



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS



A SAMPLE OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Warm greetings again!

Proverbs is an important book in the Old Testament. A lot of its wise words have been attributed to King Solomon, and some of his colleagues, kings and friends.

When I first became a teenage believer in Jesus, my team of Pastors told me to read a Proverb chapter every day, and as there are 31 Proverbs and as there are often 31 days in a month, this seemed to be absolutely perfect! This I did for years and eventually the beautiful messages wore a groove in my brain! Hopefully some of them have remained there, I only hope I pay attention to them and use their wisdom!

I was also expected, as a young teenage Christian, **to memorise about 6-10 Bible verses a day** and although, I eventually after some years, discontinued the practice, I did manage at one point in my life to reach around 2,000 verses memorised, most of which in my 70's I still remember by the grace of God!

Memorising whole Bible chapters is even easier, once you do pray and get started. There are many great men of God who have far surpassed this, and may I suggest to some of you that you spend your evenings and mornings to do the same! Especially our young people! You will NEVER REGRET IT.

1 Timothy 4

¹⁵ Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

¹⁶ Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

I think 'memory work' like this is good for everyone. Just to let you know, it will affect your life in a very positive way.

Proverbs chapter 13

The Book of Proverbs, (containing 915 verses of Wisdom), generally speaking, has a lot of themes, which cannot all be classified easily. There is an interesting book called 'Practicing Proverbs' which endeavours to classify many or all of the topics. (Link below)

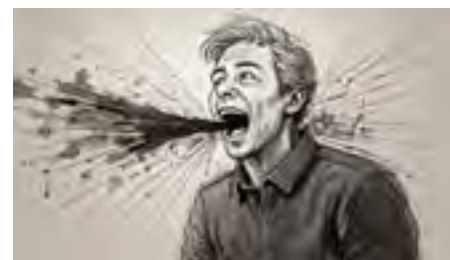
In this short edition, I wanted to share about 6 verses in Proverbs chapter 13. **These verses show a kind of style of writing where juxtaposition is used.**

That means that, the verse starts off saying one thing and then the second part of the verse says something opposite, yet completely true. This is because the author is comparing, for one example, the 'wicked' and the 'righteous' person.

You can see for yourself. I copy in these six verses below, which I chose from the chapter and I also make a few comments about these verses below.

I pray this will inspire you to pray and read 'Proverbs' and see how you can apply many of its wise sayings to your lives. I am using the Amplified Translation in this example.

⁵ A [consistently] righteous man hates lying and deceit, but a wicked man is loathsome [his very breath spreads pollution] and he comes [surely] to shame.



If you lie (tell lies) and do other violent things, **your very breath** which can come over other people near to you, or even on the street, **'spreads pollution'**! This is beyond shocking!! **This is the worst form of 'bad breath'!**

If you are a godly person you can then understand why the Bible tells us to come out from the world and be SEPARATE!

¹¹ Wealth [not earned but] won in haste or unjustly or from the production of things for vain or detrimental use [such riches] will dwindle away, but he who gathers little by little will increase [his riches].

If you study and pray about this verse, beloved you can solve all your life's financial problems!

This is very deep. Please meditate about this. Don't be sucked into the devil's world of 'get rich quick'. Any financial decision which requires you to 'act quickly' or 'hurry' is not of God, but from the Serpent himself.

You should also desist from producing anything that is not valuable in a truly wholesome way for human people. God will not bless it. Consider the above now repeated: the production of things for **vain or detrimental** use [such riches] will dwindle away,

¹⁴ The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.

If we do not listen carefully to the Lord's Word and Teaching through others, we open up our souls and bodies to the violent abuse of the **devil and his physical emissaries!**

The 'Western World, which has



mostly by far, AT THIS TIME,

rejected the Word of God, or who have not sought it, saving a few, are 'open season' now to the **third Islam Muslim invasions**, as well as black African violence, and corrupt politicians across all of these countries, with very few exceptions!

¹⁸ Poverty and shame come to him who refuses instruction and correction, but he who heeds reproof is honoured.

Want to get the latest 'Poverty and Shame' trend? Just refuse instruction and correction. Simple.

²² A good man leaves an inheritance [of moral stability and goodness] to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner [finds its way eventually] into the hands of the righteous, for whom it was laid up.

Most of my life, I always thought this meant I was supposed to amass at least some material wealth, but I discovered yesterday in this translation, it actually means to pass on to your family 'moral stability and goodness'. That makes it so much more easy in one sense, and something I pray I can do for my children and grandchildren etc.. Also the wealth of unbelievers will come into the hands of truly godly people (eventually). That's how it should be.

²⁴ He who spares his rod [of discipline] hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines diligently and punishes him early.

Quite a strong verse for today's world. Let's pray about that. It has to be right. We need wisdom.

God bless you. I do pray these verses and comments about 'Proverbs' will inspire you in your life.

Love in Jesus,

Jerry and the WCF Team

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