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PROVERBS

WISDOM FOR LIFE & EVERYDAY LIVING

Overview of the Book of Proverbs Pt. 3

Introduction: Our _____ introductory message — Proverbs 21–_____. Are you ready to look at life from God’s point of view? Here we go...

Proverbs 21 — Wisdom _____ (21:1–31)

“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD... He turns it wherever He wishes.” (21:1)

- God’s _____ is still on the wheel — Joseph, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel.
- **Warns:** _____ (21:4) • lying tongue (21:6) • loving _____ over diligence (21:17)

“You’ll never get ahead in business by being honest.” That is NOT wisdom reigning!

- **Rewards:** righteousness & justice (21:3) • the _____ of the diligent (21:5) • joy in doing right (21:15) • guarding your _____ (21:23) • being a giver (21:26)

Wisdom wants to reign in your life. Do you want the skill to live successfully?

Proverbs 22 — Wisdom _____ (22:1–29)

“A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches.” (22:1)

- Protect your _____. “_____ is what men think of us; character is what God and angels know of us.” — Thomas Paine
- “Train up a child in the way he should go...” (22:6)
- _____ wise sayings begin (22:17): **1.** _____ – pay attention **2. Hear** – take in **3.** _____ – put it into action
- A _____ chest of practical counsel for every area of daily life.

“Have I not written to you excellent things, of counsels and knowledge?”
(22:20)

Proverbs 23 — Wisdom _____ (23:1–35)

Some of its most _____ warnings. Underline “heart” — used nine times!

- Riches make themselves wings and fly away (23:4–5).
- Don’t move the ancient landmark (23:10), withhold correction (23:13), envy sinners (23:17), or mix with winebibbers (23:20).
- The dangers of _____ (23:29–35): it bites like a serpent (23:32). *First the man takes the drink, then the drink takes the man.*
- Your eyes will see strange things (23:33); it is all-consuming (23:35).

Will you heed wisdom’s word on alcohol? *The ball is in your court.*

Proverbs 24 — Wisdom _____ (24:1–22)

“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.” (24:3–4)

- By wisdom a _____ is built • by understanding it is _____ • by knowledge the rooms are _____
- For those who have _____: “A righteous man may fall seven times and rise again.” (24:16) God’s people fall, but they rise again!
- A warning about _____ — the vineyard in ruins (24:30–34).

Proverbs 25 — Wisdom _____ (25:1–28)

Over _____ proverbs so far! Hezekiah’s men preserved these 250–300 years later, in a season of revival (2 Tim. 3:16).

- Conduct before a _____ (25:1–7) • don’t rush to _____ (25:8–10)
“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.” (25:11) — *carefully spoken words are beautiful.*
- Practical _____ wisdom: don’t wear out your welcome (25:17) • don’t be unreliable — a bad tooth, a foot out of joint (25:19) • win your enemy with kindness (25:21–22)

Proverbs 26 — Wisdom _____ (26:1–28)

Three characters we never want to become:

1. The _____ — a dog returning to its vomit (26:11)

2. The _____ man — too lazy to lift hand to mouth (26:15) — comical, but deadly serious
3. The _____ — like taking a dog by the ear (26:17)

Proverbs 27 — Wisdom _____ (27:1–27)

- “Do not boast about tomorrow” (27:1) — live _____ day at a time. Let God take care of tomorrow.
“As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.” (27:17) — men challenging men.
- Where a man finds his true _____ (27:21)
- “Know the state of your flocks” (27:23) — pastors, parents, leaders.

Proverbs 28 — Wisdom _____ (28:1–28)

Behavior _____!

- The wicked flee when no one pursues; the righteous are bold as a lion (28:1).
- The last of the “_____” proverbs (28:6).
- Turn from God’s law and why expect Him to hear you _____? (28:9)
“He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.” (28:13)
- Underline: _____ and _____.
- Happy is the man who is always reverent (28:14) • rebuke wins more favor than flattery (28:23)

The point: behavior matters!

Proverbs 29 — Wisdom _____ (29:1–27)

- Hardened neck, destroyed without remedy (29:1). Let those who _____ speak rebuke into your life.
- The great _____ principle: “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (29:18) — “_____ revelation.”

Vision: a clear sense of where God is taking us.

“The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.” (29:25)

Proverbs 30 — Wisdom _____ (30:1–33)

Agur (“_____”), son of Jakeh (“_____”); his “utterance” = _____.

Wrote to Ithiel and Ucal.

“Surely I am more stupid than any man... I neither learned wisdom nor have knowledge of the Holy One.” (30:2–3)

Agur’s _____ is breathtaking — yet from humility comes profound wisdom:

- God’s _____ (30:4–5) • two things he _____ (30:7–9): keep me from falsehood; give me neither poverty nor riches — the only prayer in Proverbs
- A _____ of people (30:11–14) — sounds like ours! • the _____ and her daughters: “Give! Give!” (30:15)
- _____ things never satisfied (30:15–16) • four things too wonderful (30:18–19)

Proverbs 31 — Wisdom _____ (31:1–31)

- Lemuel’s mother: avoid _____ (holiness) • avoid alcohol (sobriety) • _____ up for the voiceless (compassion)
- The _____ wife — an alphabet acrostic, wisdom from _____ to _____. Industrious, _____, generous, kind, strong; she _____ for her household and _____ out to the poor. Her children call her blessed; her husband praises her.

“Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.” (31:30)

- Begins and ends with the _____ of the Lord. Any _____ we have is WISDOM lived out.

Conclusion: Wisdom...

- **The Fear of the LORD:** 1:7 and 31:30 are the _____ of Proverbs.
- **Christ the Wisdom of God:** He “became for us wisdom from God” (1 Cor. 1:30). Christ must change your heart before Proverbs can change your behavior (2 Cor. 5:17).
- Have you _____ Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?
- **Incline. Hear. Apply.** Have you heard _____ speak? Will you apply it?