

Proverbs: God's Book of Wisdom - Proverbs 27 Part 2

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 27:10a Do not abandon your friend or your father's friend,

1. v10a: Do not _____ your friend or your father's friend,

A) beat B) abandon C) love D) hate

2. What does it mean to abandon someone?

ABANDON: To leave someone permanently or desert them, especially when they need or depend on you.

3. What are some reasons someone would abandon another person?

4. What types of abandonment are there?

5. What is the definition of a friend?

FRIEND: Someone marked by loyalty, sacrificial love, and honesty — not just companionship, but covenant-level commitment.

6. Are you loyal to your friends / God? Evidence that is true?

7. Is Jesus loyal to His friends?

Hebrews 13:5 ...For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

8. Do you love your friends sacrificially? Evidence that is true?

9. Does Jesus love sacrificially?

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Mat 20:28 ...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,..."

10. Are you honest with your friends / God? Evidence that is true?

11. Is Jesus honest with His friends?

Mark 4:11 ..."To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God;..."

John 18:37 ...Jesus answered, "...the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Pro 27:10a Do not abandon your friend or your father's friend,

12. Do not abandon your _____ friend?

13. What is God trying to convey as it relates to the father's friend?

Pro 27:10bc And do not go to your brother's house on the day of your disaster; Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother far away.

14. v10b: And do not go to your brother's house on the day of your _____;

A) disaster B) wedding C) funeral

15. v10c: Better is a neighbor who is near than a _____ far away.

A) cousin B) enemy C) brother

16. What clue is there in the verse, that lets us know why God says not to go to your brother's house during a disaster? READ Pro 27:10bc

17. What principle is God trying to teach us from the verse about our "neighbor"?

Pro 27:11 My son, be wise, & make my heart glad, That I may answer him who taunts me.

18. v11a: My son, be _____,

A) wise B) foolish C) idle

19. v11b: My son, be wise, & make my heart _____,

A) mad B) glad C) sad

20. What makes this father's heart glad? What makes our Father's heart glad?

21. What doesn't make a father's heart glad?

22. Do you want to make God's heart glad? Evidence?

Pro 27:11 My son, be wise, & make my heart glad, That I may answer him who taunts me.

23. v11c My son, be wise,..., That I may answer him who _____ me.

A) loves B) taunts C) respects

24. Based on verse 11, why is someone taunting the father?

25. If the son is wise, what answer can the father give to those who taunt him?

26. If the son is a fool, what answer can the father give to those who taunt him?

27. What answer can God give about you to Satan?

Job 1:6-22 ...Then 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?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "**Does Job fear God for nothing?** Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and **he will surely curse You to Your face!**" And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." ... [oxen & donkeys stolen: fire consumes sheep: camels stolen: children died: servants died] ...Then Job... fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said:...Blessed be the name of the Lord." In all this **Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.**

Job 2:3-10 Then 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? And **still he holds fast to his integrity,** although you **incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.**"

So Satan answered the Lord and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. But stretch out Your hand now, and **touch his bone & his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!**" And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head...Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!" But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" **In all this Job did not sin with his lips.**

Job 42:7-9 It came about after the Lord had spoken these words to Job, that the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you & against your two friends, **because you have not spoken of Me what is trustworthy, as My servant Job has.** Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves, and My servant Job will pray for you. For I will accept him so as not to do with you as your foolishness deserves, **because you have not spoken of Me what is trustworthy, as My servant Job has.**" So... [they] went and did as the Lord told them; and **the Lord accepted Job.**

Pro 27:12 A prudent person foresees evil & hides himself; But the naive proceed, and pay the penalty.

28. v12a: A _____ person foresees evil & hides himself;...

A) prudent B) wicked C) foolish

29. What does foresee mean?

FORESEE: To know, picture, or realize beforehand that something will happen.

30. Give examples of evil that can be foreseen?

31. What does it mean; a prudent person hides himself;...

AVOID: To stay away from, shun, or keep something bad from happening.

32. Do you foresee evil?

33. How do we avoid falling into evil?

Psa 1:1-4 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so,

Pro 27:12 A prudent person foresees evil & hides himself; But the naive [foolish] proceed, and pay the penalty.

34. v12b: But the _____ proceed [to the evil] and pay the penalty.

A) naive B) prudent C) righteous

35. What does this mean; “But the naive [foolish] proceed, and pay the penalty.”

Pro 27:13 Take the garment of him who is a guarantor for a stranger, And hold it [the garment] in pledge when he is a guarantor for a seductress.

36. v13a: Take the garment of him who is a guarantor for a _____,...

A) ranger B) stranger C) lover

37. v13b: And hold the garment in pledge when he is a guarantor for a _____.

A) policeman B) pastor C) seductress

38. Why hold the garment in pledge when someone is a guarantor for a seductress?

39. Why take the garment when someone is a guarantor for a stranger?

Pro 27:14 One who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in the morning, It will be considered a curse to him [the friend].

40. v14a: One who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in the _____, It will be considered a curse to him [the friend].

A) afternoon B) evening C) morning

41. Why is the blessing considered a curse to the friend?

42. Is cursing a good thing? What is a curse?

CURSE: Use of offensive or profane language, or invoking supernatural or divine power to bring harm, bad luck, or misfortune upon someone.

43. Are verbal blessings in general a good thing? Can they be a bad thing? How?

Pro 27:15 A constant dripping on a day of steady rain And a contentious woman are alike;

44. Do you like the sound of dripping water? How does it make you feel?

45. How does being around a contentious person make you feel? Why?

Pro 27:16 Whoever restrains a contentious woman restrains the wind, And grasps oil with his right hand.

46. v16a: Whoever restrains a contentious woman restrains the _____, And grasps oil with his right hand.

A) fire B) wind C) water

47. What is the principle: *"Whoever restrains a contentious woman restrains the wind, And grasps oil with his right hand"*?

Pro 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, So one person sharpens another.

48. v17a: As iron sharpens iron, So one person _____ another.

A) flatters B) beats C) sharpens

49. What is the purpose of sharpening something?

SHARPEN: To make sharp or keen.

SHARP: A fine cutting edge or point; capable of cutting or piercing effectively due to being honed to precision rather than dull or blunt.

50. What and Who is the ultimate sharpening tool (for our life)?

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Proverbs 8:13,9:10 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;...is the beginning of wisdom,

51. What is (God's) purpose of people sharpening someone?

Pro 20:30 Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, as do stripes the inner depths of the heart.

Pro 25:12 Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise reprovener to an obedient ear. **Pro 15:31-32** The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the wise....he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.

52. Can you sharpen someone if you are dull? What needs to happen?

2Tim 2:15 Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Hebrews 5:12-14 ...you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil...Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection [maturity],

Hebrews 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

James 4:6-8 ...“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; & purify your hearts, you double-minded.