

The Right of Way

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Proverbs 9

- 1 Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn out its seven pillars.
- 2 She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- 3 She has sent out her maids, and she calls
from the highest point of the city.

- 4 "Let all who are simple come in here!"
she says to those who lack judgment.
- 5 "Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.
- 6 Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of understanding.
- 7 "Whoever corrects a mocker invites insult;
whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse.
- 8 Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you;
rebuke a wise man and he will love you.
- 9 Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still;
teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.
- 10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- 11 For through me your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.
- 12 If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;
if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer."

- 13 The woman Folly is loud;
she is undisciplined and without knowledge.
- 14 She sits at the door of her house,
on a seat at the highest point of the city,
15 calling out to those who pass by,
who go straight on their way.

- 16 "Let all who are simple come in here!"
she says to those who lack judgment.
- 17 "Stolen water is sweet;
food eaten in secret is delicious!"
- 18 But little do they know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of the grave.

Losing Your Way

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Proverbs 14

- 12 There is a way that seems right to a man,
but in the end it leads to death.**

How we get lost:

A. R _____ ahead without R _____.

Proverbs 19

- 2 It is not good to have zeal without knowledge,
nor to be hasty and miss the way.**

B. P _____ too much confidence in our P _____.

Proverb 26

- 12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.**

C. P _____ ourselves to be P _____ A _____.

Proverbs 23

- 17 Do not let your heart envy sinners,
but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD.**
- 18 There is surely a future hope for you,
and your hope will not be cut off.**
- 19 Listen, my son, and be wise,
and keep your heart on the right path.**

D. R _____ to R _____ on the insight of others.

Proverbs 15

- 12 A mocker resents correction;
he will not consult the wise.**

The Seductive Way

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Proverbs 7

- 1 My son, keep my words
and store up my commands within you.
- 2 Keep my commands and you will live;
guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.
- 3 Bind them on your fingers;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister,"
and call understanding your kinsman;
- 5 they will keep you from the adulteress,
from the wayward wife with her seductive words.

- 6 At the window of my house
I looked out through the lattice.
- 7 I saw among the simple,
I noticed among the young men,
a youth who lacked judgment.
- 8 He was going down the street near her corner,
walking along in the direction of her house
- 9 at twilight, as the day was fading,
as the dark of night set in.

- 10 Then out came a woman to meet him,
dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.
- 11 (She is loud and defiant,
her feet never stay at home;
- 12 now in the street, now in the squares,
at every corner she lurks.)
- 13 She took hold of him and kissed him
and with a brazen face she said:

- 14 "I have fellowship offerings at home;
today I fulfilled my vows.
- 15 So I came out to meet you;
I looked for you and have found you!
- 16 I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt.
- 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.
- 18 Come, let's drink deep of love till morning;
let's enjoy ourselves with love!
- 19 My husband is not at home;
he has gone on a long journey.
- 20 He took his purse filled with money
and will not be home till full moon."

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- 21 With persuasive words she led him astray;
she seduced him with her smooth talk.
- 22 All at once he followed her
like an ox going to the slaughter,
like a deer stepping into a noose
- 23 till an arrow pierces his liver,
like a bird darting into a snare,
little knowing it will cost him his life.
- 24 Now then, my sons, listen to me;
pay attention to what I say.
- 25 Do not let your heart turn to her ways
or stray into her paths.
- 26 Many are the victims she has brought down;
her slain are a mighty throng.
- 27 Her house is a highway to the grave,
leading down to the chambers of death.

The Graduate's Way

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Proverbs 3

- 1 **My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,**
- 2 **for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you prosperity.**
- 3 **Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.**
- 4 **Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.**

- 5 **Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;**
- 6 **in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make your paths straight.**
- 7 **Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.**
- 8 **This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.**

- 9 **Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;**
- 10 **then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.**

- 11 **My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline
and do not resent His rebuke,**
- 12 **because the LORD disciplines those He loves,
as a father the son he delights in.**

The Wealthy Way

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The Worth of Wealth

Proverbs 28

- 6 **Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse.**
- 20 **A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.**

The Risks of Wealth

A. You can W_____ it too much.

Proverbs 15

- 27 **A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hates bribes will live.**

B. You can T_____ it too heavily.

Proverbs 11

- 4 **Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.**

C. You can H_____ it too tightly.

Proverbs 28

- 27 **He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.**

D. You can U_____ it unwisely.

Proverbs 22

- 26 **Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts;**
- 27 **If you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you.**

The Way to Wealth

Proverbs 22

- 4 **Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.**

Proverbs 14

- 4 **Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest.**

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Using Money Without Wisdom

- A. Spend it on what you really D_____ N_____.
- B. Spend it on what you D_____ N_____.
- C. Spend it on what the G_____ says I__ N_____.
- D. Save it for something you M_____ N_____.
- E. Share it with those who have a N_____.

Using Money With Wisdom

- A. S_____ it with those who have a R_____ N_____.

Proverbs 11

- 24 **One man gives freely, yet gains even more;
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.**
- 25 **A generous man will prosper;
he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.**

- B. S_____ it for something you W_____ N_____.

Proverbs 21

- 20 **In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil,
but a foolish man devours all he has.**

- C. S_____ O_____ for what you D_____ N_____.

Proverbs 22

- 7 **The rich rule over the poor,
and the borrower is servant to the lender.**

- D. S_____ what the community M_____ N_____.

Proverbs 21

- 6 **A fortune made by a lying tongue
is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.**

- E. S_____ it on what you N_____ or maybe, just W_____.

