

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 1

Proverbs 10:26-32 & Proverbs 14:1 Lesson #13

****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.

26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, **so is the SLUGGARD to those who SEND him.**

• **Proverbs 26:6** “He who _____ a _____ by the _____ of a _____ cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.”

Definition: “So is the SLUGGARD to those who SEND him” – Sluggard is an old fashioned word for a **LAZY and unreliable person.** You wouldn’t want to send a lazy, unreliable person to deliver a message or do anything important, because you wouldn’t know if they actually got it done.

• **Proverbs 25:19** “_____ in an _____ man in time of _____ is like a bad _____ and a _____ out of _____.”

27-29 **The FEAR of the LORD prolongs days,** but the years of the wicked will be shortened. The hope of the righteous will be gladness. But the expectation of the wicked will perish. The way of the Lord is strength for the upright, but destruction will come to the workers of iniquity

• **Psalm 34:11-13** “Come, you children, listen to Me; I will _____ you the _____ of the _____. Who is the man who desires _____, and loves _____ days, that he may see _____? Keep your _____ from _____, and your lips from _____ guile. _____ from _____, and do _____; seek _____ and pursue it.”

Definition: “I will TEACH you the FEAR of the LORD” – When we first get saved, we are “baby Christians” and we need to be TAUGHT many things about God and His word. **Teaching a new believer to “fear the Lord” is one of those things.** You don’t have to know a lot of Bible - even the most “brand new” baby Christian **can choose to walk in the fear (respect, obedience) of the Lord.** In fact, the fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of all wisdom and knowledge of God for the new Christian. As we OBEY God’s commands that we see **in His word**, even the simplest ones, He will REVEAL **more of His will** for our lives to us.

Definition: “Who DESIRES LIFE, and loves MANY days, that he may SEE GOOD” – This is the same as what Jesus said He would give us when He said, **“That they may have LIFE, and have it MORE ABUNDANTLY.”** Jesus is NOT speaking about MATERIAL abundance or financial prosperity, but about SPIRITUAL blessings and abundance. God does promise to supply all our physical needs, but the most important things are the things of the Spirit, such blessings as forgiveness, eternal life in heaven, and a relationship with God Himself. In Psalm 34:11-13 we see a “formula” for having this abundant life, and it consists of several things, but **the bottom line is OBEDIENCE to GOD.**

30 The righteous will never be removed, but **the WICKED will NOT inhabit the earth.**

• **Psalm 37:20-22** “But the _____ shall _____; and the enemies of the Lord, like the splendor of the meadows, shall _____. Into smoke they shall vanish away. The _____ borrows and does _____ repay, but the _____ shows _____ and _____. For those who are _____ by _____ shall _____ the _____”

_____ , but those who are cursed by Him shall be _____ .”
• **Psalm 37:27-33** “_____ from _____ , and do _____ ; and dwell forevermore. For the _____ loves justice, and does _____ forsake His _____ ; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the _____ shall be _____ .”

Proverbs 2:21-22 “For the _____ will _____ in the _____ , and the blameless will remain in it; but the _____ will be _____ from the _____ , and the unfaithful will be _____ from it.”

Definition: “The **WICKED** shall be **CUT OFF**. The **RIGHTEOUS** shall **INHERIT** the **LAND**, and dwell forever” – “Cut off” in these verses means to KILL and remove forever. This theme of the wicked finally coming to **JUDGMENT** and being thrown into hell, and the **RIGHTEOUS** inheriting the **NEW EARTH** is repeated over and over many times in the **WORD** of **GOD**. When God repeats something over and over again, it’s because He **WANTS US** to **REMEMBER** it and realize it is **TRUE**.

• **Psalm 37:9-11** “For _____ shall be _____ ; but those who _____ on the _____ , they shall _____ the _____ . For yet a little while and the _____ shall be _____ more; indeed, you will look diligently for his place, but it shall be no more. But the _____ shall _____ the _____ , and shall delight themselves in the abundance of _____ .”

