

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 1

### Proverbs 1:15-33 Lesson #2

\*\*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.

15-16 My son, **do NOT walk in the WAY with them**, keep your feet from their path; for their FEET RUN to EVIL, and they make haste to shed blood.

•**Proverbs 4:14-16** “Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and do \_\_\_\_\_ proceed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ men. Avoid it, do not travel on it, \_\_\_\_\_ from it and pass on. For they cannot sleep unless they do evil; and they are robbed of sleep \_\_\_\_\_ they make some \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition:** “**Do NOT walk in the WAY with them**” – This goes back to verses 10-14, where it says, “**If SINNERS entice you, do NOT CONSENT.**” And Psalm 1:1-2 tells us NOT to “walk in the COUNSEL of the UNGODLY, and NOT to stand in the way of SINNERS (that means DO NOT hang out with them), and NOT to sit in the seat of the SCORNERS (those who don’t believe in and MOCK our faith in God).

•**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.”

17-19 Surely, **in VAIN the NET is spread in the SIGHT of any BIRD**; but they lie in wait for their own blood, they lurk secretly for their own lives. So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; **it takes away the life of its owners.**

•**Proverbs 15:27** “He who is \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ his own \_\_\_\_\_, but he who \_\_\_\_\_ bribes will live.”

**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 can mean false doctrine, but also **those people who are in DENIAL and are DESTROYING their OWN LIVES by their sinful actions.**

•**II Timothy 2:24-26** “And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility \_\_\_\_\_ those who are in \_\_\_\_\_, if God perhaps will grant them \_\_\_\_\_, so that they may \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and that they may come to their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, having been taken \_\_\_\_\_ by him to do his will.”

20-21 **WISDOM calls aloud outside; she raises her voice** in the open squares. She cries out in the chief concourses, at the openings of the gates in the city she speaks her words.

•**Proverbs 9:1-6** “\_\_\_\_\_ has built \_\_\_\_\_ house, she has hewn out her seven pillars; she has slaughtered her meat, she has mixed her wine, \_\_\_\_\_ has also furnished her table. \_\_\_\_\_ has sent out her maidens, \_\_\_\_\_ cries out from the highest places of the city, “Whoever is \_\_\_\_\_, let him turn in here!” As for him

who \_\_\_\_\_, she says to him, 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine which I have mixed. Forsake \_\_\_\_\_ and live, and go in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.'

**Definition: "WISDOM calls aloud outside; she raises her voice"** – Wisdom is personified in Proverbs as a woman. **This is just poetic language**, such as people calling a boat or ship "she." God's wisdom is not a person, but Solomon is just using figurative language. When it says, "She cries out in the chief concourses", "concourses" means open public places, so **it means WISDOM is available to all of us, we just need to avail ourselves of it.** In Proverbs 8:1-5, Wisdom is compared to a woman getting her household ready for a big feast, and also crying out to those who need to hear her. Again, it's **similar to the parables of Jesus, when He would compare spiritual things to everyday things that the people were familiar with.**

• **Proverbs 8:1-5** "Does not \_\_\_\_\_ cry out, and understanding lift up \_\_\_\_\_ voice? She takes her stand on the top of the high hill, beside the way, where the paths meet. \_\_\_\_\_ cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entrance of the doors: 'To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men. O you \_\_\_\_\_ ones, \_\_\_\_\_ prudence, and you \_\_\_\_\_, be of an \_\_\_\_\_ heart.'"

22-23 How long, you simple (naive, ignorant) ones, will you love simplicity? For **SCORNERS delight in their scorning. And FOOLS HATE KNOWLEDGE.** Turn (repent) at My reproof; **surely I will POUR OUT My SPIRIT on YOU;** I will make My words known to you.

• **James 1:5** "If any of you lacks \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ to all \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_, and it will be \_\_\_\_\_ to him."

• **I Kings 3:9-10** "Therefore give to Your servant an \_\_\_\_\_ heart to judge Your people, that I may \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours? And the speech \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, that Solomon had asked this thing."

• **Proverbs 9:10** "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and the knowledge of the Holy One is \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Proverbs 2:2-3 & 6** "So that you incline your ear to \_\_\_\_\_, and apply your heart to \_\_\_\_\_; yes, if you cry out for \_\_\_\_\_, and lift up your voice for \_\_\_\_\_," "For the \_\_\_\_\_ gives \_\_\_\_\_; from His mouth come \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

• **James 3:17** "But the \_\_\_\_\_ that is from above is first \_\_\_\_\_, then peaceable, \_\_\_\_\_, willing to \_\_\_\_\_, full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ fruits, without partiality and without \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "SCORNERS delight in their scorning. And FOOLS HATE KNOWLEDGE"** – To scorn means to hold something or someone in contempt or to make a joke of it. SCORNERS (also called SCOFFERS) are the next step down, or **getting worse than just the "simple, naive, and ignorant" ones.** FOOLS are the last step down, or the VERY WORST, and they are the ones who have **totally REJECTED and HATED God's wisdom.**

• **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."

**Definition: "GIVES to all liberally and WITHOUT REPROACH"** — This means God does not criticize

us or put us down when we ask for WISDOM. The ultimate WISDOM comes from Jesus Christ, and as believers in Christ, we can tap into His wisdom.

• **I Corinthians 1:30-31** “But of Him you are in \_\_\_\_\_, who became for us \_\_\_\_\_ from God – and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and redemption – that, as it is written, ‘He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.’”

