



# Proverbs – Wisdom for Today

## Proverbs 25

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### Introduction

Proverbs 25 starts the \_\_\_\_\_ division of The Book of Proverbs. Each division has been identified by the words “proverbs of Solomon” (Pro. 1:1; 10:1; 25:1).

Proverbs is best understood in context with the books of Ecclesiastes and Job. In Proverbs, “wisdom” is given in short, simple, general terms. Ecclesiastes represents wisdom based on observation and experience. Job represents wisdom based on the experience of suffering and injustice. All three conclude that God does indeed know best, and the most sensible course of action is to follow His will.

Four types of learning connected to the wise:

- 1) Receive \_\_\_\_\_.  
Prov. 9:9; 8:33; 13:1; 21:11
- 2) Receive \_\_\_\_\_.  
Prov. 17:10; 9:8; 15:31; 25:12
- 3) Receive \_\_\_\_\_.  
Prov. 12:15; 22:17; 23:19; 24:6
- 4) Receive \_\_\_\_\_.  
Prov. 10:8; 28:7

No such thing as scholars or experts, just \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Tim 2:15

Proverbs 25:1

Chapters 25 contains material copied out by scribes, working under King Hezekiah. They copied these from writings which Solomon recorded.

Why is Solomon specifically addressing these truths to a select group – kings?

Are we kings? (Rev 1:6; Rev. 5:10)

- Proverbs 25:2

A king is to “\_\_\_\_\_.”

- There are \_\_\_\_\_ God conceals (*for a time*) for His glory – Deut. 29:29; John 16:12.
- There are many things that God conceals that are (*or will be*) revealed – Matt. 10:26, 11:25-26; Rom. 8:18; 1 Cor. 2:10, 2 Thess. 2:8; 1 Pet. 1:5.
- Kings (*authorities*) are ordained of God to search out matters ...but they do not always have the same \_\_\_\_\_ as God – Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Sam. 8:10-20.

- Proverbs 25:3

A king's heart is “\_\_\_\_\_.”

- This verse shows a king heart, our heart, is unsearchable to anyone but God.
- Boundless: Heaven for height and the earth for depth.

- Proverbs 25:4  
A king's heart is "\_\_\_\_\_."  
  - This verse shows we need molded, shaped, and tested to be a "vessel" for the Lord. Prov. 17:3; Malachi 3:3
  - Our \_\_\_\_\_, the things of the "old man" (selfishness, self-righteousness, lying, self-praise, pride, etc.) needs to be separated so we can be used as a vessel, for God's glory. God uses heat/fire/trials/hardships to work on us removing the dross to continually refine us.
- Proverbs 25:5  
A king rules in "\_\_\_\_\_."  
  - This verse teaching stresses the importance of a king carefully selecting his advisors.
  - A ruler should depend on upright, honest counselors to make wise decisions which benefits his subjects and others. (Pro. 11:14; 12:15; 20:18; 24:6; 29:4)
- Proverbs 25: 6-7  
A king rejects people who "\_\_\_\_\_."  
A king has no patience for people who "\_\_\_\_\_."  
  - These verses speak to self-promotion and have several practical and deep applications.
  - Application: Practical - Do not promote your own goodness before others.
  - Application: Deep - Your own goodness will not promote you into the presence of God (*hearing "come up hither" vs. being put lower*) – Rev. 4:1; Rom. 3:10-12, 25-26.
  - Application: Deeper - During the tribulation period (*believing the witness of God...the true King vs. the king whom thine eyes have seen*) – Eph. 2:2; 2 Thess. 2:3-12.
  - Come up hither – 3 times in the Bible Prov. 25:7; Rev. 4:1; Rev. 11:12

## So now that you are royalty, what is next?

### ➤ **HOW SHOULD WE AS ROYALTY RESPOND?**

- By taking each verse of Chapter 25 and categorizing it, we find some key character traits that we should possess in effort to operate in a royal fashion.
  - ✓ *Integrity (39%)*
  - ✓ *Balanced*
  - ✓ *Humbleness*
  - ✓ *Diligence*

### ➤ **INTEGRITY**

- Webster's 1828 Definition:
  - ✓ *The entire, unimpaired state of anything, particularly of the mind; moral soundness or purity; incorruptness; uprightness; honesty.*
- In the Bible...
  - ✓ *Integrity is mentioned in 16 verses in the KJV Bible*
    - Lion share of the verses are in Psalms and Proverbs.
    - Key Verses
      - *Psalms 26:11*
      - *Proverbs 11:3*

## ➤ **INTERGRITY CONTINUED**

- Affects Every Aspect of our Live
  - ✓ *Workplace*
    - Proverbs 16:3
    - Proverbs 16:13
  
  - ✓ *Finances*
    - Proverbs 21:20
  
  - ✓ *Life Interactions*
    - Every Personal Relationship
    - Transactions (Buying / Selling)
    - Children
      - *What we do in \_\_\_\_\_, our children will do in \_\_\_\_\_.*
      - *Yes, even adult children*
    - Social Media...
      - *Proverbs 20:7*
      - *Philippians 4:8*
      - *Proverbs 25:28*
  
- Action Plan
  - ✓ *Spend time camping out in Proverbs.*
  - ✓ *Expect \_\_\_\_\_, but be determined.*
  - ✓ *When in doubt, \_\_\_\_\_!*
  - ✓ *Utilize your Brothers and Sisters as \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - ✓ *Do not get \_\_\_\_\_.*
    - Proverbs 24:16

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**