

“PRACTICAL WISDOM FROM PROVERBS”

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Proverbs 8:11.

“For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.”

Proverbs 9:10

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Psalm 14

¹ The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds.

Proverbs. 1. The Purpose of Proverbs

¹ These are the proverbs of Solomon, David’s son, king of Israel. ² Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. ³ Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. ⁴ These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. ⁵ Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance ⁶ by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷ Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

The words wise or wisdom is found 125 times in this book...

Some Practical Advise from Proverbs

1. Work in c _____ a p _____ for your Life.

A. Understand God’s purpose for your life

Proverbs 16:4 – *The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.*

B. Have a vision.

VISION

Many times, vision begins when a person feels unable to accept things as they are. Over time that dissatisfaction matures into a clear picture of what it could be.

Proverbs 29:18. *¹⁸ Where there is no vision, the people perish...*

C. Create a plan to accomplish your Vision.

- Is there any value in planning in life?

Proverbs 14:15

¹⁵ The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps.

Proverbs 20:18¹⁸

Plans are established by seeking advice; so if you wage war, obtain guidance.

Proverbs 21:5

⁵ The plans of the diligent certainly lead to advantage, But everyone who is in a hurry certainly comes to poverty.

Proverbs 22:3

³ A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

– Someone said:

“If you don’t know where you are going, you’ll end up someplace else.”

– It was Benjamin Franklin who said:

“By Failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

– Confucius said

“A man who does not plan long ahead will find trouble at his door.”

– Abraham Lincoln said:

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.”

– Richard Cushing

“Always plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.”

D. Just make sure you bring your plan to the feet of Jesus...

Prov. 16:1, 9

1 We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer; 9 We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.

- **When you have a good plan “Work hard at it”.**

Proverbs 14:23. ²³ All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

- **In your purpose, your vision, your plans don't forget the Lord, he has given you all you have**

Deuteronomy 8:10-11

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

2. What can h you back from p the blessed life that God has intended for you?

• Laziness

Proverbs 13:4. *“The soul of the lazy man desires and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.”*

• Bad money management

- **Plan on how you are going to spend your money.**

Proverbs 21:5. *The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.*

- **Acknowledge God and He will bless you**

Proverbs 3:9. ⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;

- **Keep good track of what you have**

Proverbs 27:23. *Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.*

- **Don't get into debt**

Proverbs 22:7 ⁷ The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

²⁶ Don't promise to pay someone else's debt. ²⁷ If you cannot pay, you will lose everything you have. So why should you lose the bed you sleep on?

- **Don't be a co-signer**

Proverbs 6 ¹ My son, don't make yourself responsible for the debts of others. Don't make such deals with friends or strangers.

• Bad counselors

Proverbs 13:20 ²⁰ Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

• Bad friends

Proverbs 12:26 *The godly give good advice to their friends; the wicked lead them astray.*

• When you chose not to learn from your mistakes

Proverbs. 26:11 *As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness.*

Prov. 4:25-27. ²⁵ Look straight ahead and fix your eyes on what lies before you. ²⁶ Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. ²⁷ Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

• When you don't let go hurts from the past.

- **Learn to forgive**

Proverbs. 10:12. *Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.*

1 Peter 4:8 ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

- “Let go of the past so that God can open the door to your future.”

- C.S. Lewis.

“Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward.”

- “To heal your wound, you need to stop touching it.”

- “It hurts to let go, but sometimes it hurts more to hold on.”