

**Eat Honey, For It Is Good****Proverbs 24-25**

1. **THE BIG PICTURE:** Wisdom requires knowing not only how to humbly live in the moment (Psalm 131), but also how to live with the big picture in view. Perhaps most importantly: wisdom knows the \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

Know that wisdom is such to your soul;  
if you find it, there will be a future,  
and your hope will not be cut off. (24:14)  
Fret not yourself because of evildoers,  
and be not envious of the wicked,  
for the evil man has no future;  
the lamp of the wicked will be put out. (24:19-20)

- a. Much like Psalm 73, these verses tell us that the key to wisdom in the \_\_\_\_\_ is keeping in \_\_\_\_\_ the big picture.
- b. There is the danger of a kind of pride that is always trying to figure things out by being obsessed with the big picture. But there is also a kind of foolishness that refuses to \_\_\_\_\_ about the big picture at all (Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13-14).
2. **SOME HIGHLIGHTS:**
- a. Wisdom builds a house (a home, a place), and the things in such a home are \_\_\_\_\_ (24:3-4).
- b. God is actively involved in his \_\_\_\_\_ (24:12).
- c. Don't be a \_\_\_\_\_ (24:30-34). By way of this theme, Proverbs commends not just work in general, but a way of relating to life that can be described as purposefulness, intentionality, self-mastery.
3. **THE HONEY PROVERBS:** Several proverbs refer to honey; taken together they paint a picture of the goodness, necessity, and \_\_\_\_\_ of self-mastery. (24:13-14, 25:16-17, 25:27-28)

It is not good to eat much honey,  
nor is it glorious to seek one's own glory.  
A man without self-control  
is like a city broken into and left without walls. (25:27-28)

- a. Honey is good (so \_\_\_\_\_ it!), and it teaches us something about the goodness of \_\_\_\_\_ (24:13-14).
- b. Honey is used as a \_\_\_\_\_ about gluttony (and we can include drunkenness here, by way of earlier associations in Proverbs), as well as an image of the need for \_\_\_\_\_ in friendship (25:16-17).
- c. The key to all of this, illustrated perfectly – and beautifully – with \_\_\_\_\_, is the need for \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ or self-mastery (25:27-28).
- d. Hear this challenge in the context of the gospel: be \_\_\_\_\_, look to \_\_\_\_\_, trust the \_\_\_\_\_, get to \_\_\_\_\_.