

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 2

Proverbs 15:25-33 Lesson #3

**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.

25 **The Lord will destroy the house of the PROUD, but He will establish the boundary of the WIDOW.**

- **James 4:6** “But He gives more _____ . Therefore He says, ‘God _____ the _____, but gives _____ to the _____.’”
- **Proverbs 16:18** “_____ goes before _____, and a _____ before a _____.”

Definition: “He will establish the boundary of the WIDOW” – God’s word is full of commandments for His people to take care of widows and orphans. When it talks about **“the boundary of the WIDOW”** it is referring to what would sometimes happen to widows when unscrupulous and dishonest people would **cheat and MOVE the boundaries of a widow’s property in order to steal her land.** God promises that He will take care of the widows among His people.

- **I Timothy 5:3-4** “Honor _____ who are really _____. But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety (religion) at home and to _____ their parents; for this is _____ and acceptable before _____.”
- **James 1:27** “_____ and _____ religion before _____ and the Father is this: to visit _____ and _____ in their _____, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”
- **Psalms 68:5** “A father of the _____, a defender of _____ is _____ in His holy habitation.”
- **Deuteronomy 10:18** “He administers justice for the _____ and the _____, and _____ the stranger, giving him _____ and _____.”
- **II Kings 4:1-7** “A certain _____ of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, ‘Your servant my _____ is _____, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the _____ is coming to take my two _____ to be his _____.’ So Elisha said to her, ‘What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?’ And she said, ‘Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a _____ of _____.’ Then he said, ‘Go, borrow vessels (jars) from everywhere, from all your neighbors – empty vessels; do not gather just a few. And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it (the oil) into all those _____, and set aside the _____ ones.’ So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she _____ it out. Now it came to pass, when the vessels were _____, that she said to her son, ‘Bring me another vessel.’ And he said to her, ‘There is not another vessel.’ So the _____ ceased (stopped). Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, ‘Go, _____ the _____ and _____ your _____; and you and your sons _____ on the _____.’”

26 **The thoughts of the WICKED are an ABOMINATION to the Lord, but the words of the PURE are pleasant.**

• **Matthew 9:4** “But _____, knowing their _____, said, ‘Why do you _____ in your _____?’”

• **II Timothy 3:1-4** “But know this, that in the _____ perilous times will _____: for men will be lovers of _____, lovers of money, boasters, _____, blasphemers, _____ to parents, unthankful, unholy, _____, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, _____ of _____, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God....”

Definition: “The thoughts of the WICKED are an ABOMINATION to the Lord” – Abominable means causing disgust; detestable, hated. **ABOMINATION means something that is detestable, DISGUSTING, hateful to God.** 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.

• **Genesis 6:5-7** “Then the Lord saw that the _____ of _____ was _____ in the earth, and that _____ intent of the _____ of his _____ was only _____ continually.”

27-28 **He who is GREEDY for gain** troubles his own house, but **he who HATES BRIBES will LIVE.**

The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

• **Exodus 23:8** “And you shall take no _____, for a _____ the _____ and _____ the _____ of the _____.”

• **Deuteronomy 16:19** “You shall not _____ justice; you shall show _____, nor take a _____, for a _____ the _____ of the _____ and twists the words of the _____.”

• **I Timothy 6:9-10** “But those who desire to be _____ fall into temptation and a _____, and into many foolish and _____ lusts which drown men in _____ and _____. For the _____ of _____ is a root of all kinds of _____, for which some have strayed from the faith in their _____, and pierced themselves through with many _____.”

• **Psalms 49:6-8** “Those who _____ in their _____ and boast in the multitude of their _____, none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him – for the redemption of their souls is costly, and it shall cease forever – that he should continue to live eternally, and not see the pit.”

Definition: “The LOVE of MONEY is a root of all kinds of EVIL” – This Scripture does NOT say that money is evil, but the LOVE of that money is what brings about many kinds of evil and troubles in a person’s life. That’s what it means by “He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house” - it means he is causing trouble in his own life and family.

• **Psalms 52:7** “Here is the man who did _____ make _____ his _____, but _____ in the abundance of his _____, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.”

• **Psalms 62:10** “Do not trust in oppression, nor vainly hope in robbery; if _____ increase, do _____ set your _____ on _____.”

29 The Lord is far from the wicked, but **He HEARS the PRAYER of the RIGHTEOUS.**

• **Psalm 34:15-17** “The _____ of the Lord are on the _____, and His _____ are _____ to their _____. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous _____ out, and the Lord _____, and _____ them _____ of all their _____.”

• **I Peter 3:12** “For the eyes of the Lord are on the _____, and His _____ are _____ to their _____; but the face of the _____ is _____ those who do _____.”

