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Godly Wisdom

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Purpose:
teaching us how to live

Key Words:
 my son

wisdom (wise)

knowledge (understanding)

fear

commandment, instruction, teaching, understanding

fool (folly)

righteousness

evil, wicked, iniquity, sin

abomination

adulteress, harlot, woman of folly

humble, humility

lazy, laziness, sluggard

mouth, words, lips, tongue, speech

poor, poverty

pride, arrogant, wise in own eyes

wealth, riches

wine, strong drink

Fear of the Lord	
<p>beginning of knowledge (1:7) fool doesn't choose the fear the Lord (1:29) when you search for knowledge and understanding you will discern the fear of the Lord (2:5) Fearing the Lord causes you to turn away from evil (3:7) is to hate evil, pride, arrogance (8:13) is beginning of wisdom (9:10) prolongs life (10:27) it is uprightness (14:2) there is strong confidence and refuge (14:26)</p>	<p>fountain of life (14:27) better to have little than much without the fear of the Lord (15:16) is the instruction for wisdom (15:33) keeps us away from evil (16:6) leads to life (19:23) reward is riches, honor and life (22:4) the one who fears the Lord will be praised (31:30)</p>

Abomination to the Lord (something that causes disgust or outrage)	
<p>those that are devious are an abomination (3:32) 7 things - abomination to the Lord (6:16-19) - haughty eyes - lying tongue - hands that shed innocent blood - heart that devises wicked plans - feet that run to evil - false witness who utters lies - one who spreads strife among brothers perverse heart is an abomination (11:20)</p>	<p>lying lips are an abomination (12:22) sacrifice of the wicked (15:8) way of the wicked (15:9) evil plans (15:26) everyone with a proud heart (16:5) those who condemn the righteous (17:15) differing weights and measures (20:10,23)</p>

Christian Walk and Health	
<p>when wisdom guiding us will we be guarded and have pleasantness in our lives (2:10) keeping the teachings (commandments) will add days to your life, bring peace to you (3:2) fearing God & turning away evil brings healing to your body/refreshment to your bones (3:8) long life are found in wisdom (3:16) wisdom allows you to sleep (3:21-24) keeping to the words you were taught bring life to your body (4:22) wisdom adds days and years to life (9:11) wicked's years will be shortened (10:27) anxiety weighs us down (12:25)</p>	<p>tranquil heart is life - passion rottenness to the bones (14:30) perverse tongue crushes spirit (15:4) bright eyes and good news (15:30) pleasant words bring healing (16:24) joyful heart - good medicine (17:22) broken spirit dries up bones (17:22) endure sickness not broken spirit (18:14) fear Lord - sleep will be satisfied (19:23) Too many sweets make sick (25:16)</p>

Proverbs I

According to verses 2-7, what is the purpose of Proverbs?

know wisdom and instruction - receive wisdom

to be able to discern

understanding

equity is evenness, righteous, straightness - an equality

going to the bank of knowledge - going to God's Word for wisdom

learn how to act and not react - how to respond to any situation

fear the Lord - awesome reverence for the Lord

Enticement of Sinners (verses 8-19)

Instructions	Sinner's End
heeding instruction from parents (8)	running to evil (16)
don't consent with sinners (10)	lie in wait for others but what they
don't walk in their path (15)	do is destroy themselves (18)
	gaining by violence takes the life of the possessor (19)

Wisdom Personified (verses 20-33)

Wisdom	Foolishness
turn to my reproof (23)	simple-minded (22)
she will make her words known (23)	scoffers, they hate knowledge (22)
looks on when calamity comes (27)	refused wisdom and paid no attention (24)
I will not answer when they call (28)	neglect wisdom's counsel (25)
those who listen will live securely (33)	calamity comes because they didn't choose to fear the Lord (29)
	their way will kill them (32)
	complacency will destroy them (32)

Proverbs 2

Wisdom, knowledge, understanding:

If we diligently seek out wisdom we will discern the fear of the Lord, and discover the knowledge of God (2:1-5)

Lord gives wisdom, knowledge, understanding (6)

sound wisdom is stored up for the upright (7)

wisdom is in our hearts, knowledge pleasant to your soul (10)

understanding watches over you/guards you (11)

Wicked/Evil:

they speak perverse things (against God) (12)

they leave the way of the righteous to walk in ways of darkness (13)

they delight in their evil (14)

they have a crooked path and are devious (15)

adulteress is evil - ways lead to death (16-19)

wicked/treacherous will be cut off and uprooted (22)

Proverbs 3

Instructions:

keep the teachings and commandments (1)
keep kindness and truth (3)
trust in the Lord with all your heart, don't lean on own understanding (5)
acknowledge Him in all your ways (6)
honor the Lord from your wealth (9)
keep sound wisdom and discretion (21)

