

PROVERBS 22 - Wise Sayings of Solomon!

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Pro 22:1 *A good name* (reputation) **is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.**

- *A good name*, the name you earn by the kind of person you are. If you had the choice, being very rich, or being known as a very fair, honest person, it is better to take the choice of being known as an honest, man of your word. A *good name* is the better choice than *riches*.

Pro 22:2 *The rich and the poor* (5x today; 37x in Proverbs, the most in Bible) **have this in common, The LORD is the maker of them all.** (at gates of eternity)

- Where do the rich and poor meet? It is when you stand before God! Riches do not buy favors with God. The rich and the poor are alike before the Lord, as far as, as the meeting of justice and all, they stand side by side, and there is no discrimination between the rich and the poor when you stand before the Lord.

Pro 22:3 *A prudent man foresees* (perceives) **evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished.**

- A prudent man foresees evil, having insight to see the problems before they come, and avoids them.

Pro 22:4 *By humility and the fear of the LORD* (linked together) **Are riches and honor and life.**

- *By humility and fear of the Lord*: The quality of *humility* is a proper view of one's self. It is connected with the quality of *the fear of the LORD*, which is a proper view of God. The person who has these two qualities is on their way on the path the wisdom.
- *Are riches and honor and life*: Blessings come to the man or woman who *has humility and the fear of the Lord*. Both spiritual *riches and honor and life*, may be expected.

Pro 22:5 *Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; He who guards his soul will be far from them.*

- We were told in (*Pro 13:15*) *Good understanding gains favor, But the way of the unfaithful is hard. Thorns and snares* symbolically describe the hard way of the perverse.

Pro 22:6 *Train up* (dedicate) **a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.**

- We are to *train up a child* concerning *the way he should go*. What he is saying is that God has a way He wants him to go, and parents are to find out that way. They are not to bring up a child in the way *they* think he should go, but in the way, *God* wants him to go. Even though properly trained, they may depart for a season, in principle they will return and *not depart from it*.

Pro 22:7 *The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.*

- We were told in verse 2, that there was one important respect in which *rich* and *poor* were the same; This proverb reminds us of a way they are very different. *Rich* people have more authority and voice in the community than the *poor* do.
- *And the borrower is servant to the lender*: Those who borrow money are in a lower place than those who lend money. The application here is that the wise person will do all they can to walk in the path of godly prosperity to be a *lender* and not a *borrower*.

Pro 22:8 *He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow, And the rod of his anger will fail.*

- To sow sin, to sow a life of sin leaves you empty. The fruit of it is just the emptiness, that feeling of guilt, that feeling of shame, that feeling of sorrow.

Pro 22:9 *He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.*

- The person who is generous is going to be blessed, *for he gives of his bread to the poor.* What a blessing it is to be God's instrument in helping the needy!

Pro 22:10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease.

- It is dangerous to start becoming critical. If you open yourself to becoming critical, you begin to see more and more things to criticize, until nothing is right! You become critical of everything! You can get to the point where that becomes the bent of your whole life is to discover what's wrong with it.
- In situations where there continually seems to be much strife, it is good to discover the cause. Often it is because someone is scoffing, causing contention. There can be just one person, who has this critical kind of attitude, who keeps things constantly in turmoil, constantly stirred up.
- This is wise: "*Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease.*"

Pro 22:11 He who loves purity of heart And has grace on his lips, The king will be his friend.

- That person who is pure in heart, and just speaks things that are, that are graceful, and kind and all, you will become the friend of the king!

Pro 22:12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, But He overthrows the words of the faithless.

- You cannot stand against God. He will *overthrow the words of the faithless.*

Pro 22:13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!"

- You say, "Well you ought to go out!" "No there's a lion out there, I'll be eaten!" I mean, you can have all kinds of excuses not to work. Another excuse! Such is the lazy man.

Pro 22:14 The mouth of an immoral woman is a deep pit; He who is abhorred by the LORD will fall there.

- Solomon has a lot to say about the women of the night, back in the earlier chapters, but he threw this one in at this portion.

