

# **PROVERBS TO LIVE BY**

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# DEDICATION

We dedicate this book to our Lord and Savior YAHSHUA Messiah for His Infallible Holy Word which gives us all the knowledge, understanding and wisdom that we need to live our lives for Him and His glory.

*Whether therefore you eat or you drink or anything you do, do all things to YAHWEH'S glory. (1 Corinthians 10.31)*



# INVITATION

We invite all believers in YAHSHUA the Messiah to study this book carefully. This topical study of the book of Proverbs can be of great encouragement. When you need to know what the Bible says about a specific subject first see what YAHWEH has to say about it in Proverbs.

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# FOREWORD

The book of Proverbs is the wisdom of YAHWEH distilled into a short treatise that gives every person – saved or unsaved – sufficient knowledge, understanding and wisdom to live a fruitful life. For the lost this book can give them everything they need to live a very successful life. For believers in YAHSHUA of Nazareth the Messiah, Proverbs is invaluable. It gives us the basics for holy living, for inter-personal relationships, for success in business and success in your spiritual life.

If you want to be successful in everything you do and if you want to be an on-fire servant of YAHWEH leading many to the Lord YAHSHUA, discipling your children, grandchildren and the brethren, and edifying, exhorting, encouraging, stimulating and uplifting the brethren – study Proverbs every day. Read, study, memorize and meditate on this book of wisdom every day of your life. Read at least one chapter a day until the Lord calls you home. Memorize as many verses as you can. Burn this book into your mind and your heart.

It takes years to burn a book into your heart and mind. Never stop burning Scripture in. Start with Proverbs and then add to it. While you are burning Proverbs into your heart and mind you will be encouraged to study the rest of the Bible with the same enthusiasm. Turn to the Psalms and read, study, memorize and meditate on them daily. Read one chapter of Psalms a day, memorize the key verses and meditate on them daily. After you have spent a year or more burning Proverbs and Psalms into your heart and mind, continue burning in other books of the Bible. Burn James, the letters of Peter, John and Jude into your heart and mind following the same techniques you used with Proverbs and Psalms. Move on to the letters of Paul, the gospels and Acts. Burn the whole New Testament into your heart and mind.

Once you have burned the New Testament into your heart and mind start burning the Old Testament books in. Pick whatever books you are interested in and burn them in. Ecclesiastes and Job are two good books to begin with.

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to YAHWEH, a workman not ashamed straightly cutting the Word of Truth. (2 Timothy 2.15)*



# PREFACE

The way to learn the Word of YAHWEH is to read, study, memorize and meditate on It was much as possible. A good way to know Proverbs is to read one chapter every day. In months that have 30 days just read the last two chapters on the 30th day. In February you will have to read an extra four chapters. If you stick with this reading program until go home to Heaven you will burn the diamonds of wisdom in Proverbs into your soul.

Another way to make the wisdom of Proverbs an active part of your life is to read a few of the topics in this book each day. If you read four topics a day you will read this book in a month. If you read one chapter of Proverbs a day and four topics of this book each day you will know Proverbs inside and out after a decade or so.

To burn the rest of the Bible into your heart set up a reading program. If you read just three chapters in the Old Testament and one chapter in the New Testament each day you will read through the Bible in less than a year. Read one chapter from Genesis to Ruth, one from 1 Samuel to Psalms and one from Ecclesiastes to Malachi. If you want to read more chapters each day try reading one chapter from Proverbs, one from Genesis to Deuteronomy, one from Joshua to Nehemiah, one from Job to Song of Solomon, one from Isaiah to Ezekiel, one from Daniel to Malachi, one from Matthew to Acts, one from Romans to Hebrews and one from James to Revelation. If you choose this reading program you will read nine chapters a day – five in the Old Testament, three in the New Testament and one in Proverbs. If you want a super reading program add five chapters of Psalms each day to the nine chapters a day program.

Whatever reading program you choose, pick one or make one up on your own and stick to it until the Lord returns for us. Remember what YAHSHUA told the devil about the Word of YAHWEH when he tempted Him in the wilderness:

*But answering He said, "It has been written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word proceeding through the mouth of YAHWEH. (Matthew 4.4)*

YAHSHUA quoted Deuteronomy 8.3 to rebuke the Devil when he tempted Him to turn stones into bread after fasting for 40 days. When we are tempted by the forces of darkness we must quote Scripture as YAHSHUA did. More importantly we must remember that our only spiritual food is the Word of YAHWEH. Most people eat three meals a day plus snacks, but how many Christians eat three square spiritual meals a day plus snacks? Do you? Every Christian should have three square spiritual meals each and every day. Reading a couple chapters, memorizing a couple verses and meditating on Scripture for fifteen minutes are good meals for a young Christian. As you grow in the Lord you will want to increase your consumption of the Word of YAHWEH.

We are in a fierce spiritual war with the forces of darkness and we must be ready for battle every day. We do that by putting on the armor of YAHWEH. Every day we must gird our loins with the Truth, put on the breastplate of righteousness, shod our feet with the Gospel of peace, take up the shield of faith, put on the helmet of salvation and take up the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6.13-18). Girding one's loins with the Truth is knowing Scripture. Shodding our feet with the Gospel is knowing how to share the Gospel by quoting the basic salvation passages (Romans 3.23, Hebrews 9.27; Matthew 25.46; Romans 5.8; John 3.16; Romans 6.23; Ephesians 2.8-9; John 14.6; Acts 12.4; John 1.12). Taking up the sword of the Spirit is memorizing Scripture so you can quote it when tempted by the forces of darkness.

Eat three spiritual meals each day and snack as often as possible. Do not forget to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5.17).

# INTRODUCTION

The infallible holy Word of YAHWEH (God the Father) gives us all the knowledge, understanding and wisdom that we need to live our lives for Him. The book of Proverbs has more of the wisdom of YAHWEH in it than any other book of the Bible.