Blessings for Following God's Instructions:

adding length of days, years of life and peace to us (2)
find favor in sight of God and man (4)
He will make your paths straight (6)
healing for your body, refreshment for your bones (8)
you will have plenty (10)
walk securely and sleep will be sweet (22-24)

What the Lord Has Done:

He can make our paths straight (6)
He reproveth those He loves (12)
founded the earth, established the heavens (19-20)
He is our confidence to keep us from falling (26)
He is intimate with the upright (32)
blesses those who dwell in righteousness (33)
He gives grace to the afflicted (34)

What Wisdom Offers:

profit better than silver or gold (14)
long life in her hand (16)
brings riches and honor (16)
pleasant, peaceful paths (17)
tree of life to those who take her (18)
brings happiness (18)
will be your life to your soul (22)
security (23-24)
inherit honor (35)

What We Are't To Do:

don't forget the teachings (1)
don't let kindness and truth leave you (2)
don't lean on your own understanding (5)
don't be wise in your own eyes (7)
don't reject the discipline of the Lord (11)
don't let the ways of God vanish from your sight (21)
don't be afraid (25)
don't withhold good from those to whom it is due (27)
don't devise harm against your neighbor (29)
don't contend against a man without cause (30)
don't envy a man of violence (31)

Proverbs 4

Instructions:

keep the commandments and live (4, 20-22)

take hold of instruction and guard her (13)

turn away from evil (15, 27))

watch over your heart with diligence - from it comes life (23)

put away deceitfulness, deviousness (24)

look directly ahead - eyes fixed on the prize (25)

watch the path of your feet and your ways will be established (26)

What Will Wisdom Do:

guard you and watch over you (6)

bring you understanding (7)

exalt you and honor you (8)

make the years of your life many (10)

steps will not be impeded and you won't stumble (12)

Warnings:

- don't enter the path of the wicked (14)
- don't proceed in the way of evil men (14)
- the way of the wicked is like darkness (19)
- put away a deceitful mouth (24)
- turn your foot away from evil (27)

Father's Instructions:

- let your heart hold fast to my words (4)
- Acquire wisdom and understanding (5)
- don't turn away from my words (5)
- don't forsake wisdom because she guards you (6)
- love wisdom and she will watch over you (6)
- get understanding and prize her (7-8)
- understanding will become a crown of beauty (9)

Proverbs 5

Adultery in Scripture is used two ways. Actual physical adultery or spiritual adultery - choosing to worship other gods. In Proverbs 5, the author addressing the actual physical sin of adultery. There are many warnings to be heeded in our world today.

Description of an Adulteress	Where She Leads	Warnings	Description of One Taken by an Adulteress
lips drip honey (3)	death, Sheol (5)	keep away from her (8)	give vigor to others (9)
speech smoother than oil (3)	ruin (14)	don't go near her house (9)	give your years to the cruel one (9)
bitter as wormwood (4)	your life dispersed abroad (16-17)	drink water from your own cistern (15)	strangers will have your strength (10)
sharp as a two-edged sword (4)		don't be exhilarated with adulteress (20)	hard-earned goods will go to the aliens (10)
doesn't ponder life (6)		God watches a man's paths (21)	flesh and body consumed (11)
ways are unstable (6)			hated instruction and spurned reproof (12)
she doesn't know she's lost (6)			haven't listened to his teachers (13)
			will be held with the cords of his sin (22)
			die for lack of instruction (23)
			goes astray (23)

Proverbs 6

Principles of Not Being Bound:

Don't become surety for your neighbor - pledge for a stranger (1)
root word for surety - to traffic, to give or be security, meddle, mingle
Don't be ensnared by the words of your mouth (2)
Deliver yourself - humble yourself - importune (urge severely) (3)
deliver yourself from this trap - don't sleep until you do (4-5)

Warnings About the Sluggard:

Someone who doesn't prepare (7-8)
lazy (9)
sleeping, slumbering, resting (10)
poverty will come like vagabond (11)
will have need (11)

Description of the Wicked Man:

worthless person - has a perverse (distorted, crookedness) mouth (12)
someone who is deceitful, sly, calculating (13)
heart continually devises evil (14)
spreads strife (14)
he will instantly be broken and there will be no healing (15)
haughty eyes, lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood (17)
heart that devises evil, feet run to evil (18)
false witness, someone who spreads strife (19)

Following the Commands of the Lord:

bind them on your heart (21)

when you walk, they will guide you (22)

when you sleep, they will watch over you (22)

when you are awake, they will talk you (22)

they are a lamp and a light (23)

bring reproofs for discipline - this is the way of life (23)

