

PROVERBS 19 - Wise Saying of Solomon!

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- Proverbs, chapter nineteen. Again, we receive instruction of wisdom, of justice, of judgment, of fairness, as Solomon talks about life, and the various aspects of life.

Pro 19:1 Better is the poor (5x -vs. 1, 4, 7, 17, 22) who walks in his integrity Than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

- Because the riches that are gotten by crooked methods will be lost, as a general rule, by the same way.

Pro 19:2 Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with his feet.

- If you are lacking in an understanding of God, the things of God, and really this would be the knowledge of God. It is just not good.
- ***And he sins who hastens with his feet.*** Solomon says a lot about the person who hurries into situations. How that we make so often? It can get you into trouble if you are in a hurry to get things going. Haste makes waste.

Pro 19:3 The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the LORD.

- It is really foolish for a man, is what Solomon is saying, to become perverse in his way. Because it will turn your heart ultimately against the Lord. If you become perverse in your ways, in your practices, your heart will soon be turning against God, against the things of God. Solomon probably knew this by first-hand experience.

Pro 19:4 Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.

- Being the wealthiest man in the world, he had all of those that were around, being so friendly, nice, and entreating him. He just observed, “*wealth makes many friends.*”
- ***But the poor.*** The person who does not have anything, no one really wants, or seeks his company that much, which shows the emptiness of man’s favors. Poverty separates from the neighbor.

Pro 19:5 A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies will not escape.

- A false witness is a man who, under oath, will bear a false witness. Perjures himself while under oath. Solomon says, “*he will not go unpunished.*” God hates lying lips, and he that speaks lies shall not escape. We need to recognize, and realize that there is a true justice, which shall ultimately prevail.

Pro 19:6 Many entreat the favor of the nobility, And every man is a friend to one who gives gifts.

- You know that he has power to grant blessings, or rewards. So many *entreat his favor*.
- ***Every man is a friend to one who gives gifts.*** So, you want to get a lot of friends? Just give away a lot of stuff. However, you will not be sure they are true friends. That is the problem!

Pro 19:7 All the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more do his friends go far from him! He may pursue them with words, yet they abandon him.

- Again, concerning the poor, he has separated from his neighbor, a man who is brought to poverty, who once was in a position of strength. We remember the Prodigal son, going to a far country, wasting the inheritance, in partying. “The good life.” You know, everybody was his friend until he ran out of money. When you are no longer able to buy the treats, to grant the favors, you find how quickly people will desert you.

Pro 19:8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.

- Back in verse two, “*The soul that is without knowledge, is not good.*” “He that gets wisdom loves his own soul.”
- *He who keeps understanding will find good.* It is a parallel thought. Getting wisdom. You love your own soul. Keeping understanding will bring you good.

Pro 19:9 A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies shall perish.

- Basically, that is what he said in verse five, only this time he said, “he shall perish.” He is not going to escape, but in reality, he will perish.

Pro 19:10 Luxury is not fitting for a fool, Much less for a servant to rule over princes.

- It is not a proper thing for the fool; just not the natural thing.
- Historically, the worst tyrants who have ever ruled over others were those who rose out of the common class, the servants, and became rulers. They became the worst tyrants.

Pro 19:11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.

- It is never good to punish your children when you are angry. If you are angry, you are better off just to say, “I am going to talk with you later. I will deal with this later. So, the deferring of the anger. “It’s the discretion of a man makes him slow to anger,” put it off.
- *and his glory is to overlook a transgression.* Love covers a multitude of sins. Do not respond or react in anger to a situation. Defer that action until the anger is subsided. It is also a good rule for driving the freeways!

Pro 19:12 The king’s wrath is like the roaring of a lion, But his favor is like dew on the grass.

- If you get a king angry, you are in trouble! But his favor is refreshing *like dew on the grass*, new every morning! Can you see King Jesus here?

Pro 19:13 A foolish son is the ruin of his father, And the contentions of a wife are a continual dripping.

- What a heartache a foolish son can be. The calamity of the father hurts. You know, I think that one of the hardest things in the world is to see your child make a mistake, to go against your advice and counsel, and make a mistake that you know is going to bring him pain later on in life.
- But there is something else that is a real calamity, and that is *the contentions of a wife are a continual dripping*. That is sort of a Chinese torture, if a wife is constantly contentious, it drives you crazy!

