

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 2

Proverbs 22:1-6 Lesson #10

**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.

1-2 **A GOOD NAME is to be chosen rather than great riches**, loving favor rather than silver and gold. **The RICH and the POOR have this in common**, the Lord is the maker of them all.

•**Ecclesiastes 7:1** “A good _____ is _____ than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one’s birth.”

•**Proverbs 10:7** “The memory of the _____ is _____, but the _____ of the _____ will _____.”

•**Proverbs 29:13** “The _____ man and the oppressor have this in _____: the Lord _____ light to the _____ of _____.”

3 **A PRUDENT man FORESEES Evil** and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.

•**Proverbs 27:12** “A _____ man _____ and _____ himself; the simple _____ on and are _____.”

•**Proverbs 14:15-16** “The simple believes every word, but the _____ man _____ well his _____. A _____ man _____ and _____ from _____, but a _____ and is _____ - _____.”

Definition: “A PRUDENT man FORESEES Evil” – PRUDENT means “cautious or discreet in conduct, capable of **exercising sound judgment, not rash, circumspect.**” A prudent person will be able to discern when a situation might bring trouble and will avoid it. **A foolish person will just go on and NOT pay attention to any warnings.** The expression “**Fools rush in where wise men fear to tread**” is a TRUE statement of fact. Also, saying someone is “**an accident waiting to happen**” would apply to the foolish (“simple”) person who does NOT consider the consequences of their decisions and ACTIONS.

•**Ephesians 5:15-16** “See then that you walk _____, not as _____ but as _____, redeeming the time, because the days are _____.”

Definition: “Circumspectly” – To look around, be cautious, CAREFUL to consider all circumstances and POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES.

Definition: “The Fear of the Lord” – Reverential AWE and RESPECT for God, especially as EVIDENCED by OBEDIENCE to His commands and DOING His will. The New Testament equivalent is HOLY LIVING and being FILLED with the SPIRIT. As we OBEY God’s commands that we see in His word, even the simplest ones, He will REVEAL **more of His will** for our lives to us. Why should He give us more detailed information if we don’t even obey His will that is revealed in His word?

4 **By HUMILITY and the FEAR of the LORD are riches and honor and LIFE.**

•**Proverbs 3:20-22** “My son, give _____ to my _____; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst

of your heart; for they are _____ to those who _____ them, and health to all their flesh.”

• **Peter 5:5-7** “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with _____, for God _____ the _____, but gives grace to the _____.”

Therefore _____ yourselves under the mighty hand of _____, that He may _____ you in due time, _____ all your _____ upon _____, for He cares for you.”

• **Proverbs 3:34** “Surely He _____ the scornful, but _____ to the _____.”

• **Ephesians 5:21** “_____ to one _____ in the _____ of _____.”

Definition: “SUBMISSIVE or SUBMITTING” — Being HUMBLE or compliant; YIELDING to the authority or control of another — the **opposite** of REBELLIOUS. There is no place for PRIDE or selfish ambition in the church, the body of Christ. Peter tells the members of the church to be submissive to their ELDERS, which would mean the church leaders, but he also says “**be submissive to one another**” which means to ALL members of the church. We are not to push to have our own way, or try to CONTROL others in the church, but be **HUMBLE** and put others ahead of our own selves and our own interests.

• **Philippians 2:3** “Let _____ be done through _____ ambition or _____, but in lowliness (humility) of _____ let each esteem (regard) _____ better than _____.”

Definition: “God resists the PROUD, but gives grace to the HUMBLE” – We need to **WORK on our ATTITUDE** and ASK for the faith, trust, and patience to put everything in God’s hands and **LEAVE the RESULTS up to Him. Don’t try to tell God HOW YOU think He ought to answer your prayers.** You can put it all in God’s hands because He loves you and wants what is best for you. If you keep on insisting that God answer your prayers YOUR WAY and on YOUR SCHEDULE or timing, **that is really a form of PRIDE, and “God resists the proud”.**

• **Proverbs 3:5-6** “Trust in the _____ with all your _____, and do _____ on your own _____. In _____ your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall _____ your _____.”

Definition: “CASTING ALL your CARE upon HIM, for He cares for you” – “**CASTING ALL your CARE upon HIM**” means throwing all your cares (worries, anxieties, fears, stresses, and feelings of being overwhelmed) upon the Lord. God is Your Loving Heavenly Father, and He REALLY DOES want to supply your needs, and He DOES have your best interests in mind, because “**He cares for you.**” Even when He allows trials and tests to come into your life, it is always for your good. **Here in Proverbs it says we are promised “riches and honor and LIFE”,** but for us as Christians, the “riches” are for the most part SPIRITUAL RICHES, although God does promise to SUPPLY all our NEEDS.

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

• **Jeremiah 29:11** ““For I know the _____ that I have for _____,” declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare (your good) and not for calamity, to give you a _____ and a _____.’”