Pro 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

- Again, in the training of the child, the importance of discipline. *Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child:* Children are not born as morally neutral beings. There is a moral problem (*foolishness*) that is *bound up in the heart of a child.* Children will naturally sin without be taught how to do it.
- The rod of correction drives it far from him. Find a form of discipline, correction. If you do not have discipline, you are not training the child.

Pro 22:16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches, And he who gives to the rich, will surely come to poverty.

- It tends towards your poverty. Oppressing the poor, God will take care of you. Giving to the rich, you are just, it is a folly!

Words of the Wise –

- The rest of the chapter is tied together. Take heed of the wisdom he is going to give you!

Pro 22:17 Incline (bow down) your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge;

- Another invitation to receive words of wisdom. Unless your *heart* and mind are ready to receive wisdom, it does little good to present it. There should be a conscious readying of mind, heart and ears, mixed with faith, to receive.

Pro 22:18 *For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; Let them all be fixed upon your lips,*

- The value of gaining and keeping wisdom is a *pleasant thing*. Sometimes we feel the way of wisdom is a difficult path to walk, but it is much more *pleasant* than the way of the foolish!

Pro 22:19 *So that your trust may be in the LORD; I have instructed you today, even you.*

- True wisdom makes us more, not less, dependent on God! We grow in our *trust in the Lord*, realizing that the pursuit of wisdom commences and continues with a proper view of God.

Pro 22:20 *Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge,*

Pro 22:21 *That I may make you know the certainty (completely true, so wonderful!) of the words of truth, That you may answer words of truth To those (who ask) who send to you?*

- I am going to give you wisdom, instruction! Listen carefully! It will benefit you; only will it benefit you, but will it be a benefit to others who come to you for advice. Hear these words!

Pro 22:22 *Do not rob the poor because he is poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate (of the judges);*

- The *poor* among us deserve more protection and compassion. Even if a *poor* fails to behave properly, they should not be taken advantage of and robbed.

Pro 22:23 *For the LORD will plead their cause, And plunder the soul of those who plunder them.*

- If you are taking advantage of the poor, or of an afflicted person, you are going against God, and God is going to stand up in their defense. Thus, first words of advice.

Pro 22:24 *Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go,*

- A person who often can't control their anger can be a dangerous companion. Wisdom chooses friends carefully! *Make no friendship with an angry man.*

Pro 22:25 *Lest you learn his ways (contagious) And set a snare for your soul.*

- Be careful of that person, the angry man, the man who is furious, loses his temper, he is going to create problems. You will learn to copy him! Do not buy a mean dog!

Pro 22:26 *Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, One of those who is surety for debts;*

- The idea of confirming the discussion or promise. "Shake on it, man!" "Yes, if he cannot pay, I will pay his debt. He is my friend. I will sign, you know, co-sign!" Do not do it! Do not be surety for debts!

Pro 22:27 *If you have nothing with which to pay (credit cards), Why should he take away your bed from under you?*

- In other words, you put yourself up, you guarantee another person's loan, then they are going to come to you, and you are going to have to give up the collateral that you placed for that loan. So just better not to do it.

Pro 22:28 *Do not remove the ancient landmark (spiritually, morally) Which your fathers have set.*

- *To the present day*, you can see the landmarks, the fields. They have these little stone piles. Now, there were those crooked people who would go out in the night and move the pile of stones. You know, pick up a few yards. So, the warning, or the advice is, "Don't remove the ancient landmarks!"
- Spiritually speaking, (**Jer 6:16**) *Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'*

Pro 22:29 *Do you see a man who excels (is diligent) in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.*

- Wisdom pushes us toward excellence. God has given every *man* and woman *work* to do, and (*Col 3:23*) *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,*
- *He will stand before kings:* The excellence of a man or woman's work can give them great standing in the world. More importantly, it gives them standing before our King of Kings!

Pro 22:17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge;

PSALM 5! – Terry Clark/Marantha (4:04)

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto Thee will I pray. My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up. (3x)

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