

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 1

Proverbs 10:13- 25 Lesson #12

****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.

13-17 **WISDOM is found on the lips of him who has UNDERSTANDING, but a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.** Wise people store up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction. The rich man’s wealth is his strong city; the destruction of the poor is their poverty. The labor of the righteous leads to life, the wages of the wicked to sin. He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, but **he who REFUSES REPROOF goes astray.**

• **Proverbs 1:7** “The _____ of the _____ is the _____ of _____, but _____ despise _____ and _____.”

• **Proverbs 2:1-2 & 5-6** “My son, if you receive My _____, and treasure My _____ within you, so that you incline your ear to _____, and apply your heart to _____.” (Verses 5-6) “Then you will _____ the _____ of the _____, and find the _____ of God. For the Lord gives _____; from His mouth (God’s word, the Bible) come _____ and _____.”

Definition: “**WISDOM is found on the lips of him who has UNDERSTANDING**” – This is more teaching from Solomon (and from God, since this is the inspired word of God) on the VALUE of having WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING. Remember, this is the main theme of the book of Proverbs. Where it contrasts with “**a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding,**” the term “a rod” would be actually physical punishment, which was common in that day, but it also means **just SUFFERING the CONSEQUENCES of all of our foolish and sinful behavior.** “The ROD” may be going to prison for a crime a person has committed, or physical sickness or death, or broken families and other consequences of our sin.

• **Proverbs 9:10** “The _____ of the _____ is the _____ of _____, and the _____ of the Holy One is _____.”

Definition: “**He who REFUSES REPROOF goes astray**” – “Reproof” means someone telling you that you are doing WRONG. **God’s WORD tells us when we are doing WRONG (sin),** and if we REJECT that reproof, we will suffer the consequences, go ASTRAY in our lives, and be far away from God.

• **Proverbs 1:22-27** “How long, you simple (naive, ignorant) ones, will you love simplicity? For _____ delight in their scorning. And _____ hate _____. Turn (repent) at My _____; surely I will pour out My _____ on you; I will make My _____ known to you. Because I have called and you _____, I have stretched out My hand and no one regarded, because you disdained (ignored) _____ My _____, and would have _____ of My _____, I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your _____ comes, when your terror comes like a storm, and your _____ comes like a _____, when _____ and anguish come upon you.”

• **James 1:5** “If any of you lacks _____, let him _____ of _____, who _____ to all _____ and without _____, and it will be _____ to him.”

• **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 _____.”

●**Psalm 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 _____.”

18-21 Whoever hides hatred has **LYING LIPS, and whoever spreads SLANDER** is a fool. In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise. **The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the WICKED is worth little. The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of wisdom.**

●**Proverbs 6:16-19** “These six things the Lord _____, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a _____, hands that shed innocent blood, a _____ that devises wicked plans, _____ that are swift in running to evil, a _____ witness who speaks _____, and one who sows discord (with their tongue) among brethren.”

●**Psalm 39:1** “I said, ‘I will guard my ways, lest I _____ with my _____; I will restrain my _____ with a muzzle, while the wicked are before me.’”

●**Psalm 34:13** “Keep your _____ from evil, and your _____ from speaking guile (dishonesty, deceit).”

●**Proverbs 15:1-2** “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh _____ stirs up anger. The _____ of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the _____ of _____ pours forth foolishness.”

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

Definition: “LYING LIPS, and whoever spreads SLANDER” – The word of God has a lot to say about our WORDS, MOUTH, TONGUE, LIPS and how we SPEAK to and about others.

●**James 3:6** “And the _____ is a _____, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it _____ the whole _____, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on _____ by _____.”

●**Proverbs 21:23** “Whoever guards his _____ and _____ keeps his soul from _____.”

●**Proverbs 16:27** “An ungodly man digs up evil, and it is on his _____ like a burning _____.”

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

Definition: “The TONGUE is a FIRE.....it is SET on FIRE by HELL” – Because of the fall of man and the effects of sin, **our tongues are capable of doing much harm and evil.** The tongue is compared to a fire, and more particularly, **the fire of HELL**, because it seems as if Satan and his demons get in there and take control of our tongues at times. Just as a little spark can cause a huge forest fire, our tongues can hurt people, ruin reputations, and cause all kinds of harm and mischief. James also tells us that **“no man can tame the tongue.** It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless

our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.” **It is true that NO MERE MAN can tame his own tongue, but with the POWER of the Holy Spirit, you can ask Him to control it**, as part of the “fruit of the Spirit” in your life. **The fruit of kindness, gentleness, love, joy, and self-control - FRUIT PRODUCED by the Holy Spirit in your life, if you allow Him to, CAN CONTROL your TONGUE** (Galatians 5:22-23). Your words are “seed” being planted in your life, and your mouth should not produce both seeds of blessing and cursing, but of blessing only.

