



Proverbs – Wisdom for Today

Proverbs 18

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Some words to know:

- **intermeddle** (v. 1) = to interfere or interact with improperly in the concerns or affairs of others (often with a sense of intrusion) – 2 Chron. 25:19, Pro. 14:10, 20:19, 24:21.
- **contempt** (v. 3) = the act of despising, treating as mean, vile, or worthless.
- **ignominy** (v. 3) = to be publicly disgraced or shamed.
- **reproach** (v. 3) = open and harsh criticism and fault-finding. To treat with scorn or contempt. – 1 Tim. 4:10; Luke 6:22.
- **strokes** (v. 6) = hostile and often quick blows or physical attacks – Est. 9:5; Ps. 39:10.
- **talebearer** (v. 8) = one who reveals secrets (*usually maliciously*) or makes mischief – Pro. 11:13, 20:19, 26:20-22.
- **haughty** (v. 12) = excessively proud, lofty, lifted up, or arrogant – 2 Sam. 22:28, Ps. 131:1.
- **the lot** (v. 18) = an old biblical way (mostly in the OT) frequently used to determine God's will by casting an object (dice, stones, straws, etc.) and somehow knowing and trusting that the results were from God – John 19:24; Acts 1:26.
- **intreaties or entreaties** (v. 23) = to ask kindly/properly in interactions. An urgent supplication – Pro. 19:6; 1 Cor. 4:13; Gen. 23:8.

BE WISE with _____:

- v. 1 – Be careful where you go for “wisdom”.
- v. 2 – The motive of worldly wisdom: it's all about _____!
- God's way: knowledge -> wisdom -> understanding – Pro. 18:15, 17:28, 9:10, 2:1-5.

BE WISE with _____:

- Consider the power that words have:
 - God created everything by the word of His mouth – Gen. 1-2; Psalm 33:6, 9.
 - _____ vs. soft – Pro. 15:1; Job 16:2; Pro. 16:24, 8:8; 1 Tim. 4:12.
 - One of the most heinous sins: denying even knowing Christ – Matt. 26:69-75; Luke 22:55-62.
 - Words put Christ on the cross: “Crucify him”! – Mark 15:12-14; Matt. 27:22-23.
 - Words are an important part of salvation – Rom. 10:9-10.
- v. 4 – Man's words are as deep waters (dark, turbulent, hidden – Luke 6:45; Pro. 10:11. Contrasted to God's wisdom which is flowing and alive. Wellspring = a source of continual supply – John 7:38; Eph. 5:26; Ps. 1:1-3; Jer. 2:13.
- v. 6-7 – Foolish words are a _____ – Pro. 16:27. WARNING: You will be trapped or saved by them – Pro. 12:13; Judges 11:35; Mark 6:23-28; Matt. 12:36-37!
- v. 8 – A warning that gossip cuts people deeply – Pro. 12:18, 16:28 (whisperer), 26:22, 20:19; Lev. 19:16.
- v. 13 – Always wanting the first and last word - James 1:19. _____ without all the facts – John 7:51; Dan. 6:9-14; Pro. 16:20.

- v. 20 – Words can affect a person’s physical condition (how they live) - Pro. 12:14, 13:2.
- v. 21 – Your words will bring blessing or curse - James 3:2-10; Ps. 71:15; Heb. 13:15.

BE WISE with _____:

- v. 19 – We can hurt the ones closest to us, the most - Gen. 4:5-8 (Cain, Abel); Acts 15:36-40 (Paul, Barnabas); Gen. 27:41-45 (Jacob, Esau); Gen. 37:18-27 (Joseph, brothers). Wisdom and _____ can bring healing and forgiveness.
- v. 22 – A godly wife is a great blessing to a man and a token of divine favor – Pro. 12:4, 19:14; 31:10-31.
- v. 24 – Great counsel for anyone seeking a friend: _____ like one! There will be friends who are like family and our greatest friend is the Lord – Matt. 12:46-50; John 15:15!