

Keep Your House

Proverbs 14

Your house needs to be built by God for God

A. Build Your House (14:1-4)

- 1. With hope (v 1)**
- 2. With honor (v 2)**
- 3. With humility (v 3)**
- 4. With help (v 4)**

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B. Build Your Testimony (14:5-10)

- 1. With truth (14:5) (1 John 2:4)**
- 2. With understanding (14:6) (Ephesians 5:17)**
- 3. With right company (14:7)**
- 4. With prudence (14:8-10)**

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C. Keep A Spiritual House (14:11-14)

- 1. The benefit (v 11)**
- 2. The wrong way (v 12)**
 - a. Lack of joy (v 13)**
 - b. Lack of belief causes lack of true fulfilment (v 14)**

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- D. Keep A Spiritual Testimony (14:15-22) (1 John 4:1)**
 - 1. By being cautious (14:15-18)**
 - 2. By goodness (14:19-22)**

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E. Three Spiritual Encouragements(14:23-35)

- 1. Keep up the good work (14:23-25)**
- 2. Keep the faith (14:26-30)**
 - a. By fearing God (vv 26-27)**
 - b. By being a blessing (v 28)**
 - c. By choosing to be spiritual (vv 29-30)**
- 3. Stay holy (14:31-35)**
 - a. In actions (vv 31-32)**
 - b. In heart (v 33)**
 - c. In result (vv 34-35)**

Principles Of Respecting God

Proverbs 15

**Our respect for God should be evident in all areas of
our lives**

2 Corinthians 2:1-4

2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

I. Speak Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:1-8)

Titus 2:8

**Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is
of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil
thing to say of you.**

I. Speak Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:1-8)

A. Like Christ (15:1-2)

Proverbs 15:1-2

1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

B. Because God is watching (15:3)

Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

I. Speak Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:1-8)

C. Shows spiritual life (15:4-6)

Proverbs 15:4-6

4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

Hebrews 11:26

Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

I. Speak Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:1-8)

D. For others (15:7)

Proverbs 15:7

The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

E. To please God (15:8)

Proverbs 15:8

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

II. Walk Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:9-19)

Proverbs 3:6

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

II. Walk Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:9-19)

A. The walk of the wicked (15:9-12)

Proverbs 15:9-12

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10 Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

11 Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

II. Walk Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:9-19)

B. The walk of the righteous (15:13-17)

Proverbs 15:13-17

13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

II. Walk Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:9-19)

C. The contrast between the two (15:18-19)

Proverbs 15:18-19

18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.

III. Use Wisdom Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:20-24)

Job 28:28

**And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the LORD,
that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is
understanding.**

III. Use Wisdom Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:20-24)

A. Wisdom's impact (15:20-21)

Proverbs 15:20-21

20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

III. Use Wisdom Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:20-24)

B. Wisdom's results (15:22-24)

Proverbs 15:22-24

**22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in
the multitude of counsellors they are established.**

**23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a
word spoken in due season, how good is it!**

**24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may
depart from hell beneath.**

IV. Consider Out Of Respect For The LORD

(15:25-29)

Haggai 1:5-7

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

IV. Consider Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:25-29)

A. In light of the end result (15:25)

Proverbs 15:25

The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

B. In light of the Lord's reaction (15:26)

Proverbs 15:26

The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.

IV. Consider Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:25-29)

C. In light of the present (15:27-28)

Proverbs 15:27-28

27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

D. In light of God's presence (15:29)

Proverbs 15:29

The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

V. Be Complete Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:30-33)

Colossians 2:10

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all
principality and power:

V. Be Complete Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:30-33)

A. In perspective (15:30-31)

Proverbs 15:30-31

30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat.

31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

V. Be Complete Out Of Respect For The LORD (15:30-33)

B. In purpose (15:32-33)

Proverbs 15:32-33

**32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul:
but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.**
**33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom;
and before honour is humility.**