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The Book of PROVERBS

Chapters 13 & 14

“The Correction of Wisdom!”

Chapter 13 - “Be Wise!”

(v1) **The wise son heeds his father’s instruction (Deuteronomy ch. 6)**

Deut 6:6-9- And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

(v2-3) **The wise mouth**

(v4) **The wise soul**

(v5-6) **The wisdom of righteousness**

(v7-9) **Wise priorities**

(v10-11) **Wise counsel- humility, honesty and hard work!**

(v12) **Wisdom’s HOPE! – Hope is found 142 times in the Scriptures, it is defined as a “Confident expectancy. In the Bible, the word hope stands for both the act of hoping (Rom 4:18; 1 Cor 9:10) and the thing hoped for (Col 1:5; 1 Peter 1:3). Hope does not arise from the individual's desires or wishes but from God, who is Himself the believer's hope: "My hope is in You" (Ps 39:7). Genuine hope is not wishful thinking, but a firm assurance about things that are unseen and still in the future (Rom 8:24-25; Heb 11:1,7). Hope distinguishes the Christian from the unbeliever, who has no hope (Eph 2:12; 1 Thess 4:13). Indeed, a Christian is one in whom hope resides (1 Peter 3:15; 1 John 3:3). In contrast to Old Testament hope, the Christian hope is superior (Heb 7:19). Christian hope comes from God (Rom 15:13) and especially His calling (Eph 1:18; 4:4), His grace (2 Thess 2:16), His Word (Rom 15:4) and His gospel (Col 1:23). Hope is directed toward God (Acts 24:15; 1 Peter 1:21) and Christ (1 Thess 1:3; 1 Tim 1:1). Its appropriate objects are eternal life (Titus 1:2; 3:7), salvation (1 Thess 5:8), righteousness (Gal 5:5), the glory of God (Rom 5:2; Col 1:27), the appearing of Christ (Titus 2:13) and the resurrection from the dead (Acts 23:6; 26:6-7).”** (from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

(v13-16) **The Law of the Wise (Deuteronomy ch. 10:11- ch. 11)**

(v17) **Wisdom of faithfulness**

(v18-21) **A wise disciple**

(v22) **A wise provider**

(v23) **Wise justice**

(v24) **A wise parent- Be a parent not a sparent-** “Parents can tell but never teach, until they practice what they preach.” It’s also been said, “Many children would take after their parents if they knew where they went.”

(v25) **Wise satisfaction**

Chapter 14 - “Stay Wise!”

(v1) **The wise woman:**

- **Prays for the salvation of her family- Acts 16:11-15**

- **Embraces Christian character - Titus 2:3-6-** *the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.*

- **Disciples her children & grandchildren - 2 Timothy 1:3-5-** *I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.*

(v2-5) The wise witness
(v6-9) Wisdom seeks knowledge
(v10-14) The right way of wisdom
(v15-22) Character traits of a wise man
(v23-24) Wise labor
(v25) A true witness (Paul at Ephesus - Acts 19:21-41)
(v26-27) Wise fear
(v28) A wise king
(v29-33) Wise advice

(v34) A wise nation - **United States Supreme Court 1892 Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States**-“Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian.” **Alexis de Tocqueville**- “Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”

(v35) A wise servant - **Matt 20:25-28**- *But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave-- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*