

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 2

Proverbs 21:1-12 Lesson #7

**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 The KING’S HEART is in the HAND of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He TURNS it WHEREVER He WISHES.

•Ezra 6:22 “And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the _____ made them joyful, and _____ the _____ of the _____ of Assyria toward them, to _____ their _____ in the _____ of the _____ of God, the God of Israel.”

•Daniel 5:21 “Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the _____ High _____ rules in the _____ of _____, and _____ over it _____ He _____.”

2 Every way of man is RIGHT in his OWN EYES, but the Lord weighs the hearts.

•Proverbs 12:15 “The way of a _____ is _____ in his _____, but he who heeds [godly] counsel is _____.”

•Proverbs 16:2 “All the _____ of a man are _____ in his own _____ but the Lord weighs the spirits.”

•Proverbs 16:25 “There is a way that _____ to a man, but its end is the way of _____.”

•Revelation 2:23 “.....And all the _____ shall know that I (Jesus) am He who _____ the minds and _____. And I will give (in judgment) to each one of you _____ to your _____.”

•Luke 16:15 “And He said to them, ‘You are those who justify _____ before men, but God _____ your _____. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.’”

3 To do righteousness and justice is more ACCEPTABLE to the LORD than SACRIFICE.

•Psalm 51:16-17 “For You do _____ desire _____, or else I would give it; You do _____ delight in burnt offering. The _____ of God are a _____, a _____ and _____ - these, O God, You will not despise.”

•Psalm 50:7-10 “Hear, O My _____, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am _____, your _____! I will _____ reprove you for your _____ or your burnt _____, which are continually before Me. I will not take a _____ from your house, nor _____ out of your folds. For every _____ of the forest is _____, and the _____ on a thousand hills.”

Definition: “More ACCEPTABLE to the LORD than SACRIFICE” – The Israelites were faithful in doing their sacrifices to God, but **many times, their heart and inward motives were wrong.** In First Samuel 15:22-23, it’s King Saul who performed sacrifices to God, but he had **DISOBEYED** the direct **COMMAND** from God to destroy everything in the enemy camp, and **he decided he knew better than**

God, and he did things HIS OWN WAY. Even we, as Christians, can sometimes be caught up in this kind of DISOBEDIENCE. We must be CAREFUL to obey God's word, and not try to twist it to conform to our own desires. **When God was pleased with the Israelites' sacrifices,** He would say it was a "sweet-smelling aroma". But God did NOT want them to continually offer sacrifices of animals **if their HEARTS were not right with Him.** For us today, as Believers under the New Covenant (New Testament) the sacrifices that please God are the SACRIFICES of our PRAISE.

• **I Samuel 15:22-23** "Then Samuel said, 'Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and _____, as in _____ the voice of the _____? Behold, to _____ is better than _____, and to heed than the fat of rams. For _____ is as the _____ of _____, and _____ is as iniquity and _____. Because you have _____ the _____ of the Lord, He also has _____ you from being _____.'"

• **Hebrews 13:15** "Therefore by Him (Jesus Christ) let us continually _____ the _____ of _____ to God, that is the _____ of our _____, giving _____ to His name."

4 **A HAUGHTY look, a PROUD heart,** and the plowing of the wicked are sin.

• **Proverbs 6:16-19** "These six things the Lord _____, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a _____ look, a _____ tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises _____, feet that are swift in running to evil, a _____ witness who _____, and one who sows discord among brethren."

• **I Timothy 6:17** "Command those who are rich in this present age _____ to be _____, nor to _____ in uncertain _____ but in the _____, who gives us richly all things to enjoy."

Definition: "NOT to be HAUGHTY, nor to TRUST in UNCERTAIN RICHES but in the LIVING GOD"
- Haughty means proud, prideful, arrogant. Paul is advising Timothy to warn members of his church, if they are rich, **not to be proud and think they are better than others, and not to think that their MONEY will save them.** Our trust and hope should ONLY be in GOD Himself, not in what material things we have here on earth.

5-8 The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.
Getting treasures by a lying tongue is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death. The violence of the wicked will destroy them, because they refuse to do justice. The way of a guilty man is perverse; but as for the pure, his work is right.

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

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. Here in Proverbs, when it says, **"Getting treasures by a lying tongue is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death"** it is just another WARNING that trying to get rich by DISHONEST MEANS will only bring trouble and even DEATH.

• **Psalm 52:7** "Here is the man who did _____ make _____ his _____, but _____ in the abundance of his _____, and strengthened himself in his _____"

wickedness.”

● **Psalm 62:10** “Do not trust in _____, nor vainly hope in _____; if _____ increase, do _____ set your _____ on _____.”

9 It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a **HOUSE SHARED with a CONTENTIOUS woman.**

● **Proverbs 19:13** “A foolish son is the ruin of his father, and the _____ of a _____ are a continual dripping.”

