

Message #77

Proverbs 20:7-11

GOD'S WISDOM IS GIVEN TO AFFECT EVERYTHING IN LIFE.**TEACHING #1** – A godly father will leave a righteous legacy of God's blessings to his children. **20:7**

The words "righteous" and "integrity" refer to one who is living life in a righteous, whole, up-right manner. He is not a fraud. What is taught is that the greatest legacy that a father can leave his children is a righteous life of integrity that has been faithful to the things of God.

TEACHING #2 – A godly king will rid his kingdom from all evil. **20:8**

The concept of "dispersing evil with eyes" is one that refers to looking into a matter and forming an opinion and making a proper judgment. A wise leader can look into any situation and carefully scatter the bad from the good. A godly leader will rid his kingdom from evil, including from his own life.

TEACHING #3 – A wise person will recognize the truth concerning sinful self. **20:9**

The word "cleansed" in Hebrew is in the Piel stem, which implies an intense, eager pursuit of action. The word "pure" is one that means to shine bright. Solomon's point is who is able to say that he has with great intensity and eagerness made his heart clean and who can say that he is shining bright free from sin? Obviously no one can make this claim. Solomon wanted to accomplish two things; 1) Keep men from being presumptuous concerning their own sin; 2) Challenge men not to be apathetic concerning their own condition.

TEACHING #4 – A wise person will recognize God's hatred of distorted measurements. **20:10**

One thing God absolutely detests is one who cheats others (Lev. 19:35-37; Deut. 25:14; Amos 8:4-5). Many believe the method of cheating was that one set of weights were used for buying and another was used for selling—they were not equal. To use any deceitful or distorted method of measurement is something God totally detests.

TEACHING #5 – A wise person knows God's wisdom may be displayed in children. **20:11**

This proverb very plainly states that children give testimony to their character early in life and God monitors and cares about the testimony of children. Charles Bridges says, "The child will tell what the man will be. If a child be deceitful, quarrelsome, obstinate, rebellious, selfish, how can we help trembling for his growth? A docile, truth-loving, obedient, generous child—how joyous is the prospect of the blossom and fruit from this hopeful budding." Dr. Delitzsch gives an old German saying: "What means to become a hook bends itself early."