This book is a study aid designed to help you find Scriptures dealing with specific topics in the book of Proverbs. If you want to know what the qualities of the wise are you can find them by studying the topics of “Wise” and “Wisdom.” To find out what a young person should be doing you can find it in “Young People.” To learn what a father and a mother should do go to “Fathers” and “Mothers.”

There are 116 topics in this book that can help every Christian live a holy and fruitful life. Study all of them and grow in the Lord YAHSHUA the Messiah (Jesus Christ). Once you have studied the book share it with a few friends. Every Christian parent should study this book along with the Bible to gain knowledge, understanding and wisdom so they can impart what they have learned to their children.

Many verses concerning a specific topic are found in sections dealing with other topics. Some verses may be found in half a dozen topics. Repetition is necessary to burn the Word of YAHWEH into your soul. The more Scripture you read the more you grow spiritually. It is impossible for a person to study the Bible so much that they know everything in the Bible. Some men spend 60 or more years reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on Scripture several hours a day and just begin to scratch the surface of the Word of YAHWEH. No one can study the Bible too much. Spend as much spare time as possible studying the Bible and burn It into your soul. Below is a list of spiritual activities that every believer should do on a daily or regular basis that will stimulate your spiritual growth:

1. **Pray** (Matthew 7.7-11; Luke 18.1-8; John 14.13-14; 16.24; Ephesians 6.18; Philippians 4.6; Colossians 4.2; 1 Thessalonians 5.17; James 1.5).

2. **Listen** to Scripture (Deuteronomy 4.10; Proverbs 8.34; 22.17; 23.12; Luke 8.15, 21; 11.28; James 1.22; Revelation 1.3).
3. **Read** Scripture (Deuteronomy 17.19; Isaiah 34.16; Revelation 1.3).
4. **Study** Scripture (Proverbs 2.1-5; 8.34; John 5.39; Acts 17.11; Romans 15.4; 2 Timothy 2.15).
5. **Memorize** Scripture (Deuteronomy 6.6; 11.18; 30.14; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1, 21; 6.21; 22.18; Isaiah 51.7; Ezekiel 3.10; Romans 10.8; Colossians 3.16).
6. **Meditate** on Scripture (Joshua 1.8; Job 22.22; 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 4.4; 19.14; 63.6; 77.12; 104.34; 119.15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148; 143.5; Colossians 3.16).
7. **Fellowship** with the brethren (Psalm 22.22; 119.63; Proverbs 13.20; Acts 2.42, 46-47; 5.42; Hebrews 3.13; 10.24-25; 1 John 1.7).
8. **Worship** with the brethren and privately (Deuteronomy 6.13; 26.10; 1 Chronicles 16.29; Psalm 2.11; 29.2; 96.9; 99.5, 9; 132.7; Jeremiah 7.2; Matthew 4.10; John 4.23-24; Romans 12.1; Philippians 3.3; Revelation 4.10; 14.17; 19.10; 22.9)
9. **Share the Gospel** (Psalm 9.1; 26.7; 35.28; 96.2; Proverbs 11.30; Mark 16.15; Acts 2.47; 1 Peter 3.15).
10. **Be disciplined** (Proverbs 1.8; 4.1; 6.20; Eph. 4.11-13).
11. **Make disciples** (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; 6.5-7; 11.18-19; 31.13; 32.46; Psalm 78.3-7; Proverbs 1.8; 4.1; 6.20; 22.6; Joel 1.3; Matt. 28.19-20; Ephesians 4.11-13; 2 Tim. 2.2).

The translation used in this book is the Grace Mercy Ministry Translation which retains the Hebrew name of God the Father (YAHWEH) and God the Son (YAHSHUA the Messiah), who died to redeem Adamkind (Titus 2.14). He rose from the tomb after three days (1 Corinthians 15.1-5), and ascended to Heaven (Acts 5.30-31) where He rules the universe with YAHWEH the Father and God the HOLY SPIRIT, the Third Person of the Trinity.

# ABOMINATION

12.22 The lips of falsehood are an **abomination** to YAHWEH, but those who do truth are His delight.

16.5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an **abomination** to YAHWEH, and he will certainly not be acquitted.

16.12 It is an **abomination** for kings to commit wickedness for by righteousness a throne is established.

28.9 He who turns aside from hearing the law even his prayer is an **abomination**.

There are several things that are an abomination to YAHWEH. Lying, pride and wickedness by rulers are three things that are abominable to YAHWEH. Believers can and are guilty of these sins more often than they should be. Yet the most grievous abomination that a believer can commit is to stop listening to Scripture. That includes refraining from reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on Scripture on a daily basis. Every believer should be in the word every day as the Bereans were (Acts 17.11). We are commanded to study the Bible to present ourselves approved to YAHWEH as a workman who is not ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth (2 Timothy 2.15). Remember, man does not live by food alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of YAHWEH (Deuteronomy 8.3). When a believer does not feed on Scripture as one does on food they slowly die spiritually. Their prayers become an abomination to YAHWEH, and He does not answer them. A believer can quickly spiral into a backslidden condition.

# ADULTERY

6.26 For on behalf of a harlot woman a man comes to his end as a loaf of bread. **Another man's wife** will hunt for the precious soul.

6.27 Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?

6.28 Or can a man walk on hot coals and his feet not be burned?

6.29 So is the one who goes to his **neighbor's wife**. Everyone who touches her will not be innocent.

6.32 One who commits **adultery** with a woman lacks heart. He is a destroyer of his own soul.

6.33 He will find a wound and dishonor and his reproach will not be wiped away.

6.34 Because of jealousy a man will be enraged, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

6.35 He will not accept any ransom, and he will not take any bribe.

30.20 So is the way of an **adulterous woman**; she eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, "I have not done any evil."

Adultery is strictly forbidden in the Bible. It is the seventh commandment (Exodus 20.14). YAHSHUA repeated that commandment (Matthew 19.18) and He also said it is a justifiable reason for divorce (Matthew 19.9). It destroys marriages, families, friendships and even churches. The act of adultery is one of the most selfish, egotistical, arrogant sins a person can commit. Think a thousand times before you commit this sin and understand that your life will never be the same again and so will the lives of everyone affected by it.

