

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 2

Proverbs 15:1-12 Lesson #1

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Proverbs before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

1-2 **A SOFT answer TURNS away WRATH, but a HARSH word stirs up ANGER.** The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

• **Proverbs 25:15** “By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, and a _____ breaks a bone.”

• **I Samuel 25:10-11, 14 & 17** “Then Nabal _____ David’s servants, and said, ‘_____ is _____, and who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master. Shall I then take my _____ and my _____ and my _____ that I have killed for my shearers, and _____ it to men when I do not know where they are from?’” (Verse 14)

“Now one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal’s wife, saying, ‘Look David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he _____ them.’”

(Verse 17) “Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for _____ is determined _____ our _____ and against all his household. For he is such a _____ that one cannot _____ to him.”

Definition: “A SOFT answer TURNS away WRATH, but a HARSH word stirs up ANGER” – If you are familiar with the story of Nabal, you know that he gave a HARSH ANSWER to David and his men when they had asked him for help. It says Nabal “reviled” David. **REVILE means to use abusive language, to call names, to humiliate and treat with CONTEMPT.** David was angered and wanted to kill Nabal and wipe out all of Nabal’s household because of that harsh answer, but Nabal’s wife Abigail stepped in and gave a SOFT ANSWER and David changed his mind and did them no harm.

• **Ephesians 4:29** “Let no _____ proceed out of your _____, but what is _____ for necessary _____, that it may impart _____ to the hearers.”

• **Colossians 4:6** “Let your _____ always be with _____, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to _____ each one.”

• **Psalms 39:1** “I said, ‘I will _____ my ways, lest I _____ with my _____; I will restrain my _____ with a muzzle, while the wicked are before me.’”

• **Psalms 34:13** “Keep your _____ from evil, and your _____ from speaking guile (dishonesty, deceit).”

3 **The EYES of the LORD are in EVERY place,** keeping watch on the evil and the good.

• **II Chronicles 16:9** “For the _____ of the _____ run to and fro throughout the _____, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose _____ is _____ to _____.”

Definition: “The EYES of the LORD are in EVERY place” – This means that God sees everything we do, and **we cannot hide from Him.** According to Ezekiel 8:1-18, the Israelites thought they could HIDE their idolatrous practices from God, but **the Spirit of God took Ezekiel into their innermost secret chambers and SHOWED him EVERYTHING that they were doing.** We’re the same way sometimes,

and we think we can hide what we're doing from the Lord, but **He shines His LIGHT on our sinful actions** and we must REPENT.

● **Ephesians 5:13** "But all things that are _____ are made _____ by the _____, for whatever makes manifest is _____."

● **John 3:19-21** "And this is the _____, that the _____ has come into the world, and men loved _____ rather than _____, because their deeds were _____."

● **Hebrews 4:13** "And there is no creature _____ from His _____, but all things are naked (exposed) and _____ to the _____ of _____ to whom we must give account."

● **Psalms 90:8** "You have set our iniquities (sins) before You, our _____ sins in the _____ of Your countenance (face)."

● **I Corinthians 3:13** "Each one's work will become _____; for the Day will declare it, because it will be _____ by fire; and the fire will _____ each one's _____, or what sort it is."

● **Luke 8:17** "For nothing is _____ that will not be _____, nor anything _____ that will not be _____ and come to _____."

Definition: "MANIFEST" — Evident, shown, displayed, easily seen.

4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but **PERVERSENESS in it breaks the SPIRIT**.

● **Matthew 12:34** "Brood of vipers! How can you, being _____, speak _____ things? For out of the abundance of the _____ the _____ speaks."

● **Proverbs 3:31-32** "Do not envy the oppressor, and choose none of his ways; for the _____ person is an _____ to the _____, but His _____ counsel is with the _____."

Definition: "PERVERSENESS in it breaks the SPIRIT" – The human spirit is often called "the heart" in the Bible. It doesn't mean your heart that pumps blood throughout your body, but it means your innermost self: your mind, will and emotions, which is your SOUL, and also your SPIRIT which is where you contact God. **Perverse means "turned away from, or opposing what is right or good; CORRUPT; improper, stubborn, obstinate."** The Lord wants to give each of us a NEW HEART that is WILLING to do His will and those things that are pleasing to Him. **Continued PERVERSE behavior will eventually BREAK a person's spirit in that they will have a HARDENED heart and NOT be able to contact God at all. A BROKEN and CONTRITE heart means the person has acknowledged their sinful behavior and REPENTED** and returned to God.

● **Hebrews 3:12-13** "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil _____ of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be _____ through the _____ of _____."

● **Psalms 51:16-17** "For You do _____ desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a _____, _____, a _____ and a contrite _____ — these, O God, You will not despise."

● **Exodus 35:5,21 & 29** "Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a _____, let him bring it....." (Verse 21) "And they came, everyone whose _____ stirred him up, and every one whom his _____ made willing, and brought the Lord's offering....." (Verse 29) "The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the Lord, _____ the men and women whose _____ made them _____ to bring materials for all kinds of work. Which the Lord, by the hand of Moses, had

commanded to be done.”

