

Proverbs 29, Jan 27, 2025 -Men's Monday Morning Bible Study

Overview:

Today we will look at some general wisdom, evil people, parenting, and leadership.

Built into the outline we see the three fold areas of authority that God has ordained: Home, church, and government.

Commentary:

General Wisdom:

V7 The godly man has compassion for those less fortunate and appreciates how much providence went into him being better off. He is humble. The wicked are too ensnared by their own sin to even consider such a thing. They always take all the credit for their success.

V8 It is unwise to give full vent to your anger. It is wise to find a more peaceable solution.

V11 It is wise to be temperate (1Tim 3:2). Moderation and measured responses exhibit wisdom. Fools give full vent to their anger.

V20 Impetuosity in speech is to be avoided. It will lead to many problems and regret. It is better to think things through without getting bogged down into analysis paralysis. Extreme reactors should curb their responses. Intuitive people should weigh the impact of their decisions.

V23 is a typical verse about how God works. So much of His ways are ironic. The rich become poor, the arrogant are humbled, the first become last (Matt 19:30, 20:16). If you want to save your life, give it up (Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24, and Matthew 16:25).

V25 Don't be a weakling before people. It will haunt you all your days. However, trusting in the LORD makes you bold as a lion. You will be secure on the high ground.

At home: Parenting

V3 Fathers are proud when their sons are mature. Immature wankers destroy wealth, their future, their legacy and their father's life.

V15 Discipline your children so as to teach them wisdom. Guarding your children from punishment whether that be yours or the government's is harmful to them. It does not help them. Undisciplined children turn into undisciplined adults. They are shameful.

V17 is a command. Do it. Discipline your children and they will not continue to be a problem. Instead, you will have rest and pleasure.

V21 Spoiling your children does just that. It spoils them. It makes them bad. They will become arrogant asses, donkeys who think they are stallions.

Learned from church: Evil, Sin, Wicked

V1 When people stiffen their neck again and again after many corrections... At some point God turns people over to their **sin** and when he does, there is no coming back.

Romans 1:28 "And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge *God*, *God* delivered them *over* to a corrupt *mind* so that they do what is not right." See also v13 below.

V5 Sycophants are game playing manipulators. Flattery is a killer. Flatterers always have alternative motives. They are **evil** and to be avoided.

V6 **Sin** always has tentacles that weigh down and cause a man pain and confusion (Heb 12:1). On the other hand, the righteous have a clear heart that overflows into joyous songs.

V13 has to do with the equal standing of both the **evil** rich and the poor. God created them both. The rich are vessels of wrath (Rom 9:22).

V16 When **wicked** people multiply or increase, so does **sin**. The righteous will stand and endure far beyond the wicked.

V22 It is **evil** to stir up strife or create problems. People who are consistently instigating fights are evil. Additionally, being hot tempered, whatever the excuse, leads to sin.

V27 The **wicked** and the righteous end up hating one another for good cause. They are enemies.

Conclusion:

Don't be an evil, wicked, weak rebellious man. Be righteous.

Don't be a lazy, excuse making, passive, cowardly dad. Love your children enough to discipline them.

Be a great leader. Be a great boss, ruler, husband and father.

Closing Prayer:

Father, thank You for Your word and the wisdom it provides. Help us to understand and obey it. Make us men of wisdom full of grace and truth. Make us wise and faithful for Your glory. Make us mighty men, pulling in the same direction for the cause of Christ. For Him and His covenant... for a thousand years by the work of the Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.