

Be Wise

Proverbs 24

Wisdom is needed in all parts of our lives

A. Purpose Wisely (24:1-9)

- 1. Have a righteous outlook (24:1-2)**
- 2. The benefits of a wisdom – purposed life (24:3-6)**
- 3. Cannot think foolishly (24:7-9)**

B. Prevail Wisely (24:10-12)

- 1. When endurance is required (24:10)**
- 2. When intervention is required (24:11-12)**

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C. Proceed Wisely (24:13-22)

- 1. Find the goodness of wisdom (24:13-14)**
- 2. Forsake the ways (goals) of the wicked (24:15)**
- 3. Forgive failure and move on (24:16-18)**
 - a. In yourself (24:16)**
 - b. In others (24:17-18)**
- 4. Focus correctly (24:19-22)**
 - a. Not on the evil man and his deeds (24:19-20)**
 - b. On God, His anointed, but not the fickle (24:21-22)**

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D. Perform Wisely (24:23-29)

1. In judgment (24:23-26)

a. Impartially (24:23)

b. Impeccably (24:24-26)

2. In endeavor (24:27)

3. In reaction (24:28-29)

E. Perceive Wisely (24:30-34)

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

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

Dealing With Life

Proverbs 25

God's Word Is Rich With Instruction

I. How To Rule Righteously (25:1-7)

A. Find the Word of God (25:1)

Proverbs 25:1

These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

B. Study the Word of God (25:2-3)

Proverbs 25:2-3

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.

I. How To Rule Righteously (25:1-7)

C. Follow the Word of God (25:4-5)

1. It refines you (v 4)

Proverbs 25:4

Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

2. It separates you from unrighteousness (v 5)

Proverbs 25:5

Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

Luke 14:7-11

7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them.

8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;

9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

I. How To Rule Righteously (25:1-7)

D. Beware of those who just want to be seen (25:6-7)

Proverbs 25:6-7

6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men:

7 For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

II. How To Deal With Your Neighbor (25:8-22)

A. Do not pick a fight (25:8)

Proverbs 25:8

Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

B. Do not make personal disagreements public (25:9-10)

Proverbs 25:9-10

9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another:

10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

II. How To Deal With Your Neighbor (25:8-22)

C. Be an encouragement (25:11-13)

Proverbs 25:11-13

11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

II. How To Deal With Your Neighbor (25:8-22)

D. Be truthful (25:14)

Proverbs 25:14

Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

E. Be patient (25:15)

Proverbs 25:15

By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

II. How To Deal With Your Neighbor (25:8-22)

F. Do not wear out your welcome (25:16-17)

1. An illustration (v 16)

Proverbs 25:16

Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

2. An application (v 17)

Proverbs 25:17

Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

II. How To Deal With Your Neighbor (25:8-22)

G. Be faithful (25:18-20)

1. Results if not faithful (vv 18-19)

Proverbs 25:18-20

18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

2. Result if faithful (v 20)

Proverbs 25:20

As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

Matthew 5:43-48

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

II. How To Deal With Your Neighbor (25:8-22)

H. Be fair (25:21-22)

Proverbs 25:21-22

21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

III. How To Deal With Yourself (25:23-28)

A. Confront evil talking (25:23)

Proverbs 25:23

The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

B. Avoid conflict when able (25:24)

Proverbs 25:24

It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

III. How To Deal With Yourself (25:23-28)

C. Be the bearer of good news (25:25)

Proverbs 25:25

As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

D. Be strong (25:26)

Proverbs 25:26

A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

III. How To Deal With Yourself (25:23-28)

E. Be self-controlled (25:27-28)

Proverbs 26:27-28

27 It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.

28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

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Our Dealings**