

Message #130

Proverbs 30:10-14

A WISE PERSON MAKES DECISIONS NOT TO BE A FOOLISH PERSON.

DECISION #1 – A wise person will not meddle in another person’s employment situation.
30:10

The word “slander” means to boldly speak against someone in a slanderous manner. When a person verbally meddles in another person’s employment situation by means of slander, God will see to it that the meddler becomes the eventual recipient of not only a bad reputation, but His own condemnatory punishment.

DECISION #2 – A wise person will not be disrespectful of parents. **30:11**

Never is it the mark of wisdom to think lightly of parents; but it is always the mark of wisdom to honor a mother and father (Prov. 1:8; 10:1; 15:20; 19:26; 20:20; 23:22; 28:24; **30:11**; 31:1). The word “curse” is the same as in the previous verse and it means to lightly esteem, to despise and to verbally demean (Gesenius, p. 733).

DECISION #3 – A wise person will not be pure in himself. **30:12**

The Bible has much to say about one who plays a self-righteous game—God will eventually reveal the sin (Ps. 36:2); God will pour out His wrath (Is. 65:5-7); no iniquity will be hidden from God (Jer. 2:22). God is the only person who can cleanse a person from his sinful filth. This is taught in both the O.T. (Zech. 3:3-5) and the N.T. (I Cor. 6:11).

DECISION #4 – A wise person will not be lofty in his own estimation. **30:13**

The word “lofty” is one that refers to being consecrated to God at a very lofty level. This is the mindset that puffs up self to the level of pretending he has really arrived. There are those who lift up themselves to an inaccurate view of their own spirituality and usability.

DECISION #5 – A wise person will not be an evil, greedy person. **30:14**

There will always be those who will do whatever it takes to get more, including devouring the poor. In fact, by using the word “swords” and “knives” there are those who will kill others to get what they have, even if those they attack are afflicted and needy. These people are so ruthless that they will devour the poor and needy if they think it will bring them a profit.

Wisdom basically says I won’t be like this. I am not going to do this. I will not have these traits.