

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Proverbs Bible Study - Part 1

Proverbs 14:22-35 Lesson #16

**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.

22 **Do they not GO ASTRAY who devise EVIL?** But mercy and truth belong to those who devise good.

•**Psalm 58:3** “The wicked are estranged from the _____; they go _____ as soon as they are _____, speaking _____.”

•**Isaiah 53:6** “All we like sheep have gone _____; we have turned, [each and] every one to his _____; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Definition: “Do they not GO ASTRAY who devise EVIL?” – to go ASTRAY means to leave or wander from the right way. Those “who devise EVIL” have LEFT the PATH of RIGHTEOUSNESS and are following the WRONG path, Satan's way, not God's way.

23-24 In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty. The crown of the wise is their riches, but the **FOOLISHNESS of FOOLS is FOLLY.**

•**Proverbs 14:18** “The simple inherit _____, but the _____ are crowned with knowledge.”

Definition: “The FOOLISHNESS of FOOLS is FOLLY” – This is Solomon repeating something **THREE TIMES** for emphasis - **FOOLISHNESS, FOOLS** and **FOLLY**. **FOLLY** means foolishness or stupidity. It is the opposite of having God's **WISDOM**. We can choose to obey God and get His **WISDOM** and **PRUDENCE** to carry us through **LIFE** successfully, or we can learn things the hard way, like Solomon did later in his life. **WISDOM** means to **judge rightly** and follow the soundest course of action, based on knowledge and good judgment. Prudence means careful management and economy. **PRUDENT** means exercising **SOUND JUDGEMENT** in practical matters, **circumspect**, cautious and discreet, or in other words, having **WISDOM**.

•**Ephesians 5:15-17** “See then that you walk _____, not as _____ but as _____, redeeming the time, because the days are _____. Therefore do _____ be _____, but _____ what the _____ of the Lord is.”

25 A true witness delivers souls, but a **deceitful WITNESS** speaks **LIES**.

•**Proverbs 14:5** “A _____ does _____, but a _____ will utter _____.”

•**Exodus 20:16** “You shall _____ bear _____ against your neighbor.”

•**Romans 13:8-10** “Owe no one anything except to _____ one another, for he who _____ another (including his wife) has fulfilled the law. For the _____, ‘You shall not _____, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall _____ bear _____, You shall not _____, and if there is any other commandment, are all _____ up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall _____ your neighbor _____.’”

- **Ephesians 4:25** “Therefore, putting away _____, [/ef] each one speak _____ with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.”
- **Colossians 3:9** “Do not _____ to one _____, since you have put off the old man with his deeds.”
- **Revelation 21:8** “But the cowardly, _____, abominable, _____, _____ immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all _____ shall have their part in the lake which burns with _____ and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Definition: “A FALSE WITNESS will utter LIES” – “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” is one of the TEN COMMANDMENTS, so there is **NO excuse for anyone to think they can LIE and get away with it in God’s sight!**

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

26-27 In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and **His children will have a place of REFUGE.** The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to avoid the snares of death.

- **Psalm 27:5** “For in the _____ of _____ He shall _____ me in His pavilion; in the secret _____ of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.”
- **Psalm 91:1-7** “He who dwells in the _____ of the Most High shall _____ under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the _____, He is my _____ and my _____: my God, in Him will I _____. Surely He shall _____ you from the snare of the fowler, and from the _____ pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take _____; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall _____ be _____ of the _____ by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence (disease) that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A _____ shall _____ at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall _____ come _____ you.”

Definition: “In the TIME of TROUBLE He shall HIDE me in His pavilion; in the SECRET PLACE” – David wrote this Psalm, and his idea of the safest place to be was in God’s temple or tabernacle (also called a pavilion). He also called it a “secret place” because it was where he would meet with God in prayer and for safety from his enemies. **“A place of REFUGE”** means a place of SAFETY. Yes, David had enemies: in his earlier years, King Saul was jealous of him and tried to kill him many times. Later on in life, David’s own son Absalom tried to take over the throne and kill David. Today, we may or may not have human enemies, but **we certainly have a spiritual enemy in Satan. Our safest place is always in the presence of Almighty God.** We do not have an earthly temple anymore, but each individual Christian is a “temple” of the Holy Spirit, and we make contact with God by prayer and studying His word.

- 28 In a **multitude of people** is a king’s honor, but in the lack of people is the downfall of a prince.
- **I Kings 4:20-21** “Judah and Israel were as _____ as the _____ by the _____ in _____, eating, drinking and _____. So Solomon _____ over all _____ from the river to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.”

29 **He who is SLOW to WRATH has great UNDERSTANDING, but he who is IMPULSIVE exalts FOLLY.**

•**Titus 3:3-5** “For we ourselves were also once _____, _____, deceived, serving various _____ and _____, living in malice and envy, _____ and _____ one another. But when the _____ and the _____ of God our Savior toward man appeared, _____ by _____ of righteousness which we have done, but according to His _____ He _____ us, by the washing of regeneration (being born again) and renewing of the Holy Spirit.”

30 **A SOUND HEART is LIFE to the BODY, but envy is rottenness to the bones.**

•**Proverbs 4:23** “Keep your _____ with all diligence, for _____ of _____ spring the _____ of _____.”

•**Matthew 12:34-35** “Brood of vipers! How can _____, being _____ speak good things? For out of the abundance of the _____ the _____ speaks. A _____ man out of the _____ of his _____ brings forth good things, and an _____ man out of the _____ brings forth evil things.”

•**Hebrews 13:9** “Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the _____ to be _____ with _____.”

•**Proverbs 4:4** “He also taught me and said to me, ‘Let your _____ retain My _____; keep my commands and _____.’”