## **ALCOHOL**

### **(Wine, Strong drink)**

3.10 And your barns will be filled plenty and your vats will overflow with new **wine**.

20.1 **Wine** is a scorners, **strong drink** is noisy, and those who stay by it are not wise.

21.17 A man who loves pleasure will be poor, and he who loves **wine** and oil will not be rich.

23.20 Do not be with **heavy drinkers of wine** and with gluttons of meat,

23.21 For the glutton and the **drinker** lose all. And sleepiness will clothe one with rags.

23.29 To whom is woe and to whom is sorrow? To whom is contentions and to whom is babbling? To whom are wounds without cause? To whom is dullness of eyes?

23.30 Those who stay long over the **wine**, and those who go to seek **mixed wine**.

23.31 Do not look at the **wine** when it is red; when it gives its color in the cup; when it goes down smoothly;

23.32 At its last it bites like a snake and like a viper it stings.

23.33 Your eyes will look on strange women and your heart will speak perverse things.

23.34 And you will be as one who lies down in the middle of the sea or as he who lies on the top of a mast.

23.35 They struck me and I was not sick. They beat me and I did not know it. When I wake up I will seek it again.

31.4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to **drink wine**, nor for princes to lust for **strong drink**,

31.5 Lest they **drink** and forget what is decreed, and pervert the right of the sons of the afflicted.

31.6 Give **strong drink** to one *who is* perishing, and **wine** to the bitter soul.

31.7 Let him **drink** and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

The topic of alcohol is very controversial. Some Christians believe that no true believer should drink a drop of it while others drink some every day. The Bible clearly says that it is a sin to become intoxicated by alcohol or for that matter anything else such as drugs – legal or illegal (Ephesians 5.18). It does not say that the mere consumption of alcohol is a sin. Paul advised Timothy to drink some (1 Timothy 5.23) and the Hebrew people were permitted to consume strong drink during the feasts (Deuteronomy 14.26). Pastors cannot be addicted to wine, and deacons cannot be addicted to much wine (1 Timothy 3.3, 8). Yet they can drink wine if they do not become addicted to it. Being addicted means you have to have something daily or almost every day to be able to function normally, and if you do not get it you become impossible to live with. Any pastor or deacon who cannot live without consuming wine or other alcoholic beverages disqualifies himself from those offices. This includes addiction to drugs (legal or illegal).

# ANGER

## (Angry, Fury, Indignant, Wrath)

14.17 He who gets **angry** quickly acts foolishly, and a man who plots evil is hated.

15.1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a hurtful word stirs up **anger**.

15.18 An **angry man** stirs up strife, but the one who is slow to anger calms strife.

16.32 One who is slow to **anger** is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than one who takes a city.

19.11 A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, and it is glory to overlook a transgression.

19.19 He who has **great anger** will bear a fine, and if you deliver him you will have to pay the fine again.

20.2 The wrath of a king is like the roar of a lion; he who stirs him to **anger** sins against his own soul.

21.14 A gift in secret subdues **anger**, and a bribe in the bosom strong wrath.

22.8 He who sows injustice will reap evil, and the rod of his **wrath** will cease.

22.24 Do not associate with a **lord of anger**, and do not go in with a man of fury,

22.25 Lest you learn his ways and take a snare for your soul.

24.19 Do not **glow in anger** because of evil doers, and do not envy the wicked,

24.20 For there will not be a hereafter for the wicked. The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

25.23 The north wind brings forth rain, and a secret word an **indignant face**.

26.17 Like one who grabs the ears of a dog is one who passes by, and gets **angry** over strife that is not his.

27.4 **Fury** is fierce and **anger** overflows, but who can stand before jealousy?

29.8 Men of scorn rage against a city, but the wise turn away **anger**.

29.22 A man of **anger** stirs up contention, and a **furious man** abounds in transgression.

Anger is a sin that destroys families, churches, friendships, partnerships, companies, political coalitions and nations. The anger of man never produces the righteousness of YAHWEH (James 1.20). Christians are commanded to not be angry with anyone (Matthew 5.22), and if they fail they are not to let the sun go down on their anger (Ephesians 4.26). That means they are to ask forgiveness or give forgiveness to the one you are angry with before the work day ends. They are to go to the person(s) they are angry with and be reconciled with them (Matthew 5.23-24). Christians are to forgive those who sin against them 70 times 7 (Matthew 18.22). That is 490 times for the literalists or an unlimited number of times for mature Christians. Other commands to forgive those who offend us are found in Matthew 6.12, 14; Mark 11.25; Luke 17.3-4; Ephesians 4.32; Colossians 3.13.

## BETTER

3.13 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets understanding,

3.14 Because its gain is **better** than the gain of silver and its produce more than gold.

8.11 Wisdom is **better** than jewels and all delights cannot be compared to it.

8.19 My fruit is **better** than gold, even pure gold and my produce than choice silver.

12.9 It is **better** to be despised and have a servant than be one who honors himself and lacks bread.

15.16 **Better** is a little with the reverence of YAHWEH than great treasure and turmoil with it.

15.17 **Better** is a meal of herbs with love than many oxen and hatred with it.

16.8 **Better** is a little with righteousness than much increase without justice.

16.16 How much **better** to get wisdom than gold, and to get understanding is to be chosen above silver?

16.19 **Better** is humility with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.

16.32 One who is slow to anger is **better** than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than one who takes a city.

17.1 **Better** is a piece of dry bread and quietness with it than a house full of feasting with strife.

19.1 The poor who walks in his integrity is **better** than one who speaks lies and is a fool.

19.22 The desire of a man is his mercy, and it is **better** to be poor than a liar.

21.9 It is **better** to live on the corner of a roof than to share a house with a contentious woman.

21.19 It is **better** to live in the wilderness than with a contentious woman and vexation.

25.7 For it is **better** that he say to you, "Come up here," than for you to be put lower before a noble whom your eyes have seen.