The Wino Way

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Proverbs 20

- 1 Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler;
whoever is led astray by them is not wise.

Proverbs 21

- 17 He who loves pleasure will become poor;
whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich.

Proverbs 23

- 19 Listen, my son, and be wise,
and keep your heart on the right path.
20 Do not join those who drink too much wine
or gorge themselves on meat,
21 for drunkards and gluttons become poor,
and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

- 29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow?
Who has strife? Who has complaints?
Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?
30 Those who linger over wine,
who go to sample bowls of mixed wine.
31 Do not gaze at wine when it is red,
when it sparkles in the cup,
when it goes down smoothly!
32 In the end it bites like a snake
and poisons like a viper.
33 Your eyes will see strange sights
and your mind imagine confusing things.
34 You will be like one sleeping on the high seas,
lying on top of the rigging.
35 "They hit me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt!
They beat me, but I don't feel it!
When will I wake up
so I can find another drink?"

Proverbs 31

- 4 "It is not for kings, O Lemuel —
not for kings to drink wine,
not for rulers to crave beer,
5 lest they drink and forget what the law decrees,
and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.
6 Give beer to those who are perishing,
wine to those who are in anguish;
7 let them drink and forget their poverty
and remember their misery no more."

The Friendly Way

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There is great P _____ in careful S _____ of our friends.

Proverbs 12

- 26 A righteous man is cautious in friendship,
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

The Signs of the Superficial friend...

A. ...C _____ his flaws.

Proverbs 26

- 18 Like a madman shooting firebrands or deadly arrows
19 is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I was only joking!"

B. ...C _____ via anger.

Proverbs 22

- 24 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man,
do not associate with one easily angered,
25 or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.

C. ...C _____ what you want to hear.

Proverbs 29

- 5 Whoever flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet.

D. ...is C _____ by his appetites.

Proverbs 29

- 3 A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father,
but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.

E. ...C _____ what you offer, not who you are.

Proverbs 14

- 20 The poor are shunned even by their neighbors,
but the rich have many friends.

F. ...C _____ boundaries.

Proverbs 25

- 17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house –
too much of you, and he will hate you.

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The Principle stated...

Good friends E_____ your capacity for wisdom.

Proverbs 13

- 20 He who walks with the wise grows wise,
but a companion of fools suffers harm.**

The Signs of a Substantial friend...

A. ...won't C_____ to an offense.

Proverbs 17

- 9 He who covers over an offense promotes love,
but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.**

B. ...stays C_____ during the tough times.

Proverbs 18

- 24 A man of many companions may come to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**

C. ...maintains your C_____ .

Proverbs 20

- 19 A gossip betrays a confidence;
so avoid a man who talks too much.**

D. ...is C_____ ...understand boundaries.

Proverbs 25

- 17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house –
too much of you, and he will hate you.**

E. ...brings C_____ to the relationship.

Proverbs 27

- 17 As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.**

F. ...is not afraid to C_____.

Proverbs 27

- 6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted,
but an enemy multiplies kisses.**

Wisdom teaches us to T_____ our friends

Proverbs 27

- 10 Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father,
and do not go to your brother's house when disaster strikes you –
better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.**

The Family's Way

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The P _____ Passage:

Proverbs 22

- 6 Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.

A. Every child has a C _____:

Proverbs 13

- 1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction,
but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

B. Every child should have a C _____:

Proverbs 14

- 26 He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress,
and for his children it will be a refuge.

The P _____ for G _____ a child:

A. D _____ – Providing a M _____.

Proverbs 20

- 7 The righteous man leads a blameless life;
blessed are his children after him.

B. D _____ – Presenting a M _____.

Proverbs 6

- 20 My son, keep your father's commands
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

C. D _____ – Patiently M _____.

Proverbs 19

- 18 Discipline your son, for in that there is hope;
do not be a willing party to his death.

Finding God's Way

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Proverbs 16

- 1 To man belong the plans of the heart,
but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue.

The Lord alone has the L_____ W_____.

- 2 All a man's ways seem innocent to him,
but motives are weighed by the LORD.

The Lord alone has L_____ I_____.

- 3 Commit to the LORD whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed.

The Lord alone can be L_____ O_____.

- 4 The LORD works out everything for His own ends—
even the wicked for a day of disaster.

The Lord alone commands E_____ L_____.

- 5 The LORD detests all the proud of heart.
Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.

The Lord alone R_____ W_____.

- 6 Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for;
through the fear of the LORD a man avoids evil.

The Lord alone can protect us F_____ O_____.

- 7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD,
He makes even his enemies live at peace with him.

The Lord alone can C_____ R_____.

- 8 Better a little with righteousness
than much gain with injustice.

The Lord alone A_____ V_____.

- 9 In his heart a man plans his course,
but the LORD determines his steps.

The Lord alone G_____ L_____.

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Proverbs 30

- 1 The sayings of Agur son of Jakeh — an oracle:
This man declared to Ithiel, to Ithiel and to Ucal:
 - 2 I am the most ignorant of men;
I do not have a man's understanding.
 - 3 I have not learned wisdom,
nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.
 - 4 Who has gone up to heaven and come down?
Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of His hands?
Who has wrapped up the waters in His cloak?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is His name, and the name of His son?
Tell me if you know!
 - 5 Every word of God is flawless;
He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.
 - 6 Do not add to His words,
or He will rebuke you and prove you a liar.
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