

Proverbs: God's Book of Wisdom - Proverbs 27 Part 1

PROVERB: A short sentence often repeated, expressing a well known truth or common fact, ascertained by experience or observation; a maxim of wisdom.

PRINCIPLE: A general truth;

Pro 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

1. **v1a: Do not boast about _____.**
A) fame B) money C) today D) tomorrow
2. **v1b: For you do not know what a _____ may bring forth.**
A) cow B) bird C) day D) hour
3. **What is the reason we should not boast about tomorrow?**
4. **Who knows what a day will bring? Who does not?**

Pro 27:2 Let another man praise you, & not your own mouth; A stranger, & not your own lips.

5. **v2a: Let another man _____ you.**
A) berate B) raise C) praise
6. **v2b: Let another man praise you, and not your own _____.**
A) wife B) heart C) mouth
7. **Why shouldn't you praise yourself?**

Php 2:3-8 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others...Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, & coming in the likeness of men. & being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself

8. **Why should you LET others praise you?**

Matthew 3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Job 1:8 The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"

9. **Does the Bible tell us not to let others compliment us (praise us)? Resist?**

10. What kind of “compliments” shouldn’t we want to hear from others?

COMPLIMENT: To praise honestly.

FLATTER:

1. To praise falsely.

2. To whedle; to attempt to win by praise or enticements.

WHEEDLE: To use flattery, charm, or soft words to persuade someone to do something or to give you something they otherwise might not.

SUMMARY: A compliment is a real, honest expression of praise. Flattery is fake or too much praise used to get a favor or trick someone.

Pro 27:3 A stone is heavy & sand is weighty, But a fool’s wrath is heavier than both of them.

11. v3a: A stone is _____...

A) heavy B) brittle C) light

12. v3b: A stone is heavy & sand is weighty, But a fool’s _____ is heavier than both of them.

A) wrath B) heart C) foolishness

13. What is the principle/meaning: *A fool’s wrath is heavier than a stone and sand?*

Pro 27:4 Wrath can be fierce and anger overwhelms but who can stand up to jealousy?

14. v4a: _____ can be fierce and anger overwhelms

A) love B) wrath C) laughter

15. How can wrath be fierce? How can anger overwhelm?

16. v4b: Wrath can be fierce & anger overwhelms but who can stand up to _____?

A) bribery B) jealousy C) misery

17. What does this mean: *Wrath can be fierce and anger overwhelms but who can stand up to jealousy?*

JEALOUSY:

1. That passion of peculiar uneasiness which arises from the fear that a rival may rob us of the affection of one whom we love, or the suspicion that he has already done it.

2. The uneasiness which arises from the fear that another does or will enjoy some advantage which we desire for ourselves.

18. What kind of behavior can jealousy produce (greater than wrath and anger)?

Song of Solomon 8:6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.

19. Is there jealousy that is righteous? Describe?

Num 5:27-31 If a wife has...behaved unfaithfully toward her husband, that the water that brings a curse will enter her and become bitter, and her belly will swell, her thigh will rot, and the woman will become a curse among her people. But if the woman has not defiled herself, and is clean, then she shall be free and may conceive children. 'This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, while under her husband's authority, goes astray & defiles herself, or when the spirit of jealousy comes upon a man, & he becomes jealous of his wife; then he shall stand the woman before the Lord, & the priest shall execute all this law upon her. Then the man shall be free from iniquity, but that woman shall bear her guilt.' "

20. Does a husband have the right to be jealous as it relates to his wife? Why?

Pro 6:34 For jealousy is a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

2Cor 11:1-3 I am jealous of you with God's own jealousy, because I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to the Messiah. However, I am afraid that just as the serpent deceived Eve by its tricks, so your minds may somehow be lured away from sincere and pure devotion to the Messiah.

21. Are you jealous for those promised to Christ, who are lured away to another?

22. Evidence you are jealous for them?

Mat 18:15-17 "...if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

Pro 27:5 Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed.

23. v5a: Open rebuke is better Than _____ carefully concealed

A) gossip B) love C) hate

24. What is an open rebuke?

25. What is love carefully concealed? What is the point?

26. Why is open rebuke better than love carefully concealed?

Pro 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

27. v6a: Faithful are the wounds of a _____ ...

A) friend B) enemy C) demon

28. Why are the wounds of a friend faithful?

Pro 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

29. v6b: ...deceitful are the _____ of an enemy.

A) kisses B) smooches C) weapons

30. Why are the kisses of an enemy deceitful?

Pro 27:7 A satisfied person despises honey, But to a hungry person any bitter thing is sweet.

31. v7a: A satisfied person despises _____.

A) clothing B) honey C) money

32. v7b: To a hungry person any bitter thing is _____.

A) spoiled B) unpleasant C) sweet

33. What is the principle: “A satisfied person despises honey, But to a hungry person any bitter thing is sweet”?

Pro 27:8 Like a bird that wanders from its nest, So is a person who wanders from his home.

34. v8a: Like a bird that wanders from its nest, So is a person who wanders from his _____.

A) home B) job C) wife

35. What generally happens to a bird that wanders from its nest? Why?**36. What generally happens to a person that wanders from their home? Why?****37. How do people “wander” from their home? Why do they wander?**

Luke 15:11-14 Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood.

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

38. Why did the Prodigal want to leave home?

Gen 33:18 Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan.

Gen 34:1-2 Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her.

39. Were the people of Canaan godly?

40. Should Dinah have gone out to see the daughters of the land? Why?

41. Should Dinah have gone unchaperoned? Why? Who should've been with her?

42. Why are our children leaving the safety of our home (family and church)?

Pro 27:9 Oil & perfume make the heart glad, And a person's advice is sweet to his friend.

43. v9a: Oil & perfume make the heart _____...

A) sad B) glad C) mad

44. v9b: A person's advice is sweet to his _____...

A) friend B) boss C) adversary

45. What is advice?

ADVICE: Recommendation regarding a decision or course of conduct.

46. Why is a person's advice sweet to his friend?

47. Is your friend's advice sweet to you? Evidence?

48. Is your family's (Godly) advice sweet to you? Evidence?