7:21-22
- Luke 12:15
- Ephesians 5:5
- Colossians 3:5



Problem #4 ENVY

THE RESENTMENT OF OTHERS
OVER WHAT THEY HAVE

- Psalm 73:3-9
- Proverbs 14:30
- 1 Corinthians 13:4



Problem #2 THE LOVE OF MONEY

THE DESIRE TO BE MATERIALLY "RICH"

- 1 Timothy 6:6-18
- Proverbs 11:24
- Psalm 62:10



Problem #5 OVERINDULGENCE

THE WASTEFUL USE OF MONEY
AND MATERIAL RESOURCES

- Ezekiel 16:49
- Proverbs 27:7; 21:17, 20; 23:21; 31:13-27

Problem #3 GREED

THE INORDINATE DESIRE FOR
"MORE" THAN IS NEEDED

- Ecclesiastes 5:10
- Proverbs 15:27



Problem #6 IMPULSIVENESS

THE LACK OF CONTROL IN SPENDING

- Proverbs 21:5
- Proverbs 31:16





WEEK 4: CHAPTERS 22-28

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

➤ Chapter 22: "RICHNESS & POVERTY"

- Breakdown:**
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| 1. A good reputation. | 2. The rich and the poor. The idle. |
| 3. Good habits formed in infancy. | 4. Injustice and its effects. |
| 5. The providence of God. | 6. The necessity of timely correction. |
| 7. Exhortation to wisdom. | 8. Rob not the poor. Be honest. |

➤ Interesting Fact:

Those who walk humbly with God in obedience to the commands of His Word and in submission to the disposals of His providence, shall find true riches, honor, comfort and long life in this world, and eternal life at last.

Proverbs 22 Discussion Question

Today we are reminded to be watchful for those in need and to extend ourselves to help them.

Think of something you can do to help someone you come in contact with today.

➤ Questions

1. "The _____ and the _____ have this in common; the Lord is the _____ of them all.

2. When a prudent man foresees evil, he:

- a) stands up to it b) deals with it c) hides himself d) faces it

3. What the rich and poor have in common?

4. When a prudent man foresees evil, what should he do?

5. How can we attain honor and life?

6. Why we should not make friendship with angry men?

7. What do you learn from Verse 6?

Memorize Verse 6:

"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it"



There is Something Better Than Gold

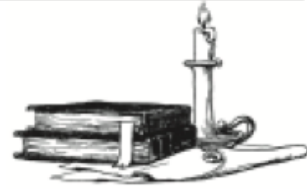
Proverbs 22:1

A GOOD NAME

• Proverbs 22:1

FAITH

• 1 Peter 1:7



HEALTH

• Acts 3:6

GOD'S FAVOR

• Proverbs 22:1

GOD'S WORD

• Proverbs 2:1

SALVATION

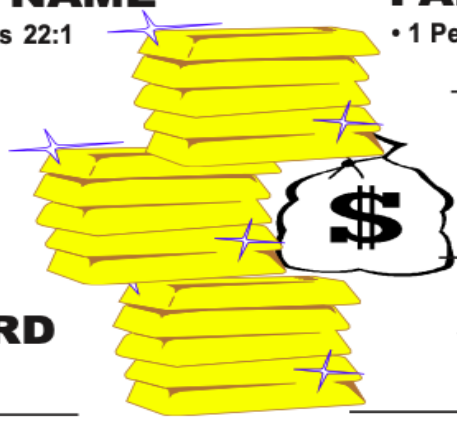
• Mark 8:37

A GOOD CONSCIENCE

• Proverbs 2:1

TREASURES IN HEAVEN

• Proverbs 2:1



SEEK THE TRUE RICHES OF GOD!

Sins of the Mind

"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he"

Proverbs 23:7

The
CORRUPT MIND
of evil thoughts
Matthew 5:27-28

The
AMBITIOUS MIND
of self-esteem
Luke 9:46-48

The
PROUD MIND
of self-esteem
Romans 12:16

The
SELFISH MIND
of grab
Luke 12:17-21

The
DOUBTING MIND
of unbelief
Luke 24:38

The
WORRYING MIND
of anxiety
Luke 12:29

The
CUMBERED MIND
of over-carefulness
Luke 10:40-42



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➤ **Chapter 23: “LISTEN TO YOUR FATHER”**

Breakdown:

1. Sobriety in eating & drinking, especially at the tables of the great.
2. Have no fellowship with the covetous.
3. Remove not the ancient landmark.
4. Children should receive due correction.
5. Avoid the company of wine-bibbers.
6. Obedience to parents. Avoid lewd connections.
7. The effect of an unfeeling conscience.