Pro 19:14 Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.

- Now that is in contrast to that contentious wife. The prudent, wise wife is from the Lord! What a blessing! You just thank the Lord! He who has found a good wife, has found favor of the Lord! She is prudent because she is the Lord’s!

Pro 19:15 Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger.

- If you have given over to sleep, you will not get up in the morning, the idle soul, you are going to end up in poverty and hunger. The ant, the hard worker, is always contrasted with the sluggard.

Pro 19:16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, But he who is careless of his ways will die.

- The importance of keeping, guarding, the commandments of the Lord. Because God gave us the law as a guide for our lives, and it is good. The law of the Lord is perfect. He gave you a standard for a perfect life. God does not withhold from you anything that is good

and beneficial.

- If you keep the commandments, you are really doing yourself a favor. But if you despise God's ways, it will lead to death.

Pro 19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.

- In giving to the poor, I never ask for a return. I do not loan to the poor, I give. I do not make any demands upon repayment. I figure it is a loan to the Lord, and the Lord always pays His debts. He has always blessed my generosity towards the poor. I have done it on the basis of this scripture.

Pro 19:18 Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction.

- While they are still being formed in their character and so forth, it is important to discipline them. It is important to set the perimeters for them, to let them know their limitations. Drive back the frontiers of evil. "Chasten your son while there is hope."

Pro 19:19 A man of great wrath will suffer punishment; For if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

- If you have a temper, you fly off, it is going to get you into a lot of trouble, into all kinds of problems.
- If you bail him out, you are going to have to bail him out again. A person who cannot control his temper is just bound to get into trouble and will suffer punishment.

Pro 19:20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.

- *Hear counsel*, Do not just go off, but seek advice, seek counsel, seek the counsel of others. Receive the instruction that you may be wise in the final results.

Pro 19:21 There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will stand.

- Oh, how we can devise, and scheme, and plan, *but the counsel of the Lord, that will stand!*
- The schemes, and the devices of man so often fail. Listen to God! Follow the word of God, keep the commandments of God, because the counsel of the Lord, it will stand!

Pro 19:22 What is desired in a man is kindness (loyalty), And a poor man is better than a liar.

- So, again the contrast, poor. You are better poor than you are being a liar.

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

- That is, that reverence for God, it brings life, it tends to life. What a glorious promise! To fear the Lord will bring you satisfaction, contentment, and will protect you from evil.

Pro 19:24 A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

- This guy's really lazy, he is so lazy he will not even pull out his hand to take the food to his mouth. When you get that lazy, you are not long for the earth. You get so lazy you will not even feed yourself. You have had it!

Pro 19:25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary (learns lesson); Rebuke one who has understanding, and he will discern knowledge.

- If a man is scornful, they said, "Smite him!" it will cause people to beware. The simple will take note.
- The different types of punishment for different types of people. There are some that need to be smitten to learn. There are others to whom you can just speak. Some of our children

we had to spank, some of them a word was sufficient, a word would bring them into tears and repentance. Others even the spankings hardly worked!.

Pro 19:26 He who mistreats his father and chases away his mother is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

- The son appears to come into possession of his father's property during his parents' lifetime, but rather than caring for them, he drives them out!

Pro 19:27 Cease listening to instruction, my son, And you will stray from the words of knowledge.

- Good advice! Do not listen to any instruction that will cause you to stray from the words of knowledge. Surely that is applicable to children in school today who are exposed to the heresy of evolutionary hypothesis. It will cause you to err from real knowledge, it's a distortion of logic, and will make you perfectly incapable of reasoning, if you follow those premises.

Pro 19:28 A disreputable witness scorns justice, And the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.

- The ungodly witness does not really care for real judgment. He scorns it, so the mouth of the wicked. They devour. They eat up iniquity

Pro 19:29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And beatings for the backs of fools.

- Again, smite the backs of fools, judgments are prepared for the scoffers. The chastening of the fools.

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Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2X)

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the **poor** say, "I am rich"*

Because of what the Lord has done for us (2X)

Give thanks (2X)

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