

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS
THE WISDOM OF GOD

PROVERBS CHAPTER 18:1-24

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“BEING RIGHT, DOING RIGHT”

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INTRODUCTION *to the text* *Proverbs 18:1-24*

Verse 1

Proverbs 18:1

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire;
He rages against all wise judgment.

Gen. 2:18

And the LORD God said, “*It is not good that man should be alone;*
I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

Male, Men, Man

his life is made better by a woman.

God Knew What He Was Doing When He Made a Man and Woman

Women, a Woman

Her Life is made Better when She has a Man

The Sad Thing is, Those who are Married are Seeking to be Free,
Those Free are Seeking someone to Marry...

Verse 2

Proverbs 18:2

A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in expressing his own heart.

(Isn't That a Good Thing?)

His Heart Isn't Filled with Anything But Himself

Verse 3

Proverbs 18:3

When the wicked comes, contempt comes also;
And with dishonor comes reproach.

Wickedness is unavoidable.
but the tolerance of wickedness is the beginning of destruction.

"When the Wicked Comes"
What are we to do?

Recognize That Wickedness is a Physical Manifestation of a Spiritual Agenda/Direction

Is This World Getting More Wicked?
Is America Getting More Wicked?

Matthew 24:12

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

...and then contempt comes also;
And with dishonor comes reproach.

look at the history of Israel and Judah...

??? when we violate laws, what happens ???

What Does This Mean to Us Today ?

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. :11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. :12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. :13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 ¶ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, :15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; :16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. :17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; :18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

1Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; (if you're not) because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, (prowling) seeking whom he may devour.
:9 Resist him, (GRK = draw up a battle line. position your troops, prepare for battle) **steadfast** (fixed to the earth or to a rock) in the faith,

Satan is Really Tearing Me Up Man !
I think our own actions are tearing us up

James 4:7

Therefore **submit** to God. **Resist** the devil and he will flee from you. **:8 Draw near** to God and He will draw near to you. **Cleanse your hands**, *you* sinners; and **purify your hearts**, *you* double-minded.

**It's Like, Some Christians
Are Walking Around with a Pork-Chop Tied around Their Necks
the then they wonder why a lion is following them.**

Rom. 13:11-14

And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. **:12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. **:13** Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. **:14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, **and make no provision (advanced plans or preparations) for the flesh,** to fulfill its lusts.

Verse 4

Proverbs 18:4

The words of a man's mouth *are* deep waters;
The wellspring of wisdom *is* a flowing brook.

Verse 5

Proverbs 18:5

***It is not good to show partiality* (favortism/honor) **to the wicked,**
***nor to overthrow* (cast off, disregard, put off, or elongate)
the righteous in judgment.****

"Judges Gone Wild"

**the job of a judge is to see to it that the law is correctly applied.
it is not for a judge to create law or to re-write law**

when a nation is begins to be ruled by a few, you have a tyrannical rule

Lev. 19:15

"You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

Verse 6

Proverbs 18:6

A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calls for blows.

**"I'm a Dope, I Have No Idea What I'm Talking About"
And Even Fight You About Whatever I'm Not Aware of...**

Somebody Slap Me - please

Verse 7

Proverbs 18:7

A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, And his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

Verse 8

Proverbs 18:8

**The words of a talebearer (a whisperer, a revealer of secrets)
are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the innermost body.**

others will never look at someone the same,
based upon what you say about that other person

Verse 9

Proverbs 18:9

**He who is slothful in his work
Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.**

Why, Because Your Work Ethic Speaks About Your Spirituality,
a brother, an assistant to aiding in the destruction.

By Not Doing Much or Just a Little - You're Helping the Cause and the Success of the Destroyer...

