

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 2

### Proverbs 31:25-31      Lesson #17

\*\*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.

25-26 Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come. **She opens her MOUTH with WISDOM, and on her tongue is the law of KINDNESS.**

• **1 Corinthians 13:1-8** “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not \_\_\_\_\_, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not \_\_\_\_\_, I am \_\_\_\_\_. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned (as a martyr), but have not \_\_\_\_\_, it profits me nothing. \_\_\_\_\_ suffers long (is patient) and is \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ does not envy; \_\_\_\_\_ does not parade itself, is not puffed up (with pride); does \_\_\_\_\_ behave \_\_\_\_\_, does not seek its own (is not selfish), is not provoked (not easily irritated), thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”

**Definition: “She opens her MOUTH with WISDOM, and on her tongue is the law of KINDNESS”** – The “virtuous woman” has **God’s wisdom, and she is able to make wise decisions and judgments** for her family and others. Deborah, in the Old Testament during the times of the judges, was, as far as we know, the only female judge in Israel, and **God gave her WISDOM to judge and correct His people when they were doing wrong.** When it says “**on her tongue is the law of KINDNESS**” we see that true **KINDNESS also comes from God**, and in 1 Corinthians 13, the “love chapter”, we see that **KINDNESS is an attribute of true godly LOVE.**

• **Judges 4:4-5** “Now \_\_\_\_\_, a prophetess, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Lapidoth, was \_\_\_\_\_ Israel at that time. And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of \_\_\_\_\_ came up to her for \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Proverbs 14:1** “Every \_\_\_\_\_ builds her house, but the \_\_\_\_\_ pulls it down with her hands.”

• **Matthew 7:24-27** “Therefore, whoever \_\_\_\_\_ these sayings of Mine, and \_\_\_\_\_ them, I will liken him to a \_\_\_\_\_ man (or woman) who \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ on the rock; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did \_\_\_\_\_, for it was founded on the \_\_\_\_\_. Now everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ these sayings of Mine, and does \_\_\_\_\_ them, will be like a \_\_\_\_\_ man (or woman) who built his house on the sand; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ was its \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “The FOOLISH PULLS it DOWN with her hands”** – When it says “builds her house” it doesn’t mean construction work and actually building a structure, **it means her “household” or in other words, her FAMILY that lives in the house.** The FOOLISH woman, by her own BEHAVIOR will tear down her family, especially her children. BOTH PARENTS have the responsibility of making sure they do NOT “**provoke their children to wrath.**” **The “foolish woman” is the one who is**

**angry all the time, criticizes her husband and children, and does NOT discipline her children or teach them to follow the Lord.**

• **Ephesians 6:4** “And you, \_\_\_\_\_ (parents), do \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, but bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “PROVOKE your children TO WRATH”** – Children need LOVING, CONSISTENT discipline, correction and TRAINING from their MOTHER and father. 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, 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).

**Definition: “ADMONITION”** – GENTLE reproof, counsel or WARNING of consequences of disobedience; ENCOURAGEMENT and advice, especially in indicating **duties and obligations**.

27 **She watches over the ways of her HOUSEHOLD, and does NOT eat the bread of IDLENESS.**

• **I Timothy 5:8-10** “But if anyone does \_\_\_\_\_ for his (or HER) \_\_\_\_\_, and especially for those of his \_\_\_\_\_, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. Do not let a \_\_\_\_\_ under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not \_\_\_\_\_ she has been the \_\_\_\_\_ of one man, well reported for \_\_\_\_\_; if she has \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_, if she has lodged strangers, if she has \_\_\_\_\_ the saints’ \_\_\_\_\_, if she has \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, if she has diligently followed every \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Does NOT eat the bread of IDLENESS”** – This is an expression, **not literal bread that one would eat.**

• **I Timothy 5:13-14** “And besides they learn to be \_\_\_\_\_, wandering about from house to house, and not only \_\_\_\_\_ but also \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, saying things which they ought not. Therefore I desire that the \_\_\_\_\_ widows \_\_\_\_\_, bear \_\_\_\_\_, manage the \_\_\_\_\_, give \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.”

• **I Peter 4:15** “But let none of you suffer as a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, an evildoer, or as a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ people’s \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “They learn to be IDLE, wandering about from house to house, and not only IDLE but also GOSSIPS and BUSYBODIES”** – To be IDLE means you’re not doing anything - not working, not studying, not helping others, but just hanging around doing nothing. The Bible talks about **those who have too much spare time on their hands**, and exhorts them to get to work doing something productive, and not be **busybodies** (meddlers) in other peoples’ affairs. This idleness and too much time spent looking at other’s lives means you are NOT working on your own issues and growing and maturing in Christ. Gossiping is taking it to the next level, as you tell others how badly this or that person is behaving, and how you would do it much better, and so on. **Gossiping, or “evil speaking” as the Bible calls it**, carries with it **your prideful judgment** of the person you are gossiping about, when only God can judge their mind, heart or motives.

