

Miscellaneous Proverbs

I. Proverbs on Friends and Friendship

A. Righteous Carefully Chooses His Friends

- * Prov.12:26 - "The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray."

B. A Friend Loves at All Times

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

C. To Have Friends We Must Be Friendly

- Prov. 18:24 - "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

D. Wealth Can Make Friends

- Prov.19:4 - "Wealth makes many friends, but the poor is separated from his friend."
- Prov.19:6-7 - "Many entreat the favor of the nobility, and every man is a friend to one who gives gifts. All the brothers of the poor hate him; how much more do his friends go far from him! He may pursue them with words, yet they abandon him."

E. Those who should not be our friends

1. The Angry man

- Prov.22:24-25 - "Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go, lest you learn his ways and set a snare for your soul."

2. Those given to change

- Prov.24:21-22 - "My son, fear the LORD and the king; do not associate with those given to change; for their calamity will rise suddenly, and who knows the ruin those two can bring?"

3. The thief

- Prov.29:24 - "Whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life; he swears to tell the truth, but reveals nothing."

F. The Counsel of our Friends Can Be Helpful

- Prov.27:6 - "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."
- Prov.27:9 - "Ointment and perfume delight the heart, and the sweetness of a man's friends does so my hearty counsel."

G. Do not forsake a friend in the day of calamity

- * Prov.27: 10- “Do not forsake your own friend or your father’s friend, nor go to your brother’s house in the day of your calamity; For better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.”

H. A Man Sharpens his Friends Countenance

- Prov.27: 17 - “As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”

I. One who seeks to flatter his friends it will be counted as a curse

- Prov.27: 14 - “He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it will be counted a curse to him.”

II. Proverbs on Deceit and Dishonesty

A. It is an abomination to God

- * Prov.11:1 - “A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is His delight.”

B. Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil

- Prov. 12:20 - “Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but counselors of peace have joy.”

C. Wealth Gained by Dishonesty will be Diminished

- Prov.13:11 - “Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.”

D. A Deceiver is Like a Madman

- Prov.26:18 -19- “Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, is the man who deceives his neighbor, and says, “I was only joking!”

III. Proverbs on Counsel and Instruction

A. Men of Understanding Seek Counsel

- Prov.20:5 - “Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.”
- Prov. 15:32 - “He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds reproof gets understanding.”

- Prov. 12:1 - “Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.”

B. Those who listen to Instruction and Reproof Are Honored

- Prov.10: 17 - “He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, but he who refuses reproof goes astray.”
- Prov 13:18 - “Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, but he who regards reproof will be honored.’

C. Those who refuse instruction will Suffer

- Prov.11:14 - “Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”
- Prov. 15:10- “Harsh correction is for him who forsakes the way, and he who hates reproof will die.”
- Prov 15:22 - “Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the multitude of counselors they are established.”
- Prov.19:27 - “Cease listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.”

D. Wage War by Wise Counsel

- Prov.20: 18 - “Every purpose is established by counsel; by wise counsel wage war.”

E. Apply Your Heart to Instruction

- Prov.23: 12 - “Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge.”

III. Proverbs on the Heart

A. Preparations and Plans are in the heart

- Prov.16: 1 - “The preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.”
- Prov.16:9 - “A man’s heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.”

B. Anxiety of Heart Causes Depression

- Prov. 12:25 - “Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad.”

C. A Perverse Heart is an Abomination to God

- Prov. 11:20- “Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, but such as are blameless in their ways are His delight.”

D. Sound Heart is Life to the Body

- Prov.14:30 - “A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rottenness to the bones.”

E. The Merry Heart

1. Makes cheerful countenance
 - Prov. 15:13 - “A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken”
2. Like medicine
 - Prov.17:22 - “A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones”
3. Continual feast
 - * Prov.15:15 - “All the days of the afflicted are evil, but he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast”

F. As a man thinks in his heart so is he

- * Prov.23:7-8 - “for as he thinks in his heart, so is he. “Eat and drink!” he says to you, but his heart is not with you. The morsel you have eaten, you will vomit up, and waste your pleasant words.”

G. The Heavy Heart

- * Prov.25:20 - “Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather, and like vinegar on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.”

H. King Will be a Friend to the Pure of Heart

- * Prov.22: 11 - “He who loves purity of heart and has grace on his lips, the king will be his friend”

I. Stripes Help Cleanse the Heart

- * Prov.20:30 - “Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, as do stripes the inner depths of the heart.”

J. Man’s Heart Reveals the Man

- Prov.27:19- “As in water face reveals face, so a man’s heart reveals the man.”

K. Heart May Sorrow Even in Laughter

* Prov. 14:13 - “Even in laughter the heart may sorrow, and the end of mirth may be grief”

L. Light of the Eyes Rejoices the Heart

- Prov.15:30 - ‘The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and a good report makes the bones healthy.’