

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 2

### Proverbs 21:13-22 Lesson #8

\*\*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 **Whoever SHUTS his EARS to the CRY of the POOR** will also cry himself and not be heard.
- **Proverbs 14:21** “He who \_\_\_\_\_ his neighbor \_\_\_\_\_; but he who has \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_, happy is he.”
  - **Proverbs 14:31** “He who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - **Psalms 41:1-2** “\_\_\_\_\_ is he who considers the \_\_\_\_\_; the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ him in time of \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord will preserve him and keep him \_\_\_\_\_, and he will be \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth; You will \_\_\_\_\_ deliver him to the will of his \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - **Galatians 2:10** “They desired only that \_\_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, the very thing which I also was \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “We should REMEMBER the POOR”** – God’s word has many commandments about helping the poor and needy, and **some WARNINGS for those who mistreat, oppress, cheat or just NEGLECT to help them.** “The poor”, of course, does NOT mean those who REFUSE to work, and want someone to take care of them just because they are **too lazy to work.**

- **Psalms 109:15-16** “Let them be continually before the Lord, that He may \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of them from the earth; because he did \_\_\_\_\_ to show \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ man, that he might even \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.”
- **Deuteronomy 15:11** “For the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ cease (stop) from the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_, in your land.’”
- **II Thessalonians 3:7-12** “For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example; because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we \_\_\_\_\_ anyone’s \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_ for it, but with \_\_\_\_\_ and hardship we kept \_\_\_\_\_ night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this (to be supported by them), but in order to offer ourselves as a \_\_\_\_\_ for you, that you might follow our \_\_\_\_\_. For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: If anyone will not \_\_\_\_\_, neither let him \_\_\_\_\_. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing \_\_\_\_\_ work at all, but acting like \_\_\_\_\_. Now such persons we \_\_\_\_\_ and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ in quiet fashion and \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ bread.”
- **Ephesians 4:28** “Let him who stole \_\_\_\_\_ no longer, but rather let him labor, \_\_\_\_\_ with his \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_, that he may have \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ him who is in \_\_\_\_\_.”
- **I Timothy 6:17-19** “Command those who are \_\_\_\_\_ in this present world not to be haughty (proud), not to \_\_\_\_\_ in uncertain \_\_\_\_\_ but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do \_\_\_\_\_, that they be rich in good works, ready to \_\_\_\_\_, willing to \_\_\_\_\_, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

• **Mark 14:3-7** “And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very \_\_\_\_\_ oil of spikenard. And she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant (angry) among themselves, and said, ‘\_\_\_\_\_ was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been \_\_\_\_\_ for more than three hundred denarii and \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.’ And they criticized her sharply. But Jesus said, ‘Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a \_\_\_\_\_ work for \_\_\_\_\_. For you have the \_\_\_\_\_ with you \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ you may \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_; but \_\_\_\_\_ you do not have always.’”

14 **A GIFT in secret pacifies ANGER**, and a bribe behind the back, strong wrath.

• **Luke 6:27-28** “But I say to you who hear: \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_, do \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ you, \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ you, \_\_\_\_\_ for those who \_\_\_\_\_ use you.”

**Definition: “A GIFT in secret pacifies ANGER”** – The Bible says **it is wrong to give a BRIBE in order to pervert justice**, such as bribing a judge or a witness in a trial. **This verse is speaking of a GIFT or “bribe” to smooth over a difficult situation between individuals**, especially if one person is ANGRY over the situation. It is similar to what the New Testament says about “doing good to your enemies.” This involves our actions (the Greek word means "deal honestly") and "Just as you want people to treat you, treat them in the same way" (Luke 6:31), and sometimes this may mean a GIFT or some kind of **money or other COMPROMISE being given to PACIFY and bring peace** to a difficult situation.

15-16 It is a JOY for the just to do JUSTICE, but **DESTRUCTION will come to the workers of INIQUITY**. A man who wanders from the WAY of UNDERSTANDING will **rest in the congregation of the DEAD**.

• **Matthew 13:41-43** “The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_ all things that \_\_\_\_\_, and those who practice \_\_\_\_\_ (iniquity), and will \_\_\_\_\_ them into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ forth as the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

• **Matthew 13:49-50** “So it will be at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. The angels will come forth, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ from among the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

**Definition: “DESTRUCTION will come to the workers of INIQUITY”** – We don’t always see the “destruction of the workers of iniquity” (wicked, evil people) in this lifetime. However, **they will MOST CERTAINLY be destroyed in the final JUDGEMENT of God**, when they will be thrown into the lake of fire. And remember, when the word of God says “destruction” in this sense, it does NOT mean to just not exist anymore, but **the wicked will be ALIVE and conscious and in torment in hell**.

• **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 \_\_\_\_\_.”