25.24 It is **better** to live on the corner of a roof than to share a house with a troublesome woman.

27.5 Open reproof is **better** than concealed love.

27.10 Do not forsake your friend or your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity, for a neighbor nearby is **better** than a brother far away.

28.6 **Better** is the poor who walks in his integrity than the crooked of two ways even *if he is* rich.

As one goes through life one finds that there are many choices. Some choices are better than others. One should always choose the best, but no one does that every time. We all learn from our wrong choices. The best thing anyone can do is get all the wisdom, understanding and knowledge possible. It is more valuable than all the gold, precious stones and money in the world. Remember what YAHSHUA said, "*For what does a man profit if he gain the whole world and lose his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*" (Matthew 16.26).

Since all true wisdom and proper understanding can be found in the Bible that is one book every Christian should study the Bible every day as much as possible. Proper study of Scriptures includes hearing the Word read, taught and preached (Proverbs 8.34; 23.12; Luke 8.15, 21; 11.28; James 1.22; Revelation 1.3). It also involves reading (Deuteronomy 17.19; Revelation 1.3) and study (John 5.39; Acts 17.11; 2 Timothy 2.15). Memorizing and meditating on Scripture is another aspect of thorough Bible Study (Deuteronomy 6.6; Psalm 37.312; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1; Joshua 1.8; Psalm 1.2). The more you actively seek to have the Word of Christ dwell in you richly (Colossians 3.6) the more you will grow in grace, wisdom, understanding and knowledge of your Savior and Lord YAHSHUA the Messiah (2 Peter 3.18).

## **BLESSING**

### **(Blesses)**

3.33 The curse of YAHWEH is on the house of the wicked, but He **blesses** the home of the righteous.

10.22 It is the **blessing** of YAHWEH that makes rich, and He adds no pain to it.

11.11 By the **blessing** of the upright a city is lifted up, but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.

11.26 The people will curse the one who holds back grain, but a **blessing** is to the head of the one who sells grain.

24.25 But to those who rebuke *the wicked* will be delight, and a good **blessing** will be upon them.

YAHWEH blesses the righteous and their homes. We in turn should bless others and not only those who bless us but those who curse and persecute us (Matthew 5.43-48; Romans 12.14). Revenge is something a Christian must never take. We must never pay back evil for evil, and should not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. We are also to live at peace with everyone (Romans 12.17-21). We must love everyone as we love ourselves (Leviticus 19.18; Matthew 19.19). To bless someone is to treat them with love in words and deeds.

## BRIBERY

17.8 A **bribe** is a stone of grace in the eyes of its owner wherever he turns he is successful.

17.23 The wicked takes a **bribe** out of the bosom to pervert the way of justice.

21.14 A gift in secret subdues anger, and a **bribe** in the bosom strong wrath.

29.4 A king establishes a land by justice, but a man *who takes bribes* tears it down.

Giving or taking a bribe is a sin. Bribes thwart justice and they corrupt society. Eventually those who give and take bribes will ruin their lives and the lives of those around them. Throughout history politicians, judges, police officers and the military have been bribed bringing ruin to the people they rule over. The sin of bribery will not be stopped until Christ comes, but no Christian should ever be involved in it.

# COMMANDMENTS

## (Command)

3.1 My son, do not forget my teaching. Let your heart guard my **commands**.

4.3 For I was a son to my father, and a tender *and* only son to my mother.

4.4 And he taught me and said to me, "Have your heart hang on to my words, keep my **commandments** and live.

6.20 My son, keep your father's **commandments**, and do not forsake the law of your mother.

6.21 Tie them on your heart continually and bind them on your neck.

6.22 When you go it will lead you. When you lie down it will watch over you. When you awake it will talk with you.

6.23 The **command** is a lamp and the law is a light. And the reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

7.1 My son, keep my words and treasure my **commandments**.

7.2 Keep my **commandments** and live, and my teaching as the pupil of your eyes.

8.29 When He set the boundary for the sea that the waters should not pass His **command**, and when He laid the foundations of the earth.

10.8 The wise of heart accepts **commands**, but the lips of the foolish He will thrust away.

13.13 He who despises the word ruins himself, but the one who reveres the **command** will be rewarded.

19.16 He who keeps the **command** keeps his own soul, and he who despises His ways will die.

YAHWEH gave the Hebrew commandments to make sure they knew what they should do. The 10 Commandments were only a fraction of the hundreds of commandments that He gave the people. Today Christians are not required to keep any of the 10 Commandments or the other 600 commandments to be saved. Christians do not keep the ceremonial or sacrificial commandments because Jesus fulfilled all of them by His death on the cross. Instead they keep the moral commandments not to earn

salvation. They keep them because they are walking in the SPIRIT (Galatians 5.16, 25) and know that keeping moral commandments is the way to prolong one's life.

The only way to know what commands a believer should keep is to study the Bible from cover to cover. Remember, believers do not keep the ceremonial and sacrificial commands, only the moral ones. They keep them out of love for what YAHSHUA has done for them. They do not keep commands solely out of duty.

Some Christians today get hung up on the fourth commandment – keeping the Sabbath holy. There is nothing wrong in keeping one day a week holy, but the Sabbath was changed from Saturday to Sunday.

*Now late on Sabbath as it was getting dusk toward the first Sabbath came Mary of Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher.*  
(Matthew 28.1)

According to this literal translation, Mary and the other women came to the tomb of YAHSHUA late on the Sabbath (sunset Saturday). They went to the tomb just as the sun was setting (dusk). Notice that it says that after the Sabbath (Saturday) that the Hebrew people had observed for about 1,500 years that there was now another Sabbath. This new Sabbath fell on the first day of the week (Sunday). That was the day that YAHSHUA was found to have risen from the tomb and it became the new Sabbath. The old Sabbath was done away with just as the old sacrificial system had been done away with by the death of YAHSHUA. The new Sabbath began at sunset (dusk) of our Saturday and ended at dusk of our Sunday. Those who wish to keep the Sabbath must keep the new Sabbath holy and not the old Sabbath. By keeping the old Sabbath they are rejecting the sacrifice that YAHSHUA made.