•**Psalms 119:11** “Your _____ have I hidden in my _____ that I might _____ against You.”

Definition: “A SOUND HEART is LIFE to the BODY” – A SOUND heart means a healthy, strong heart built up in the WORD of God and His wisdom.

31 **He who oppresses the POOR reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has MERCY on the NEEDY.”**

•**Proverbs 14:20-21** “The _____ man is hated even by his own neighbor, but the rich has many friends. He who _____ his neighbor _____; but he who has _____ on the _____, _____ is he.”

•**Psalms 41:1-2** “_____ is he who considers the _____; the Lord will _____ him in time of _____. The Lord will _____ him and keep him alive, and he will be _____ on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.”

•**Ephesians 4:28** “Let him who stole _____ no longer, but rather let him labor, _____ with his _____ what is _____, that he may have _____ to _____ him who is in _____.”

•**I Timothy 6:17-19** “Command those who are _____ in this present world not to be haughty (proud), not to _____ in uncertain _____ but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do _____, that they be rich in good works, ready to _____, willing to _____, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

•**Deuteronomy 15:11** “For the _____ will _____ cease (stop) from the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your _____ and your _____, in your land.’”

- 32 The wicked is banished in his wickedness, but **the righteous has a REFUGE in his DEATH.**
- **II Timothy 4:18** “And the _____ will _____ me from every _____ work and preserve me for His _____ kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever.”
 - **Hebrews 6:18** “That by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have _____ consolation, who have fled for _____ to lay hold of the hope set before us.”
 - **John 14:2-3** “In My _____ are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to _____ a _____ for you. And if I go and prepare a _____ for you, I will _____ and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there _____ may _____ also.”

Definition: “I GO to PREPARE a PLACE for YOU” — What a blessed assurance to KNOW that **Jesus is preparing a place (a REFUGE) for ME and for YOU in heaven!** Jesus’ disciples knew what He was referring to, because in the Jewish culture of that day, when a man wanted to marry a woman, he would first **build an addition onto his father’s house**, and this would be where he would bring his new bride. Jesus is the Bridegroom, and the church is His bride, so He is going to His “Father’s house” to prepare a place to receive His bride. **When a believer in Jesus Christ dies, you go directly into the presence of Jesus Himself in heaven.** Paul says in II Corinthians 5:6-8, that if you are ABSENT from your earthly, physical body, you are PRESENT with the Lord. This means that your SPIRIT will leave your body at DEATH, and the physical body that gets buried in the ground, or burned up in a fire, or whatever happens to it, is only an empty shell. **Your spirit, the REAL YOU,** goes instantly to be with Jesus. Later, Jesus will come again, at **the Resurrection Day, and your spirit will be reunited with your new RESURRECTION BODY** that can live for eternity with God.

• **II Corinthians 5:6-8** “Therefore we are always _____, knowing that while we are at _____ in the _____ we are _____ from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be _____ from the _____ and to be _____ with the Lord.”

- 33-34 Wisdom rests quietly in the heart of him who has understanding, but **what is in the heart of FOOLS is made KNOWN. Righteousness EXALTS a nation**, but sin is a reproach to any people.
- **Proverbs 12:16** “A fool’s wrath is _____ at _____, but a prudent man covers shame.”
 - **Proverbs 11:11** “By the blessing of the _____ the city is _____, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the _____.”

- 35 the king’s favor is toward a wise servant, but his wrath is against him who causes shame.
- **Matthew 24:45-47** “Who then is a _____ and _____ servant, whom his master made _____ over his household, to give them _____ in due season? _____ is that _____ whom his master, when he comes, will find so _____. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him _____ over all his _____.”
 - **John 21:15-17** “So when they had eaten breakfast, _____ said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me more than these?’ He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I _____ You.’ He said to him, ‘_____ My lambs.’ He said to him again a second time, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?’ He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord, You _____ that I _____ You.’ He said to him, ‘_____ My sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me?’ Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, ‘Do you love Me?’ And he said to

Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I _____ You.' Jesus said to him,
' _____ My _____."

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20-21 **Children, OBEY your PARENTS** in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. **Fathers, do not PROVOKE your children, lest they become DISCOURAGED.**
•Ephesians 6:1-4 "Children, _____ your _____ in the Lord, for

this is right. ' _____ your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with _____; 'That it may be _____ with you and you may _____ long on the earth.' And you, fathers (parents), do _____ your _____ to _____, but bring them up in the _____ and _____ of the Lord."

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

• **Proverbs 23:22** "Listen to your _____ who begot you, and do not _____ your _____ when she is old."

• **Proverbs 20:20** "Whoever _____ his _____ or his _____, his lamp will be put out in deep _____."

• **Proverbs 30:11-12** "There is a generation that _____ its _____, and does not _____ its _____. There is a generation that is _____ in its _____, yet is not washed from its _____."

Definition: "COMMANDMENT with a PROMISE" — 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.

• **Exodus 20:12** " _____ your _____ and your _____, that your _____ may be _____ upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you."

Definition: "OBEY in the LORD" — This means to OBEY our human parents as long as they are NOT asking us to do something that is AGAINST a COMMAND of the Lord. The same thing is meant by Eph. 5:21-22 "SUBMITTING to one another in the fear of God. Wives, SUBMIT to your own husbands, **AS TO THE LORD**. We are **not to SUBMIT or OBEY** church leaders, or a wife is not to obey her husband, **IF they ask us to do something that is AGAINST A WRITTEN COMMAND of God in the Bible.**

• **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 _____."

Definition: "PROVOKE your children TO WRATH" — "Wrath" means ANGER. Children need **LOVING, CONSISTENT discipline, correction and TRAINING from their parents**. 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, and DISCOURAGED**, 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).