

Berwyn Church of Christ: Proverbs Study

Date: March 18, 2026	Video Overview of Proverbs
Connecting Scriptures/Thoughts	Proverbs 25: Humility to know our place. This is hard because we like to believe we are in charge of ourselves and submissive to no one.
<p>V2 Awe of God, Wonder of God God works in mysterious ways is from a poem from 1773 William Cowper but the point is understood throughout the Bible: Deut 29:29; Eccl 11:5; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25</p> <p>V2-5 Recognizes how difficult a King's position/job is. How often our leaders are criticized even though they are trying to help the people in the best way they know how. (Who wants to be a King, heavy is the head who wears a crown) STRESSFUL.</p> <p>V6-7 Let the King lift you up and not yourself to a place of importance. James 4:10; Prov 27:2; 1 Peter 5:6</p> <p>V8-10 Be sure to know the facts, try to work things out first, if you rush to conclusions without facts it could ruin your reputation. 1 Cor 6:1-7; 1 Tim 5:19; Job 10:2;16; 38:1-2</p> <p>V11-12 Eph 4:15;29, Psalm 141:3; Isaiah 50:4</p> <p>V13 is an errand to bring snow from mountains, indicates trust Luke 12:42-44; Philippians 2:25; 1 Cor 16:17-18</p> <p>V14 Acts 5:1-11</p>	<p>[1] These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied.</p> <p>[2] It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.</p> <p>[3] As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.</p> <p>[4] Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel;</p> <p>[5] take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.</p> <p>[6] Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,</p> <p>[7] for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.</p> <p>What your eyes have seen</p> <p>[8] do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?</p> <p>[9] Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret,</p> <p>[10] lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.</p> <p>[11] A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.</p> <p>[12] Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprove to a listening ear.</p> <p>[13] Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters.</p> <p>[14] Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.</p> <p>[15] With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone.</p> <p>[16] If you have found honey, eat only enough for you, lest you have your fill of it and vomit it.</p> <p>[17] Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he have his fill of you and hate you.</p>

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V15 "The gentle tongue breaking a bone might seem to be a paradox. But it is a fine illustration of the power of gentleness above hardness and irritation." (Bridges)

V16 1 Cor 6:12, Galatians 5:22-23

V17 know your impact, don't over impose

V18-19 Exodus 20:16; 23:1 Proverbs 6:16-19 one of the things that God hates.... Why do you think this?

V 20 Making merry in times of sorrow. Romans 12: 9-15 (Connect with others' experiences)

V 21-22 Matt 5:44-47; Romans 12:14, hopefully causing repentance and sorrow for actions.

V23 Romans 1:29-30

V24- Self explanatory

V25 for the time period, this was exciting and welcome

V26 Hebrews 6:4-6

V27 seeking our own glory is not good, Rom 8:18 glory is good! Too much honey=puke same thing with self-glorification.

V28 Gal 5:22-23

[18] A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.

[19] Trusting in a treacherous man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth or a foot that slips.

[20] Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, and like vinegar on soda.

[21] If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,

[22] for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

[23] The north wind brings forth rain, and a backbiting tongue, angry looks.

[24] It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.

[25] Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

[26] Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.

[27] It is not good to eat much honey, nor is it glorious to seek one's own glory.

[28] A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls. (ESV)

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V28 2 Peter 2:19	
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