**Definition: “Surely I will POUR OUT My SPIRIT on YOU”** – As believers in Jesus Christ, **we have the Holy Spirit LIVING in us to give us His wisdom whenever we ask for it.** In the Old Testament, in Solomon’s time, believers in God did NOT have the Holy Spirit LIVING in them, but God would POUR OUT His Spirit upon this one or that one, especially the prophets of God.

• **I Corinthians 2:12-16** “Now \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_, not the spirit of the world, but the \_\_\_\_\_ who is from \_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_ might \_\_\_\_\_ the things that have been freely \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_. These things we also speak, \_\_\_\_\_ in words which \_\_\_\_\_ teaches but which the \_\_\_\_\_ teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the \_\_\_\_\_ man does \_\_\_\_\_ receive the things of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, for they are \_\_\_\_\_ to him; nor can he know them, because they are \_\_\_\_\_ discerned. But he who is \_\_\_\_\_ judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For ‘Who has known the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ that he may instruct Him?’ But \_\_\_\_\_ have the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

24-27 Because **I have called and YOU REFUSED**, I have stretched out My hand and no one regarded, because **you disdained (ignored) ALL MY COUNSEL**, and would have NONE of My reproof, I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your TERROR comes, when your terror comes like a storm, and **your DESTRUCTION comes like a whirlwind**, when distress and anguish come upon you.

• **Isaiah 65:12** “Therefore I will number you for the sword, and you shall all bow down to the \_\_\_\_\_, because when I \_\_\_\_\_, you did not \_\_\_\_\_; when I \_\_\_\_\_, you did not \_\_\_\_\_, but did \_\_\_\_\_ before My eyes, and chose that in which I did \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Psalms 107:10-12** “Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, bound in affliction and irons – because they \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Most High, therefore He brought down their \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_; they fell down, and there was \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Your DESTRUCTION comes like a whirlwind”** – This is saying that **the person who rejects God’s wisdom will SUFFER the CONSEQUENCES of their bad choices.** The Bible says if you SOW (plant) seeds of your own foolishness or bad choices, you will REAP a harvest or crop of bad things. In **Galatians 6:7-8**, Paul warns us that **if we sow to our sinful, fleshly nature, we will reap corruption, which is sin, confusion, emotional turmoil, broken families, financial problems, disease, and even early physical death.** Jesus said, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:6). Some Christians think they can live any old way they want to, **continually sowing to their flesh**, because they know God will forgive their sins if they belong to Jesus Christ, and they will still go to heaven. That’s true, if they are truly saved, but a life of sin and living in the flesh, with its consequences of corruption, may make the journey to heaven very difficult.

• **I Timothy 6:6-10** “But godliness with \_\_\_\_\_ is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing let us be content with that. But those who want to be \_\_\_\_\_ fall into \_\_\_\_\_”

and a \_\_\_\_\_, and into many \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ lusts, which  
drown men in \_\_\_\_\_ and perdition. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is  
the root of all evil; which while some have \_\_\_\_\_ from the faith in their  
\_\_\_\_\_, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

•**Hosea 8:7** “They \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_. The stalk has no bud; it shall never produce meal. If it should produce,  
aliens would swallow it up.”

•**Galatians 6:7-8** “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man  
\_\_\_\_\_, that will he also \_\_\_\_\_. For he who \_\_\_\_\_ to his  
\_\_\_\_\_ will of the flesh reap \_\_\_\_\_; but he who \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit  
shall from the Spirit reap everlasting life (the blessings of God).”

28-33 **Then you will call on Me, but I will not answer**; they will seek Me diligently, but they will not find me. **Because they hated knowledge and did not CHOOSE the FEAR of the Lord**, they would have none of My counsel and despised all My reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of **their own way**, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away (rebellion) of the simple will **slay them**, and the complacency of fools **will destroy them**; but whoever listens to Me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.”

•**I Peter 4:3** “For we have spent enough of our past \_\_\_\_\_ in doing the  
will of the Gentiles, when we walked in \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and abominable (horrible) \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Then you will CALL on ME, but I will NOT answer”** – If taken out of context, you might be thinking this is saying there comes a point where a person cannot call on God and be saved. **We know from the thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43), a man who committed many crimes and was being executed for them, that it is NEVER too late to accept Jesus Christ and be saved**, so what is it talking about here? Remember, **it is WISDOM that is speaking here in Proverbs**, so there is a point in a person’s life where, **if they have REJECTED God’s wisdom** all their lives, **God will not rescue them and save them from the consequences of their sin**. After all, Jesus told the thief on the cross next to Him that He would take him to Paradise, but Jesus did NOT say He would bring him down from the cross. In other words, **the thief still had to suffer the consequences of what he had done**. Also, Esau, in the Old Testament, sold his birthright to his brother, and when it says he sought repentance with tears, it wasn’t repentance for sin, but **he was sorry that he had given up his birthright and couldn’t get it back** - in other words, he had to live with the consequences of what he had done.

•**Hebrews 12:15-17** “ Looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause \_\_\_\_\_, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like \_\_\_\_\_, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the blessing, he was \_\_\_\_\_, for he found no place for repentance though he sought it diligently with \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices”** – They will be caught in their own traps and wicked plans (devices) that they have set.

•**Psalm 35:7-8** “For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit, which they have dug without cause for my life. Let \_\_\_\_\_ come upon \_\_\_\_\_ unexpectedly, and let his \_\_\_\_\_ that he has hidden \_\_\_\_\_; into that very \_\_\_\_\_ let him fall.”