

Berwyn Church of Christ: Proverbs Study

Date: February 18, 2026		Video Overview of Proverbs
Connecting Scriptures/Thoughts	Proverbs 21	
V1 God is in control of all....Daniel 4:35		[1] The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.
V2 1 Samuel 16:7; Prov 17:3; Psalm 44:21; Hebrews 4:12		[2] Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart.
V3 1 Samuel 15:22; Matt 22:42-45. Micah 6:6-8... How can we apply this teaching?		[3] To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
V4 wicked men do not believe that God has a place in their hearts, they also try to feed their flesh through sin. They feel superior to God and others.		[4] Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin.
V6 dishonest wickedness even if there are short gains the pleasure does not last and the feeling they were actually after escapes them.		[5] The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.
V 7 they do violence, they refuse justice, Mathew 27:3.		[6] The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.
V9 Proverbs 12:4 applies to a man or woman. Prov 21:19 is the same. (choose wisely)		[7] The violence of the wicked will sweep them away, because they refuse to do what is just.
V11 Knowledge and Correction go together. God continues to teach it is one of the best ways to learn.		[8] The way of the guilty is crooked, but the conduct of the pure is upright.
V13 "See the conduct of the <i>priest</i> and <i>Levite</i> to the man who <i>fell among thieves</i> ; and let every man learn from this, that he who shuts his ear against the cry of the poor, shall have the ear of God shut against his cry. The words are quite plain; there is no difficulty here." (Clarke)		[9] It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.
		[10] The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.
		[11] When a scoffer is punished, the simple becomes wise; when a wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.
		[12] The Righteous One observes the house of the wicked; he throws the wicked down to ruin.
		[13] Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.
		[14] A gift in secret averts anger, and a concealed bribe, strong wrath.
		[15] When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.
		[16] One who wanders from the way of good sense will rest in the assembly of the dead.
		[17] Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.
		[18] The wicked is a ransom for the righteous, and the traitor for the upright.

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V15 I like to think how TV exposed the evils of the South during the Civil Rights movement. The world began seeing their wickedness.	[19] It is better to live in a desert land than with a quarrelsome and fretful woman.
V16 Hebrews 2:1; Prov 4:25-27; Col 3:2	[20] Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.
V20 foolish might get it but can't keep it. Wise people use money well, don't waste it! (not their only focus)	[21] Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor.
V21 Being right with God and being kind go together!	[22] A wise man scales the city of the mighty and brings down the stronghold in which they trust.
V23 Eph 4:29-32 or remain silent even when you want to strike back. 1 Peter 2:23	[23] Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.
V29 How do you want to live your life?	[24] "Scoffer" is the name of the arrogant, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride.
V30 NOTHING Acts 5:39; Proverbs 16:9	[25] The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.
	[26] All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.
	[27] The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; how much more when he brings it with evil intent.
	[28] A false witness will perish, but the word of a man who hears will endure.
	[29] A wicked man puts on a bold face, but the upright gives thought to his ways.
	[30] No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the LORD.
	[31] The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD. (ESV)