

## Proverb 20:16-30

- I. Common sense advice and \_\_\_\_\_ V 16-19
- A. Vs 16-Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger; and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.
1. The reference here is to one deliberately \_\_\_\_\_ sound counsel that had been given concerning being liable for someone else's debt.
  2. Much advice had been given concerning co-signing for other people. Here the reference is co-signing for a \_\_\_\_\_-someone we do not know well.
    - a. In the time this was written, a garment was given as a \_\_\_\_\_ deposit for when one entered into a debt.
    - b. Today we would sign a legal document committing us to be responsible for the debt.
  3. To co-sign for a stranger is \_\_\_\_\_ not going to turn out well, so the co-signer will ultimately be responsible to pay the debt.
- B. Vs 17-Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
1. The reference here is to the need for \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Dishonesty does \_\_\_\_\_ satisfy or bring about lasting good.
  3. The person who uses dishonesty will ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ for his own dishonesty.
  4. "Gravel" is a figure of speech for an unpleasant or \_\_\_\_\_ experience.
- C. Vs 18-Every purpose is established by counsel; and with good advice make war.
1. \_\_\_\_\_ planning should be a part of every believer's life.
    - a. Whether it be in decision making
    - b. Whether it be in participating in a \_\_\_\_\_ evil, like war.
  2. A person should weigh the accomplishments and the consequences
- D. Vs-19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.
1. Choose your friends wisely, especially those with whom you share \_\_\_\_\_ information.
  2. "A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." Proverbs 11:13
  3. Don't become puffed up by the flattering comments of others. Those flattering words could be setting you up for a \_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. Talebearer-Literally-a *scandal-monger* (as *travelling* about); a person set on causing trouble for someone else by spreading rumors or inflaming information
    - b. Flattereth-as used here means to delude, allure, or \_\_\_\_\_
- II. Man and his \_\_\_\_\_ to God (LORD-Yahweh-the self-existent and eternal One) Vs 20-25
- A. God and the \_\_\_\_\_ relationship Vs 20-21
1. Vs 20 Curseth-to show contempt, disrespect, or rebellion toward
  2. In the Old Testament, the abusive, disobedient child was taken out and stoned to death. Cf. Exod. 21:17; Lev 20:9
  3. Honor and respect by the children for the parents is a serious matter to \_\_\_\_\_. For if one will not respect and obey their earthly parents, more than likely they will not obey God either.
- B. God and \_\_\_\_\_ of evil Vs 22
1. To "recompense evil" means to return evil for evil
  2. Biblical faith enjoins patient hope for the just intervention of the Lord to correct the inequalities of life Cf. Rom 12:14, 17

- C. God requires \_\_\_\_\_ when dealing with other people, especially in the area of commerce Vs 23
- D. God is the One directing the path of each person on earth, therefore it will do us well to consult with Him about our plans Vs 24
  - 1. In order to have His daily \_\_\_\_\_ and discernment
  - 2. In order to have His \_\_\_\_\_ over what is going on in our life
  - 3. In order to have His \_\_\_\_\_ on our efforts
- E. God does not take lightly the \_\_\_\_\_ we make to Him, neither should we Vs 25
  - 1. Promises that we make to God should be \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Before making such promises to God we should consider what is involved in making them
    - a. Is this promise being made in the "\_\_\_\_\_ of the moment"?
    - b. Do I really want to make such a long-term \_\_\_\_\_?
    - c. Do I really \_\_\_\_\_ what I am promising?
    - d. Will I really \_\_\_\_\_ such a promise?

### III. Final thoughts Vs 26-30

- A. God's intention of government is to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to evil Vs 26
  - 1. When wisdom is exercised in government evil will be kept in check and punished
  - 2. The opposite is also true: unwise government allows evil to run unchecked and unpunished
- B. There is within man an \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Vs 27
  - 1. Man was created different from all the rest of God's creation-"in the image of God"
  - 2. That "\_\_\_\_\_" placed inside man could be a reference to his conscience
    - a. A man may sear his conscience, but it still remains as a \_\_\_\_\_ against him before God
    - b. That "light" shines on all that a person does, therefore man is without excuse before God for his \_\_\_\_\_ behavior
- C. God's intention for government is that \_\_\_\_\_ is shown while being a deterrent to evil Vs 28
- D. There are strong \_\_\_\_\_ in being young and old. Both should be treated with \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 29
- E. There is a natural \_\_\_\_\_ for dealing with evil
  - 1. Evil causes pain and \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 30a
  - 2. Evil results in severe \_\_\_\_\_ and stripes from severe punishment against the evil done
  - 3. God's intention for the "wounds" and "stripes" is to bring about a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit and a \_\_\_\_\_ life