

Proverbs

Instructions To A Son (cont.)

Proverbs 3:13-5:23

Purposes/Uses Of The Book

(Prov. 1:2-6)

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion-- 5 A wise [man] will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.

Value In Seeking The Lord

- Write kindness and truth on the tablet of your heart
 - Favor and good repute in the sight of God & man
- Trust in the Lord, not your own understanding
 - Straight paths, healing and refreshment
- Honor the Lord from your wealth
 - Filled barns, overflowing vats
- Don't reject the discipline of the Lord
 - Whom the Lord loves He reprovves

Value Of Wisdom

- Wisdom is better than precious jewels

Common Values

Seeking The Lord

- Length of days
- Favor with God & man
- Straight paths
- Filled barns (real wealth)
- God's reproof

Wisdom

- Long life
- Riches & honor
- Pleasant ways\peaceful paths
- Tree of life (purpose & perspective)

Value Of Wisdom

- Wisdom is better than precious jewels
- God used wisdom while creating the world
- Get and keep wisdom!

Principles Of Wisdom

- Responsibilities toward our neighbors
- Don't envy or act like a violent man
- God's relationships with the wise man and the foolish man

Characteristics Of Fatherly Teaching

- Instruction (discipline)
- Critical thinking skills (how to think)
- *Sound* teaching
- Ensure teaching is *received*
- Taught early and continually

Get Wisdom!

- High priority task
- Be vigilant! (wisdom can be forgotten, forsaken)
- Benefits of wisdom are proportional to attention given to it
- Get *more* wisdom!
- Life is better for those seeking wisdom

Portraits Of Two Men

Evil Man

- Doesn't sleep unless he's done mischief
- Eats bread of wickedness, drinks wine of violence
- Way is darkness, stumbling

Wise Man

- Ears listening to instruction
- Eyes ahead, focused
- Guarded heart
- Restrained speech
- Careful feet, level path

The Power Of Discretion

- **Discretion**
 - The power or right to decide or act according to one's own judgment; freedom of judgment or choice
- Forethought and planning make discretion (more) effective

The Strange (Immoral) Woman

- Appearance
 - Lips drip honey, mouth smoother than oil
- Reality
 - Bitterness and destruction (no positive outcome)
 - Doesn't ponder her path of life (NASB)

Ruined By The Strange Woman

- Stay far away from her (1 Cor. 6:18; 2 Tim. 2:22)
- Consequences:
 - Give honor (vigor) to others
 - Give years to the cruel one
 - Aliens filled with your wealth
 - Labors to the house of a foreigner
 - Flesh and body consumed
 - On the verge of ruin in the midst of the assembly

The Joy Of A Wife

- Exclusivity
- True intimacy
- Joy
- Satisfaction
- Contentment
- Captivity (she has your attention)

An Absolute Truth:

- God sees all
- The wicked will be punished
 - His own sins will trap him (1:17-18)
 - The source of his trouble is his failure to receive instruction