• **Matthew 25:34-40** “Then the King (Jesus) will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come, you _____ of My Father, _____ the _____ prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was _____ and you gave Me _____ ; I was thirsty and you gave Me _____ ; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was _____ and you _____ me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You _____ and _____ You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or _____ and _____ You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the _____ will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My _____ , you did it to _____ .”

Definition: “The **MEEK** shall **INHERIT** the **EARTH**” – First of all, WHO are “the meek”? The meek or humble people are those who have **SURRENDERED their LIVES to Jesus Christ and believed in Him as their Savior. In other words, those who are SAVED.** Meekness, which is similar to humility, actually means “strength under control”, is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Only those who belong to Jesus and are allowing the Holy Spirit to control their lives and produce His fruit in their lives will actually be “the meek”. **All the FRUIT of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness (meekness), faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control** will be abundant in your life as you allow the Holy Spirit to control your heart, mind, and actions. This is what Jesus meant by our lives producing fruit that will glorify God the Father. “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit” (John 15:8). As for inheriting the earth, **this refers to the NEW EARTH that God will create after Jesus returns.** The earth we live in now is corrupt, polluted and ruined by sinful man, but **God will create a new, perfect earth**, bring down to the earth the New Jerusalem from heaven, and we, the believers in Jesus Christ will live in that holy city on the new earth forever. When it says, “**the wicked shall be no more; indeed, you will look diligently for his place, but it shall be no more**”, this is referring to the fact that the unbelievers, “the wicked”, will have **NO PLACE** whatsoever in God’s new earth and holy city, **they will have been cast into hell for all eternity.**

• **Matthew 5:5** “_____ are the _____ , for they shall _____ the _____ .”

• **Revelation 21:1-3** “And I saw a new _____ and a new _____, for the first _____ and the first _____ had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then, I, John, saw the holy _____, New Jerusalem, coming _____ out of _____ from _____, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the _____ of _____ is with _____, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His _____, and God Himself will be with them and be their _____.’”

31-32 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but **the PERVERSE TONGUE** will be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.

• **II Timothy 2:16** “But shun (turn away from) profane (impure, filthy) and _____, for they will increase to _____.”

• **II Timothy 2:23** “But avoid _____ and _____ disputes, knowing that they generate strife.”

• **Ephesians 4:29** “Let no _____ communication proceed _____ of your _____, but what is _____ for necessary edification, that it may impart _____ to the hearers.”

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

• **Psalms 39:1** “I said, ‘I will _____ my ways, 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 _____ I hate.”

Definition: “PERVERSE MOUTH” — 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.”

• **Psalms 141:3** “Set a guard, O Lord, over my _____; keep watch over the door of my _____.”

• **Matthew 12:34-37** “..... For out of the abundance of the _____ the _____ speaks. A good man out of the _____ treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an _____ man out of the _____ treasure brings forth _____ things. But I say to you that for every idle _____ men may _____, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your _____ you will be justified, and by your _____ you will be condemned.”

Proverbs 14

1 Every wise woman builds her house, but **the FOOLISH PULLS it DOWN with her hands.**

• **Proverbs 31:10-12** “Who can find a virtuous woman? For her worth is far above rubies. The _____ of her _____ safely _____ her; so he will have no lack of gain. She does him _____ and not _____ all the days of her life.”

• **Proverbs 21:9** “It is better to _____ in a corner of a housetop, than in a _____ shared with a _____ woman.”

• **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 house, **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 _____.”

• **Proverbs 3:11-12** “My son, do _____ despise the _____ (discipline) of the Lord, nor detest (hate) His _____; for whom the Lord _____ He _____, just as a _____ [corrects] the _____ in whom he delights.”

• **Proverbs 22:6** “_____ up a _____ in the _____ he _____ go, and when he is old, he will not _____ from it.”

Proverbs 29:17 “_____ your son, and he will give you _____; yes, he will give _____ to your _____.”

Proverbs 29:22 “An _____ man (or woman) stirs up _____, and a _____ man abounds in _____ (sin).”

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.**