

Message #55

Proverbs 15:30-33

As we come to this passage, Solomon is interested in two key points:

- 1) The influences one person can have on another (15:30);
- 2) The way to become a wise person (15:31-33).

**GOD WANTS US WISE PEOPLE NOT ONLY FOR OUR BENEFIT, BUT FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS.**

**POINT #1** – Both non-verbal and verbal communication influences others. **15:30**

The key point here is how we look and what we say may build people up and even bring them to the place where they rejoice.

When the text says, “Bright eyes gladden the heart,” it refers to the fact that eyes that are bright and cheerful are eyes that can influence the spirit of someone else.

The words “good news” or “good report” are words that refer to some good message, instruction or doctrine.

The concept of putting fat on the bones is the concept of making the bones strong, healthy and powerful. Fat bones is used of imagery that reflects a spiritual condition that is very healthy as opposed to one very sick (Ps. 63:5).

**POINT #2** – There are certain ways to become a wise person. **15:31-33**

Four ways to become wise:

**Way #1 - Hear reproof. 15:31**

The word “reproof” shows up in this verse and the next and it is a word that refers to a rebuke that contradicts, a chastening contradiction. The person willing to listen to corrective instruction is a person who will enter the ranks of the wise.

**Way #2 - Do not reject disciplined instruction. 15:32**

The word “neglect” means to let go or reject.

**Way #3 - Fear the LORD. 15:33a**

Dr. Toy said, “The fear of God is wisdom.”

**Way #4 - Be humble. 15:33b**

The word “humble” speaks of someone who has a lowly mind.