• **Romans 3:13-14** “...With their _____ they have practiced _____; the _____ of asps (snakes) is on their _____; whose _____ is full of _____ and _____.”

• **Psalm 140:3** “They sharpen their _____ like a _____; the _____ of asps is under their _____.”

• **Ephesians 4:25, 29 & 30-32** “Therefore, putting away _____, each one _____ truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.” (Verse 29) “Let no _____ communication proceed out of your _____, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” (Verses 30-32) “And do not grieve the _____ of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all _____, wrath, _____, clamor, and all _____ be put away from you, with all malice. And be _____ to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you.”

Definition: “With it we CURSE MEN, who have been MADE in the LIKENESS of GOD” – Do you remember, when you were a kid, saying that “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me”? We all probably said that little rhyme, but it is not really true - **WORDS really DO hurt us! God’s word has a lot to say about the POWER of the tongue - our words - both to hurt and to heal.** You probably have realized the power of someone’s words in the past to hurt you: the words of a parent who said you were not wanted, or that you “ruined” their life; the words of other children when you were little; the words of other teenagers saying you were ugly, or you couldn’t join their group; the words of a parent or teacher saying you would never amount to anything, or you were just a “screw-up” or a loser. **Words have the power to destroy self esteem, or to build up and encourage.** Your own words have the power to shape the rest of your life. You can repeat the words of those who have hurt you or abused you, you can repeat the words of the devil as he plants temptations in your mind, **or you can CHOOSE to repeat the words of God!** God made you **according to His own IMAGE and LIKENESS**, so don’t let the thoughtless, hateful, or unkind words of others drag you down and put you **under their “curse”, and DON’T DO it to OTHERS!**

• **Proverbs 4:23-24** “Keep your _____ with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful _____, and put perverse _____ far from you.”

• **Proverbs 13:3** “He who guards his _____ preserves his life, but he who opens wide his _____ shall have _____.”

• **Proverbs 12:13-14** “The _____ is ensnared (trapped) by the transgression of his _____, but the righteous will come through trouble. A man will be _____ with good by the fruit of his _____....”

22-23 The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and **He adds no SORROW with it.** To do evil is like sport to a fool, but a man of understanding has wisdom.

• **Psalm 49:6-7** “Those who _____ in their _____ and boast in the multitude of their _____, none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him.”

Definition: "He adds no SORROW with it" – When the Lord makes one of His children rich, in the right way, by hard work and honest business, there is NO sorrow with it. When a person tries to get rich by gambling, dishonest business, get-rich-quick schemes or crime, there is MUCH sorrow and trouble that comes with it.

I Timothy 6:9-10 "But those who _____ to be _____ fall into _____ and a _____, and into many _____ and _____ which drown men in _____ and perdition. For the _____ of _____ is a _____ of _____ kinds of _____, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and _____ themselves through with many _____."

Definition: "The LOVE of MONEY is a root of all kinds of EVIL" – This Scripture does NOT say that money is evil, but **the LOVE of that money** is what brings about many kinds of evil and troubles in a person's life.

•**Psalm 52:7** "Here is the man who did _____ make _____ his _____, but _____ in the abundance of his _____, and strengthened himself in his wickedness."

•**Psalm 62:10** "Do not trust in oppression, nor vainly hope in robbery; if _____ increase, do _____ set your _____ on _____."

24-25 **The fear of the WICKED will come upon him, and the desire of the RIGHTEOUS will be granted.** When the whirlwind passes by, **the wicked is no more**, but the righteous has an everlasting foundation.

•**Psalm 37:20** "But the _____ shall _____; and the enemies of the Lord, like the splendor of the meadows, shall _____. Into smoke they shall _____ away."

Definition: "The WICKED shall PERISH" – "Perish" in the Bible means **to be thrown into hell forever** – **everlasting DESTRUCTION**. It does **NOT** mean to just **not exist** anymore. Some religions and cults teach that a person just goes into oblivion after death, that there is no more consciousness (sometimes called "soul sleep"). The Bible teaches that there is ETERNAL PUNISHMENT for those who reject God's way of salvation.

•**John 10:27-30** "_____ Sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I _____ them _____, and they shall _____; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and _____ is able to _____ them out of My Father's _____."

•**II Thessalonians 1:7-9** "And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord _____ is revealed from _____ with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do NOT _____ God, and on those who do NOT _____ the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be _____ with _____ destruction [away] from the presence of the Lord....."

•**John 3:16** "For God so _____ the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not _____ but have _____."