

Lesson Two  
Second Part of Overview of Proverbs 31

Review:

Purposes of the Book of Proverbs (including Proverbs 31):

- Obtaining knowledge of God's Word.
- Gaining an understanding.
- Correcting and adjusting our path by humbly receiving the Word of God.
- Moving forward in maturity to the point at which we can face every difficult situation in our life.

From Hebrew word for wisdom (hokmah) we understand that Biblical wisdom is being skilled in godly living.

Three methods of teaching that Solomon employs in this Book?

Part 1: Lecture

Part 2: "Labwork"

Part 3: Mentor / Example of Wise Living

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This passage has many verbs:

Does good

Seeks

Works

Brings

Rises

Provides

Considers

Buys

Plants

Girds

Strengthens

Perceives

Stretches

Holds

Extends

Reaches

Makes

Sells

Supplies

Shall rejoice

Opens

Watches

Fears

Applications:

- The actions of the woman are targeted purposeful and thoughtful.

This passage teaches us about priorities and time management and purpose in finances and planning and giving and work.

- This passage deals with the “secular.”

*The daily duties of life if done to the glory of God have great value and import.*

Ephesians 6:5-9

Colossians 3:22-25

Colossians 4:5-6

Colossians 3:17

*“God is continually preparing His heroes, and when the opportunity is right, he puts them into position in an instant... Dear friend let the Holy Spirit prepare you, through the discipline of life. .. the day is coming when ... we shall also judge the nations and will rule and reign with Christ on earth during His millennial kingdom. But before that glorious day, we must allow God to prepare us. We must allow God to work amid our present trials and in the little victories, \*\* the future significance of which we can only imagine. We can be sure that that if the Holy Spirit has His way with us the Lord of heaven and earth has also prepared for us a throne.” A. B. Simpson, Streams In The Desert, April 28th.*

\*\* Add: The “mundane things” of life.

- We have wisdom available to us.

God’s Wisdom:

Christ is the source of wisdom.

Colossians 2:1-3

Luke 2:40

Isaiah 11

Appropriating God’s Wisdom:

I Corinthians 9:27 & Proverbs 4:20-27

God’s Wisdom Described:

Daniel 2:20 – 23 Universal.

Psalm. 147:5 - Infinite.

Isaiah 40:28 - Unsearchable.

Job 36:5-6      Mighty.  
Job 37:16      Perfect.

Where can we find God's wisdom?

His wisdom is seen in:

Psalm 104:24      Creation.  
                         Job 38:34-41  
Daniel 2:20, 21      Sovereignty.  
                         Ephesians 3:10      The Church.  
Psalm 119:98-100      The Word of God.

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Wisdom is contrasted with foolishness.

Wisdom begins with a fear and reverence and recognition of God.

Proverbs 1:7      "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Proverbs 31:30      "The woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised."

Foolishness on the other hand is following my own way apart from God.

*Psalm 14: 1 "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God."*

James 4:13-16.

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Applications:

In what practical ways do believers sometimes live their lives without an awareness of God?

What are ways that we can keep in mind that all that we do is to be done to God's glory?

What do you think causes your day to spiral out of control with "busyness," if it does?

Read Proverbs 2:1-22.      What are the benefits of wisdom according to this passage?