Warnings About the Adultery and Where It Leads:

evil woman with a smooth tongue (24)

don't desire heart beauty (25)

don't let her capture you (25)

on account of her - life will be ruined (26)

hunts for a precious life (26)

like playing with fire - you will get burnt (27-28)

whoever touches her will not go unpunished (29)

one who does this lacks sense - he would destroy himself (32)

he will find wounds, disgrace, reproach (33)

Proverbs 7

A Woman on the Prowl and Her Victim:

she is a foreigner - one who acts strangely (against the commands of the Lord)

flatters with her words (5)

looks for the naive - ones lacking sense - loitering where they shouldn't be (7-9)

dressed to entice, cunning of heart, she comes to meet him (10)

boisterous, rebellious, feet don't remain at home (11)

lurks at every corner (12)

"religious" so that makes everything alright - in our churches (14-15)

prepared for the attack - premeditated (16-17)

devious in plotting the attack (18-20)

persuades and entices (21)

flattering lips seduce (21)

he goes off like an ox to slaughter (22-23)

the mistake will cost him his life (23)

her victims are many - her ways lead to death (26-27)

Proverbs 8

The Promises of Wisdom (1-21, 32-36):

calls to those who will hear (1-4)

calls out to the naive/fools to understand (5)

she will reveal right things (6)

truth is in wisdom - wickedness not on her lips (7)

she speaks righteousness (8)

her teachings are straightforward to those who have understanding (9)

choose it over silver or gold (10)

nothing can compare to her (11)

there is prudence, knowledge, discretion (12)

it offers counsel and sound wisdom (14)

those who rule should rule with wisdom (15-16)

those who seek will find (17)

enduring wealth and honor is with her (18)

it is righteous and just (20)

she endows those who love her with wealth (21)

blessings for those who keep her way watching daily at her gates(32-34)

to find wisdom is to find life and favor from the Lord (35)

to sin against her is to injure himself (36)

those who hate wisdom love death (36)

God's Relationship to Wisdom (22-36):

Lord possessed wisdom from the very beginning - originates in Him (22)
established from everlasting (23)
wisdom was before the world was founded (23-25)

God's wisdom brought forth

- springs (24)
- settle the mountains in place (25)
- brought forth the earth and fields (26)
- established the heavens (27)
- inscribed a circle on the face of the deep (27)
- fixed the springs of the deep (28)
- set the boundary for the seas and the water can't transgress (29)

Wisdom was His delight (30)

always rejoiced before Him (30)

wisdom rejoices in the world that He created (31)

it rejoices in the sons of men (31)

Proverbs 9

Wisdom's Call and Message (1-6)	Woman of Folly's Call and Message (13-18)
<p>calls from the heights of the city (3) naive, those who lack understanding turn in here (4) take of my food and drink (5) forsake your folly (6) LIVE (6) proceed in the ways of understanding (6)</p>	<p>boisterous (13) naive and knows nothing (13) sits at her doorway, on a seat by high places of the city (14) calls to those who are making their paths straight (15) calls to the naive - turn in here (16) calls those who lack understanding (16) stolen water is sweet (17) her place leads to death (18)</p>

Teachings of the wise (7-12):

- the one who corrects the scoffer (wicked man) will receive dishonor and insults (7)
- reprove a wise man and he will love you - a scoffer will hate you (8)
- instruct a wise man - he appreciates it and will use it (9)
- fear of the Lord brings wisdom, knowledge, understanding (10)
- you are wise for yourself - and if a scoffer you alone bear it (12)

Proverbs 10

Wisdom & Righteousness	Foolish & Wicked	Power of the Mouth
<p>wise son makes father glad (1) righteous delivers from death (2) God won't let him hunger (3) diligent worker is wise (4-5) blessings are on the righteous (6-7) wise receive commands (8) wise man stores up knowledge (14) wages of the righteous is life (16) heeds instruction is on the path of life (17) wisdom is like a sport to a man of understanding (23) desire of righteous will be granted (24) righteous have an everlasting foundation (25) righteous have hope and gladness (28) Lord is a stronghold (29) never be shaken (30)</p>	<p>foolish son brings grief (1) God rejects the wicked's cravings (3) negligent and lazy son acts shamefully (4-5) name of the wicked will rot (7) babbling fool will be ruined (8) perverted ways will be found out (9) causes trouble (10) rod is for his back of the one who lacks understanding (13) wicked's income is punishment (16) ignores reproof and goes astray (17) heart of wicked is worth little (20) fools die from lack of understanding (21) to the fool, wickedness is a sport (23) the wicked's fears will come upon him (24) when whirlwinds come the wicked are no more (25) wicked's years will be shortened (27) expectations perish (28) ruin comes to workers of iniquity (29) wicked won't dwell in the land (30)</p>	<p>mouth of wicked conceals violence (6, 11) mouth of the foolish brings ruin (14) lying lips conceal hatred (18) fool spreads slander (18) with many words comes transgression (19) perverted tongue be cut out (31) brings forth perversion (32) one who restrains his lips is wise (19) tongue of righteous is as choice silver (20) lips of righteous feed many (21) mouth of righteous is a fountain of life (11) wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning (13) righteous mouth flows with wisdom (31) righteous brings forth what is acceptable (32)</p>

