

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 2

Proverbs 15:13-24 Lesson #2

**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.

13-15 **A MERRY heart makes a cheerful COUNTENANCE**, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but **he who is of a MERRY HEART** has a continual feast.

•Proverbs 12:25 “_____ in the _____ of _____ causes _____, but a _____ word makes it _____.”

•Proverbs 17:22 “A _____ does _____ like a _____, but a _____ dries the bones.”

Definition: “A MERRY heart makes a cheerful COUNTENANCE” – God's word has many commandments for us to be thankful in all circumstance, to allow God's peace to control us, and to be JOYFUL and REJOICE always. If we are obeying God in this way, our HEART should be HAPPY and at PEACE, and our FACE (countenance) should SHOW it.

•John 14:14:1 “Let _____ your _____ be _____; you believe in God, _____ also in _____.”

•John 14:27 “_____ I leave with you, My _____ I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let _____ your _____ be _____, neither let it be _____.”

•Philippians 4:4 “_____ in the _____. Again, I will say _____!”

•I Thessalonians 5:16-18 “_____ always, _____ without ceasing, In everything _____; for this is the _____ of God in Christ Jesus for _____.”

•Psalm 34:1 “I will bless the Lord at _____; His _____ shall _____ be in my mouth.”

•James 5:13 “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him _____. Is anyone _____? Let him _____.”

16-17 **Better is a LITTLE with the fear of the Lord, than great TREASURE with TROUBLE.** Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a fatted calf with hatred.

•Isaiah 57:20-21 “But the _____ are like the _____ sea, when it cannot _____, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. ‘There is no _____,’ says my God, ‘for the wicked.’”

•Proverbs 17:1 “Better is a dry _____ with _____, than a _____ full of _____ with _____.”

Definition: “Better is a LITTLE with the FEAR of the LORD, than great TREASURE with TROUBLE” – Many people think that if they could just be RICH, they would be happy and have no more problems.

The truth is that the rich only have DIFFERENT kinds of problems. It's better to have a little, or just enough, and be happy and content with that, than to always be wishing for riches.

•Psalm 37:16 “A _____ that a _____ man _____ is

_____ then the _____ of many _____.”

• **Proverbs 16:8** “_____ is a _____ with _____, than vast revenues (lots of money) without justice.”

• **Hebrews 13:5** “Let your conduct be without _____, and be _____ with such _____ as you _____. For He Himself has said, ‘I will _____ you or _____ you.’”

Definition: “THERE IS NO PEACE FOR THE WICKED” — Obviously, we know there is no real peace for those who do not know Jesus, but could “the WICKED” also refer to some Christians? When we DISOBEY GOD, we forfeit the PEACE and BLESSINGS He would LIKE to give us. ANY DISOBEDIENCE is sin or “wickedness,” and one form of wickedness that is COMMON among even Christians is UNFORGIVENESS. Also, NOT being CONTENT with what you have means you will NOT have peace in your life, because you are always wanting more, and if you don’t get it, you are unhappy.

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

• **Romans 8:13** “For if you _____ according to the _____, you will _____; but if by the _____ you put to death the _____ of the _____, you will _____.”

• **Proverbs 13:14-15** “The _____ of the wise (God’s wisdom) is a fountain of _____, to turn one _____ from the _____ of _____. Good understanding gains favor, but the _____ of the _____ is _____.”

18-19 **A WRATHFUL man stirs up STRIFE, but he who is SLOW to ANGER allays contention. The way of the SLOTHFUL man is like a HEDGE of THORNS, but the way of the upright is a highway.**

• **James 1:9-20** “Therefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be _____ to _____, slow to _____, _____ to _____; for the _____ of man does _____ produce the righteousness of God.”

• **Ephesians 4:26-27** “Be _____ and do not _____; do not let the sun go down on your _____, nor give place to the _____.”

• **Ephesians 4:31** “Let all _____, _____, _____, clamor, and all evil _____ be put away from you, with all malice.”

• **Proverbs 19:11** “The discretion of a man makes him _____ to _____, and it is to his glory to _____ a transgression.”

• **Proverbs 16:32** “He who is _____ to _____ is better than the mighty, and he who _____ his _____ than he who takes a city.”

Definition: “The way of the SLOTHFUL man is like a HEDGE of THORNS” – For the SLOTHFUL, lazy and disobedient person, the “hedge of thorns” refers to all the TROUBLES that person will have in their life. In Hosea, the HEDGE of thorns is put there by God to keep a person from continuing in their SIN. God will put snares and DIFFICULTIES in the way of a person, especially a Believer, to try to turn them away from their sin and turn them to Him.

• **Proverbs 22:5** “_____ and _____ are in the _____ of the _____; he who guards his soul will be _____ from _____.”

• **Hosea 2:6** “Therefore, behold, I will _____ up your _____ with _____, and _____ her in, so that she _____ find her _____.”

20-21 **A WISE SON makes a father GLAD, but a FOOLISH man DESPISES his MOTHER.** Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment, but a man of understanding walks uprightly.

• **Proverbs 4:3-5** “When I was my father’s _____, tender and the only one in the sight of my _____, he also taught me, and said to me: “Let your _____ retain

my _____; _____ my _____, and _____. Get _____! Get _____! Do not forget, nor _____ from the _____ of my mouth.”