Definition: “A HOUSE SHARED with a CONTENTIOUS woman” – CONTENTIOUS woman means one who is quarreling, argumentative, brawling, or in other words, a NAGGING WIFE. In Proverbs 19:13, where it says a **CONTENTIOUS woman** is like “a continual dripping” it would be like having a dripping faucet, and the noise just drives you crazy, but you can’t shut it off.

● **Proverbs 21:19** “It is better to _____ in the _____, than with a _____ - and _____.”

10-11 The soul of the **WICKED desires EVIL; his NEIGHBOR finds no FAVOR in his eyes. When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made WISE;** but when the wise is instructed, he receives KNOWLEDGE.

● **Proverbs 3:29-30** “Do _____ devise _____ your _____, for he dwells by you for safety’s sake. Do _____ strive with a man without _____, if he has _____ you _____.”

Definition: “Do NOT devise EVIL AGAINST your NEIGHBOR” – Many times, the commandments in the Old Testament are in the negative sense - do NOT do this or that, whereas in the New Testament, it is in the positive sense - DO this or that. So, **to LOVE your NEIGHBOR is the opposite, or positive side of DO NOT devise evil against your neighbor.**

● **Romans 13:8-10** “Owe no man anything except to _____ one another, for he who _____ another has _____ the _____. For the _____, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘You shall not covet,’ and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, ‘You shall _____ your _____ as yourself.’ _____ does no _____ to a _____; therefore _____ is the _____ of the _____.”

● **James 2:8** “If you really fulfill the _____ according to _____, ‘You shall _____ your _____ as yourself,’ you do _____.”

Definition: “The WICKED desires EVIL; his NEIGHBOR finds no FAVOR in his eyes” – The wicked person is **so FULL of EVIL and trying to cause trouble all the time,** that even his neighbor is not safe from his evil schemes.

● **Exodus 20:17** “You shall not _____ your neighbor’s _____, you shall not _____ your neighbor’s _____, nor his _____, nor his _____, nor his _____, nor anything that is your _____.”

● **Matthew 22:36-40** “‘Teacher, which is the great _____ in the law?’ Jesus said to him, ‘You shall _____ the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great _____. And the second is like it: You shall _____ your _____ as yourself. On these two _____ hang _____ the _____ and the Prophets.’”

Definition: “When the **SCOFFER** is punished, the simple is made **WISE**” – To **SCOFF** or **scorn** means to hold something or someone in contempt or to make a joke of it. **SCORNERS** or **SCOFFERS** are worse than just the “simple, naive, and ignorant” ones. **FOOLS** are the **VERY WORST**, and they are the ones who have **totally REJECTED** and **HATED** God’s wisdom. When it says, “the simple is made **WISE**” it means they **LEARN** from the mistakes of others. The truly **WISE** person will **LEARN** from obeying God’s word, and **NOT have to learn things the hard way.**

• **Proverbs 19:25** “Strike a _____, and the _____ will become _____; reprove one who has _____, and he will _____.”

• **Psalm 1:1-2** “Blessed is the man who does _____ walk in the _____ of the _____, nor stands in the way of _____, nor sits in the seat of the _____; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.”

12 The righteous God wisely considers the house of the **WICKED**, **OVERTHROWING** the wicked for their **WICKEDNESS.**

• **Psalm 140:11** “Let not a slanderer be established in the earth; let _____ hunt the _____ man to _____ him.”

Definition: “**OVERTHROWING** the wicked for their **WICKEDNESS**” – The eventual **overthrowing** of the wicked will come at the **Day of Judgment**, but in the meantime, their own wickedness, **VIOLENCE** and **EVIL** behavior will cause destruction, death, imprisonment and the general “**OVERTHROWING**” of these wicked people.

• **Revelation 20:11-15** “Then I saw a great white _____ and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the _____ were _____ according to their _____, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead [*bodies*] who were in it, and Death (the grave) and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were _____, each one according to his _____. Then death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And anyone who was _____ found written in the _____ of _____ was cast into the _____ of _____.”

• **II Thessalonians 2:12** “That they all may be _____ (judged) who did _____ believe the _____ but had pleasure in _____.”

• **Psalm 1:4-5** “The _____ are not so, but are like the _____ which the wind drives away. Therefore the _____ shall _____ stand in the _____, nor _____ in the congregation of the _____.”

Definition: “**The UNGODLY shall not STAND in the JUDGMENT**” — At first glance, it sounds like the ungodly (the **WICKED**) will not be judged. But actually, it says they will **not STAND** in the judgment, meaning they will be swept away (like chaff, see Psalm 1:4) and **thrown into the lake of fire.** The **congregation of the righteous will STAND before God**, because God is able to make us stand (Romans 14:4).