Christians do not keep the new Sabbath the way the old Sabbath was kept. Instead of not performing any manual labor including lighting a fire (cooking, turning lights on, turning a heater on, driving a vehicle, etc.) they are to celebrate the resurrection of YAHSHUA the Messiah. They do that by worshipping Him together, sharing a meal and taking communion as the Apostles and Christians of the first century did. The tradition of the Apostles was to hold a worship service on the new Sabbath (Saturday night) which was the start of the first day of the week (Acts 20.7). During the day time of the new Sabbath (Sunday) they held a love feast and had communion (1 Corinthians 11.20-21; Jude 12).

# COMMON SENSE

15.21 Foolishness is joy to him who lacks **common sense**, but a man of understanding walks straight.

15.32 He who ignores correction hates his own soul, but he who hears reproof gets **common sense**.

Common sense is extremely important for everyone. It helps one get through life with as few problems as possible. Spiritual common sense is also very important for every Christian. The way to get spiritual common sense is to listen to those who reprove and correct you. Listen to your parents, your elders and anyone who has spiritual common sense. Do not forget to listen to the Creator of the universe who has perfect spiritual common sense. His common sense is found in the Bible.

# CONDUCT

1.3 To receive instruction in **proper conduct** and righteousness and judgment and holiness,

1.4 To give to the simple knowledge of **proper conduct** and knowledge to the young and discretion.

1.5 The wise hears and increases learning and understanding and he gets wise counsel.

Proper conduct is very important. Every Christian should spend a good deal of time learning how to behave in the world and in church. The way to learn that is to study the Bible intently and ask counsel of those who know Scripture.

# CORRECTION

**(Correct, Chastening, Chastisement, Rod)**

3.11 Do not despise the **chastening** of YAHWEH, my son, and do not hate His **correction**.

3.12 He **corrects** even as a father the son in whom He is well-pleased.

5.12 Then you will say, “How I have hated instruction and my heart despised **correction**.

7.22 He goes after her at once as an ox that goes to the slaughter, and as one chained to be **chastised** for being a fool, and as a bird hastens to the snare.

12.1 The one who loves instruction loves knowledge, but the one who hates **correction** is brutish.

13.18 Poverty and shame is for the one who ignores **chastisement**, the one who keeps **correction** will be honored.

13.24 He who holds back his rod hates his son, but he who loves him seeks to **correct** him.

15.12 A scorner does not love the one who **corrects** him, and he will not go to the wise.

22.15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a boy. The **rod of discipline** will drive it far from him.

23.13 Do not withhold **correction** from a boy for if you strike him with the rod he will not die.

23.14 You shall beat him with a **rod** and deliver his soul from Hell.

26.3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle is for the ass, and a **rod** is for the back of fools.

29.15 The **rod** and reproof give wisdom, but a youth *who is* sent away causes shame to his mother.

29.17 **Correct** your son and you *will* get rest, and it will delight your soul.

29.19 A servant is not **corrected** by words. Though he understands there is no response.

No one enjoys being corrected or disciplined. Children hate it, but it is absolutely necessary. Children who are given little or no correction and discipline become unruly, juvenile delinquents and usually criminals. Most members of gangs had little correction, discipline and guidance as children. Rejection of correction always ends in disaster (Proverbs 29.1).

The same is true in the spiritual world. Everyone who trusts in YAHSHUA to save them starts as a spiritual baby. Everyone must grow in the grace and knowledge of YAHSHUA the Messiah (2 Peter 3.18). One way to do that is to accept correction and spiritual discipline from one's spiritual parents – physical parents, pastors, deacons, elder brothers (1 Peter 5.5). One must also accept correction, discipline and chastisement from our Father who is in Heaven. He disciplines us for our own good as fathers discipline their children (Hebrews 11.5-11).

## **COUNSEL** **(Counselor, Advice)**

1.5 The wise hears and increases learning and understanding and he gets wise **counsel**.

1.25 And you ignored all of my **advice**, and you did not want my warning.

1.30 They did not want my **counsel**, and they despised all of my reproof.

8.14 **Counsel** and sound wisdom are mine, and I have understanding and strength.

11.14 In absence of **counsel** the people fall, but safety is in a great **counselor**.

12.15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but the one who listens to **counsel** is wise.

12.20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, but to **counselors** of peace is joy.

13.10 Only by pride comes strife, but wisdom is with those who take **counsel**.

15.22 Plans without **counsel** are frustrated, but with great **counselors** they succeed.

19.20 Listen to **counsel** and accept discipline that you may be wise in your later years.

19.21 Many plans are in the heart of a man, but the **counsel** of YAHWEH will stand.

20.5 The **counsel** in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.

20.18 Plans are established by **counsel**, and with wise guidance make war.

21.30 There is no wisdom and no understanding, and no **counsel** before YAHWEH.

22.20 Have I not written to you thirty times with **counsel** and knowledge,

22.21 To make you know the verity of the words of truth to return words of truth to him who sent you?

24.6 You will make war for yourself with **wise advice**, and deliverance is by great **counselors**.

27.9 Oil and perfume give joy to the heart, so a person's **counsel is sweet** to his friend.

Every Christian should seek out counsel on a regular basis. The best counsel anyone could ever possibly receive is that from the One who created the universe. His Word is the best source of counsel. Counsel from one's parents and grandparents is always the first place to start when one is young. Counsel from pastors, deacons and spiritual elders is also good. Christians who do not seek counsel or reject wise counsel will suffer for it. Trusting in one's own judgment is a very bad idea. We should all trust in YAHWEH and refrain from relying on our own understanding and wisdom (Proverbs 3.5-6). Remember, our hearts are deceitful and wicked and we cannot understand it (Jeremiah 17.9).