•**Proverbs 3:1-2** “My son, do not forget my law, but _____ your _____ my _____; for _____ of _____ and _____ and _____ they will add to you.”

•**Proverbs 10:1** “The proverbs of Solomon: a _____ makes a _____, but a _____ son is the _____ of his _____.”

•**Proverbs 17:21** “He who begets a _____ does so to his _____, and the _____ of a _____ has no _____.”

Definition: “KEEP my COMMANDS, and LIVE. Get WISDOM! Get UNDERSTANDING!” – .The benefits of **having God’s WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING** are the same as in Proverbs 3:1-2, the benefits of keeping God’s commandments. **That is because, if you truly have God’s WISDOM and understanding of His word, you WILL keep His commandments.** Keeping God’s commandments does not EARN us our salvation (salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ ONLY), but **obedience AFFECTS the QUALITY of our lives here on EARTH**, and the LENGTH of our lives. As Christians, we SHOULD be obeying God’s commandments, which is another way to say DOING GOOD WORKS. Having God’s wisdom also makes us CHILDREN who will make our parents proud.

•**Ephesians 6:1-3** “Children, _____ your parents in the _____, for this is right. _____ your father and mother,’ which is the first _____ with _____; ‘That it may be _____ with you and you may live _____ on the earth.”

•**Psalms 34:11-14** “Come, you _____, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who desires _____, and loves _____ that he may see _____? _____ your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do _____; seek _____, and pursue it.”

22 Without counsel, plans go awry, but **in the MULTITUDE of COUNSELORS they are established.**

•**Proverbs 11:14** “Where there is _____, the people _____; but in the _____ of _____ there is _____.”

23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and **a WORD spoken in due season**, how good it is!

•**Isaiah 50:4** “The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should _____ how to _____ a _____ in _____ to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to hear as the learned.”

•**Proverbs 25:11** “A _____ fitly _____ is like apples of gold in settings of silver.”

24 The way of life winds **upward for the WISE, that he may TURN AWAY from HELL BELOW.**

•**Romans 8:13** “For if you _____ according to the _____, you will _____; but if by the _____ you put to death the _____ of the _____, you will _____.”

•**Proverbs 13:14-15** “The _____ of the wise (God’s wisdom) is a fountain of _____, to turn one _____ from the _____ of _____. Good understanding gains favor, but the _____ of the _____ is _____.”

Definition: “TURN AWAY from HELL BELOW” – The word HELL can refer to the place of punishment for unbelievers, but in the Old Testament, “hell” or “Sheol” also referred to the place where the souls of the dead would await their final destination. For Old Testament believers, the place of the dead was located in the center of the earth, and called **Hades** (Greek) or **Sheol** (Hebrew). Hades was divided into two parts: (1) a place of **torment for the unbelievers**; and (2) a place called **“Abraham’s bosom” in Luke 16, which was a place of comfort for Believers**. Jesus went into Hades (for the three days between His death and His resurrection) and took out all the spirits (souls) of those who had **died believing God and trusting in Him**, and took them up to heaven (that’s what it means by “He led captivity captive”). The only ones left in Hades NOW are the unbelievers, those **who died rejecting Christ**, and for them it is a place of torment. Their spirits are waiting for the resurrection and Judgment Day, after which they will be thrown into **the Lake of Fire, the final HELL**. Before Jesus’ death and resurrection, Believers did not go directly into the presence of God when they died. Now, the **spirits** of ALL BELIEVERS in CHRIST go directly and immediately to heaven, and there they wait for the resurrection of their BODIES. Here in Proverbs, when it says, “The way of life winds **upward for the WISE**”, **even though “the wise” (those who are saved) would not go immediately to heaven, they still had the PROMISE of God that they WOULD go upward to heaven eventually**. I don’t believe they had any comprehension of the passing of time while they were in “Abraham’s bosom”, so when Jesus came to take them up to heaven, they just rejoiced and had the promise of God fulfilled.

•**Ephesians 4:8-10** “Therefore He says, ‘When He ascended on high, He led _____ captive, and gave gifts to men.’ (Now this, ‘He ascended’ — what does it mean but that He also first _____ into the _____ parts of the _____? He who _____ is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)”

•**Psalm 16:10** “For You will not _____ my _____ in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One (Christ) to see corruption.”

•**Psalm 28:1** “To You I will cry, O Lord my Rock; do not be silent to me, lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go _____ to the _____.”

•**Psalm 49:15-17** “But God will redeem my _____ from the power of the grave (Sheol), for _____ shall _____ me.”

•**Psalm 55:15** “Let death seize them; let them go _____ into _____ (Sheol), for wickedness is in their dwellings and among them.”

•**Psalm 63:9** “But those who seek my life, to destroy it, shall go into the _____ of the _____.”

•**Luke 16:22-23** “So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the _____ into _____ bosom (place of safety & comfort). The rich man also died and was buried. And being in _____ in _____, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his _____.”

•**Matthew 12:40** “For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the _____ of the great fish, so will the Son of Man (Jesus) be three days and three nights in the _____ of the _____.”