• **Romans 8:28** “And we know that _____ things _____ together for _____ to those who _____ God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

• **Matthew 7:11** “If you then, being evil, know how to give _____ gifts to your children, how much _____ will your _____ who is in _____ give _____ things to those who ask Him!”

• **Matthew 6:33** “But seek _____ the _____ of _____ and His righteousness, and _____ these _____ shall be added to (provided for) you.”

5 **THORNS and SNARES are in the way of the PERVERSE**; he who guards his soul will be far from them.

• **Luke 8:5-15** “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among _____, and the _____ sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold....” (Verses 12-15) “Now the parable is this: The _____ is the _____ of _____. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And the ones that fell among _____ are those who, when they have heard, go out and are _____ with cares (worries), _____, and _____ of life, and bring _____ fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the _____ with a noble and good _____, keep it and bear fruit with patience.”

Definition: “THORNS and SNARES are in the way of the PERVERSE” – “Thorns and snares” in God’s word represent temptations, trials, troubles and difficulties. **A SNARE is a trap or net** spread to catch an animal or bird. The “perverse” person is one who is NOT walking according to God’s word and will, and they are living their life APART from God’s blessing and guidance. Even Christians can be effected by these thorns, as **the time and energy you spend worrying about things that have not even happened yet, is time and energy you do NOT have to spend in reading and studying God’s word.** Therefore, **Jesus says they are like thorns or weeds that “choke” out the word of God** and any fruit you might bear for God.

• **II Timothy 2:25-26** “In humility correcting those who are in _____, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and _____ the _____ of the _____, having been taken _____ by him to do his will.”

• **Proverbs 1:17-18** “Surely, in _____ the _____ is spread in the _____ of any _____; but they lie in wait for their own blood, they lurk secretly for their _____.”

Definition: “In VAIN the NET is spread in the SIGHT of any BIRD” – In hunting for birds or small animals, you don’t let them watch you setting the trap! Solomon is WARNING his son (and all of us) that Satan doesn’t set his traps and snares for us to see; they are not obvious. The rest of the warning here is that those who follow after evil men who want them to join them in criminal activities **are just FALLING into the TRAP that will destroy them (verse 19 “it takes away the life of its owners”).** In Second Timothy 2:22-26, Paul tells Timothy how to deal with **those who have fallen into Satan’s trap.** When it says “those in opposition” **it is the same as “the PERVERSE”** in Proverbs 22:5, because **perverse means in OPPOSITION or contrary to what is RIGHT and GOOD.** It can mean false doctrine, but also **those people who are in DENIAL and are**

DESTROYING their OWN LIVES by their sinful actions.

6 **Train up a child in the WAY he SHOULD GO**, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

•**Colossians 3:20-21** “Children, _____ your _____ in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not _____ your children, lest they become _____.”

•**Ephesians 6:1-4** “Children, _____ your _____ in the Lord, for this is right. ‘ _____ your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with _____; ‘That it may be _____ with you and you may _____ long on the earth.’ And you, fathers (parents), do _____ your _____ to _____, but bring them up in the _____ and _____ of the Lord.”

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

•**Proverbs 23:22** “Listen to your _____ who begot you, and do not _____ your _____ when she is old.”

•**Proverbs 30:11-12** “There is a generation that _____ its _____, and does not _____ its _____. There is a generation that is _____ in its _____, yet is not washed from its _____.”

Definition: “OBEY in the LORD” — This means to OBEY our human parents as long as they are NOT asking us to do something that is AGAINST a COMMAND of the Lord. The same thing is meant by Eph. 5:21-22 “SUBMITTING to one another **in the fear of God**. Wives, SUBMIT to your own husbands, **AS TO THE LORD**. We are **not to SUBMIT or OBEY** church leaders, or a wife is not to obey her husband, **IF they ask us to do something that is AGAINST A WRITTEN COMMAND of God in the Bible**.

•**Proverbs 3:11-12** “My son, do _____ despise the _____ (discipline) of the Lord, nor detest (hate) His _____; for whom the Lord _____ He _____, just as a _____ [corrects] the _____ in whom he delights.”

•**Proverbs 29:17** “ _____ your son, and he will give you _____; yes, he will give _____ to your _____.”

Definition: “PROVOKE your children TO WRATH” — “Wrath” means ANGER. Children need **LOVING, CONSISTENT discipline, correction and TRAINING from their parents**. If they don’t get it; if they get NO DISCIPLINE, or INCONSISTENT discipline (the LAZY PARENT), or are “disciplined” in ANGER (the parents **taking out their FRUSTRATIONS** on the child in ANGER or even VIOLENCE), **the children will grow up ANGRY THEMSELVES, and DISCOURAGED**, many times thinking, “NOTHING I ever do is right,” “I can NEVER PLEASE my parents”, “I’m a LOSER”, etc. This is very DESTRUCTIVE, not only to the child, but to THEIR children, and on down for many generations (see Exodus 20:5). To “**Train up a child in the WAY he SHOULD GO**” means to correct and discipline them and encourage them to follow God’s commandments, and **it will set a strong foundation for the rest of their life**.