

## Words of Wisdom pt 2

### Proverbs 15

Various scriptures

“The LORD detests the way of the wicked, but he loves the one who pursues righteousness.”-Proverbs 15:9

**As you reflect on your pathway, what are some characteristics of the righteous that attracts the love of God?**

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\*Integrity

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\*W\_\_\_\_\_

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” -Matthew 5:6

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**8 The sacrifice of the wicked is detestable to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.**

\_\_\_\_\_, wicked, detestable Vs. \_\_\_\_\_, upright, delight

**Sacrifice:** something of value, animal, food, devotion

**Wicked:** those who practice unrighteousness, evil, guilty

**Detestable:** abomination, idol, disgust

**What is the main priority of this verse?**

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➤ G\_\_\_\_\_; 1 Samuel 15:22; Psalm 51:17

Without godliness, obedience and repentance, our religious sacrifices can be offensive and disgusting to God.

**Prayer:** an ongoing dialogue, confession, praise and listening with God

**Upright:** straight, upright one, those who please God

**Delight:** goodwill, favour, acceptance

Sacrifices take time and preparation in order to present to God. Although the wicked go through all of the necessities, God still favors and accepts the simple prayers of the upright more.

**What are some things we can do to prepare our hearts before we offer God our offerings and devotion?**

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\*Con \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cross references:** Matthew 5:23-24; Mark 11:25

**9 The LORD detests the way of the wicked, but he loves the one who pursues righteousness.**

The Lord \_\_\_\_\_, the way, wicked Vs He \_\_\_\_\_ the pursuit of righteous

➤ God not only detests the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked but also their \_\_\_\_\_.

**What are some characteristics of the wicked that push us away from God?**

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\*Lying

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\*P \_\_\_\_\_

\*Foolishness

When we live in a way that reflects righteousness, it welcomes God's love.

**Cross reference:** Amos 5:21-24; Jude 21

**10 Discipline is harsh for the one who leaves the path; the one who hates correction will die.**

**What is the main idea of this proverb?**

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How we handle \_\_\_\_\_

Oftentimes, God uses harsh discipline when we go contrary from His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . Jonah 1:17

**What is the purpose of discipline and why is it important?**

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\*Teaches us \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

\*Helps us to set \_\_\_\_\_.

The writer says, when we hate discipline we will \_\_\_\_\_.

**How should we respond when God is disciplining us?**

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\*Submit

\*P \_\_\_\_\_

\*T \_\_\_\_\_

\*En \_\_\_\_\_

**Cross References:** Psalm 94:12-14; Hebrews 12:7

**11 Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the LORD—how much more, human hearts.**

Notice the comparison:

**Sheol:** wasteland, underworld, hell

**Abaddon:** destruction

**Humanity:** the quality or state of being human.

**What is the main idea of this proverb?**

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God \_\_\_\_\_ and knows \_\_\_\_\_; Psalm 139:1-3; 15-16

God is omniscient; the state of having total knowledge, the quality of knowing everything, even our hearts.

**If you could see hell and destruction, would you live any differently? Why or why not?**

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**Cross reference:** Matthew 6:26; Revelation 20:14

**12 A mocker doesn't love one who corrects him; he will not consult the wise.**

**What is the main idea?**

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How we handle \_\_\_\_\_

**Mocker:** chatters, scoffer, ridicules, treats with contempt

Not only does a mocker reject \_\_\_\_\_, but they also reject \_\_\_\_\_.

**What is one thing we can do to ensure that we don't become a mocker?**

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**Cross references:** 2 Chron. 18:7; Job 21:14 Amos 5:10;

**13 A joyful heart makes a face cheerful, but a sad heart produces a broken spirit.**

Joyful \_\_\_\_\_, makes face \_\_\_\_\_ VS. Sad \_\_\_\_\_ makes broken \_\_\_\_\_

If someone is happy their face will reflect that happiness. The same is true if we are sad, we will also look \_\_\_\_\_.

The focus however is on the \_\_\_\_\_.

The main idea here is that our mental and emotional well being are directly associated with our willingness to submit to God's correction. (Genesis 4:6-7)

**How can we encourage those who are discouraged and sad among us?**

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**Cross reference:** Isaiah 1:18; Matthew 11:28

**14 A discerning mind seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.**

Discerning \_\_\_\_\_, seeks, knowledge VS mouth of \_\_\_\_\_, feeds on foolishness

As we look at humanity, the thought here is, there are wise and foolish people who are constantly in pursuit of their \_\_\_\_\_.

Just like a wise mind seeks knowledge, a hungry man seeks a meal, a covetous man seeks gold, and the fool feeds on more foolishness. People just keep going on and on until they get what they need.

**Discerning:** having or showing good judgment

**Pay attention to what you are thinking, and consuming!**

**What kind of books are you reading and shows are you watching? What kind of music are you listening to?**

**Can you identify some pitfalls of continuing to feed on foolishness?**

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\*lack spiritual and intellectual nourishment.

\*lack of refreshing water.

\*lack of \_\_\_\_\_ strength.

**What are some habits you can develop to make ensure you are promoting your spiritual well being?**

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**Cross reference:** Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 6:22-24; 2 Corinthians 10:5

**“If you keep good food in your refrigerator, you will eat good food.”**