

“Insights into Glorifying God in Every Detail of Life”

Proverbs 12:2-10

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The titles of the individual Proverbs are adapted from *The Wisdom of Proverbs* by Bob Beasley

1. Praise God for the Goodness of His Favor – 2

“Favor” – the Lord is pleased with him

2. Be Rooted in the Righteousness of Christ - 3

Ephesians 2:10

“Wickedness” – they are like the foolish man who built his house (life) on sand

“Root of righteousness” – the righteousness of Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:21

3. Wives Honor Your Husband – 4

“Excellent wife” – Solomon already taught that a woman’s character, rather than beauty is to be what attracts others to her – 11:22

She is described in detail in Proverbs 31

“Crown” – “She isn’t the ring on her husband’s finger, or the chain of gold around his neck. Those are far too low. She is his crown: his highest ornament – drawing the eye of all upon him, as eminently honored and blessed.” Charles Bridges, *“A Modern Study in the Book of Proverbs”*

“She brings shame” – in Proverbs she can be anyone from an adulterous woman to a nag – 9:13; 21:9, 19; 25:24; 27:15

“Rottenness to his bones” – “marring his usefulness; undermining his happiness; perhaps driving him into temptation, and a ‘snare of the devil’.”

4. Be Righteous: In Thought, Word and Deed – 5-7

“Just” – they are in line with the righteousness and justice of God
What are these “just” thoughts like? Philippians 4:8

“Lie in wait for blood” – the words of the wicked cause others harm

“Delivers them” – does good and helps others rather than doing them harm

“Overthrown” – the word is often used in connection with God’s judgment upon unrepentant Sodom and Gomorrah

“Will stand” – this verse doesn’t promise that disaster won’t come on the righteous, but it promises that when disaster comes, they will survive, endure and remain.

They can be certain God hasn’t forsaken them and God will make certain that the righteous will survive and thrive again – Proverbs 3:25-26; Matthew 7:24-27

God’s promise to David – 2 Samuel 7:16, 26

5. Live in Accordance with a Renewed Mind Rather Than a Twisted Mind – 8

“Good sense” – comes from the “renewed mind” of v. 5

Able to think clearly about what he/she encounters in life

Illustration: Solomon when he became king – 1 Kings 3:5-9

Even people in the world often highly regard the common sense of a person who fears God:

- Joseph praised by Pharaoh – Genesis 41:39
- Daniel praised by Nebuchadnezzar – Daniel 1:9ff
- The shrewd manager by his master (parable told by Jesus) – Luke 16:8

“Despised” – illustration: Rehoboam

6. Don’t Be Great in Your Own Eyes – 9

1 Peter 5:5-7

7. Treat Animals with Kindness – 10

“Beast” – Hebrew word refers to any 4 footed domesticated animal

God has compassion for animals and in the Law He commanded Israel to share His Sabbath with them. Providing for the needs of the working ox functions in the law as a proverb for taking care of one’s workers – Deuteronomy 25:4; 1 Corinthians 9:9-10

“cruel” – the character of a person is seen in the way they treat those under their care, even animals.

“When God placed animals under man’s dominion, this was a stewardship, not a license for cruelty. God has a purpose for every creature, even though man can use them for food, clothing, etc. They should be respected as creatures of God.” Henry Morris, *“The Remarkable Wisdom of Solomon”*