17 **He who LOVES PLEASURE will be a POOR man**; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

• **I John 2:15-17** “Do \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. If anyone \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, the love of the \_\_\_\_\_ is not in him. For all that is in the \_\_\_\_\_ – the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the eyes, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of life – is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father but is of the world. And the \_\_\_\_\_ is passing away, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of it; but he who does the \_\_\_\_\_ of God abides forever.”

• **Romans 8:5-7** “For those who \_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_ set their minds on the things of the \_\_\_\_\_, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally (fleshly) minded is \_\_\_\_\_, but to be Spiritually minded is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Because the carnal mind is \_\_\_\_\_ against God; for it is not subject to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.....”

**Definition: “He who LOVES PLEASURE will be a POOR man”** – In Solomon’s day, if you didn’t work hard, whether farming or in whatever trade you were in, you didn’t do well and you would end up poor. For us as Christians, **a life of only seeking PLEASURE will lead to spiritual POVERTY** and possibly chastening and disciplining from God, and maybe even death, if we do not repent. In this verse, **where it says, “he who loves wine and oil” it means all the pleasures and delicacies of life, sort of like we would say loving “champagne and caviar.”**

• **Philippians 3:17-19** “Brethren, join in following my \_\_\_\_\_, and note those who so \_\_\_\_\_, as you have us for a \_\_\_\_\_. For many walk (live their lives), of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ; whose end is destruction, whose \_\_\_\_\_ is their belly (appetites), and whose glory is in their shame — who set their mind on \_\_\_\_\_ things.”

18 **The WICKED shall be a ransom for the righteous**, and the UNFAITHFUL for the upright.

• **II Thessalonians 1:5-10** “Which is manifest \_\_\_\_\_ of the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of god, for which you also suffer; since it is a \_\_\_\_\_ with God to \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled \_\_\_\_\_ with us when the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ is revealed from \_\_\_\_\_ with His mighty \_\_\_\_\_, in flaming \_\_\_\_\_ taking \_\_\_\_\_ on those who do \_\_\_\_\_ God, and on those who do \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be \_\_\_\_\_ with everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who \_\_\_\_\_, because our testimony among you was \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “The WICKED shall be a ransom for the righteous”** – The wicked will be a ransom of sorts for the righteous, in that they will be the ones to suffer God’s judgment **instead of the righteous**.

19 It is better to DWELL in the WILDERNESS than with a **CONTENTIOUS and ANGRY WOMAN.**”

• **Proverbs 21:9** “It is better to dwell in a \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_,

than in a \_\_\_\_\_ shared with a \_\_\_\_\_ woman.”

**Definition: “A HOUSE SHARED with a CONTENTIOUS woman” – A CONTENTIOUS woman** means one who is quarreling, argumentative, brawling, even possibly PHYSICALLY ABUSIVE, 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 19:13** “A foolish son is the ruin of his father, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ are a continual dripping.”

20-21 **There is desirable treasure, and OIL in the dwelling of the WISE**, but a foolish man squanders it. **He who follows RIGHTEOUSNESS and MERCY** finds LIFE, righteousness and HONOR.

•**Psalm 104:14-15** “He (God) causes the grass to grow for the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that he may bring forth \_\_\_\_\_ from the earth, and wine that makes \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to make his face \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ which strengthens man’s heart.”

•**Matthew 5:6-7** “\_\_\_\_\_ are those who \_\_\_\_\_ and thirst for \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall be \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall obtain \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “There is desirable treasure, and OIL in the dwelling of the WISE” – This kind of oil is NOT petroleum oil, but vegetable oil for food, most likely OLIVE OIL.** God provides FOOD for His people, and even wine, if it is not used for drunkenness, as many societies even today drink a glass or two of wine with a meal. The FOOLISH person tends to WASTE the resources God has given him, and ends up in poverty.

•**Philippians 4:19** “But my God shall \_\_\_\_\_ all your \_\_\_\_\_ according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

•**Matthew 6:31-33** “Therefore, do \_\_\_\_\_, saying, ‘What shall we \_\_\_\_\_?’ or, ‘What shall we \_\_\_\_\_?’ or ‘With what shall we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves? For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and His righteousness, and \_\_\_\_\_ these \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ to you.”

•**Psalm 34:9-10** “Oh, fear the \_\_\_\_\_, you His saints; for there is \_\_\_\_\_ want (LACK) to them that fear (reverence) Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger, but \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_ thing.”

22 **A WISE man scales the city of the MIGHTY**, and brings down the trusted stronghold.

•**II Corinthians 10:3-5** “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not \_\_\_\_\_ according to the flesh. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ are not carnal (merely HUMAN) but mighty in God for pulling down \_\_\_\_\_, casting down \_\_\_\_\_ and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into \_\_\_\_\_ to the obedience of Christ.”

**Definition: “A WISE man scales the city of the MIGHTY” – A large city in Solomon’s day would have a wall and fortifications around it to protect it, but this is actually a metaphor or short parable to show that godly WISDOM will overcome the ARGUMENTS and mental “strongholds” of the non-believers.**