Proverbs II

The Wicked and Their Destiny:

pride brings dishonor (2)
Their crookedness will destroy them (3)
will fall by his wickedness (5)
the treacherous will be caught by their own greed (6)
their expectations will perish (7)
will enter trouble (8)
when they perish there is glad shouting (10)
by their mouth a city is torn down (11)
gets deceptive wages (18)
pursuing evil will bring about death (19)
will be punished (21)
withholding what is due will lead to want (24)
they search after evil and it will come to them (27)
trusting in riches = you will fall (28)
bring trouble to their own house (29)
will receive their reward = destruction (31)

The Righteous and Their Destiny:

their integrity will guide them (3)
delivered from death (4)
their paths will be smoothed (5)
delivered from trouble (8)
when it goes well everyone rejoices (10)
by their blessing a city is exalted (11)
gets a true reward (18)
if steadfast will receive life (19)
will be delivered (21)
generous will be prosperous (25)
diligently seeking good brings favor (27)
righteous will flourish (28)
will be rewarded (31)

Proverbs 12

Wisdom & Rightouesness	Foolish & Wicked	Power of the Mouth
<p>love discipline (1) obtains favor from the Lord (2) will stand (3, 7) thoughts are just (5) will be praised (8) has regard for his animal (10) diligent will have plenty (11) escapes trouble (13) listens to counsel (15) conceals dishonor (16) counselors of peace - have joy (20) harm kept from them (21) conceals knowledge (23) hand is diligent and will rule (24) is a guide to his neighbor (26) leads to life (28)</p>	<p>hate reproof (1) devises evil - condemned by God (2) be overthrown (3, 78) their counsel is deceitful (5) will be despised (8) their compassion is cruel (10) pursues worthless things (11) desires evil riches (12) ensnared by the sin of his lips (13) his way is right in his own eyes (15) his anger known (16) deceitful, devise evil (20) filled with trouble (21) proclaims his folly (23) slack hand - put to forced labor (24) their way leads others astray (26)</p>	<p>wicked words kill (6) false witness - deceitful (17) speaks rashly - cuts like a sword (18) established only for a moment (19) lying lips are abomination (22)</p> <p>righteous words deliver (6) speaks truth (17) brings healing (18) truthful will be established forever (19) deal faithfully (22) good words make glad (25)</p>

Proverbs 13

Contrasts		
	Righteous	Wicked
1	wise accepts discipline	scoffer doesn't listen
2	enjoys good	violence
3	guards mouth - life	opens mouth - ruin
4	soul made fat	sluggard - craves gets nothing
5	hates falsehood	acts disgustingly and shamefully
6	guards way - is blameless	subverts sinner
7	not pretentious	tries to impress
9	light rejoices	lamp goes out
10	receive counsel	insolence - strife
11	increases wealth	fraudulent wealth dwindles
13	fears commands - reward	despises words - in debt to it
15	good understanding - favor	way is hard
16	prudent acts with knowledge	fool displays folly
17	brings healing	adversity
18	regards reproof - honored	neglects discipline - poverty and shame
20	walks with wise - will be wise	companion of fools - suffer harm
21	rewarded and prosper	adversity pursues them
24	loves son - disciplines him	withholds discipline - hates him
25	has enough - satisfied	stomach in need

Proverbs 14

Wise/Righteous	Foolish/Wicked
<p>builds her house well (1) walks in uprightness (2) knowledge comes easy (6)</p> <p>understands his way (8) there is good will (9) tent will flourish(11) will be satisfied with his ways (14) considers his steps (15) cautious and turns from evil (16)</p> <p>crowned with knowledge (18) has a refuge when he dies (32)</p> <p>exalts a nation (34)</p>	<p>tears her house down (1) devious despise the Lord (2) seeks for wisdom and finds none (6) liven deceit (8) mock at sin (9) house will be destroyed (11) will have his fill of his ways (14) believes everything (15) arrogant and careless (16) quick-tempered (17) inherit foolishness (18) is trust down by his wrong doing (32) disgrace to any people (34)</p>