• **Ezekiel 36:26-27** “I will give you a new _____ and put a new _____ within you; I will take the _____ of stone (hardened heart) out of your flesh and give you a _____ of flesh (a CARING, COMPASSIONATE HEART). I will put My _____ within you and _____ you to walk in My statutes (laws), and you will _____ My judgments and _____ them.”

• **Psalm 51:10** “_____ in me a clean _____, O God, and renew a steadfast (faithful) _____ within me.”

5 A fool despises his father’s instruction, but **he who receives REPROOF is prudent.**

• **II Timothy 3:16-17** “All _____ is given by inspiration of God, and is _____ for doctrine, for _____, for _____, for instruction in righteousness, that the _____ of _____ may be complete, thoroughly _____ for every good work.”

Definition: “REPROOF” — Reproof or to reprove means to call attention to a fault or sin, with kindly intent to correct or assist. Correction is to bring into conformity with a standard - in this case, God’s standard. **GOD’S WORD gives us the ABSOLUTE standard** that we need to live by. Otherwise, we would just end up comparing ourselves to others, and the standard would keep dropping lower and lower.

• **Proverbs 1:29-31** “Because they _____ knowledge and did not _____ the _____ of the _____, they would have none of My _____ and _____ all My _____, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.”

6-7 **In the house of the RIGHTEOUS there is much TREASURE, but in the revenue of the wicked is TROUBLE.** The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, but the heart of the fool does not do so.

• **Isaiah 33:5-6** “The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and _____. _____ and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of _____; the _____ of the _____ is His _____.”

• **Proverbs 8:20-21** “I traverse the _____ of _____, in the midst of the paths of justice, that I may cause those who _____ to inherit _____, that I may _____ their _____.”

• **Malachi 3:10** “Bring all the _____ (offerings) into the storehouse, so that there will be provision in _____; and prove (test) Me now in this, says the _____, whether I will _____ the _____ of _____, and pour you out a _____ until there is _____ than _____.”

• **Proverbs 10:2** “_____ of _____ profit _____, but righteousness _____ from _____.”

• **Matthew 6:33** “But seek _____ the _____ of _____, and His _____; and _____ these _____ shall be _____ to _____.”

• **Philippians 4:19** “But my _____ shall _____ your _____ according to His _____ in _____ by Christ _____.”

8-9 **The SACRIFICE of the WICKED is an ABOMINATION to the Lord,** but the prayer of the upright is His delight. The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but He loves him who follows

righteousness.

• **Proverbs 21:27** "The _____ of the _____ is an _____; how much more when he _____ it with _____ intent."

Definition: ABOMINABLE — Causing disgust; detestable, hated. **ABOMINATION** — Something that is detestable, **DISGUSTING**, hateful to God.

• **Ezekiel 8:6-10** "And He said to me, 'Son of man, do you _____ what they are _____, the great _____ which the house of Israel _____ here, that I should be far from My sanctuary? But yet you will see still _____.' Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, a _____ in the _____. And He said to me, 'Son of man, now _____ through the _____.' So I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance. And He said to me, 'Go in and see the _____ that they are _____ here.' So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of _____ things, and _____ with all the _____ of the house of Israel were carved on the wall all around."

10-12 **Harsh CORRECTION is for him who FORSAKES the WAY, and he who HATES REPROOF will DIE. HELL and DESTRUCTION are before the Lord; so how much more the hearts of the sons of men. A scoffer does not love on who reproves him, nor will he go to the wise.**

• **Proverbs 5:11-12** "And you _____ at last, when your _____ and your _____ are consumed, and say, 'How I have _____, and my _____ despised _____!'"

• **Hebrews 12:11** "Now no _____ seems to be joyful for the present, but _____; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable _____ of _____ to those who have been trained by it."

Definition: "He who HATES REPROOF will DIE" – Again, **REPROOF or to reprove** means to call attention to a fault or sin, with kindly intent to correct or assist. Correction is to bring into conformity with a standard - in this case, God's standard. **GOD'S WORD gives us the ABSOLUTE standard** that we need to live by. Those who **REPENT** and get back into alignment with God's standards may receive some "chastening", but **those who REFUSE to change their ways will end up with very HARSH consequences.**

• **Proverbs 13:13 & 15** "_____ who _____ the _____ will be _____, but he who fears (obeys) the _____ will be rewarded."
(Verse 15) "Good _____ gains _____, but the _____ of the _____ is _____."

Definition: "HELL and DESTRUCTION are before the Lord" – This means that God **GIVES us a CHOICE of whether we go to HELL or to HEAVEN, for LIFE or DEATH and DESTRUCTION.**

• **Deuteronomy 30:15 & 19** "See, I have set before you today _____ and _____, _____ and _____." (Verse 19) "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you _____ and _____, blessing and cursing; therefore _____, that both you and your descendants may _____."

• **James 1:15** "Then, when _____ has conceived, it gives birth to _____, and _____, when it is full-grown, brings forth _____."