● **II Thessalonians 3:6-12** “Now we \_\_\_\_\_ you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep aloof from (avoid) every \_\_\_\_\_ who leads an unruly (undisciplined, irresponsible) life and not according to the tradition which you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example; because we did not act in an \_\_\_\_\_ manner among you, nor did we \_\_\_\_\_ anyone’s bread without \_\_\_\_\_ for it, but with \_\_\_\_\_ and hardship we kept \_\_\_\_\_ night and day so that we might \_\_\_\_\_ be a \_\_\_\_\_ to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this (to be supported by them), but in order to offer \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ for you, that you might \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ at all, but acting like \_\_\_\_\_. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ in quiet fashion and eat their \_\_\_\_\_.”

28-30 **Her CHILDREN rise up and call her BLESSED; her husband also, and he praises her:** “Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.” Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but **a woman who FEARS the LORD, she shall be praised.**

● **Ephesians 5:33** “Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so \_\_\_\_\_ his own \_\_\_\_\_ as himself, and let the \_\_\_\_\_ see that she \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_.”

● **Titus 2:4-5** “That they admonish the young \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_, to love their \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_, chaste (modest), \_\_\_\_\_, good, \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God may not be blasphemed (spoken against with CONTEMPT).”

● **Ephesians 5:25-26** “Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_, just as Christ also \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.”

● **Colossians 3:18-19** “Wives, \_\_\_\_\_ to your own \_\_\_\_\_, as is fitting in the \_\_\_\_\_. Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_ your wives and do \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ toward them.”

● **Proverbs 29:17** “\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_, and he will give you \_\_\_\_\_; yes, he will give \_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “A WOMAN who FEARS the LORD, she shall be praised”** – “Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain” means that God is NOT concerned with anyone’s outward BEAUTY, but their INWARD spiritual condition, and to “fear the Lord” is the beginning of a person becoming BEAUTIFUL on the inside.

● **I Timothy 2:9** “In like manner also, that the \_\_\_\_\_ adorn themselves in \_\_\_\_\_ apparel, with propriety and moderation, \_\_\_\_\_ with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for \_\_\_\_\_ professing \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_.”

● **Psalms 111:10** “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; a good \_\_\_\_\_ have all those who \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_.”

● **Proverbs 9:10** “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy One is \_\_\_\_\_.”

31 Give her **the FRUIT of her HANDS, and let her own WORKS** praise her in the gates.

• **James 3:17-18** “But the wisdom that is from above (from God) is first \_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, willing to yield (humble, submissive), \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and good \_\_\_\_\_, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness is sown in \_\_\_\_\_ by those who make \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “The FRUIT of her HANDS, and let her own WORKS praise HER”** – What place do “good works” have in our lives, for both men and women? They are the PRODUCT of our salvation, and a **testimony** to the world (to **SHOW** them) that we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. God also uses us to help meet the **needs** of His people in the church body.

• **Titus 3:14** “And let our \_\_\_\_\_ also learn to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ urgent \_\_\_\_\_, that they may \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **James 2:18** “But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works. \_\_\_\_\_ me your faith without your works, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ you my faith \_\_\_\_\_ my works.’”

• **Colossians 1:10** “That you may have a walk \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, fully \_\_\_\_\_ Him, being \_\_\_\_\_ in every \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Matthew 5:16** “Let your light so shine before \_\_\_\_\_, that they may \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and glorify your Father in heaven.”

• **Philippians 4:2-3** “I implore (beg) Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also, true companion, \_\_\_\_\_ these \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ with me in the \_\_\_\_\_, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.”

**Definition: “HELP these WOMEN who LABORED with me in the GOSPEL”** – **The church in Philippi basically started with WOMEN.** Paul went to a place by the river where **some WOMEN met to pray.** They were believers in the God of the Bible, but they did not yet know about Jesus. Paul preached Jesus to them, and they believed, and the church began in the house of Lydia. These women, Euodia and Syntyche, may have been some of those first women who believed, but they were having some disagreements between themselves. **Paul begged them to be in HARMONY in the Lord.** Paul had many faithful Believers who traveled with him in his missionary journeys, both MEN and WOMEN, and other WOMEN who served faithfully in each of the churches.

• **Romans 16:1-2** “I \_\_\_\_\_ to you Phoebe our \_\_\_\_\_, who is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Cenchrea, that you may receive \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist \_\_\_\_\_ in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed \_\_\_\_\_ has been a \_\_\_\_\_ of many and of \_\_\_\_\_ also.”

• **Acts 16:13-14** “And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where \_\_\_\_\_ was customarily made; and we sat down and \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ there. Now a certain \_\_\_\_\_ named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who \_\_\_\_\_ . The \_\_\_\_\_ opened her \_\_\_\_\_ to heed the things \_\_\_\_\_ by Paul.”

• **Romans 16:3-4** “Greet \_\_\_\_\_ and Aquila, my \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ their own \_\_\_\_\_ for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gentiles.”