Teachings of the Wise:

where no oxen are the manger is clean but there is revenue that comes from the strength the ox (4)

there are those when they speak - speak truth and others that speak only lies or their version of the truth (5)

leave the presence of a fool quickly or you will not discern words of knowledge (7)

there are ways that seem right to a man but their end leads to death (12)

even when someone is laughing, they may still be in pain (13)

evil will not have victory in the end (19)

the poor will be hated but the rich will have many friends (20)

be gracious to those around you (21)

there is profit in labor but talk leads to poverty (23)

fear of the Lord brings confidence, gives us refuge, is a fountain of life, helps us to avoid snares (26-27)

someone who is slow to anger has great understanding - quick tempered person exalts folly (29)

tranquil heart is life to the body but passion (strong emotion that carries us away - barely controllable emotion) rotteness to the bones (30)

oppressing the poor, taunts the Maker who created them (31)

Proverbs 15

Gentle Words:

turns away wrath (1)
makes knowledge acceptable (2)
tree of life (4)
spreads knowledge (7)
calm a dispute (18)
is a joy and delight (23)
pleasant words are pure (26)
ponders how to answer (28)

Harsh Words:

stirs up anger (1)
crushes the spirit (4)
hot-tempered - stirs up strife (18)
pours out evil things (28)

Harm That Comes from a Foolish/Wicked Life:

trouble will come to them (6)
receive grievous punishment (10)
will die because he hates reproof (10)
won't go to the wise looking for answers (12)
feed on folly (14)
says will be bad (15)
turmoil (16)
hatred (17)
hot-tempered - stirrup strife (18)
lacks sense (21)
Lord is far from Him (29)

Proverbs 16

What We Learn About the Lord:

weighs the motives (2)

if we are committed to Him our plans will be established (3)

has made everything for its own purpose (4)

when we are pleasing Him even our enemies will be at peace (7)

directs our steps (9)

justness belongs to Him (11)

every decision is from the Lord (33)

What We Learn About Pride:

Proverbs 3:7

don't be wise in your own eyes

Proverbs 8:13

fearing the Lord is to hate evil, pride, arrogance, and the evil way

Proverbs 12:15

the way of the fool is right in his own eyes - doesn't listen to counsel

Proverbs 14:16

fool is arrogant and careless

Proverbs 15:25

The Lord will tear down his house

Proverbs 16:5, 18-19

Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord

Pride goes before destruction

haughty spirit before stumbling

better to be in the company of the humble than the proud

Proverbs 17

To Speak	Or Not To Speak
<p>the liars (evil) - listen to the destructive tongue (4) repeating matters - separates friends (9) perverse language falls into evil (20)</p>	<p>Better to not be where there is a lot of speaking - leads to strife (1) concealing transgressions - seeks love (9) restraining words is knowledge (27) cool spirit (not raised up in passion) - is a man who's understanding (27) even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise (28) keeping lips closed - considered prudent (28)</p>

Acting Shamefully	Acting Wisely
<p>mocking the poor mocks their Maker (5) rejoices at calamity - won't go unpunished (5) excellent speech not fitting for a fool (7) rebellious man seeks only evil (11) returning evil for good - evil won't depart from your house (13) condemning righteous, justifying wicked - abomination to the Lord (15) pledging - becoming guarantor for another (18) prideful actions seek destruction (19) received bribes to pervert justice (23)</p>	<p>a wise servant will rule among over the son (2) abandon the quarrel before it starts (14) friend loves at all times (17) brother is someone who helps in adversity (17) wisdom is in the presence of one who has understanding (24)</p>

Proverbs 18

Teachings:

separating yourself is against sound wisdom (1)
fool only delights in revealing his mind (2)
with the wicked comes contempt and dishonor (3)
wisdom is a bubbling brook (4)
don't show partiality to the wicked (5)
the slack bring destruction (9)
righteous run to the strong tower of the Lord (10)
rich man's wealth is his strength - a high wall in his imagination (11)
destruction comes to the haughty (12)
humility comes before honor (12)
first to plead case seems right until the other examines him (17)
brother offended is harder won than a strong city (19)
contentions are like bars of a citadel (19)
to find a wife finds favor from the Lord (22)
too many friends comes to ruin (24)
friend sticks closer than a brother (24)

Warnings of Our Words:

words are deep waters - come from the heart (4)
fool's lips bring strife (6)
fool's mouth is his ruin and a snare of his soul (7)
words are like dainty morsels and go down to the soul (8)
to give an answer before you hear all sides is folly (13)
man will be satisfied with the product of his lips (20)
death and life are in the power of the tongue (21)

