

Tidbits of Wisdom
Text: Proverbs 19:1-29

Introduction

In this chapter, Solomon continues to contrast the attitudes and actions of the wise versus the foolish. This collection of verses are tidbits of pithy wisdom that serve to bring out some very practical life principles. It must be remembered that *Proverbs* contains tidbits of wisdom, that are meant to be applied to everyday living. How much better it would be if parents would be as concerned about teaching their children the value of wisdom as they are about teaching them how to make a dollar! Or, there are many parents that are more concerned about insuring their son's ability to "make the team" in the sport's arena.

As a result of our society's misplaced priorities, we have given birth to a generation that has all the markings of the stupid man. This generation is one that despises any form of reproof or correction (cf. 12:1). As the Bible accurately states, "*There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness*" (Pro. 30:11). This passage of wisdom's tidbits reveal the value of integrity, and value of proper acknowledgment of authority.

I. Integrity Has Greater _____ Than Riches (vv. 1-4).

A man of integrity is revealed by....

A. His _____ (v.1).

1. Be honest in your _____ (v.1a; cf. 22:1).

—The pursuit of riches _____ leads to heartache and improper values (cf. I Tim. 6:6-10).

2. Be truthful with your _____ (v.1b;).

B. His _____ (v.2).

1. The _____ of ignorance.

2. The _____ in ignorance (cf. 18: 13).

QUOTE: "*If a man pleases God, it matters not who he displeases. If a man displeases God, it matters not who he pleases.*"

C. His _____ (v.3).

1. _____ his life (v.3a).

2. _____ God (v.3b).

LIFE PRINCIPLE #78: _____

D. His _____ (v.4, i.e., what he values).

1. Places value in “_____” of this world.
2. Loses “_____” when “things” are gone.

II. Liars Will Be _____ (vv. 5-9).

Lies always have a way of “coming home to roost” (see v.5). Someone has said, “*Truth, that is squashed to the ground, has a way of taking root and springing up again.*”

- A. The _____ due liars (v.5).
 1. Their _____
 2. Their _____.

—Liars will not be in _____ (Rev. 21:8).

—Liars will not _____ (v.5), and will perish (v.9).
- B. The pride of liars (vv. 6-7).
 1. Their _____ of pride (v.6).
 2. Their _____ in pride (v.7).

III. Wise People Know How to Handle _____ (vv. 11-14).

- A. They _____ their own temperament (v.11; cf. vv. 18-20).
 1. They _____ rather than *react* (v.11a).
 2. They _____ some things, rather than *engage* everything.
- B. They do not provoke those in _____ (vv. 12-14).
 1. Understand the _____ of authority.
 2. Understand the _____ of authority.

IV. Laziness is Not a _____ (vv. 15, 24).

- A. The _____ of laziness (v.24).
- B. The _____ of laziness (v.15).

LIFE PRINCIPLE #79: _____.

V. Wise People Listen and Learn (v.25).

LIFE PRINCIPLE #80: _____.