Proverbs: God's Book of Wisdom - Proverbs 31 - 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;

Luke 10:25-28 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Jesus, saying, "Teacher, **what shall I do to inherit eternal life**?" Jesus said to him, "**What is written in the law**? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "

'You shall **love the Lord your God**:
with **all your heart**,
with **all your soul**,
with **all your strength**, and
with **all your mind**,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' " And He said to him,
"**You have answered rightly; do this and you will live**."

Psalm 95:6: …let us worship and **bow down**: let us **kneel** before the LORD our maker.
Psalm 134:2: Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.
1Cor 6:20: For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
Romans 12:1: ...**present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

1. **Did Jesus agree with the answer to how to inherit eternal life? What's the answer?**

2. **Do you believe Jesus?**

3. **What parts make up a human being?**
    1. **H**_____
    2. **S**_____
    3. **ST**_____
    4. **M** _____
    5. **F** _____
    6. **SP**_____

4. **Define those human parts?**
    1. **Heart:** _____

2. **Soul:** _____
3. **Strength:** _____
4. **Mind:** _____
5. **Flesh (body):** _____
6. **Spirit:** _____

Heart: The **inner center of a person**, the place where they think, feel, decide and believe. Greek word is kardia: The **control center** of human personality, intellect, moral choice, and spiritual life.

Soul: The living person: their life, their self. Greek word is psyche: the whole living being or the life itself.

Strength: All of your ability, **power, energy and capacity**, everything you have to give. It is effort and action, not just feeling.

Mind: Your thinking, understanding, reasoning and mental outlook. The Greek words are dianoia (the thinking faculty, or understanding), nous (the mind or intellect), and phronema (a mindset or way of thinking).

Body: The **whole physical person,** the form you live and act through.
Flesh: Greek sarx: The **physical substance of a human being** or creature.

Spirit: Means breath, wind, and the **God-given life within a person**, the part of you that relates to God. Hebrew word is ruach and Greek word is pneuma. Both words also mean "wind" or "breath,".

5. How has sin influenced these human parts?

Jer 17:9 The **heart is deceitful** above all things, and **desperately wicked**…
Gen 6:5 GOD saw… that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
Gen 8:21 …the **imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth**.
Ecc 9:3 …the **heart of the sons of men is full of evil**, and **madness is in their heart while they live**.

Eze 18:4 …the soul that sins, it shall die.
Pro 8:36: "…he that sins against me **wrongs his own soul**…
Pro 6:32 …Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding he that does it **destroys his own soul**…
Rom 8:7 …**the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Rom 8:6 <u>…For to be carnally minded is death</u>

Eph 2:1-3 And you…were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, **<u>fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind</u>**, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Rom 8:13 For if you **<u>live after the flesh (body), you shall die</u>**
Pro 6:17-18 God hates…A proud **<u>look</u>**, a lying **<u>tongue</u>**, and **<u>hands</u>** that shed innocent blood,… **<u>feet</u>** that be swift in running to mischief.

Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **<u>in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die</u>**.

John 5:24 Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has **<u>crossed over from death to life</u>**.

John 1:3-5 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **<u>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men</u>**. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 3:19-20 And this is the condemnation, that the **<u>light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light</u>**, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil **<u>hates the light and does not come to the light</u>**, lest his deeds should be exposed.

6. How has being born again influenced these human parts?

1. **Heart:** _____
2. **Soul:** _____
3. **Strength:** _____
4. **Mind:** _____
5. **Flesh (body):** _____
6. **Spirit:** _____

Ezekiel 11:19-20 …Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a **<u>new spirit</u>** within them, and **<u>take the stony heart</u>** out of their flesh, and **<u>give them a heart of flesh</u>**, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

Eze 36:26-27 I will **give you a new heart** and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **I will put My Spirit** within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Psa 34:22 The **LORD redeems the soul** of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Psa 49:15 But God will **redeem my soul from the power of the grave**: for he shall receive me.

1 Peter 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the **salvation of your souls**.

Gal 6:9 …let us **not be weary** in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

1Cor 15:58 …my beloved brethren, **be stedfast, unmovable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Col 3:23 And whatsoever you do, **do it heartily**, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

And **do not be conformed to this world**, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Eze 36:27 And I will **put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes**, and you shall keep My judgments, and do them.

Gal 5:22-23 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

7. **What are the thoughts of world (mindset)?**

8. **What does the word repent mean?**

REPENT: Change your mind about sin and God, and then turn from sin toward Him. Change of direction. **Greek metanoeo:** A change of mind that leads to a change of life. **Hebrew shuv: To turn back** or **return**, as in turning around and going the other way.

Lamentations 3:39-41 Why should a living man complain, A man for the punishment of his sins? Let us search out and examine our ways, And **turn back** to the Lord; Let us lift our hearts and hands To God in heaven.

Mark 1:15 …the kingdom of God is at hand. **Repent, and believe in the gospel**.

9. **Does the bible teach turn back to God and then turn away from God then turn back to God? Why?**

Hebrews 6:4-7 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, **if they fall away**, **to renew them again to repentance**, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. **10:26-39** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?…Now the just shall live by faith; But **if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."** But we are not of those **who draw back to perdition**, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

1 John 2:19 They **went out from us, but they did not really belong to us**. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; **but their going showed that none of them belonged to us**.

10. What does it mean to fall away (draw back)

FALL AWAY (DRAW BACK): To fall away or draw back is to turn away from following God after you have started, either by retreating out of fear or by abandoning the faith. It means **leaving the path, not stumbling on it**.

11. What does it mean to be loyal, devoted?

LOYAL (DEVOTED): Wholly committed to God and **staying faithful** to Him no matter what it costs. It is **steady, long-term faithfulness, not a passing feeling**.

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Pro 1:8 Listen, my son, to your father's instruction & do not forsake your mother's teaching.

12. What does the book of Proverbs warn concerning women (stay away)?

Proverbs 2:16-19 Wisdom will save you also from the **adulterous** woman, from the wayward woman with her **seductive** words,…**6:26** For a **prostitute** can be had for a loaf of bread, but **another man's wife** preys on your very life. **7:10** Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and **with crafty intent**. **7:21** With **persuasive words she led him astray**; she **seduced him with her smooth talk. 9:13** Folly is an **unruly woman**; **she is simple** & knows nothing. **11:22** Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful **woman who shows no discretion**. **12:4** …**a disgraceful wife** is like decay in his bones. **14:1** The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the **foolish**

one tears hers down. 19:13 … a quarrelsome wife is like the constant dripping of a leaky roof.

13. Do godly parents want their son to pursue these kinds of women? Why?

Pro 31:10 Who can find a **virtuous** wife? For her **worth** is far above rubies.

14. What does virtuous mean?

VIRTUOUS: Strong in moral character, excellent and worthy, someone who **lives out goodness and godliness with integrity and strength**.

15. What does it mean she is worth far above rubies?

PRICELESS: Something has a **value so high**, unique, or important that it **cannot be measured or bought with money**.

Pro 31:11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.

16. Why does her husband trusts her?

17. Why does the husband have no lack of gain?

Pro 31:12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

18. What does it mean: *"She does him good and not evil All the days of her life"*?

19. Do you believe this? Why?

20. Give some examples from the Bible of a virtuous woman?

1Pet 3:5-6 Do not let your adornment be outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the **incorruptible beauty of a gentle & quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God**. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, **whose daughters you are if you do good** & are not afraid with any terror.

21. How does a person become virtuous?

Pro 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And **lean not** on your own understanding; In **all your ways** acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Gal 3:6 …Abraham "**believed God**, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."