

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 2

Proverbs 22:7-14 Lesson #11

**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.

7 **The RICH RULES over the poor**, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

• **James 2:6-7** “But you have _____ the _____ man. Do not the _____ you and drag you into the _____? Do they not blaspheme that noble name 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 _____ with the _____ 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.’”

Definition: “The RICH RULES over the poor” – In the world we live in, this is just the way things are - those who are rich have more power and authority than a poor person. Many times, a rich person will OPPRESS the poor, and **God condemns that oppression**, and commands them to deal fairly with their employees, servants, and all that are poor in this world.

• **Deuteronomy 24:14-15** “You shall _____ a hired servant who is _____ and _____, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates. Each day you shall _____ him his _____, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is _____ and has set his _____ on it; lest he _____ out against you to the _____, and it be _____ to you.”

8-9 **He who sows INIQUITY will reap SORROW**, and the rod of his anger will fail. **He who has a BOUNTIFUL eye** will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor.

• **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 _____ foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

• **Psalm 41:1-2** “_____ is he who considers the _____; the Lord will _____ him in time of _____. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be _____ on the earth; You will _____ deliver him to the will of his _____.”

Definition: “He who has a BOUNTIFUL eye will be BLESSED” – Having a bountiful or **GENEROUS**

eye means more than just giving to the poor, it means that person is actively LOOKING for someone to help and give to in their need.

● **II Corinthians 9:6-9** "But this I say: He who _____ sparingly (a little) will also reap sparingly, and he who _____ (generously) will also _____ bountifully. So let each one _____ as he purposes in his heart, not _____ or of necessity; for God _____ a _____. And God is able to make all _____ toward you, that you, having _____ sufficiency in all things, have an _____ for every _____. As it is written, 'He has dispersed abroad, he has _____ to the _____; His _____ remains forever.'"

10 **Cast out the SCOFFER and CONTENTION will leave;** Yes, strife and reproach will cease.

● **Proverbs 21:24** "A _____ and _____ man - " _____ " is his _____; he acts with _____."

Definition: "Cast out the SCOFFER and CONTENTION will leave" - To SCORN or SCOFF at something means to hold something or someone in contempt or to make a joke of it. They have REJECTED and HATED God's wisdom, so they are always ARGUING and causing STRIFE. God's word here says that if we "cast out (get rid of) the SCOFFER, then CONTENTION (arguing) will leave; and "strife and reproach will cease." Ephesians 4:29 tells us that the words that come out of our mouth should be "what is good" and for edification. Edification means to build up - the opposite of "tear down", which OUR TONGUES do many times with harsh, sarcastic, angry words. **This is especially true of the PROUD and ARROGANT SCOFFER who "acts with arrogant pride."** The way to counteract someone else's harsh angry words is found in Proverbs 15:1, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Sowing seeds of kindness by speaking "a soft word" instead of more angry words, will cause you to reap a harvest of blessing. Sowing more "seeds" of anger into a situation **by speaking more angry words will only add fuel to the fire**, and that is what it means when it says, "See how great a forest a little fire kindles!" Our tongues have the capacity to start a "forest fire" of evil, if we don't control what words we speak. Just as an actual forest fire can be started by one small match or lit cigarette, our tongues, when not under the control of the Holy Spirit, can cause great damage.

● **Psalms 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 _____ of the _____, and in His law he meditates day and night."

● **James 3:5-6** "Even so the _____ is a little member and _____ great things. See how great a forest a little _____ kindles! And the _____ is a _____, a world of iniquity. The _____ is so set among our members that it _____ the whole _____, and sets on _____ the course of nature; and it is set on _____ by _____."

11 He who loves **PURITY of HEART and has GRACE on his LIPS**, the king will be his friend.

● **Ephesians 4:29** "Let no _____ communication proceed out of your _____, but what is good for necessary _____, that it may impart _____ to the hearers."

● **Colossians 4:6** "Let your _____ always be with _____, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to _____ each one."

● **Psalms 39:1** "I said, 'I will _____ my _____, lest I _____ with my _____; I will restrain my _____ with a muzzle, while the wicked are before me.'"

● **Psalms 34:13** "Keep your _____ from evil, and your _____"

from speaking guile (dishonesty, deceit).”

• **Proverbs 8:13** “The fear of the Lord is to hate _____; _____ and _____ and the evil way and the _____ hate.”

Definition: “PURITY of HEART and has GRACE on his LIPS” — A perverse mouth is one of the things GOD HATES!! Perverse means “turned away from, or opposing what is right or good; **CORRUPT**; improper, stubborn, obstinate.” **It is the OPPOSITE of PURITY. A pure heart will produce PURE WORDS**, as Jesus said in Matthew 12:34-37.

