

“Insights into Glorifying God in Every Detail of Life”

Proverbs 10:13-25

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1 Corinthians 10:31

(Titles of individual proverbs are taken from *The Wisdom of Proverbs* by Bob Beasley)

1. Let Your Lips Speak from a Godly Heart – 13-14

The person who has understanding has the ability to discern the most suitable/profitable course of action because:

- He/she has “the fear of the Lord”
- Through applying God’s Word, he/she has learned to distinguish good from evil – Hebrews 5:14

“Rod” – used by a person in authority such as:

- God – Job 21:9
- A father – Proverbs 13:23-24; 22:15; 29:15
- The Messiah – Psalm 2:9

The lesson of this proverb (vs 13-14) is to let our words come from a heart that has stored up wisdom and the knowledge of our glorious Lord.

2. Don’t Romanticize Wealth – 15

It’s true that wealth can provide a hedge against some disasters but wealth is very vulnerable and not secure (see Jesus’ story about the rich fool who built larger barns – Luke 12:13-21)

The believing poor person has a God Who provides for them – Psalm 12:5; Philippians 4:19

3. Labor for the Wages of Eternal Life – 16

The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord – Romans 6:23. But we are told to “labor for it” (pursue it, make sure you get it) – John 6:27; Isaiah 55:1-3

4. Be a Good Example – 17

Walking in the way of wisdom isn’t passive. It requires great concentration and outlay of energy.

- Time in the Word and prayer
- Resisting temptation
- “Putting on and putting off” of Ephesians 4:20-32

5. Avoid the Way of Hypocrisy and Slander – 18

Two errors in dealing with our hatred:

- Conceals hatred
- Slander

## 6. Watch Your Words – 19

The one who chatters on and on won't be able to avoid sinning with those words:

- Promise something they can't deliver
- Offend someone
- Reveal their ignorance
- Reveal their pride by speaking on and on about themselves

The wise person reigns in his words and prays Psalm 141:3

## 7. Seek Silver Lips of Eternal Nourishment – 20-21

Words reveal the content of the heart – Matthew 12:34-35

As you take in the wisdom of God and He nourishes your soul with His truth, the words you speak will be treasured by those around you because their souls are nourished by them.

## 8. Understand the Source of All Wealth – 22

Proverbs 10:4 says, “the hand of the diligent makes rich”. But in 10:22 we are told that it is the Lord Who makes rich. Which is it?

It's a combination of our diligence and God's blessing

## 9. Delight in God's Wisdom – 23

The believer understands about sin and doesn't find sin amusing.

The fool loves pleasure but the wise person (the believer) also loves pleasure. But his pleasure is in God and he finds it in wisdom.

Instead of finding it in sin he finds it in what Paul listed in Philippians 4:8

## 10. Prepare to Meet God – 24-25

Hebrews 9:27

The “desire of the righteous” that is referred to here is to see God face to face (the very thing the non-believer dreads) – Matthew 5:8; 1 John 3:2; Psalm 16:11

Not only will they have their desire of seeing God in the future granted but what they desire now will be granted because what they want is in line with what God wants for them. Their prayers according to God's will, will be answered – Psalm 37:4; 145:19; 1 John 5:14-15

The best commentary on v. 25 is Jesus' description of the wise and foolish builders – Matthew 7:24-27

The righteous may suffer the loss of home, health, money from accidents, diseases and disasters but they still have what counts – their house is built on the rock – Jesus Christ