

Proverbs 1:7-33
“Foundation For Living”

~ INTRO ~

PROVERBS...

- A book of wisdom for “living life skillfully.”

(v.7) “The fear of the Lord”

- Is a reverence for God... it’s high esteem & high regards.
 - It’s yielding to & submitting to His direction.

SOLOMON...

- Wrote to give insight into the issues of life...
 - Which were NOT directly covered by the Law or the Prophets.
 - (He filled-in the gaps if you will).

HE WROTE...

- About the right way to engage moral & ethical issues for upright living.
 - Proverbs shows us how to think, live, & manage our daily life...
 - From a godly perspective.

~ STUDY ~

AS WE BEGIN...

- Let me give you the flow of these verses...
 - So you can begin to recognize the pattern of instruction.

- 1) Instruction (vv.8-10)
- 2) Temptations (vv.11-14)
- 3) Instruction (vv.15-19)

(vv.8-10) = INSTRUCTIONS

- (v.8) the instruction is positioned as coming from a parent to a child.
 - They are foundations of truth for early life...
 - And... a sure footing for those further in life.

PASSING DOWN TRUTH IS CRITICAL...

- To avoid going thru painful lessons from the past.

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- Last night's election of a professed communist...
 - For New York City Mayor...
 - Is a grievous error of the naïve.

HERE'S A LESSON IN TRUTH...

(James 3:17) NKJV

“... the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”

- **Remain teachable & ready to obey.**
 - *There are none so blind as those who refuse to see!*

(vv.11-14) = **TEMPTATIONS**

DON'T PARTNER.

- With sinners in the pursuit of sinful or questionable acts.
 - Because they make a living off of others misfortune.

(vv.15-19) = **INSTRUCTIONS**

(1 Tim 6:10) NKJV

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

NEXT...

- *THE WARNINGS OF WISDOM* (vv.20-21)
- Wisdom is personified as a women (v.20)
 - And she makes known truth in **three places**:
 - 1) Public squares
 - 2) Main street
 - 3) City gate

HERE'S THE LESSON:

- Sin tries to deceive by hiding facts...

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➤ But truth is everywhere and obvious.

THE ONES WHO GET DECEIVED... (v.22)

- Solomon names **three types of people**:
 - 1) *Simple ones* (Naïve, open minded, gullible, & foolish)
 - 2) *Scorners* (Mockers, boasters, arrogant talkers)
 - 3) *Fools* (the fool says in heart there is no good = what is truth)

(v.23)

- The willingness of God...
 - Followed by the rebellion of people (vv.24-25).

(vv.26-27)

- This is what is called “*idiomatic language*”
 - Used to express how foolish it is to defy God.
 - Piece of cake = easy
 - Once in a blue moon = rare

(vv.27b – 31)

- God is always reaching out to save man.
 - But those who refuse to respond...
 - Will find themselves in a worse condition.

(vv.32-33)

- The lesson comes with a contrast between...
 - Rejecting truth & embracing truth.
 - Rejecting god & embracing God.

CLOSING APPLICATION: (Gen. 28:15-22) NKJV

- 1) *I am with you* = Companionship... close friendship or fellowship.
- 2) *I will keep you* = Safety... this removes fear (Matt. 10:29-31) NKJV.
- 3) *I will bring you back* = Guidance... practical help for the best path in life.
 - (Ps. 32:8) NLT
- 4) *I will not leave you* = Personal guarantee... God carries the problems.