Proverbs 19

Wealth	Poverty
<p>adds many friends (4) many seek favor of the generous (6) every man is a friend to those who give gifts (6) house and wealth are an inheritance (14)</p>	<p>better to be poor and walk in integrity (1) separated from his friend (4) family and friends abandon him (7) being gracious to the poor is lending to the Lord (17) better to be poor than a liar (22)</p>

The Fool:

perverse in speech (1)
hurries and then errs (2)
ruins his way and rages against the Lord (3)
luxury not fitting for him (10)
brings destruction to his family (13)
careless of conduct (16)
to have great anger will bear the penalty - constantly need rescuing (19)
sluggard - buries his hand won't even bring it to his mouth (24)
scoffer can become more shrewd (25)
judgment and blows are for the fool (29)

The Wise:

loves his own soul (8)
keeps understanding and will find good (8)
discretion makes him slow to anger (11)
overlooks transgressions (11)
keeps the commandments - keeps his soul (16)
listens to counsel and accepts discipline (20)

Proverbs 20

Wrong Living	Right Living
<p>provokes a king to anger (2) fools will quarrel (3) sluggard begs during harvest (4) differing weights and measures (10) loves sleep, becomes poor (13) takes advantage of others (14) don't trust those who become surety (16) get by falsehood - won't be sweet (17) slanderer reveals secrets (19) curses parents - light will go out (20) inheritance gained hurriedly will not be blessed (21) speak rashly - making vows (25)</p>	<p>Stay away from drinking (1) honor to stay away from strife (3) walk in integrity and sons are blessed (7) pure and right conduct distinguishes himself (11) lips of knowledge are precious (15) seek consultation and guidance (16) don't associate with a gossip (19)</p>

Proverbs 21

What the Lord Does:

turns the kings heart (1)

weighs the hear of man (2)

desires more than sacrifice - to do righteousness and justice (3)

Victorious (31)

The Proud:

haughty eyes and proud heart are of the wicked (4)

scoffers (24)

act with insolent pride (24)

The Wicked:

their light is sin (4)

acquire by lying is the pursuit of death (6)

their violence will drag them away (7)

refuse to act with justice (7)

way is crooked (8)

soul desires evil (10)

finds no favor (10)

way leads to ruin (12)

shuts his head to the cry of the poor (13)

displays a bold face (29)

Proverbs 22

The Poor and the Rich:

- good name and favor are more desired than wealth (1)
- the Lord made both the rich and poor (2)
- rich rule over the poor (7)
- borrower becomes the lenders slave (7)
- don't oppress the poor for your own gain or give to rich - you will come to poverty (16)
- don't rob poor - Lord pleads their case (22-23)

Training a Child in the Way They Should Go:

- hide yourself from evil (3)
- fear the Lord (4)
- guard your way from the perverse (5)
- don't depart from what you have learned (6)
- sowing iniquity reaps vanity (8)
- those who are generous will be blessed (9)
- drive out the scoffer - contention will cease (10)
- drive the foolishness out of the child (15)
- incline your ear to the wise - apply mind to knowledge (17)
- trust in the Lord (19)
- know words of truth (21)
- don't associate with a man given to anger - or you will learn his ways (24-25)
- don't be surety for others (26-27)
- respect what is other's (28)
- be skilled at your work (29)

Proverbs 23

Warnings of Riches:

- don't weary yourself seeking riches (4)
- cease thinking about riches (4)
- wealth has a way of growing wings and flying away (5)

Warnings of Drinking:

- don't be with drinkers or gluttons (20)
- they will come to poverty (21)
- has woe, sorrow, contentions, complaining, wounds, redness of eyes (29)
- don't look on the wine (31)
- bites like a serpent (32)
- eyes will see strange things (33)
- mind utters perverse things (33)
- do foolish things (34)
- don't remember anything but when they awake will seek another drink (35)

Warnings about How We Act:

- When eating with important people - show self-control (1-2)
- don't desire delicacies - they are deceiving (3)
- Don't desire the things of a selfish man (6-8)
- don't speak in the hearing of a fool (9)
- treat the orphans/widows fairly (10-11)
- don't hold back discipline from a child (13-14)
- adulterous woman is a robber (28)

Proverbs 24

The Wise	The Evil (Fool)
<p>house is built - by understanding (3) rooms filled with precious things (4) knowledge increases power (5) wisdom is sweet to your soul (14) hope won't be cut off (14) righteous falls and rises again (16) don't fret because of the evil (19) don't associate with those who are given to change (21-22) rebuke the wicked (25) give right answers (26) do your work in the proper order (27) don't be witness against neighbor without cause (28)</p>	<p>Don't envy nor desire to be with them (1) minds devise violence (2) wisdom too exalted for a fool (7) plans evil - schemer (8) scoffer abomination to all men (9) wicked stumble in calamity (16) no future for the wicked (20) fields are overgrown (30-31) sluggard - poverty comes (33-34)</p>

