

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 2

### Proverbs 18:18-24 Lesson #6

\*\*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.

18-19 **CASTING LOTS causes contentions to cease**, and keeps the mighty apart. **A BROTHER OFFENDED is harder to win than a strong city**, and contentions are like the bars of a castle.

• **Proverbs 16:33** “The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ into the lap, but its every \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Acts 1:23-26** “And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they \_\_\_\_\_ and said, ‘\_\_\_\_\_, O \_\_\_\_\_, who know the hearts of all, \_\_\_\_\_ which of these two \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.’ And they \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “CASTING LOTS causes contentions to cease”** – “Casting lots” would be like us throwing dice or picking a name out of a hat to choose one thing over another. This was a common practice among the Jews in Old Testament times, as God had given the priests in the temple what was called Urim and Thummim, and they would “cast lots” by them to know what they should do in certain situations. This was NOT gambling, and only the priests could do this, and God gave them this way to choose in certain situations where there was no written commandment either way. The eleven disciples chose Matthias to take the place of Judas by casting lots.. **“Causes contentions to cease” means no one could ARGUE** about the results of the lot.

• **Numbers 27:21** “He shall stand before Eleazar the \_\_\_\_\_, who shall \_\_\_\_\_ before the \_\_\_\_\_ for him by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Urim; at his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the children of \_\_\_\_\_ with him, all the congregation.”

**Definition: “A BROTHER OFFENDED is harder to win than a strong city”** – In the flesh, in our natural human nature, **some people just hold onto a GRUDGE if they are offended in some way**. If that person is NOT trusting in the Lord and forgiving the one who offended them, they may hold onto that grudge for years.

20-21 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the FRUIT of his mouth, and from the produce of his lips he shall be filled. **DEATH and LIFE are in the power of the TONGUE, and those who love it will eat its FRUIT.**

• **James 3:6** “And the \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_, a world of iniquity. The \_\_\_\_\_ is so set among our members that it \_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.”

• **Proverbs 21:23** “Whoever guards his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ keeps his soul from \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Psalms 120:3-4** “What shall be given to you, or what shall be done to you, you false \_\_\_\_\_? Sharp \_\_\_\_\_ of the warrior, with \_\_\_\_\_ of the broom tree!”

• **Proverbs 16:27** “An ungodly man digs up evil, and it is on his \_\_\_\_\_ like a burning \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Matthew 12:34-37** “Brood of vipers! How can you, being \_\_\_\_\_ speak good things? For out of the abundance of the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ speaks. A good man out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of his heart brings forth good things, and an \_\_\_\_\_ man out of the \_\_\_\_\_ brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for \_\_\_\_\_ idle \_\_\_\_\_ men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of \_\_\_\_\_. For by your \_\_\_\_\_ you will be justified, and by your \_\_\_\_\_ you will be condemned.”

**Definition: “The TONGUE is a FIRE.....it is SET on FIRE by HELL”** – Because of the fall of man and the effects of sin, **our tongues are capable of doing much harm and evil.** The tongue is compared to a fire, and more particularly, the fire of hell, because it seems as if Satan and his demons get in there and take control of our tongues at times. Just as a little spark can cause a huge forest fire, our tongues can hurt people, ruin reputations, and cause all kinds of harm and mischief. James also tells us that **“no man can tame the tongue.** It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.”

**Definition: “DEATH and LIFE are in the power of the TONGUE, and those who love it will eat its FRUIT”** – It is true that NO MERE MAN can tame his own tongue, **but with the POWER of the Holy Spirit, you can ask Him to control it, as part of the “FRUIT of the SPIRIT” in your life.** The fruit of kindness, gentleness, love, joy, and self-control - **FRUIT PRODUCED by the Holy Spirit in your life, if you allow Him to, CAN CONTROL your TONGUE** (Galatians 5:22-23). To say we **“Will eat its FRUIT”** means we will have to LIVE with the CONSEQUENCES of the WORDS that we speak, whether good or bad. Some people think the filling of the Holy Spirit is a one-time experience, and therefore do not examine themselves on a daily basis to see if they are **continually ALLOWING the Holy Spirit to be in CONTROL** of their lives or not. We are **COMMANDED** to be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is NOT a ONE-TIME experience, but a continuous, **moment-by-moment YIELDING of ourselves to the Holy Spirit’s control in our lives.** The literal translation of the Greek is **“keep being continually filled” with the Spirit.** One of the results of being CONTROLLED by the Holy Spirit is having **JOY in your heart** (“singing and making melody in your HEART”). **All the FRUIT of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control** will be abundant in your life as you allow the Holy Spirit to control your heart, mind, and actions. **This is what Jesus meant by our lives producing fruit that will glorify God the Father. Jesus also said if we ABIDE in Him, we will bear much FRUIT, so we see that ABIDING in Christ is the same as being filled with the Spirit.** “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit” (John 15:8).

• **Galatians 5:22-23** “But the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, joy, peace, longsuffering (patience), \_\_\_\_\_, goodness (meekness, humility), faithfulness, \_\_\_\_\_, self-control.....”

• **John 15:4-5, 7** “\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and I in you. As the branch cannot bear \_\_\_\_\_ of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, and I in him, bears much \_\_\_\_\_; for without Me you can do nothing.” (Verse 7) “If you \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, and My \_\_\_\_\_ abide in \_\_\_\_\_, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you.”