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

• **Matthew 15:11 & 18-20** “_____ what goes _____ the mouth _____ a man; but what comes _____ of the _____, this _____ a man.” “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.”

12 **The EYES of the LORD preserve knowledge, but He OVERTHROWS the WORDS of the FAITHLESS.**

• **II Chronicles 16:7-9 & 12-13** “And at that time Hanani the seer (prophet) came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, ‘Because you have _____ on the _____ of _____, and have _____ relied on the _____ your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you _____ on the _____, He _____ them into your hand. For the _____ of the _____ run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to _____ Himself _____ on behalf of those whose _____ is _____ to Him. In this you have done _____; therefore from now on you shall have wars.’” (Verses 12-13) “And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became _____ in his feet, and his _____ was very severe; yet in his _____ he did _____ seek the _____, but the physicians. So Asa rested with his fathers; he _____ in the forty-first year of his reign.”

Definition: “The EYES of the LORD preserve knowledge, but He OVERTHROWS the WORDS of the FAITHLESS” – The account above in II Chronicles about King Asa is an example of God “preserving knowledge” or in other words, protecting and delivering His faithful believers, but how He **“OVERTHROWS the WORDS of the FAITHLESS,”** or in other words, He allows them to suffer the consequences of their own CHOICES and ACTIONS. **King Asa had at one time been a FAITHFUL believer and had trusted the Lord** to deliver him and the kingdom of Judah from their enemies. Later in life, King Asa turned away from God and trusted in his own abilities and in other people. In verses 12-13, it says he didn’t even trust in the Lord when he got sick (**he became FAITHLESS - not believing God**), but was angry at God, and went to the doctors instead. It says he died two years after he first got

sick. This doesn't mean it's wrong to go to the doctor, but **our first and foremost FAITH must be in the Lord**, not in any HUMAN sources.

13 **The SLOTHFUL man says, "There is a lion outside!** I shall be slain in the streets!"

•**Proverbs 26:13** "The _____ man says, 'There is a _____ in the _____! A fierce _____ is in the _____.'"

Definition: "The SLOTHFUL man says, 'There is a lion outside!'" – The slothful person is the LAZY person, and **they tend to make up many LAME EXCUSES for why they don't get to work.** In verse 15, it says the lazy or slothful person can't even be bothered, or he is "too tired" to even feed himself.

•**Proverbs 26:15** "The _____ man buries his _____ in the bowl; it wearies him to bring it _____ to his _____."

14 **The MOUTH of an IMMORAL woman is a DEEP PIT;** he who is abhorred of (hated by) the Lord will FALL there.

•**Proverbs 5:3-6** "For the _____ of an _____ woman drip honey, and her _____ is smoother than oil; but in the _____ she is _____ as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to _____, her steps lay hold of _____. Lest you ponder her _____ of life – her _____ are _____; you do not know them."

•**Proverbs 6:23-25** "For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light; reproofs of instruction are the way of _____; to _____ you _____ the _____ woman, from the flattering _____ of a _____. Do _____ lust after her beauty in your _____; nor let her _____ you with her eyelids."

Definition: "To keep you from the EVIL woman, from the flattering TONGUE of a SEDUCTRESS" – To SEDUCE means to tempt someone to do evil or wrongdoing, especially to persuade someone to engage in SINFUL sexual activity. A SEDUCTRESS would be a female who SEDUCES someone. **A SEDUCER would be the term for a man, and SEDUCTRESS for a woman.** There are plenty of men out there who are seducing young women, but **Solomon here is speaking to his SON, so that is why the emphasis is on the "evil woman"** rather than a man.

•**Proverbs 7:5-18** "That they may _____ you from the _____ woman, from the _____ who _____ with her _____. For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, and saw among the _____, I perceived among the _____, a young _____ devoid of (lacking) _____, passing along the street near _____ corner; and he took the _____ to her _____ in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night. And there a _____ met him, with the attire of a _____ and a crafty heart. She was loud and _____, her feet would not stay at home. At times she was outside, at times in the open square, _____ at every corner. So she _____ him and _____ him; with an impudent face she said to him, 'I have peace offerings with me; today I have paid my vows. So I came out to meet you, diligently to seek your face, and I have found you. I have spread my _____ with tapestry, colored coverings of Egyptian linen. I have _____ my _____ with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take out fill of _____ until _____; let us _____ ourselves with _____.'"