Proverbs 23
Discussion Question

It's easy to be tempted to sin. Even more so when we put ourselves in the direct path of temptation. We are warned we need to be double guarded in these moments.

What are some ways that we can safely guard ourselves?

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

The indulgence of the appetites is a sin that easily besets us. We should apprehend ourselves to be in danger when in the presence of luxury, gluttony and sensuality, and should restrain ourselves from such gratification, lest our hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and that day come upon us unawares.

➤ **Questions:**

1. “Listen to your _____ who begot you, and do not _____ your mother when she is old.”

2. Give me your _____, and let your eyes observe my _____.

3. How should we treat our father and mother? Which verse?

4. How does this PROVERBS warn us from mixing with drunkards? Compare with Proverbs 20:1

Memorize Verse 26

“My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways.”



➤ **Chapter 24: “DO NOT BE ENVIOUS”**

Breakdown:

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| 1. The house wisely built. | 2. Counsel necessary in war. |
| 3. Save life when you can. | 4. The just that falls seven times. |
| 5. We should not rejoice at the misfortune of others. | |
| 6. Ruin of the wicked. | 7. Fear God and the king. |
| 8. Prepare thy work. | |

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

For no other reason it was said, “a just man falls seven times, and rises up again:” that is, the just man perishes not, though brought low in every way, yet not induced to transgress, otherwise he will not be just. For the words, “falls seven times,” are employed to express every kind of tribulation, whereby man is cast down in the sight of men: and the words, “rises up again,” signify that he profits from all these tribulations. **St. Augustine**

➤ **Questions:**

1. “For a _____ man may fall _____ times And rise again, But the wicked shall _____ by calamity.”
2. “Do not _____ because of the evildoers, nor be envious of the _____; for there will be no prospect for the _____; the lamp of the _____ will be put out.”
3. How is a house built and established?

4. How many times does the righteous fall and rise again?

5. How will the wicked pay for their wickedness?

6. Compare Verse 29 with Matthew 7:12

Memorize verse 16

“For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again.”



➤ **Chapter 25: "A NEW SERIES OF SOLOMON'S PROVERBS"**

Breakdown:

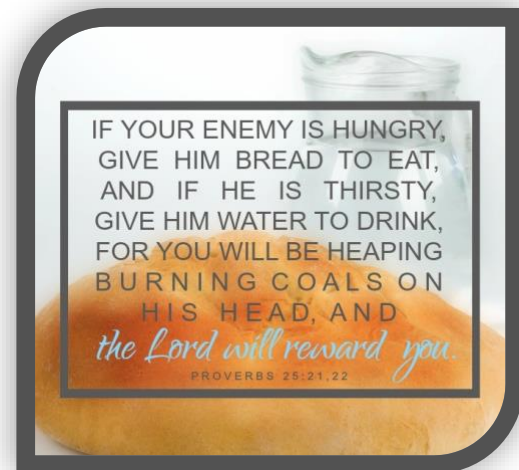
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| 1. God's glory in mysteries. | 2. Observations concerning kings. |
| 3. Avoid contentions. | 4. Opportune speech. |
| 5. The faithful ambassador. | 6. Delicacies to be sparingly used. |
| 7. Do good to your enemies. | 8. The necessity of moderation and self-government. |

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

The way to turn an enemy into a friend is to act friendly towards him. If it does not gain him, it will aggravate his sin and punishment, and will heap the coals of God's wrath upon his head. Herein Christ is greater than Solomon for John 21:25 tells us that if we had on record all the good things that Christ said the world could not contain the books.

➤ **Questions:**

1. As _____ water to a weary soul, so is _____ news from a far _____.
2. "If your enemy is _____, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him _____."
3. Is it good to eat too much honey? Why? What is meant by this? Verse 27
4. How are we instructed to deal with our enemies?
5. How will this attitude affect our enemies?
6. Which verse teaches us to be humble? [Read Luke 14: 7-11](#) and [Luke 1:52](#)
7. Which verse teaches us when and how to talk?
Which symbol is used for this?



Memorize verse 21

"If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink"



➤ **Chapter 26: “HONOR IS NOT FITTING FOR A FOOL”**

Breakdown:

1. The correction and treatment suitable to such.
2. The slothful man.
3. Him who interferes with matters which do not concern him.
4. Contentions to be avoided.
5. The lying tongue.

