

Berwyn Church of Christ: Proverbs Study

Date: March 4, 2026	Video Overview of Proverbs
Connecting Scriptures/Thoughts	Proverbs 23
<p>V1-3 The rich usually want something in return. Look around you, don't be fooled by the glamour and riches, curb your appetite. Matt 5:29-30. Ruler's table may be your ruin. You surrender what should not be surrendered, you promise what you should not promise, in essence you worship what should not be worshipped.</p> <p>V4-5 lazy man is repeatedly admonished in Proverbs but here, God corrects the over working just to be rich! Riches are certain to disappear.</p> <p>V6-8 Miser or stingy man is just as bad to eat with as the rich people. They give you such a hard time you want to vomit up your food.</p> <p>V9 Matthew 7:6</p> <p>V10-11 Moving a property line, stealing from others. Genesis 48:16; Job 19:25</p> <p>V12 Wisdom and Instruction Reigns again!</p> <p>V13-14; 22 Not beat, not brutalize but instruct, think of Proverbs 4:1-9, balanced with Ephesians 6:1-2 and 4;</p> <p>V15-16 internalized Godly lessons and instruction- proud parents. Their lips speak what is right.</p>	<p>[1] When you sit down to eat with a ruler, observe carefully what is before you,</p> <p>[2] and put a knife to your throat if you are given to appetite.</p> <p>[3] Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food.</p> <p>[4] Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist.</p> <p>[5] When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.</p> <p>[6] Do not eat the bread of a man who is stingy; do not desire his delicacies,</p> <p>[7] for he is like one who is inwardly calculating. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you.</p> <p>[8] You will vomit up the morsels that you have eaten, and waste your pleasant words.</p> <p>[9] Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the good sense of your words.</p> <p>[10] Do not move an ancient landmark or enter the fields of the fatherless,</p> <p>[11] for their Redeemer is strong; he will plead their cause against you.</p> <p>[12] Apply your heart to instruction and your ear to words of knowledge.</p> <p>[13] Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.</p> <p>[14] If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.</p> <p>[15] My son, if your heart is wise, my heart too will be glad.</p> <p>[16] My inmost being will exult when your lips speak what is right.</p> <p>[17] Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.</p> <p>[18] Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.</p> <p>[19] Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way.</p> <p>[20] Be not among drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat,</p> <p>[21] for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags.</p>

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V17-18 Psalm 37:1; 73:3-5

V19-21 Follow God's Way, stay away from drunkards, gluttonous; Matt 6:21;24 1 Cor 6:10. (Direct our Hearts vs Follow our Hearts(Jeremiah 17:9) James 4:1; Romans 7:22-23

V22;24-25

V26 The only way to gain wisdom is through your heart.

V27-28 adultery seems to promise satisfaction but cannot compare with that of your wife or husband; Proverbs 5:15

V29-35 Truth about Liquour
About 95,000 deaths each year are attributed to alcohol.
11,000 drunk driving, 45,000 alcohol related illnesses. 7,500 homicides have alcohol as a contributing factor.

V33 impairs your perception of reality(Prov 20:1)

V34 impairs your physical control

V35 Might have gotten beaten but I don't feel it.... He or she is certain to feel it in the morning.

Many people try to use alcohol to fill only what God can fill:
Peace you need God,
Understanding- you need God,
Coping- you need God.

Isaiah 5:11

[22] Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

[23] Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

[24] The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

[25] Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.

[26] My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.

[27] For a prostitute is a deep pit; an adulteress is a narrow well.

[28] She lies in wait like a robber and increases the traitors among mankind.

[29] Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?

[30] Those who tarry long over wine; those who go to try mixed wine.

[31] Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly.

[32] In the end it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder.

[33] Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart utter perverse things.

[34] You will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, like one who lies on the top of a mast.

[35] "They struck me," you will say, "but I was not hurt; they beat me, but I did not feel it? When shall I awake? I must have another drink." (ESV)