## **CURSE** **(Cursing)**

3.33 The **curse of YAHWEH** is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the righteous.

11.26 The people will **curse** the one who holds back grain, but a blessing is to the head of the one who sells grain.

20.20 He who **curses** his father or his mother his lamp be put out in the blackest darkness.

24.24 The people will **curse** him who says to the wicked, “You are righteous,” and the nations will abhor him.

26.2 As the wandering bird and as the swallow in its flying, so a curse without cause will not come about.

27.14 He who rises early in the morning and blesses his friend with a loud voice, it will be deemed as **cursing** to him.

28.27 He who gives to the poor has no lack, but he who hides his eyes *will have* many **curSES**.

30.10 Do not slander a servant to his master, lest he **curse** you, and you be held guilty.

30.11 *There is* a generation *that* **curses** his father, and does not bless his mother.

30.12 *There is* a generation *that* is pure in its own eyes, and it is not washed from its filth.

30.13 *There is* a generation, how lofty *are* its eyes, and its eyelids are lifted up.

30.14 *There is* a generation whose teeth *are like* swords, and its jaw teeth *are like* knives to devour the poor from the Earth, and the needy from among men.

Living a life of sin will bring the curse of YAHWEH upon oneself. To be cursed by the Creator of the universe is the worse thing that could ever happen to someone. Only an insane fool would seek to bring the curse of YAHWEH upon himself. The curse of YAHWEH upon the wicked is not just in this life, but in the hereafter. Those who reject YAHSHUA, the Son of YAHWEH, suffer the curse of YAHWEH through all eternity! That horrifying curse is punishment in the Lake of Fire! And that curse and punishment never ends! It goes on forever and ever and ever and ever! There is no end to that curse!

# DARKNESS

2.13 Those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of **darkness**,

4.19 The way of the wicked is like **darkness**. They do not know why they stumble.

20.20 He who curses his father or his mother his lamp will be put out in the blackest **darkness**.

The ways of darkness are not good. They are the paths (lifestyle) of the wicked. When Christians stray off the paths of righteousness they can only walk in the ways of darkness. Christians are commanded and warned not to walk in the counsel of the wicked, stand in the path of sinners or sit in the seat of scoffers (Psalm 1.1-2). Notice the three-step progression. When a Christian stops living a holy life it is because they listen to the world. They accept the advice from their unsaved friends, relatives, neighbors, fellow employees, schoolmates, teachers, and from television, movies, commercials, magazines, books, Internet, etc. Once they fall into the trap of ungodly counsel they live like the wicked (stand in the path of sinners). Eventually they will become just like the wicked and scoff at the Bible, Christians and even YAHWEH. When a Christian gets to that point the result is termination of the flesh for the salvation of the spirit (John 15.6; 1 Corinthians 5.5).

# DEATH (Dead)

2.18 For her house leads down to **death** and her tracks to the **dead**.

5.5 Her feet go down to **death** and her steps take hold of Hell.

7.27 The way of her house goes down to Hell and the rooms to **death**.

8.36 But he who sins against me hurts his own soul. All who hate me love **death**.

9.18 But he does not know that the **dead** are there, and her guests are in the depths of Hell.

10.2 The treasures of wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from **death**.

11.4 Wealth does not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from **death**.

11.19 Genuine righteousness leads to life, but the one who pursues evil leads to his own **death**.

12.28 In the path of righteousness is life, and the way of that path is not **death**.

13.14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life to depart from the snares of **death**.

14.12 There is a way that appears upright before a man, but its end is the way of **death**.

14.32 By his evil doing the wicked is thrust out, but the righteous has refuge in his **death**.

16.14 A king's fury is like messengers of **death**, but a wise man will cover it.

16.25 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the ways of **death**.

18.21 **Death** and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

21.6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vapor driven by those seeking **death**.

21.16 A man who wanders out of the way of prudence will rest in the assembly of the **dead**.

24.11 Deliver those being taken away to **die**, and those who are stumbling to be **killed** hold them back.

26.18 Like a madman who throws sparks, arrows and **death**, is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, “Am I not joking?”

Death is something that everyone should give serious consideration to. Solomon said, “*Better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, because that is the end of every man and the living will lay it to his heart*” (Ecclesiastes 7.2). Everyone will eventually die and the most important thing anyone can do in this life is know for certain that when they die they will go to live with the Savior of Adamkind. If you are not certain you will spend eternity with Him in His kingdom go to Appendix A now.

Men are warned numerous times in Proverbs to avoid prostitutes, adulteresses and promiscuous women at all costs. Why? It is a colossal waste of time and money. It also leads to death by contracting venereal disease or by wearing out the body prematurely.

No Christian man should ever waste a penny or a second with a prostitute, an adulteresses or a promiscuous woman. They should avoid them at all costs. Instead of wasting time and money on loose women Christian men should be in church serving the Lord alongside holy sisters in the Lord. If the Lord wants a man to marry He will bring the woman He has chosen to him.

What fellowship does a believer have with an unbeliever? As Paul explained Christians are not to be bound with unbelievers or fellowship with them (2 Corinthians 6.14-16).

Another thing that always ends in death is living life according to one’s own wisdom. The lifestyle and plans of the wicked always seem good to them, but it leads to physical and spiritual death. No man whether saved or lost can trust in his own wisdom because the heart is deceitful and wicked beyond comprehension (Jeremiah 17.9). That is why everyone should trust in YAHWEH and not in themselves or others.

## **DECEIT**

### **(Deceitful, Deception, Deceive)**

11.18 The wicked makes a **deceptive** wage, but the one who sows righteousness has a reward of truth.

12.5 The thoughts of the righteous are justice, and the counsel of the wicked is **deceitful**.

12.17 He who speaks truth reveals righteousness, but a witness of falsehoods **deceit**.

12.20 **Deceit** is in the heart of those who plot evil, but to counselors of peace is joy.

