

PROVERBS 14 - Wise Sayings of Solomon!

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Pro 14:1 *The wise woman* (Sarah) **builds her house, But the foolish** (fool-foolish - 10x in chap 14) (Athaliah, mother of Ahaziah) **pulls it down with her hands.**

- A wise woman builds her house, watches over the family, cares for the children. Paul said the older women should teach the younger women how to keep their home, love their husbands, and all. But, wise women building their homes. It takes wisdom.

Pro 14:2 *He who walks in his uprightness* (Samuel) **fears the LORD, But he** (Saul) *who is perverse* (Samuel) **in his ways despises Him.**

- **He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD.** If you're really upright, you'll have a fear respect, a reverence for God. **But he who is perverse in his ways despises Him.**
- So, you can tell if a man is righteous, or perverse in his attitude towards the Lord. One will reverence the Lord, love the Lord, the other hates the Lord.

Pro 14:3 *In the mouth of a fool* (Goliath) **is a rod of pride** (7x in Prov.), **But the lips of the wise** (David) **will preserve them.**

- Here is an interesting proverb.

Pro 14:4 **Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; But much increase comes by the strength of an ox.**

- *Where no oxen are, the crib is clean.* That is, the barn is very clean if you do not have any ox. You know, you do not want to clean the barn? No ox.
- *But much increase is by the strength of the ox.* So, if you want to have anything, you had better have an ox, and you know, clean it up. I mean afterwards, but where there is no oxen the crib is clean, but yet you do not have much. With the ox, there is much increase by his strength. You use him to plow and all.

Pro 14:5 **A faithful witness does not lie, But a false witness will utter lies.**

Pro 14:6 **A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, But knowledge is easy to him who understands.**

- When someone *seeks wisdom and does not find it*, it is evidence that they are likely a *scoffer* – someone whose pursuit of *wisdom* and the truth is cynical and superficial.
- *Knowledge is easy to him who understands:* Jesus promised, (**Mat 7:7**) *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.* This is a promise to the sincere seeker, the one *who understands*.

Pro 14:7 **Go from the presence of a foolish man, When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.**

- Hey, this guy, he is just dumb, stupid, just leave, you know.

Pro 14:8 **The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit.**

- A wise man will seek to understand the way.

Pro 14:9 **Fools mock at sin, But among the upright there is favor.**

- Have you ever heard a person mock at sin? Oh, I'm a sinner!" You know, and they say it in a mocking way.

Pro 14:10 **The heart knows its own bitterness, And a stranger does not share its joy.**

- *But among the righteous there is favor. Now the heart knows his own bitterness (14:9-10).*
- No one knows what you feel like, even the closest person to you does not really understand many times, the grief or the sorrow that you feel. There is another proverb that says, "No one knows how the shoe pinches, but the man who wears it." So, no one really knows many times the sorrow that you are feeling inside.

- *And a stranger does not share its joy.* Again, they do not understand the joys or the feelings that you have, the bitterness, or the joy.

Pro 14:11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown, But the tent of the upright will flourish.

- The foolish man built his house upon the sand, and it crumbled.
- But *the tent of the upright will flourish.* Now if you are righteous, upright, hey, your tent will flourish! But the house of the wicked, will crumble.

Pro 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

- Then this important proverb...Take a look at the path that you are on. Where is it leading you? What is the end of the path? The wise man will always look down the road to see where it leads. There is a way, there are a lot of people today who are living in deceit, they are deceiving themselves. A way that seems right to them, but the end thereof is death!
- *A sound heart is life to the body:* If *heart* here meant the physical organ that beats in the chest, any medical doctor would agree. Yet Solomon had in mind *heart* as a metaphor for our innermost being. When we are *sound* on the inside, it brings health and *life* to the whole *body*.
- **Envy is rottenness to the bones:** The presence of **envy** is presented as a contrast to *a sound heart*. *Envy* corrupts us from within and can poison many otherwise good things.

Pro 14:13 Even in laughter the heart may sorrow, And the end of mirth may be grief.

- Now there are some people who seek to cover the sorrow with laughter. A lot of people use laughter to cover the real feelings of sorrow. *the end*, though *of that kind of mirth is heaviness*.

Pro 14:14 The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, But a good man will be satisfied from above.

- That is where backsliding always begins. It begins in your heart.

Pro 14:15 The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps.

