

Lessons To Live By

Proverbs 22

We can never stop learning

A. All For God (22:1-6)

- 1. In reputation (22:1)**
- 2. In respect (22:2-4)**
- 3. In road (22:5)**
- 4. In regard (22:6)**

B. All Things Have Consequences (22:7-12)

- 1. Who rules your life? (22:7)**
- 2. What crop are you growing? (22:8-9)**
- 3. What do you tolerate? (22:10)**
- 4. What is the love of your heart? (22:11)**
- 5. What does God see in you? (22:12)**

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C. Excuses That Prevent Good (22:13-16)

- 1. I might get hurt (22:13)**
- 2. I listen to what I want to hear (22:14)**
- 3. I cannot help myself (22:15)**
- 4. I can't get enough (22:16)**

D. Actions That Prepare You For Good (22:17-19)

- 1. Gain knowledge (22:17)**
- 2. Keep knowledge (22:18)**
- 3. Trust knowledge (22:19)**

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E. Laws To Live By (22:20-29)

- 1. Have no doubt in the power of truth (22:20-21)**
- 2. Do not take advantage of the less fortunate (22:22-23)**
- 3. Do not make friends with the angry (22:24-25)**
- 4. Do not entangle yourself financially (22:26-27)**
- 5. Do not move borders in your life (22:28)**
- 6. Follow a good example (22:29)**

The Right Mindset

Proverbs 23

Being right comes from thinking right

I. Do Not Be Drawn In (23:1-11)

A. By luxury (23:1-3)

Proverbs 23:1-3

1 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee:

2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.

3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat.

I. Do Not Be Drawn In (23:1-11)

B. By the desire for wealth (23:4-5)

Proverbs 23:4-5

4 Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

Luke 12:15-20

I. Do Not Be Drawn In (23:1-11)

C. By evildoers (23:6-8)

Proverbs 23:6-8

6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

8 The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

D. By argument (23:9)

Proverbs 23:9

Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

I. Do Not Be Drawn In (23:1-11)

E. By avarice (greed) (23:10-11)

Proverbs 23:10-11

10 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

11 For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

II. Be Disciplined (23:12-19)

A. The command (23:12)

Proverbs 23:12

Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

B. The correction (23:13-14)

Proverbs 23:13-14

13 Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

II. Be Disciplined (23:12-19)

C. The consequences (23:15-19)

Proverbs 23:15-18

15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

17 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

18 For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

II. Be Disciplined (23:12-19)

D. The commitment (23:19)

Proverbs 23:19

Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

III. Hold On To Truth (23:20-25)

**A. In the presence those that do not hold on to truth
(23:20-21)**

Proverbs 23:20-21

**20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of
flesh:**

**21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to
poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.**

**B. In the presence of those who should hold on to truth
(23:22)**

Proverbs 23:22

**Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not
thy mother when she is old.**

III. Hold On To Truth (23:20-25)

C. The priority of holding on to truth (23:23)

Proverbs 23:23

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

Isaiah 55:1

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

III. Hold On To Truth (23:20-25)

D. The products of holding on to truth (23:24-25)

Proverbs 23:24-25

24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

E. The preparation of holding on to truth

Proverbs 23:26

My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

Galatians 5:16

**This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil
the lust of the flesh.**

Romans 13:14

**But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not
provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.**

IV. Avoid The Seductress (23:27-28)

A. The trap (23:27)

Proverbs 23:27

For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit.

B. The taking of the prey (23:28)

Proverbs 23:28

She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

V. Avoid Being A Sot (23:29-35)

A. His attributes (23:29)

Proverbs 23:29

**Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions?
who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause?
who hath redness of eyes?**

B. His addiction (23:30-31)

Proverbs 23:30-31

**30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek
mixed wine.**

**31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it
giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.**

V. Avoid Being A Sot (23:29-35)

C. His oblivious actions (23:32-35)

1. Does not realize when he gets drunk (23:32)

Proverbs 23:32

At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

2. Does not realize his activities while drunk (23:33-34)

Proverbs 23:33-34

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

V. Avoid Being A Sot (23:29-35)

C. His oblivious actions (23:32-35) - continued

3. Does not realize the problem he is in (23:35)

Proverbs 23:35

**They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick;
they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I
awake? I will seek it yet again.**

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