Proverbs 25

Like . . .	Is a . . .
apples of gold in settings of silver (11)	word spoken in right circumstances
an earring of gold and ornament of fine gold (12)	wise reprover to a listening ear
the cold snow in the time of harvest (13)	faithful messenger - he refreshes the soul of his masters
clouds and wind without rain (14)	man who boasts falsely
a club, sword, sharp arrow (18)	man who bears false witness
a bad tooth and unsteady foot (19)	confidence in a faithless man in time of trouble
one who takes off garment on cold day or vinegar and soda (20)	he who sings songs to a troubled heart
cold water to a weary soul (25)	good news from a distant land
a trampled spring and a polluted well (26)	righteous man who gives way before the wicked
a city broke into and without walls (28)	man who has no control over his spirit

Teachings:

God - who is wisdom doesn't need counsel; however, earthly kings need to seek counsel - the wicked are removed from his presence - there is no place for self-seeking and pride it brings a person down - being humble is honorable - pride disgraceful (2-7)

don't be hasty to argue your case before others - settle it quietly (8-10)

don't overeat on the sweets (16, 27)

don't over stay your welcome (17)

care for your enemy - the Lord will reward you (21-22)

backbiting tongue stirs up anger (23)

better to live in corner of roof than in house with contentious woman (24)

not good to search out your own glory (27)

Proverbs 26

Like . . .	So is . . .
snow in the summer and rain in harvest (1)	honor not fitting for a fool
a sparrow flitting or swallow flying (2)	a curse without cause doesn't alight
the legs that are useless to the lame (7)	a proverb in the mouth of fools
one who binds a stone in a sling (8)	he who gives honor to a fool
a thorn which falls into hand of drunkard (9)	a proverb in the mouth of a fool (9)
an archer who wounds everyone (10)	he who hires a fool
a dog that returns to its vomit (11)	a fool who repeats his folly
one who takes a dog by the ears (17)	he who meddles in strife not belonging to him
a madman throwing firebrands, arrows, and death (18)	the man who deceives his neighbor and says he was joking (19)
charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire (21)	a contentious man to kindle strife
an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross (23)	burning lips and a wicked heart

Sluggard	Fool
<p>talks but doesn't take action (13) turns on his bed - restless hinge does the work he's just along for the rode (14) buries hand in dish but too weary to bring it to his mouth (15) wise in his own eyes (16)</p>	<p>rod is for his back (3) don't answer a fool or you will be like him (4) answer him as his folly deserves so that he won't be wise in his own eyes (5) sending message by hand of the fool is like cutting off your feet (6) more hope for a fool than for one who is wise in his own eyes (12)</p>
Whisperers and Deceiving Lips	
<p>where there is no whisperer - contention quiets down (20) the words of a whisperer are dainty morsels (21) the one who hates disguises it with his lips but lays up deceit in his heart - he speaks graciously but don't believe him - he covers his hatred with guile (24-26) a lying tongue hates those it crushes (28) Flattering mouth works ruin (28)</p>	

Proverbs 27

Various Teachings:

don't boast about tomorrow - you don't know what it brings (1)
let your praise come from other people, not yourself (2)
don't provoke a fool (3)
jealousy is a stronger emotion than wrath and anger (4)
better to be rebuked in front of everyone than have love concealed (5)
faithful are the wounds of a friend than kisses from an enemy (6)
to a famished man anything tastes good (8)
man's counsel is sweet to his friend (9)
don't forsake your friend (10)
neighbor is better than a brother in emergency (10)
prudent man sees evil and hides (12)
same quote as was used in 20:16 - stranger - don't be surety for anyone - doubly so for someone you don't know! (13)
even blessing someone at inappropriate time will bring a curse (14)
a contentious woman's like a constant annoying drip can control like you can control the wind (15-16)
iron sharpens iron - one man another (17)
tending to your business brings many rewards (18)
just like water reflects the face - the heart reflects the man (19)
eyes of man are never satisfied (20)
each man is tested by the praise given to him (21)
crushing a fool doesn't make his foolishness go away (22)
tend your flocks carefully - diligently care for what God has entrusted into your care - riches aren't forever - but if you are diligent there will always be sustenance for your household (23-27)