14.8 The wisdom of the astute guides his way, but the folly of fools is **deceit**.

14.25 A true witness delivers souls, but a **deceitful** witness breathes lies.

20.17 **Deceitful** bread is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

23.3 Do not desire his delicacies for it is *the* food of **lies**.

24.28 Do not be a witness against a neighbor without cause or **deceive** with your lips.

26.18 Like a madman who throws sparks, arrows and death, is the man who **deceives** his neighbor and says, “Am I not joking?”

26.23 He who hates disguises it with his speech, and in his inner self he lays up **deceit**.

26.24 When he speaks graciously do not believe him for there are seven hateful things in his heart.

27.6 Faithful are the wounds of a lover, but plentiful are the **kisses** of one who hates.

30.7 Two things I have asked from You: Do not hold back from me before I die:

30.8 Remove far from me vanity and lies. Do not give to me poverty or riches.

30.9 Give me my portion of food, lest I become full, and **deceive myself**, and say, “Who is YAHWEH?” Or lest I become poor, and steal and violate the name of my God.

31.30 Charm is **deceitful** and beauty is vain; a woman who reveres YAHWEH she will be praised.

The wicked are masters of deceit. They learn it from their spiritual father the devil who is the master deceiver. He has deceived people in every nation on Earth from the very beginning. He deceived Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3.1-6; 1 Timothy 2.14) and he will continue until he is cast into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20.3, 10). He uses myriad methods of deception to keep people from seeing the “*light of the gospel of the glory of Christ*” so they are not saved (2 Corinthians 4.4). Some of the methods of deceiving people are through false religions and cults, philosophy, public schools, the isms (atheism, communism, Darwinianism, existentialism, feminism, hedonism, humanism, liberalism, socialism, etc.), and entertainment (television, movies, books, magazines, newspapers, sports, music). The devil and his minions have a massive network of propaganda which they flood the planet with 24-7 to keep people confused, entertained, self-absorbed and chasing vain dreams and desires.

Unfortunately many Christians have fallen victim to the devil’s propaganda. Some have been educated in the public schools and brainwashed into believing in some of the isms and philosophies. They have embraced secular entertainment and have adopted the lifestyle of the wicked through ignorance. The only way to understand that they should shun the world and all of its pleasures (1 John 2.15-17) is by careful study of the Bible and solid teaching and preaching.

## DESPISE

1.7 The reverence of YAHWEH is the beginning of knowledge. Fools **despise** wisdom and instruction.

1.30 They did not want my counsel and they **despised** all of my reproof.

3.11 Do not **despise** the chastening of YAHWEH, my son, and do not hate His correction.

5.12 Then you will say, “How I have hated instruction and my heart **despised** correction.

6.30 They do not **despise** a thief when he steals to satisfy his soul when he is hungry.

11.12 One who **despises** his friend lacks heart, but a man of understanding remains silent.

12.8 By the mouth of his prudence will a man be praised, but the perverse of heart will be **despised**.

12.9 It is better to be **despised** and have a servant than be one who honors himself and lacks bread.

13.13 He who **despises** the word ruins himself, but the one who reveres the command will be rewarded.

14.2 One who walks in his uprightness reveres YAHWEH, but the perverse in his ways **despises** Him.

14.21 He who **despises** his neighbor sins, but he who favors the poor is happy.

15.5 A fool **despises** his father's instruction, but the one who keeps it is wise.

15.20 A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man **despises** his mother.

19.16 He who keeps the command keeps his own soul, and he who **despises** His ways will die.

23.9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool for he will **despise** the wisdom of your words.

23.22 Listen to your father who begot you, and do not **despise** your mother when she is old.

30.17 The eye that mocks his father, and that **despises** to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley will pluck it *out*, and the sons of the eagles will eat it.

One thing every Christian should never do is despise the Scriptures and the wisdom found in Them, despise the reproof, correction and discipline of YAHWEH, or despise YAHWEH Himself. Though all Christians despise the Word, wisdom, reproof, correction, discipline and YAHWEH at times they should always ask forgiveness. When one does not that can be the first step toward becoming a prodigal son. Not all prodigal sons return to the Lord. Some die in their sinful lifestyle.

All Christians should also refrain from despising their parents, siblings, relatives, neighbors, spiritual brothers and sisters or anyone. They should love one another and also the lost (Matthew 5.43-48; John 13.34-35; 1 John 3.16-18; 5.1)

## DEVIIOUS

2.15 Whose paths are crooked and **devious** in their tracks.

3.32 The **devious** hate YAHWEH, but He is intimate with the upright.

4.23 With all diligence keep your heart for out of it are the issues of life.

4.24 Turn away from yourself the crooked mouth and put **devious** lips far from you.

Being devious is something no Christian should be. There are times when we are all devious to some degree, but it is something we should avoid being. It is always best to be open and honest with everyone you deal with. Remember, “*A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches.*” No matter how much money a person can make from being devious it will never be worth it.

## DISCRETION

1.4 To give to the simple knowledge of proper conduct and knowledge to the young and **discretion**;

2.11 **Discretion** will keep you and understanding will watch over you.

2.12 To deliver you from the evil way; from the man who speaks perverse things;

2.16 *These* will deliver you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words

3.21 My son, do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and **discretion**,

3.22 For they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck.

3.23 Then you will walk in safety along your way, and you will not stumble.

3.24 When you sleep you will not fear and it will be sweet.

5.1 My son, listen to my wisdom, and bow your ear to my understanding.

5.2 So that you may have **discretion**, and your lips may guard knowledge.

8.12 I, wisdom, dwell with prudence and I find the knowledge of **discretion**,

11.22 A beautiful woman who does not have **discretion** is like a gold ring in a swine's snout.

19.11 A man's **discretion** makes him slow to anger, and it is glory to overlook a transgression.

Discretion is the ability to know when to keep your mouth shut and when to open it. It is also knowing when to do something and when to not do something. It takes decades to develop good discretion and the best way is by studying the Bible.

