

of understanding holds his tongue.

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.

Proverbs 17:27 A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.

Proverbs 18:13 He who answers before listening-- that is his folly and his shame.

Proverbs 29:20 Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Proverbs 26:17 Like one who seizes a dog by the ears is a passer-by who meddles in a quarrel not his own.

4. Speaking the Truth

Proverbs 12:22 The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

Proverbs 20:15 Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.

Proverbs 12:18 Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 26:18 Like a madman shooting firebrands or deadly arrows ¹⁹ is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I was only joking!"

Proverbs 10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.

Proverbs 11:9 With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape.

Proverbs 15:7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.

Proverbs 24:26 An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

Proverbs 18:20 From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. ²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 16:1 To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue.

5. Comforting Speech

Proverbs 14:10 Each heart knows its own bitterness, and no one else can share its joy.

Proverbs 14:13 Even in laughter the heart may ache, and joy may end in grief.

Proverbs 12:25 An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.

Proverbs 15:23 A man finds joy in giving an apt reply-- and how good is a timely word!

Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Proverbs 25:11 A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

Proverbs 25:20 Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

PROVERBS - LIVING BY THE WISDOM OF CHRIST

Lesson Eleven - Religion

1. The contrast between the righteous and the wicked

A. The righteous and the wicked are opposite and opposed

Proverbs 29:27 The righteous detest the dishonest; the wicked detest the upright.

a) in their view of how to be saved

Galatians 3:10 All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." 11 Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." 12 The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." 14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Proverbs 11:7 When a wicked man dies, his hope perishes; all he expected from his power comes to nothing.

Proverbs 14:32 When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down, but even in death the righteous have a refuge.

Proverbs 12:28 In the way of righteousness there is life; along that path is immortality.

Proverbs 10:25 When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever.

Proverbs 13:9 The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.

Proverbs 23:18 There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

b. In the troubles of life

Proverbs 28:18 He whose walk is blameless is kept safe, but he whose ways are perverse will suddenly fall.

Proverbs 24:16 for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity.

c. In the life they lead on earth

Proverbs 21:29 A wicked man puts up a bold front, but an upright man gives thought to his ways.

Proverbs 20:7 The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

2. Mocking God

Proverbs 19:3 A man's own folly ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the LORD.

Proverbs 15:12 A mocker resents correction; he will not consult the wise.

Proverbs 26:3 A whip for the horse, a halter for the donkey, and a rod for the backs of fools!

Proverbs 19:29 Penalties are prepared for mockers, and beatings for the backs of fools.

3. The Lord Is in Control

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the **LORD** are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Proverbs 16:2 All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the **LORD**.

Proverbs 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the **LORD** determines his steps.

Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 21:30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the **LORD**. ³¹ The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the **LORD**.

4. True Religion

Proverbs 15:8 The **LORD** detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.

Proverbs 26:23 Like a coating of glaze over earthenware are fervent lips with an evil heart.

Proverbs 21:3 To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the **LORD**

than sacrifice.

Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 28:9 If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.

5. The Heart Right with God

A. Confession

Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?

Proverbs 28:13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Proverbs 14:9 Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.

B. Witnessing

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

Proverbs 24:11 Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.

C. Prayer

Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous.