

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 1 Proverbs 3:33- 35 & 4:1- 13 Lesson #6

**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.

33-35 The curse of the Lord is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the habitation of the just.
Surely He SCORNS the SCORNFUL, but gives GRACE to the HUMBLE. The wise shall inherit glory, but shame shall be the legacy of fools.

• **James 4:6-7** “But He gives more _____ . Therefore He says: ‘ _____ resists the _____ , but gives _____ to the _____ .’”

• **Psalm 1:1** “Blessed is the man who walks _____ in the _____ of the _____ , nor stands in the _____ of _____ , nor sits in the seat of the _____ .;”

Definition: “Surely He SCORNS the SCORNFUL, but gives GRACE to the HUMBLE” – In other places in Scripture, it is stated as **“God resists the PROUD”**, but to be **SCORNFUL** means **YOU think you know it all (“leaning on your own understanding”), and you are contemptuous of other people’s opinions**, and contemptuous of GOD and His word. **That is the same thing as PRIDE.**

• **Proverbs 3:5-6** “Trust in the _____ with all your heart, and do not _____ on your own _____. In _____ your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall _____ your _____.”

• **I Peter 5:5-7** “God _____ the _____ , but gives _____ to the _____. _____ yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting _____ your care (worry, anxiety, fear) upon Him, because He cares for (loves) you.”

Definition: “Blessed is the man who walks NOT in the COUNSEL of the UNGODLY” – The “ungodly” means non-believers, **the “natural man” who is not born again** and is NOT under the influence of God’s Holy Spirit, so why on earth would you want to get counsel and advice from such a person? Ephesians 4:17-18 says they walk (conduct their lives) in the **“FUTILITY OF THEIR MINDS”**, which means emptiness and stupidity of their minds; **not thinking right**, not able to understand the things of God. It also says **their understanding is darkened**, and they are ignorant. Psalm 1:1 also mentions “sinners” and **the “scornful” (those who ridicule and reject God, also called a “scoffer” or a “FOOL”)**. We will be BLESSED by God if we avoid such people, whether taking advice from them or just hanging out with them, because they will only pull us down. The unbeliever is in DARKNESS, but the Believer in Christ is **NOT in darkness.**

• **John 12:46** “I have come as a _____ into the world, that whoever _____ in Me should _____ abide in _____.”

• **Ephesians 5:8** “For you were once _____ , but _____ you are _____ in the Lord. _____ as children of _____.”

Proverbs 4

1-2 Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and **give attention to UNDERSTANDING; for I give you good DOCTRINE:** do not forsake my law.

• **John 7:14-17** “Now about the middle of the feast _____ went up into the temple and _____. And the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this Man know

letters, having never studied?" Jesus answered them and said, "My _____ is not Mine, but _____ who sent _____. If anyone _____ to do His _____, he shall _____ concerning the _____, whether it is from _____ or whether I speak on My own authority."

• **II Timothy 3:15-16** "And that from a child you have _____ the _____, which are able to make you _____ unto salvation through _____ which is in _____. All _____ is _____ by _____ of _____, and is _____ for _____, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Definition: "Give attention to UNDERSTANDING; for I give you good DOCTRINE" – Good doctrine means good TEACHING. Our responsibility is to GIVE ATTENTION to good doctrine and apply it to our lives, and this good doctrine comes ONLY from the WORD of GOD, the Scriptures (II Timothy 3:15-16 - the Scriptures make us WISE).

• **I Timothy 4:6** "If you _____ the brethren in these things, you will be a good _____ of Jesus Christ, _____ in the _____ of faith and of the _____ which you have carefully _____."

• **James 1:22-24** "But be _____ of the _____, and not _____, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a _____ of the _____ and _____ a _____, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was."

• **Matthew 7:24-27** "Therefore, whoever _____ these sayings (words) of Mine, and _____ them, I will liken him to a _____ man who built his house 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 _____ on the _____. Now everyone who _____ these sayings of Mine, and does not _____ them, will be like a _____ man 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: "If anyone WANTS to do His WILL, HE SHALL KNOW" — God does NOT reveal His will or more intimate DETAILS about Himself to those who are just idly curious. He reveals Himself to those who WANT to DO His will and who WILL DO His will.

• **Jeremiah 29:12-13** "Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will _____ Me and _____ Me, when you _____ for Me with _____ your _____."

• **Deuteronomy 4:29** "But from there you will _____ the _____ your _____, and you will _____ Him if you _____ for him with _____ your _____ and _____ your _____."

3-5 **When I was my father's son, tender and the ONLY one in the sight of my MOTHER,** he also taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words; **KEEP my COMMANDS, and LIVE. Get WISDOM! Get UNDERSTANDING!** Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

• **Proverbs 3:1-2** "My son, do not forget my law, but _____ your _____ my _____; for _____ of _____ and _____ and _____ they will add to you."

