

- I) V1-3 INTRO: A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather
- II) A good name speaks of a good reputation that is without dishonor
A good reputation and being well respected amongst the *wise* and *good* is to be valued
It is to be pursued, and chosen over the desire to obtain great wealth
- III) THIS IS: Because wealth can be obtained by anyone desiring to pursue it
You don't have to be good to be rich, and sadly many who are evil are also wealthy
Great riches bring great cares, and add no real value to anyone
- IV) IF BEING RICH: Is a person's goal, it is easy to fall in to the trap of dishonesty
Such riches may provide enjoyment, but will never feed the hunger of our soul
Ultimately, great riches do not add to our eternal state and are temporary
Pr 13:11 Wealth *gained by* dishonesty will be diminished
- V) Strive to keep your reputation clean: This is of greatest value in life
This gives you credibility to share the gospel because your life beautifies it
A good reputation is the fruit of walking worthy of the gospel of Jesus
- VI) WITH THIS IN MIND: One of the richest men who ever lived says choose a good name
This is what my father taught me, and is what I desire most
Eccl 7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment
Ps 25:21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You
Pr 20:7 The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.
Pr 28:6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than one perverse in his ways,
though he be rich.
- VII) V2 THE RICH: And the poor have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all
- VIII) This is not a statement in which we can say God intends people to be poor
It is more a comment on the fact that both rich and poor ultimately answer to Him
- IX) THE QUESTION IS: What did they do with what they had: how did they use it?
You have the widow, who is rich in faith
- X) You have the wealthy, who are generous towards others, like Zacchaeus
Lu 19:8 Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to
the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."
- XI) THE FACT IS: In the end, God can reduce the rich and elevate the poor
Like Lazarus and the rich man

- I) **V3 A PRUDENT MAN: *Foresees evil* and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are**
- II) **Wise people recognize sin and stay away from it**
Noah knew that judgment was coming, and entered in to the ark
Lot knew judgment was coming, and fled the city
The Jews were told to stay in their homes, and the death angel passed over
- III) **WE ARE: To do what needs to be done to avoid entering in to sin**
1 Co 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body
- IV) **A simple person is naïve and without discernment, so they enter right into temptation**
Don't go into places that are filled with sin and expect not to be tempted
Pr 14:16 A wise *man* fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.
- V) **V4 BY HUMILITY: And the fear of the Lord are *riches* and *honor* and *life***
Humility and reverence leads to great reward and an abundant life
The comforts of this life and rewards of eternity are connected to reverence
- VI) **V5 THORNS: And snares are in the way of the perverse; he who guards his soul will be**
The wicked, by their evil lifestyles expose themselves to dangers
Being disciplined in God's wisdom keeps you safe from these kinds of dangers
Pr 19:16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul but he who is careless of his ways will die
- VII) **V6 TRAIN: Up a child in *the way he* should go and when he is old he will not *depart* from it**
Train: Dedicate, provoke to learn; literally speaks of giving something to be tasted
A child: According to Jewish tradition, a child speaks of ages 16-24
- VIII) **The way (manner of life) he should go**
Inculcate within the child the moral training that will inform all of life's decisions
- IX) **His training in the greatness of God and our relationship to Him begins early**
2 Ti 3:15 from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- X) **There is a right way, and we train them in it; not their self will but their individuality**
Ps 78:2-4 I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old-
-what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from

their children we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord his power and the wonders he has done

- I) **PARENTS:** Must pray with, pray for, read the bible to, give devotions to their children
Dt 4:9 Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren

- II) **WHEN:** We neglect this, ultimately they and society pay the price
Judges 2:10 When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.

- III) **V7 THE RICH:** Rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender
When you owe somebody, you are obligated to them
Be wise in your purchasing

- IV) **V8 HE:** Who sows iniquity will reap sorrow, and the rod of his anger will fail
The evil that he has done will ultimately return to him in kind

- V) **ULTIMATELY:** God will destroy the power of the wicked
His power for doing evil will one day be taken from him

- VI) **V9 HE:** Who has a bountiful eye will be blessed for he gives of his bread to the poor
A believer is to have a generous spirit and social concern
Pr 11:25 The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself
Pr 19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.
Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas baskets, single mom's banquets and gifts

- VII) **V10 CAST OUT:** The scoffer and contention will leave; yes, strife and reproach will cease
The source of strife is identified here: The cynical person set on disagreeing
Don't fellowship with somebody always looking to find something wrong

- VIII) **V11 HE WHO:** Loves purity of heart and has grace on his lips the king will be his friend
Grace and purity will get you invited into places of honor

- IX) **V12 THE EYES:** Of the Lord preserve knowledge but He overthrows the words of the
The Lord watches over the one who has knowledge of God and who walks in His ways
ON THE OTHER HAND: He overthrows, or frustrates the liar

- X) **V13 THE SLOTHFUL MAN SAYS:** There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets
Lazy people find excuses to avoid work: Sometimes, it is just too dangerous
- I) **V14 THE MOUTH:** Of an immoral woman is a deep pit; he who is abhorred of the Lord will
Seductive speech is used to lure and trap the man bent on adultery
Pr 7:21 With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk.
- II) **Perfumes:** Seduction, Obsession, Passion, Poison, Eternity, Romance, Sexual, Lush
Lust, Pleasures, Guilty, Hot
- III) **THE BIBLE:** Gives a name for a perfume that will attract men
Pr 7:22 Immediately he went after her, as *an ox goes to the slaughter*, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks
- IV) **V14 HE WHO:** Is abhorred of the Lord will fall there
God will allow the one who has rejected him to fulfill his heart's lust, but will be judged
Heb 13:4 Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.
- V) **V15 FOOLISHNESS:** Is bound up *in the heart* of a child but the rod of correction will drive
Foolishness in the inner person is human nature: speaks of self will, waywardness
It is bound up, rooted, or firmly fixed and must be dealt with through discipline
- VI) **Godly and biblical discipline shapes a person's character:**
To ignore evil is to encourage its continuation: Not a beating but discipline
Pr 29:15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.
- VII) **V16 HE WHO:** Oppresses the poor to increase his riches and he who gives to the rich
The punishment for extortion and bribery is poverty
When we take from the poor to enrich ourselves, we can be extorted by others
Zech 7:9-10 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: `Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.
- VIII) **V17-21 INCLINE:** Your ear and hear the words of the wise
Godly counsel and the giving of knowledge is to encourage your trust in the Lord
The key is: it requires a personal decision to incline your ears and apply your heart
- IX) **V22-23 DO NOT:** Rob the poor because he is poor nor oppress the afflicted at the gate
Do not oppress the poor, because the Lord cares for them and avenges them

- I) **V24-25 MAKE: No friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go. Lest
A hot tempered man can get you into trouble, and could even end up getting you killed
INTERESTINGLY: Notice how children emulate athletes, including MMA
Pr 29:22 An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression**

- II) **V26-27 DO NOT: Be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, one of those who is
Don't foolishly co-sign, you can lose your shirt!**

- III) **V28 DO NOT: Remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set
Stealing land by removing boundary markers is forbidden**

- IV) **Land was given to Israel by God, and to steal it from the rightful owner was to violate
their blessings from the Lord:
To extend your own boundaries at the expense of someone else is to violate God's
blessing in their lives, and is forbidden
Ministry principle: Do not steal sheep**

- V) **V29 DO: You see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not
Skill results in advancement and recognition
Parable of the Talents: 5, 2, 1
Mt 25:23 "His lord said to him, `Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been
faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your
lord.'**