

- I) V1-3 INTRO: Better is a dry morsel with quietness than a house full of feasting with strife
- II) A DRY MORSEL: Speaks of a crumb of dried out bread  
HOUSE FULL OF FEASTING: Can speak of portions of offerings that are eaten
- III) THOUGHT: It is better to eat a simple meal in peace than to eat well, with strife
- IV) Many can understand this when considering family get togethers during holidays  
Pr 15:17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, Than a fatted calf with hatred
- V) V2 A WISE: Servant will rule over a son who causes shame and will share an inheritance  
When the will is read, he may get a portion of the inheritance
- VI) A wise servant is honored by inheriting the master's goods, taking the place of a bad son  
Pr 11:29 He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the fool *will be* servant to the wise of heart.
- VII) V3 THE REFINING POT: Is for silver and the furnace for gold but the Lord tests that hearts  
God will test a persons faith through afflictions, *revealing sin* so it can be forsaken
- VIII) KEY: This refining process purifies our lives  
Is 48:10 I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction  
1 Pe 1:6-7 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ
- IX) V4 AN EVILDOER: Gives heed to false lips; a liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue  
EVILDOER: A malicious, spiteful person who enjoys bringing trouble to others
- X) THIS PERSON: Listens to other evil people and finds their counsel to his liking  
This is because they are both evil so the advice will be appealing
- XI) V4b A LIAR: Listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue  
Because he is a liar, he delights in spiteful things said about others
- XII) Wicked people find lies and spiteful comments about other people appealing  
People are just as guilty of gossip if they listen to it  
Ps 101:5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure

- I) **V5 HE: Who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go**  
It is never right to mock someone who is poor  
Some make fun of the way they look, where they live, what they drive
- II) **THEY ARE PRECIOUS: To the Lord**
- III) **V5b HE: Who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished**  
Do not rejoice when somebody goes through a disaster and loses everything
- IV) **This is the sin that reveals a very petty and spiteful heart**  
Pr 14:31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.
- V) **V6 CHILDREN'S CHILDREN: Are the crown of old men and the glory of children is their**  
Ps 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.
- VI) **Grandfather's are blessed to see their grandchildren following their footsteps**  
They are blessed to know that the reputation of the family will be untarnished
- VII) **AND THE: Glory of children is their father**  
To have a wise, respected, and godly father makes a child proud
- VIII) **IN THE END: Remember that it is your children who will decide your later years!**
- IX) **V7 EXCELLENT SPEECH: Is not becoming to a fool much less lying lips to a prince**  
Excellent (Superior) speech (language) is not becoming (beautiful, seemly) to a fool  
Lofty, or superior speech does not suit a fool's nature, and lying should not suit a prince
- X) **PRINCE: Gentlemen, people of superior upbringing and morals; impeccable character**  
Rulers are to live according to a high standard, a code of honor
- XI) **V8 A PRESENT: Is a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor; wherever he turns he**  
Interesting: Those who use bribery often meet with success  
From the viewpoint of the one giving bribes, it works!
- XII) **JUDGMENT: Is to remain impartial**  
Ex 23:8 You shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning and perverts the words of the righteous.

- I) **V9 HE: Who covers a transgression seeks love but he who repeats a matter separates the Friendship requires the ability to forget wrongs done to them**
  
- II) **Love for the friend motivates them to take the better course, preserving friendship**  
**1 Pe 4:8 Above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins**  
**1 Co 13:5 (love) thinks (catalogues) no evil**
  
- III) **NOTICE: He who repeats a matter separates friends**  
**If you keep bringing it up, you end up losing the friend**  
**Some things should remain buried, so do not rake up old problems**
  
- IV) **V10 REPROOF: Is more effective for a wise man than a hundred blows on a fool**  
**Correction benefits the one desiring to learn**  
**A fool, on the other hand can receive physical punishment and still insist they are right**  
**Pr 9:8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise *man*, and he will love you**
  