Definition: "KEEP my COMMANDS, and LIVE. Get WISDOM! Get UNDERSTANDING!" –

Wisdom and understanding are the main theme of the Book of Proverbs. The benefits of **having God's WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING** are the same as in Proverbs 3:1-2, the benefits of keeping God's commandments. **That is because, if you truly have God's WISDOM and understanding of His word, you WILL keep His commandments.** Keeping God's commandments does not EARN us our salvation (salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ ONLY), but **obedience AFFECTS the QUALITY of our lives here on EARTH**, and the LENGTH of our lives. As Christians, we SHOULD be obeying God's commandments, which is another way to say DOING GOOD WORKS.

• **Ephesians 6:1-3** "Children, _____ your parents in the _____, for this is right. _____ your father and mother,' which is the first _____ with _____; 'That it may be _____ with you and you may live _____ on the earth.'"

• **Psalm 34:11-14** "Come, you _____, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who desires _____, and loves _____ that he may see _____? _____ your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do _____; seek _____, and pursue it."

Definition: "When I was my father's son, tender and the ONLY one in the sight of my MOTHER" – Solomon was David's son, but here he is referring to when he was young, and **David his father taught him God's law.** **"The ONLY one in the sight of my MOTHER"** means he was the only son of Bathsheba, his mother. David had many wives and lots of sons, but **God told David that Solomon would be the one to sit on the throne after him and would be the one to build the temple in Jerusalem.** David committed adultery with Bathsheba when she was married to Uriah, and then David arranged for Uriah to be killed, so that he wouldn't find out that his wife was pregnant by David. Lots of sin there, and God told David that the son which was conceived in the act of adultery would die. Solomon was born later, and as far as we are told, he was Bathsheba's only son that lived.

• **II Samuel 12:9-10** "Why have you _____ the _____ of the _____, to do _____ in His sight? You have _____ Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have _____ his _____ to be your wife, and have _____ him with the sword of the people of Ammon. Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised _____, and have _____ the _____ of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife."

• **II Samuel 12:13-14 & 24** "Then _____ said to Nathan, 'I have _____ against the _____.' And Nathan said to David, 'The _____ also has _____ your sin; you shall not _____. However, because _____ this _____ you have _____ great _____ to the enemies of the Lord to _____, the _____ also who is _____ to you shall surely _____.'" (Verse 24) "Then David comforted Bathsheba his _____, and he went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a _____, and he called his name _____. And the Lord _____ him."

6-9 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; **love her, and she will keep you. Wisdom is the principle thing;** therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honor, when you embrace her. She will place on your head **an ORNAMENT of GRACE; a CROWN of GLORY she will deliver to you.**

• **I Peter 5:4** "And when the _____ appears, you will receive the _____ of _____ that does not fade away."

Definition: "An ORNAMENT of GRACE; a CROWN of GLORY she will deliver to you" – The ornaments on the head refers to **a crown given to someone who WINS a race, and like getting the**

GOLD MEDAL at the Olympics - MEDALS of HONOR for being a WINNER. This promise is for those who “get wisdom and get understanding” and “hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother.” The “instruction of a father” would be the same as OBEYING GOD’S WORD. **We receive BLESSINGS and come out as WINNERS when we OBEY God and His commandments.** Here again, **WISDOM is personified as a woman**, “she.” This is just poetic language, as wisdom is not really a person. However, many hundreds of years later, **the Son of God, who is filled with the wisdom of God**, appears on the earth as a man, and **He embodies all of the wonderful things that Solomon says belong to “wisdom.”** Remember, the saints of the Old Testament had very little knowledge of what or who the Messiah would be, only little HINTS in certain Scriptures.

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

• **II Timothy 4:8** “Finally, there is laid up for _____ the _____ of _____, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to _____ only, but also to all who have _____ His appearing.”

• **James 1:12** “Blessed is the man who endures temptation (suffering); for when he has been _____, he will receive the _____ of _____ which the Lord has promised to those who _____ Him.”

Definition: “He will RECEIVE the CROWN of LIFE” – This is NOT talking about the gift of eternal life. **We do NOT EARN our salvation/eternal life by going through trials and sufferings.** This is talking about **receiving REWARDS when we get to heaven** (see I Corinthians 3:10-16). Jesus said we should lay up for ourselves treasure in heaven, and these **different types of crowns seem to be part of that heavenly treasure and reward** (Matthew 6:19-21).

• **Revelation 3:11** “Behold, I come _____! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your _____.”

• **Revelation 4:4** “Around the _____ were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white _____; and they had _____ of _____ on their heads.”

• **Revelation 4:9-10** “Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the _____, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and _____ Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their _____ before the throne.....”

10-13 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many. I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. **When you WALK, your steps will NOT be HINDERED, and when you RUN, you will NOT STUMBLE.** Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life.

Definition: “When you WALK, your steps will NOT be HINDERED, and when you RUN, you will NOT STUMBLE” – The “walk” here is referring to our manner of life, and **if we WALK in God’s WISDOM, we will not STUMBLE or fall into sin.** In times when we have “fallen” into trials and troubles, God has promised to deliver us out of them all.

• **Psalms 37:23-24** “The _____ of a good man are _____ by the _____, and _____ delights in his _____. Though he _____, he shall _____ be _____ cast down; for the Lord _____ him with His _____.”

• **Proverbs 3:23** “Then you will _____ safely in your _____, and your _____ will _____.”