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

*For “he who digs a pit for his neighbor, falls into it.” (Proverbs 26:27.) Let us then not plot against others, lest we injure ourselves. When we supplant the reputation of others, let us consider that we injure ourselves, it is against ourselves we plot. For perchance with men we do him harm, if we have power, but we injure ourselves in the sight of God, by provoking Him against us. Let us not then harm ourselves. **St. John Chrysostom***

➤ **Questions:**

1. “Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no _____, strife ceases.”
2. “Whoever digs a pit will _____ into it, and he who rolls a stone will have it roll _____ on him.”
3. Like what is the fool who repeats his folly?
4. What are the words of a talebearer like? Repeated in Proverbs 18:8
5. What does a talebearer do? How could this affect conflicts between friends?
6. Compare Proverbs 26:27 with Galatians 6:7. Give examples to support your answer.
7. Which animal did he use in the laziness example? Repeated in Proverbs 22:13

*Proverbs 26
Discussion Question*

Lies and gossip go hand in hand.
As women, we need to guard
ourselves around gossip.

What are some practical ways you
guard your lips from lying and
gossip?

Memorize verse 27

“Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him.”



➤ **Chapter 27: “UNCERTAINTY OF TOMORROW”**

Breakdown:

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| 1. Self-praise forbidden. | 2. Anger and envy. | 3. Reproof from a friend. |
| 4. Want makes us feel the value of a supply. | | 5. A good neighbor. |
| 6. Suspicious praise. | 7. One friend helps another. | 8. The incorrigible fool. |

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

- *Use the present time with diligence and wisdom ad presume not upon tomorrow. We should speak of the morrow as those who are submitted to the will of God, knowing the uncertainty of one moment, except as God allows it to us.*
- *Human friendships are often sweet, but the greatest sweetness and confidence will be found in Jesus, the greatest Friend of all.*

➤ **Questions:**

1. “ _____ are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are _____.”
2. “As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his _____.”
3. Who is better than a brother far away?
4. Why should we not boast about tomorrow?
5. How heavy is the wrath of a fool?
6. Reread verse 6, how can you tell a friend from an enemy? Give some characteristics of a good friend.
7. What he meant by Verse 7? How can we reach a “satisfied soul”?

Memorize verse 7

“A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, But to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.”



➤ **Chapter 28: “THE RIGHTEOUS ARE BOLD AS A LION”**

Breakdown:

1. The timidity of the wicked.
2. The poor who oppress the poor.
3. The upright poor man is preferable to the wicked rich man.
4. The unprofitable conduct of the usurer.
5. The prosperity of the righteous a cause of rejoicing. The faithful man.
6. The corrupt judge. The foolishness of trusting in one’s own heart.
7. The charitable man. When the wicked are elevated, it is a public evil.

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

*The Holy Spirit speaks by Solomon, and says, “He that gives unto the poor shall never lack, but he that turns away his eye shall be in great poverty;” showing that the merciful and those who do good works cannot want, but rather that the sparing and barren hereafter come to want. Moreover, the blessed Apostle Paul, full of the grace of the Lord’s inspiration, says: “He that ministereth seed to the sower, shall both minister bread for your food, and shall multiply your seed sown, and shall increase the growth of the fruits of your righteousness, that in all things ye may be enriched.” (2 Cor. 9:10). **St. Cyprian***

➤ **Questions:**

1. “Evil men do not understand _____, but those who seek the Lord understand _____.”
2. “One who turns away his ear from hearing the _____, even his _____ is an abomination.”
3. What is the result of turning away from hearing the law?
4. What does a man with an evil eye do?
5. When we only confess our sins, will we receive mercy? Explain Verse 13
6. Who is considered a companion to a destroyer?

Memorize verse 13

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”



“Boast Not of Tomorrow

Proverbs 27:1

BOAST NOT AS TO YOUR . . .

LIFE

- James 4:13-16
- James 1:7
- Acts 17:25

PROSPERITY

- Luke 12:18-21
- 1 Timothy 6:6-10
- Job 1:21

FLESH

- 1 Timothy 1:4
- Acts 12:21-23
- Philipians 3:4-9

MENTAL ATTAINMENTS

- 1 Corinthians 2:1-2
- 2 Corinthians 4:5
- 1 Corinthians 3:18-20

RELIGIOUS WORKS

- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Romans 3:27-28
- Luke 17:10

TIME

- Proverbs 27:1
- Matthew 24:44
- Ecclesiastes 8:11



THANKFUL IS THE WORD . . . NOT BOASTFUL!

You Are Asking for Trouble When . . .

You Are Really Asking for Trouble When . . .

YOU RUN FROM THE LORD

- Jonah 1

YOU PITCH YOUR TENT TOWARD SODOM

- Genesis 13

YOU TOUCH GOD'S ANOINTED

- Numbers 22:31-34

YOU BREAK A VOW TO GOD

- Ecclesiastes 5:5



YOU TRY TO HIDE YOUR SINS

- Proverbs 28:13

YOU TRY TO FORM AN UNEQUAL YOKE

- 2 Corinthians 6:14

YOU LEAVE THE FATHER'S HOUSE

- Hebrews 10:25-26

ARE YOU ASKING FOR TROUBLE?



