

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 15:25 The LORD tears down the proud man's house but he keeps the widow's boundaries intact.

C. Why did Solomon have so much to say about pride?

Proverbs 13:10 Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

Proverbs 27:2 Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.

Proverbs 25:27 It is not good to eat too much honey, nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor.

Proverbs 25:14 Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of gifts he does not give.

3. Sloth (laziness) (see lesson seven on Work and Wealth)

4. Gluttony (and drunkenness)

Proverbs 23:19 Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path. ²⁰ Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, ²¹ for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

Proverbs 23:29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes? ³⁰ Those who linger over wine, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine. ³¹ Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly! ³² In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper. ³³ Your

eyes will see strange sights and your mind imagine confusing things. ³⁴ You will be like one sleeping on the high seas, lying on top of the rigging. ³⁵ "They hit me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt! They beat me, but I don't feel it! When will I wake up so I can find another drink?"

Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.

Proverbs 31:4 "It is not for kings, O Lemuel-- not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, ⁵ lest they drink and forget what the law decrees, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.

5. Lust

Proverbs 23:26 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways, ²⁷ for a prostitute is a deep pit and a wayward wife is a narrow well. ²⁸ Like a bandit she lies in wait, and multiplies the unfaithful among men.

Proverbs 30:20 "This is the way of an adulteress: She eats and wipes her mouth and says, 'I've done nothing wrong.'

Proverbs 22:14 The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit; he who is under the Lord's wrath will fall into it.

Proverbs 27:8 Like a bird that strays from its nest is a man who strays from his home.

6. Envy

Proverbs 14:30 A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

Proverbs 24:1 Do not envy wicked men, do not desire their company; ² for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about making trouble.

Proverbs 27:4 Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

Proverbs 23:17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD. ¹⁸ There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

7. Anger

Proverbs 14:16 A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless. ¹⁷ A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.

Proverbs 19:19 A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty; if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

Proverbs 16:32 Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

Proverbs 14:29 A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.

Proverbs 29:11 A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.

Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 30:33 For as churning the milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife."

Proverbs 22:24 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, ²⁵ or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.

PROVERBS - LIVING BY THE WISDOM OF CHRIST

Lesson Nine - Attitudes

1. Strife

A. What causes strife between people?

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

Proverbs 16:28 A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.

Proverbs 26:20 Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.

Proverbs 22:10 Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.

Proverbs 17:14 Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

Proverbs 26:21 As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.

Proverbs 17:19 He who loves a quarrel loves sin; he who builds a high gate invites destruction.

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

B. What dampens strife between people?

Proverbs 17:9 He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

Proverbs 18:18 Casting the lot settles disputes and keeps strong opponents apart.

2. Temper

A. What sins can temper cause

Proverbs 29:22 An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.

Proverbs 16:29 A violent man entices his neighbor and leads him down a path that is not good.

Proverbs 21:7 The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do what is right.

Proverbs 29:11 A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.

B. Why is revenge a selfish evil?

Proverbs 17:13 If a man pays back evil for good, evil will never leave his house.

Proverbs 20:22 Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" Wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.

Proverbs 24:29 Do not say, "I'll do to him as he has done to me; I'll pay that man back for what he did."

Proverbs 24:17 Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when he stumbles, do not let your heart rejoice, ¹⁸ or the LORD will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from him.

3. Patience

Proverbs 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

Proverbs 19:11 A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 25:15 Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.

4. Kindness and Gentleness

Proverbs 18:1 An unfriendly man pursues selfish ends; he defies all sound judgment.

Proverbs 11:17 A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.

Proverbs 11:16 A kindhearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth.

Proverbs 14:21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.

Proverbs 19:17 He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.

Proverbs 12:10 A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

5. Generosity

Proverbs 11:24 One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. ²⁵ A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. ²⁶ People curse the man who

hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.

Proverbs 21:13 If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.

Proverbs 22:9 A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

Proverbs 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. ²² In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

Proverbs 22:16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich--both come to poverty.

6. Friendship

Proverbs 25:19 Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.

Proverbs 20:6 Many a man claims to have unfailing love, but a faithful man who can find?

Proverbs 18:24 A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 27:9 Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.

Proverbs 27:6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.