

The Right Mindset

Proverbs 23

Being right comes from thinking right

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

1. By luxury (23:1-3)

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

Luke 12:15-20

3. By evildoers (23:6-8)

4. By argument (23:9)

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

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B. Be Disciplined (23:12-19)

- 1. The command (23:12)**
- 2. The correction (23:13-14)**
- 3. The consequences (23:15-19)**
- 4. The commitment (23:19)**

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

- 1. In the presence those that do not hold on to truth (23:20-21)**
- 2. In the presence of those who should hold on to truth (23:22)**
- 3. The priority of holding on to truth (23:23)
Isaiah 55:1**
- 4. The products of holding on to truth (23:24-25)**
- 5. The preparation of holding on to truth**

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

- 1. The trap (23:27)**
- 2. The taking of the prey (23:28)**

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

- 1. His attributes (23:29)**
- 2. His addiction (23:30-31)**
- 3. His oblivious actions (23:32-35)**
 - a. Does not realize when he gets drunk (23:32)**
 - b. Does not realize his activities while drunk (23:33-34)**
 - c. Does not realize the problem he is in (23:35)**

Be Wise
Proverbs 24

Wisdom is needed in all parts of our lives

I. Purpose Wisely (24:1-9)

A. Have a righteous outlook (24:1-2)

Proverbs 24:1-2

1 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

I. Purpose Wisely (24:1-9)

B. The benefits of a wisdom – purposed life (24:3-6)

Proverbs 24:3-6

3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

I. Purpose Wisely (24:1-9)

C. Cannot think foolishly (24:7-9)

Proverbs 24:7-9

7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

9 The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.

II. Prevail Wisely (24:10-12)

A. When endurance is required (24:10)

Proverbs 24:10

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

B. When intervention is required (24:11-12)

Proverbs 24:11-12

11 If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;

12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

III. Proceed Wisely (24:13-22)

A. Find the goodness of wisdom (24:13-14)

Proverbs 24:13-14

13 My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:

14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

B. Forsake the ways (goals) of the wicked (24:15)

Proverbs 24:15

Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:

III. Proceed Wisely (24:13-22)

C. Forgive failure and move on (24:16-18)

1. In yourself (24:16)

Proverbs 24:16

**For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again:
but the wicked shall fall into mischief.**

2. In others (24:17-18)

Proverbs 24:17-18

**17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine
heart be glad when he stumbleth:**

**18 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn
away his wrath from him.**

III. Proceed Wisely (24:13-22)

D. Focus correctly (24:19-22)

1. Not on the evil man and his deeds (24:19-20)

Proverbs 24:19-20

19 Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked:

20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

2. On God, His anointed, but not the fickle (24:21-22)

Proverbs 24:21-22

21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

IV. Perform Wisely (24:23-29)

A. In judgment (24:23-26)

1. Impartially (24:23)

Proverbs 24:23

These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

2. Impeccably (24:24-26)

Proverbs 24:24-26

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.

IV. Perform Wisely (24:23-29)

B. In endeavor (24:27)

Proverbs 24:27

Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

C. In reaction (24:28-29)

Proverbs 24:28-29

28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

V. Perceive Wisely (24:30-34)

A. Look for lessons (24:30-31)

Proverbs 24:30-31

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

V. Perceive Wisely (24:30-34)

B. Learn from lessons (24:32-34)

Proverbs 24:32-34

32 Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

**Let God's Wisdom
Direct Your Life**