WEEK 4: CHAPTERS 29-31

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020

➤ Chapter 29:

“DO NOT DESPISE CORRECTION”

- Breakdown:**
1. The prudent king.
 2. The flatterer.
 3. The just judge.
 4. Contend not with a fool.
 5. The prince who opens his ears to reports.
 6. The poor and the deceitful.
 7. The pious king.
 8. The insolent servant.
 9. The humiliation of the proud.
 10. Of the partner of a thief.
 11. The fear of man.
 12. The Lord the righteous Judge.

➤ Interesting Fact:

Those who never regard the Word of God are an easy prey to the enemy of souls. A confidence in God and His Word enables one to look with gracious contempt upon the most formidable design of the devil, and will keep one in the way of duty, and above the fear of man.

➤ Questions:

1. Correct your son and he will _____; yes, he will give delight to _____,
2. Whoever trusts in the Lord shall be:
 - a) famous
 - b) safe
 - c) under judgment
 - d) righteous
3. Are parents supposed to leave children to do what they want? Give verse that proves your answer.

4. What will happen to the king who judges with truth?

5. What are results of being proud vs being humble?

- 6.

Memorize verse 23

“A man’s pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor



➤ **Chapter 30: "THE WISDOM OF AGUR"**

Breakdown:

- 1. Agur's confession of faith, 1-6.
- 2. His prayer, 7-9.
- 3. Of wicked generations, 10-14.
- 4. Things that are never satisfied, 15-16.
- 5. Of him who despises his parents, 17.
- 6. Three wonderful things, 18-20.
- 7. Three things that disquiet the land, 21-23.
- 8. Four little but very intelligent animals, 24-28.
- 9. Four things that go well, 29-31.
- 10. A man should cease from doing foolishly, and from strife, 32-33.

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

- *God's Word is sure and pure, and venturing our souls upon it, we shall find it a shield against temptations, a safe protection in the midst of greatest dangers. God will certainly reckon with any who presume to add to His word, or advance anything with competition with it.*
- *It is God who has gathered the winds in His fists and His name is "I am that I am" (Ex. 3:14), a name to be adored, not to be understood. He has a Son, Jesus Christ, whose name was to be called "Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, Prince of peace." By Him, God made all that was made, and by Him He controls all things.*

➤ **Questions:**

1. "Every word of _____ is pure; he is a _____ to those who put their _____ in Him."
2. God is a shield to those who:
 - a) obey their parents b) give to the poor c) do no sin d) put their trust in Him
3. What two things does the author request from God?

4. Whom does he talk about in Verse 4? Read John 3:13 and Matthew 11:27

5. Which Verse does talk about results of disrespect our parents?

6. Name four creatures called to be extremely wise and what is the evidence of their wisdom?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

Memorize verse 17

"The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it"



➤ Chapter 31: “THE VIRTUOUS WIFE”

Breakdown:

1. The words and prophecy of King Lemuel, about what his mother taught him, 1, 2.
2. Debauchery and much wine to be avoided, 3-7.
3. How kings should administer justice, 8, 9.
4. The praise of a virtuous woman and good housewife, in her economy, prudence, watchfulness, and assiduity in labor, 10-29.
5. Frailty of beauty, 30, 31.

➤ **Interesting Fact:**

*A virtuous woman who has command of her spirit, who is pious and industrious, who is firm for the principles of God’s Word, is a rare prize. Such a one is of unspeakable worth, and he who has such a wife, should show to her great kindness and respect, and to God, thankfulness of heart. The scope of each of the various proverbs of this book is one and the same-to direct our manner of life aright and to point us to **the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is “made unto us Wisdom and Righteousness.”***

➤ **Questions:**

1. A virtuous wife worth is far above:
 - a. a) gold b) rubies c) diamonds d) treasures
2. “Charm is _____ and beauty is _____, but a woman who _____ the Lord, she shall be praised.”
3. Who taught King Lemuel utterance? _____
4. Who is the author of this Chapter of Proverbs?

5. Should men look for charm and beauty in a woman? Why?

6. What does the virtuous wife do?

Memorize verse 10

“Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.”



Lion Alert!

The wicked flee when no one pursues,
but the righteous
are bold as a lion.

-Proverbs 28:1



BE ALERT! .. BE ALERT!

*Be sober, be
vigilant;
because your
adversary the
devil walks
about like a
roaring lion,
seeking whom
he may
devour.*

 *1 Peter 5:8*

 *Barnes' Bible Charts*