- V) **V11 AN: Evil man seeks only rebellion therefore a cruel messenger will be sent against him**  
**You reap what you sow**
  
- VI) **V12 LET A MAN: Meet a bear robbed of her cubs rather than a fool in his folly**  
**POINT: A fool is more dangerous than a beast acting reasonably**  
**A fool in his folly: Driving on drugs, or drunk, or angry and with a weapon**
  
- VII) **V13 WHOEVER: Rewards evil for good, evil will not depart from his house**  
**Again, he ultimately will reap what he has sown**  
**This kind of person most certainly has produced an environment that will result in this**  
**Ro 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.**
  
- VIII) **V14 THE: Beginning of strife is like releasing water therefore stop contention before a**  
**A small leak in a hose can burst open with enough pressure**  
**POINT: Stop a fight before it begins: Be a peacemaker**  
**Pr 20:3 It is honorable for a man to stop striving, Since any fool can start a quarrel.**
  
- IX) **V15 HE: Who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the just both of them alike are an**  
**God hates injustice, from calling the guilty righteous to calling the righteous guilty**  
**Pr 24:23-24 These things also belong to the wise: It is not good to show partiality in judgment. He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," Him the people will curse; Nations will abhor him.**

- I) **V16 WHY:** Is there in the hand of a fool the purchase price of wisdom since he has no heart  
Why does a person try to buy wisdom when they have no brains?  
You pay the Tuition for school, but they have no desire for an education
- II) **V17 A FRIEND:** Loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity  
A friend is also ones brother: When hard times hit, they are there  
Eccl 4:9-12 *Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*
- III) **V18 A MAN:** Devoid of understanding shakes hands in a pledge and becomes surety for his  
Don't foolishly co sign for a loan  
Pr 22:26-27 Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, One of those who is surety for debts; If you have nothing with which to pay, Why should he take away your bed from under you?
- IV) **V19 HE:** Who loves transgression loves strife and he who exalts his gate seeks destruction  
If you love sin you also love living without peace, as you will always argue with others
- V) **V19b EXALTS:** His gate can have two meanings  
FIRST: Making his home outwardly magnificent, pretending to be rich and great  
This would be evidence of pride and arrogance, revealing his sin
- VI) **OR:** It could be in reference to your mouth, and this would refer to arrogant speech  
Pr 29:22 An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression.
- VII) **V20 HE:** Who has a deceitful heart *finds no good* and he who has a perverse tongue falls  
Wicked ways and wicked words will eventually produce trouble  
The wicked one is crooked, and his plans will only result in problems and calamity
- VIII) **V21 HE WHO:** Begets a scoffer does so to his sorrow and the father of a fool has no joy  
A godly father has sorrow when the child is morally and religiously senseless  
3 Jn 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
- IX) **V22 A MERRY HEART:** Does good like medicine but a broken spirit dries the bones

**A joyful outlook produces a better chance of a healthy life**

**Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.**

- I) **V23 A WICKED MAN: Accepts a bribe behind the back to pervert the ways of justice  
Correct judges or political officials accept bribes and twists justice**
  
- II) **V24 WISDOM: Is in the sight of him who has understanding but the eyes of a fool are on the  
Those who are wise keep the goal before them and run for the prize  
Phil 3:13-14 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do,  
forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,  
I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus**
  
- III) **V25 A FOOLISH SON: Is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him**
  
- IV) **V26 ALSO: To punish the righteous is not good nor to strike princes for their uprightness  
It is always a mistake to punish the innocent**
  
- V) **V27 HE: Who has knowledge spares his words and a man of understanding is of a calm  
There are those who hate the sound of silence so they must speak  
Eccl 5:3 And a fool's voice *is known* by *his* many words**
  
- VI) **The wise restrain their speaking and control their behavior  
Jas 1:19-20 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak,  
slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.**
  
- VII) **V28 EVEN A FOOL: Is counted wise when he holds his peace when he shuts his lips  
The fool looks wise because he says nothing  
He appears wise and contemplative because he doesn't say something**