Proverbs 28

The Righteous	The Wicked
<p>are bold (1) keeps the law, strives with evil (4) seek the Lord - understand all things (5) will inherit good (10) when they triumph people rejoice (12) hates unjust gain (16) walks blamelessly (18) tills his land - will have plenty of food (19) abound in blessings (20) doesn't show partiality (21) trusts in the Lord will prosper (25) walks wisely - will be delivered (26)</p>	<p>flee when no one pursues (1) forsakes law and praises wicked (4) don't understand justice (5) he who turns away from the law even his prayer is abomination (9) will call into his own pit (10) when they rise - men hide (12, 28) conceals transgression (13) hardens heart - falls into calamity (14) lacks understanding - great oppressor (16) crooked will fall (18) follows empty pursuits - will have poverty (19) makes haste to be rich - punished (20) evil eye hastens after wealth - want comes upon him (22) to rob father/mother - companion to those who destroy (24) arrogant - stirs up strife (25) trusts in his own heart (26) when they perish - the righteous increase (28)</p>
The Poor	
<p>poor man that oppresses is destructive (3) better to be poor and walk in integrity than to be crooked and rich (6) need to be gracious to the poor (8) poor who has understanding can see through rich man's "wisdom" (11) wicked ruler ruling over the poor - like devouring animals (15) giving to the poor - never be in want - but the one who shuts his eyes to the poor will have many curses (27)</p>	

Proverbs 29

Warnings:

- harden your neck after reproof you will be broken (1)
- people groan when the wicked rule (2)
- keeping company with a harlot wastes wealth (3)
- men who take bribes overthrow the land (4)
- flatterer spreads a net for himself (5-6)
- scorners will set a city aflame (8)
- there is no rest when in controversy with a fool (9)
- men of bloodshed hate the righteous (10)
- fools always lose their temper (11)
- if a ruler listens to falsehood, his ministers become wicked (12)
- child who gets his own way brings shame to his parents (15)
- when the wicked increase, transgression increases (16)
- where there is no vision, people are unrestrained (18)
- can't instruct in words alone - there will be no response (19)
- is no hope for those who are hasty in their words (20)
- an angry man stirs up strife (22)
- hot tempered man abounds in transgression (22)
- man's pride will bring him low (23)
- to be partnered with a thief destroys your life (24)
- to fear man brings a snare (25)
- justice doesn't come from seeking favor from a ruler (26)
- the upright are abominable to the wicked (27)

Proverbs 30

Attributes of God:

has ascended into heaven and descended (4)
gathers wind in His fists (4)
wrapped the waters in His garment (4)
established the ends of the earth (4)
every word of God's is tested (5)
He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him (5)
don't add to His words or He will reprove you (6)

Requests of God:

keep deception far from me (8)
give men neither poverty or riches - only my portion (8)

Warnings and Instructions:

don't slander a slave to his master (10)
be careful of those who curse their parents (11)
someone who is pure in his own eyes isn't washed from his filthiness (12)
beware of the arrogant (13)
beware of the one whose words cut and destroy (14)
the leech's two daughters - give, give (15)
mocking and scorning parents brings death (17)
adulterous woman says that she has done nothing wrong (20)
churning of anger produces strife (33)

4 Things That . . .:

are never satisfied (15-16)

Sheol

barren womb

earth with water

and fire

are too wonderful (18-19)

the eagle in the sky

the serpent on a rock

ship in middle of sea

way of a man with a woman

make the earth quake (21-23)

slave that becomes king

fool that is satisfied

unloved woman when she gets a husband

maidservant that supplants her mistress

are small but wise (24-28)

ants prepare their food

shephanim make houses in rocks

locusts that go out in rank

lizard that are in kings' palaces

that are stately in their march (29-31)

lion which doesn't retreat

strutting rooster

male goat

king with his army

Proverbs 31

Warnings and Instructions:

- don't give your strength to woman (3)
- stay away from strong drink (4)
- drink will affect your mind and pervert what is right (5)
- drink is for the dying or suffering man (7)
- speak up for the unfortunate (8)
- defend the rights of the afflicted and needy (9)

Characteristics of a Fine Wife:

- someone who can be trusted (11)
- she does her husband good all the days of their life (12)
- works with her hands in delight (13)
- creatively feeds and cares for her family (14)
- rises early to care for her household (15)
- business sense (16)
- strong (17)
- her lamp never goes out (18)
- works with hands to make what her household needs (19)
- takes care of the poor and needy (20)
- household is clothed and prepared (21)
- she is clothed in dignity (22)
- she frees her husband so he can be a man of respect (23)
- makes and sells things to supplement her family (24)
- strength and dignity - smiles at the future (25)
- speaks with wisdom (28)
- teaches kindness (28)
- looks after her household (27)
- not idle (27)
- woman who fears the Lord (30)
- her works praise her (31)