In the parable of the talents,
Jesus described a man who did nothing. When he received his Lord's money, he "went and digged
in the earth, and hid his Lord's money" (Matt. 25:18). When his Lord returned, he returned to the
Lord just what he had been given (Matt. 25:25). Notice, the servant did not do any outright evil, such
as stealing the money, but then neither did he do anything good. He did nothing and he got nothing
good accomplished. Jesus said he was a "wicked and slothful servant" (Matt. 25:26).

**"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil
is that good men do nothing."
(Edmund Burke)**

imagine how many good men there really are,
but their **not praying!**

imagine how many good men there really are,
but their **not serious about God!**

imagine how many good men there really are,
but their **not living for Jesus!**

Even The United States Marines are Looking
for a few good men - you can get allot done with a few good men!

By the Way - This Sunday @ 4:00 PM
Please Make Plans to Be Here in The Main...

Verse 10

Proverbs 18:10

**The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.**

**Longing for Shelter of God
there is nothing more perfect than a child feeling safe and secure.**

**when you feel safe and secure =
*you're more free to express yourself***

**when you feel safe and secure =
*you're more confident to be yourself***

**when you feel safe and secure =
*you're more prone to obey God***

Because You Trust Him to Keep You by His Strength and Power

Neh. 8:10

Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this day is* holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Lord is Delighted When We "Live" in Him

Verse 11

Proverbs 18:11

**The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city,
And like a high wall in his own esteem.**

In The Negative - The Rich Man Trust in His Riches

Matt. 13:22

Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

Prov. 23:5

For riches can disappear as though they had the wings of a bird!

Verse 12

Prov. 18:12
**Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty,
And before honor *is* humility.**

**But Why Does It Take So Long for the Proud
to be Destroyed?**

Verse 13

Prov. 18:13
He who answers a matter before he hears *it*, It *is* folly and shame to him.
(because a ruling comes by hearing)

Verse 14

Prov. 18:14
**The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness,
But who can bear a broken spirit?**

The Human Body can Endure "Impossible Things"
The Tragedy, The Torture, The Pain, The Abuse, The Injury

But When The Human Spirit is Broken - Only God Can Repair
a Broken Man or Woman

Verse 15

Prov. 18:15
**The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge,
And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.**

Verse 16

Prov. 18:16
A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.
**(each of us have a realm of influence - use it to promote Christ,
not ourselves)**

Verse 17

Prov. 18:17
**The first *one* to plead his cause *seems* right,
Until his neighbor comes and examines him.**

Verse 18

Prov. 18:18

Casting lots causes contentions to cease, And keeps the mighty apart. (this is the goal of any democracy - vote on it)

Verse 19

Prov. 18:19

A brother offended *is harder to win* than a strong city, And contentions *are* like the bars of a castle...

Prov. 18:19

It's harder to make amends with an offended friend than to capture a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with iron bars.

**Because Friendships are so Few
and Valuable and Vulnerable**

**>> there personal <<
I Don't Mean to Sound Cold - Please;
But it's a Mistake is to Expect Perfection from a Friend.
It's Never a Wise Thing to Expect to be Satisfied by Any Human Means.**

Verse 20

Prov. 18:20

**A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth;
From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.**

**Across The Board of Life;
what you say, how you say it, and why you say it
will determine how far you go in life**

YOUR MOUTH LETS US ALL SEE INSIDE OF YOUR HEART

Matt. 12:33-37

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit. :34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. :35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. :36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. :37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Verse 21

Prov. 18:21

Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,
And those who love **(talking)** it will eat its fruit.

Verse 22

Prov. 18:22

***He who finds a wife finds a good thing,
And obtains favor from the LORD.***

#1

Why, Because she's knows her God

#2

Why, Because she's knows herself

#3

Why, Because she know her ministry

#4

Why, Because she knows her place

#5

Why, Because she knows her husband

Verse 23

Prov. 18:23

The poor *man* uses entreaties, But the rich answers roughly.

Verse 24

Prov. 18:24

A man *who has* "friends" (baggage / hindrances) must himself be friendly (be burdened by politics), But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

Review Again...

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