**Definition: “It DEFILES the whole BODY”** – To defile means to make corrupt or dirty. The sinful thoughts begin in the mind, but when they are not “taken captive to the obedience of Christ” (II Corinthians 10:5), and you allow a sinful thought to come out of your mouth, it can then produce all

kinds of trouble for the physical body and your life in general. When Jesus said, "For **out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, MURDERS, ADULTERIES, FORNICATIONS, THEFTS, and so forth, and that these are the things which DEFILE a man**", obviously, those things He just mentioned are **ACTIONS that require the use of your physical BODY**, and if you get caught doing something that is against the law, such as theft or murder, it is your physical BODY that will go to prison! Be careful how you use your tongue and how you talk, because it may end up as much more than just words!

• **Matthew 15:11 & 18-20** "\_\_\_\_\_ what goes \_\_\_\_\_ the mouth \_\_\_\_\_ a man; but what comes \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ a man." (Verses 18-20) "But those things which proceed out of the \_\_\_\_\_ come from the \_\_\_\_\_, and they \_\_\_\_\_ a man. For out of the heart proceed \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts, \_\_\_\_\_, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which \_\_\_\_\_ a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

• **Proverbs 4:23-24** "Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful \_\_\_\_\_, and put perverse \_\_\_\_\_ far from you."

• **Proverbs 13:3** "He who guards his \_\_\_\_\_ preserves his life, but he who opens wide his \_\_\_\_\_ shall have \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Proverbs 12:13-14** "The \_\_\_\_\_ is ensnared (trapped) by the transgression of his \_\_\_\_\_, but the righteous will come through trouble. A man will be \_\_\_\_\_ with good by the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_...."

22 **He who finds a WIFE finds a GOOD thing**, and obtains favor from the Lord.

• **Proverbs 31:10-12** "Who can find a virtuous \_\_\_\_\_? For her worth is far above \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_ safely \_\_\_\_\_ in her; so he will have no lack of gain. She does him \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_ all the days of her life."

• **1 Peter 3:1** "Likewise you wives, be \_\_\_\_\_ to your own husbands, that even if some (husbands) do not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, they, without a word (without arguing or preaching) may be won by the \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "He who finds a WIFE finds a GOOD thing"** – Obviously, this means **he who finds a "virtuous wife" as it says in Proverbs 31:10-12**. Also, both husbands and WIVES need to be following God's directions and commandments in the marriage relationship, or else it will NOT be a blessing from the Lord, as our worldly statistics on DIVORCE clearly show.

• **Titus 2:4-5** "That they admonish the young \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_, to love their \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_, chaste (modest), \_\_\_\_\_, good, \_\_\_\_\_ to their own \_\_\_\_\_, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God may \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ (spoken against with CONTEMPT)."

• **Colossians 3:19** "Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and do \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ toward them."

• **1 Peter 3:7** "Likewise you \_\_\_\_\_, dwell with [your wives] with \_\_\_\_\_, giving \_\_\_\_\_ to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being \_\_\_\_\_ of the grace of life, that your \_\_\_\_\_ may not be hindered."

• **Proverbs 12:4** "An \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_"

\_\_\_\_\_, but she \_\_\_\_\_ who causes \_\_\_\_\_ is like \_\_\_\_\_  
in the bones.”

23 **The POOR man uses ENTREATIES**, but the rich answers roughly.

•**James 2:1-4** “My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with \_\_\_\_\_. For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel (clothes), and there should also come in a \_\_\_\_\_ man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes, and say to him, ‘You sit here in a good place,’ and say to the \_\_\_\_\_ man, ‘You stand there,’ or, ‘\_\_\_\_\_ here at my \_\_\_\_\_,’ have you not shown \_\_\_\_\_ among yourselves and become judges with \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts (motives)?”

**Definition: “The POOR man uses ENTREATIES” – “ENTREATIES”** means begging. Usually, a poor person asks for help, or even BEGS, and does NOT boldly come up and DEMAND money or food from someone. On the other hand, a RICH person feels “entitled” and thinks they have a RIGHT to have things their own way.

**James 2:6-7** “But you have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ man. Do not the \_\_\_\_\_ oppress you and \_\_\_\_\_ you into the \_\_\_\_\_? Do they not \_\_\_\_\_ that noble \_\_\_\_\_ by which you are called?”

•**Luke 16:19-25** “There was a certain \_\_\_\_\_ man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously (ate plenty of good food) every day. But there was a certain \_\_\_\_\_ named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the \_\_\_\_\_ man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the \_\_\_\_\_ died, and was carried by the \_\_\_\_\_ to Abraham’s bosom. The \_\_\_\_\_ man also \_\_\_\_\_ and was buried. And being in \_\_\_\_\_ in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your \_\_\_\_\_ you received your \_\_\_\_\_ things, and likewise Lazarus \_\_\_\_\_ things; but now \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ and you are tormented.’”

24 A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but **there is a FRIEND who sticks CLOSER than a BROTHER.**

•**Proverbs 17:17** “A \_\_\_\_\_ loves at all times, and a \_\_\_\_\_ is born for adversity.”

**Definition: “There is a FRIEND who sticks CLOSER than a BROTHER” – The greatest “friend” we will ever have is Jesus Himself**, and God’s word says He is not ashamed to call us His brethren, or brothers and sisters. Also, many times, a brother or sister in the body of Christ may be closer to us than a blood-relative.

•**Hebrews 2:11** “For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_.”