

## Words of Wisdom pt 3

### Proverbs 15

Various scriptures

“A slacker’s way is like a thorny hedge, but the path of the upright is a highway.”-  
Proverbs 15:19

**As you reflect on the pathway of laziness, what are some ways we can overcome being lethargic in our personal relationship with the Lord?**

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

\*Seek g\_\_\_\_\_

\*Participate in \_\_\_\_\_

**“Laziness is a habit which makes you fall into a pit,**

**Lazy people don’t act, but prefer to sit,**

**They delay action with some excuse,**

**Laziness is of no use.”**

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**15 All the days of the oppressed are miserable, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast.**

Days of the \_\_\_\_\_, miserable Vs a \_\_\_\_\_ heart, continual feast

**Oppressed:** humble, depressed, in mind or circumstances

**Miserable:** bad, evil, wicked

**To live in days of difficulty is to know the trouble and wickedness of this world.**

**What are some examples of living in trying circumstances?**

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\*Sudden illness

\*Loss of \_\_\_\_\_

\*Death

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

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

\*Getting older

\*Wayward \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Genesis 37:34-35; 47:8-9

**Cheerful:** pleasant

In contrast to dealing with the difficult circumstances of life, Solomon encourages us to have a \_\_\_\_\_ heart. When a merry heart instead of an afflicted heart, marks our attitude, there is a sense of peace, joy and trust in the Lord.

➤ Psalm 27:1-3

**Although we can not control what happens to us in this life, what are some things we can do to promote a cheerful heart?**

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➤ Philippians 4:8

**16 Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure with turmoil.**

Little, Fear of the \_\_\_\_\_ Vs. Great \_\_\_\_\_, turmoil

Will you choose the Lord or Treasures and why?

**Little:** few, fewness, some

**Fear of the Lord:** Deep reverence, respect for God, His Word and authority

Instead of fearing God, many people fear having little. In this age of consumerism and wanting more and more, we open ourselves up to trading our relationship with God for more stuff.

➤ 1 Timothy 6:6

**Treasure:** Storeroom, treasury room, vat of wine, food supplies, arsenal room

**Turmoil:** Confusion, disturbances, vexation

Solomon is saying, great treasure plus great trouble does not equal a great \_\_\_\_\_.  
Actually, the fear of the Lord keeps us from turmoil.

“If saints be sad, it is because they are too busy here below, and, Martha like, troubled about many things, with neglect of one thing necessary.”

**What are some ways we can practice contentment?**

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\*Practice gratitude

\*Let go of the \_\_\_\_\_

\*Be g\_\_\_\_\_

➤ Matthew 6:24

**17 Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened ox with hatred.**

Meal of vegetables with \_\_\_\_\_ Vs. Fattened ox with \_\_\_\_\_

Will you choose love or hatred and why?

The presence of \_\_\_\_\_ makes up for a lot. We can live on a humble, little diet, but its much harder to make it and prosper without \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ God is \_\_\_\_\_ 1 John 4:7-8

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ covers all sin. 1 Peter 4:8

✓ We are to \_\_\_\_\_ God and each other. Matthew 22:37-39

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ proves we are His disciples. John 13:35

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ is the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22

On the other hand one may enjoy the lavish and expensive meal of a fattened ox, but \_\_\_\_\_ will spoil it all.

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ stirs up strife. Proverbs 10:12

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ generates envy. Genesis 37:8

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ leads to murder. Genesis 37:20

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ leads to bitterness. Psalm 109:3

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ leads to a sinful lifestyle. John 15:24-25

Solomon is saying, it doesn't matter how good it feels, tastes, or looks, stay away from hatred!

**Why is it important to stay away from hatred?**

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\*It pulls us away from \_\_\_\_\_

**18 A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but one slow to anger calms strife.**

Hot tempered, stirs up \_\_\_\_\_ Vs. One slow to anger, calms \_\_\_\_\_

**Hot tempered:** Heat, rage, burning anger

**Stirs up:** meddle, contend

**How should we respond or handle people who are hot-tempered? Why?**

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\*Do not \_\_\_\_\_ or make \_\_\_\_\_; you may learn their \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Proverbs 22:24-25

Instead of being hot tempered, we are encouraged to be \_\_\_\_\_ to anger. The wise man or woman has a way of bringing peace and soothing over contention.

**What are some things we can do to bring peace to a contentious situation?**

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\*L\_\_\_\_\_ \*Apologize \*Give them s\_\_\_\_\_

➤ Ephesians 4:26; Matthew 5:9

**19 A slacker's way is like a thorny hedge, but the path of the upright is a highway.**

Slacker's way, \_\_\_\_\_ hedge Vs. Uprights path is a \_\_\_\_\_

**Effects of laziness:**

\*Theft (living off of the work of others)      \*Selfish (living for yourself and comfort)

\*Neglect (don't do what you should)

Those who are lazy create a \_\_\_\_\_ pathway, those who are upright have a \_\_\_\_\_ pathway.

➤ Proverbs 22:5

**20 A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother.**

Wise son, brings \_\_\_\_\_ to his father Vs. A foolish man, \_\_\_\_\_ his mother

**Brings joy:** cheer up; make glad, make to rejoice

**Despise:** disdain, contempt, vile, worthless

**What does the Bible say about how we are to treat our parents?**

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➤ Ephesians 6:2

**How do we honor our parents?**

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\*Appreciate them

\*R\_\_\_\_\_ them

\*Obey them

\*Care for them

**21 Foolishness brings joy to one without sense, but a person with understanding walks a straight path.**

Foolishness, joy to one \_\_\_\_\_ sense Vs. A person of \_\_\_\_\_ walks a straight path

This is a reminder that fools love foolishness, but the wise find joy in having their steps ordered by the Lord. Although the path of the upright is sometimes difficult, we must choose wisely how we will respond.

\*Treasures or the Lord

\*Love or hatred

\*Dissension or peace

\*Laziness or uprightness

\*Honor or dishonor

\*Foolishness or wisdom

**“Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—making the most of the time, because the days are evil.” -Ephesians 5:15-16**