- Have you ever met a person like that, they are so gullible? We had a pastor around here who was a real sweet guy, but he was gullible. I felt sorry for him because these other pastors on staff were absolutely merciless with him. I mean, they had come in and tell these wild stories. "No! Really?" And they would just carry on with this guy and, and I felt sorry for him because he, he was without guile, and he just would believe these guys. Boy did they give him a bad time!

Pro 14:16 A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.

- The wise man will examine things.
- *But the fool will rage and he is confident* that he is going to get by.

Pro 14:17 A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of wicked intentions is hated.

- If you have got a short temper, quickly get angry, you are dealing foolishly.

Pro 14:18 The simple inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

- *The simple will inherit folly: but the prudent [or the wise] are crowned with knowledge.*

Pro 14:19 The evil will bow before the good, And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

- No contrast, well, the contrasts are within it. The evil bow before the good, the wicked...

Pro 14:20 The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor, But the rich has many friends.

- *But the rich has many friends.* Whether or not they are true friends is something else!

Pro 14:21 He who despises his neighbor sins; But he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.

- *He that despises his neighbour sins:* That is, his poor neighbor, *but he who has mercy on the poor, is happy.* Do not err, do not make a mistake here

Pro 14:22 Do they not go astray who devise evil? But mercy and truth belong to those who devise good.

- Or do they not go astray, or err, those *who devise evil?* Yes! *But mercy and truth shall be to those that devise good.*

Pro 14:23 In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty.

- *Idle chatter* leads you to poverty. The labor, important of working. A lot of people can talk and, I met a lot of talkers, but they did not have much.

Pro 14:24 *The crown of the wise is their riches, But the foolishness of fools is folly.*

- A contrast of *the wise* and *the foolish*.

Pro 14:25 *A true witness delivers souls, But a deceitful witness speaks lies.*

Pro 14:26 *In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.*

- The man who walks in reverence of God, walks with confidence, strong confidence.
- And *his children will have a place of safety*. Oh, how important it is to live in that fear of the Lord!

Pro 14:27 *The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.*

“The fear of the LORD” (14x in Proverbs):

Pro 1:29 Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD,

Pro 2:5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

Pro 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

Pro 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Pro 10:27 The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

Pro 14:26 In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.

Pro 14:27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

Pro 15:16 Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure with trouble.

Pro 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility.

Pro 16:6 In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.

Pro 19:23 The fear of the LORD leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.

Pro 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches and honor and life.

Pro 23:17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the LORD all the day;

Pro 14:28 *In a multitude of people is a king's honor, But in the lack of people is the downfall of a prince.*

- Saved by the multitude of people.

Pro 14:29 *He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, But he who is impulsive exalts folly.*

- *He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding.* Now we had the guy who was quick to wrath, he was a fool, soon angry, deals foolishly. But, “he who is slow to wrath is of great understanding.”

Pro 14:30 *A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones.*

- *A sound heart is life to the body:* If *heart* here meant the physical organ that beats in the chest, any medical doctor would agree. Yet Solomon had in mind *heart* as a metaphor for our innermost being. When we are *sound* on the inside, it brings health and *life* to the whole *body*.
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Pro 14:31 *He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.*

- *He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker:* To *oppress the poor* is to sin against them, but it is also to sin against and to insult God Himself. To oppress and despise the poor is to despise *his Maker*, the One in whose image all humanity was made.

- *He who honors Him has mercy on the needy:* The one who *honors* and loves God will reflect God's own *mercy on the needy*. A cold, mean heart towards the poor shows a lack of honor towards God.

Pro 14:32 The wicked is banished in his wickedness, But the righteous has a refuge in his death.

- The wicked are like the chaff, blown away, but the righteous will stand forever. Even in death, there's hope for the righteous.

Pro 14:33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, But what is in the heart of fools is made known.

- Then, this is an extremely important scripture. I think that it should be written at the top of the Senate, and the House of Representatives, and on every one of their scratch pads.

Pro 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.

- Now that can be proved historically. You can go back in history as far as you wish, and you will find this is always true. "Righteousness will exalt a nation, but sin will be a reproach to any people." A nation that follows after righteousness is exalted. A nation that opens the door to sin will be destroyed.

Pro 14:35 The king's favor is toward a wise servant, But his wrath is against him who causes shame.

- *The king's favor is toward a wise servant* - The king should have an intelligent man for his minister; a man of deep sense, sound judgment, and of a feeling, merciful disposition. He who has not the former will plunge the nation into difficulties; and he who has not the latter will embark her in disastrous wars.

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART — *Kristianson, Maranatha Singers – 2:54*

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*Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me (2x)
And renew a right spirit within me*

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