Definition: “The EYES of the Lord are on the RIGHTEOUS, and His EARS are OPEN to their CRY” – The first prayer of an unsaved “sinner” that God hears is the prayer for SALVATION, when that sinner cries out to God to SAVE him from his sins. After a person ACCEPTS Jesus Christ as his or her Savior, that person is **NO LONGER** considered a “sinner” by God, but God sees that one as His son or daughter, and as “the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus” (II Corinthians 5:21).

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

• **Luke 18:13-14** “And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God be _____ to me a _____!’ ‘I tell you, this man went down to his house _____ rather than the other; for everyone who _____ himself will be abased (put down, humbled), and he who _____ himself will be _____.”

• **John 9:31** “Now we know that God does _____ sinners; but if anyone is a _____ of _____ and _____ His _____, He _____ him.”

• **Isaiah 59:1-2** “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull that it cannot _____, but your iniquities (sins) have made a _____ between you and your God, and your _____ have hid His face from you, so that He does not _____.”

• **Psalm 66:18** “If I regard iniquity in my _____, the Lord will not _____. But certainly God has _____ me; He has attended to the voice of my _____.”

• **Proverbs 15:29** “The Lord is _____ from the _____, but He _____ the _____ of the _____.”

30-32 The light of the EYES rejoices the HEART, and a **GOOD REPORT** makes the bones healthy. The EAR that hears the reproof of LIFE will abide among the WISE. He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but **he who HEEDS REPROOF** gets **UNDERSTANDING**.

• **Philippians 4:8** “Finally, brethren, whatever _____ are _____, whatever things are _____, whatever things are _____, whatever things are _____, if there is any _____ and if there is anything _____ – _____ on these _____.”

• **Psalm 19:7-10** “The law of the Lord is _____, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is _____, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are _____, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is _____, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is _____, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are _____ and _____ altogether. More to be desired are they than _____, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter

also than _____ and the honeycomb.”

Definition: “Whatever things are TRUE, whatever things are NOBLE, whatever things are PURE” – These would ALL be things included in a “GOOD REPORT”, as well as qualities that are mentioned in the FRUIT of the SPIRIT, and in the LOVE chapter of I Corinthians 13, and the list of character qualities II Peter 1:5-8 says that we need to develop in our lives. **These qualities are also similar to those used to describe the WORD of GOD in Psalm 19:7-10.** Obviously, as Christians, we should be reading and meditating on God’s word, but we should also be careful of the other things we put in front of our eyes, or hear with our ears, as **NEGATIVE things will influence us in a harmful way.** **GOOD THINGS we put before our EYES will REJOICE our HEART, and a good report will make our “bones healthy”,** which is just an old-fashioned way of saying it will be beneficial and healthy for us.

Definition: “He who HEEDS REPROOF gets UNDERSTANDING” – “Reproof” means someone telling you that you are doing WRONG. **God’s WORD tells us when we are doing WRONG (sin),** and if we REJECT that reproof, we will suffer the consequences, go ASTRAY in our lives, and be far away from God. **To “HEED REPROOF”** means you PAY ATTENTION to the reproof, make the necessary correction in your life, and you will GROW in your faith and get more understanding of God’s will for your life.

•**Proverbs 1:22-27** “How long, you simple (naive, ignorant) ones, will you love simplicity? For _____ delight in their scorning. And _____ hate _____. Turn (repent) at My _____; surely I will pour out My _____ on you; I will make My _____ known to you. Because I have called and you _____, I have stretched out My hand and no one regarded, because you disdained (ignored) _____ My _____, and would have _____ of My _____, I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your _____ comes, when your terror comes like a storm, and your _____ comes like a _____, when _____ and anguish come upon you.”

•**Isaiah 65:12** “Therefore I will number you for the sword, and you shall all bow down to the _____, because when I _____, you did not _____; when I _____, you did not _____, but did _____ before My eyes, and chose that in which I did _____.”

33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and **before HONOR is HUMILITY.**

•**Proverbs 18:12** “Before _____ the _____ of a man is _____, and before _____ is _____.”

•**Proverbs 9:10** “The _____ of the _____ is the _____ of _____, and the _____ of the _____ One is _____.”

•**I Peter 5:5** “Likewise you younger people, _____ yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with _____, for ‘God _____ the _____, but gives _____ to the _____.”

Definition: “Before HONOR is HUMILITY” – Some people say things like, “I demand that you respect me” or “I deserve to be honored and respected.” **This is their PRIDE speaking,** and only by being HUMBLE will we ever get true respect and honor from other people, and HUMILITY is absolutely necessary if we ever want to receive HONOR from God.