## DOS

1.8 **Hear, my son, your father's instruction**, and do not forsake the teaching of your mother,

1.9 For they are an ornament of grace to your head and a necklace for your neck.

1.23 **"Turn back at my warning!** Behold, I will pour out to you my Spirit. I will make my words known to you."

- 3.1 My son, do not forget my teaching. Let your heart **guard my commands**,
- 3.2 For they will add long life and peace to you. Mercy and truth will not forsake you.
- 3.3 **Tie them around your neck and write them on the tablet of your heart.**
- 3.4 You will find good favor and wisdom in the sight Elohim and man.
- 3.5 **Trust YAHWEH with all of your heart** and do not rely on your own understanding.
- 3.6 **In all your ways acknowledge Him** and He will direct your paths.
- 3.7 Do not be wise in your own eyes. **Revere YAHWEH and depart from evil.**
- 3.8 It will be healing to your navel and moisture to your bones.
- 3.9 **Honor YAHWEH from your substance and from the first fruits of all your produce,**
- 3.10 And your barns will be filled plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.
- 3.21 My son, do not let them depart from your eyes. **Keep sound wisdom and discretion,**
- 3.22 For they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck.
- 4.1 **Hear, sons, a father's teaching, and listen to know understanding.**
- 4.7 "The first thing is wisdom. **Get wisdom,** and with all of your getting **get understanding.**
- 4.10 Hear, my son, and **receive my sayings** for it will lengthen the days of your life.
- 4.13 **Take hold of instruction and** do not let go. **Keep her** for she is your life.
- 4.20 My son, **listen to my words,** and **bow your ear to what I say.**
- 4.21 Do not let them depart from your eyes. **Keep them in the center of your heart.**
- 4.23 With all diligence **keep your heart** for out of it are the issues of life.
- 4.24 **Turn away from yourself the crooked mouth and put devious lips far from you.**

4.25 **Let your eyes look to the front and let your eyelids look before you.**

4.26 **Ponder the path of your feet** and your ways will be set.

4.27 Do not turn to the right or to the left. **Turn your foot from evil.**

5.1 My son, **listen to my wisdom**, and **bow your ear to my understanding**

5.2 So that you may have discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.

5.7 And now, O sons, **hear me**, and do not depart from the words of my mouth.

5.8 **Keep your ways far from her** (adulteress), and do not go near the door of her house,

5.9 Lest you give your vigor to others, and your years to the cruel one,

5.10 And lest your strength be given to strangers, and your work go to the house of an alien.

5.15 **Drink water from your own cistern**, and running water from your own well.

5.18 Let your fountain be blessed, and **rejoice in the wife of your youth** as a loving deer and a graceful doe.

6.1 My son, if you are surety for your friend, if you struck an alien with your palms,

6.2 If you are snared with the words of your mouth, if you are captured with the words of your mouth,

6.3 **Do** this then, my son, and save yourself when you come into the presence of your friend. **Go and humble yourself** and be bold before your friend.

6.4 Do not give sleep to your eyes nor slumber to your eyelids.

6.5 **Deliver yourself** as a gazelle from a hand, and as a bird from the fowler's hand.

6.6 **Go to the ant**, lazy man, see her ways and be wise.

6.7 Who is a leader to her, overseer or ruler?

6.8 She provides her bread in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest.

6.20 My son, **keep your father's commandments** and do not forsake the law of your mother.

6.21 **Tie them on your heart continually and bind them on your neck.**

6.22 When you go it will lead you. When you lie down it will watch over you. When you awake it will talk with you.

6.23 The command is a lamp and the law is a light. And the reproofs of instruction are the way of life to keep you from the evil woman and from the smooth tongue of a strange woman.

7.1 My son, **keep my words and treasure my commandments.**

7.2 **Keep my commandments** and live, and **my teaching** as the pupil of your eyes.

7.3 **Tie them on your fingers, and write them on the tablet of your heart.**

7.4 **Say to wisdom you are my sister, and call understanding a kinsman;**

7.24 And now, sons, **listen to me, and incline to the words of my mouth.**

7.25 Do not turn aside your heart to her ways. Do not go astray in her paths,

7.26 For many are the wounded she has made fall, and numerous are all of her slain ones.

7.27 The way of her house goes down to Hell and the rooms to death.

8.32 And now, O sons, **listen to me** for blessed are those who keep my ways.

8.33 **Hear instruction and be wise** and do not ignore it.

9.5 **“Come eat my bread and drink of the wine** I have mixed.

9.6 **“Forsake the simple and live and walk in the way of understanding.”**

9.8b **Reprove** a wise man and he will love you.

9.9 **Give to a wise man** and he will be wiser. **Teach a just man,** and he will add to his learning.

23.1 When you sit down to eat with a ruler **carefully consider what is before you,**

23.2 And **put a knife to your throat** if you are a possessor of a soul.

23.3 Do not desire his delicacies for it is food of lies.

23.12 **Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to the words of knowledge.**

23.19 **Hear** you, my son, **be wise** and **advance your heart in the way.**

23.23 **Obtain the truth** and do not sell it; also wisdom, instruction and understanding.

23.26 My son, **give your heart to me**, and **let your eyes watch my ways.**

24.11 **Deliver** those being taken away to die, and those who are stumbling to be killed **hold them back.**

24.13 **Eat honey**, my son, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to your taste.

24.14 Wisdom and knowledge will be thus to your soul when you have learned that there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

25.8 **Plead your cause** with your neighbor, and do not reveal the secret of another lest he who hears put you to shame and the evil report about you not pass away.

27.2 **Let an alien praise you** and not your own mouth, a foreigner and not your own lips.

27.11 **Be wise**, my son, and **bring joy to my heart**, so I may respond to one who reproaches me.

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## DO NOTS

1.10 My son, if sinners lure you **do not** be willing.

1.11 If they say walk with us, let us lie in wait for blood, let us lurk for the innocent without cause,

1.12 Let us swallow them alive like Hell, and whole like those going to the pit;

- 1.13 For we will find all kinds of precious wealth and fill our house with spoil,  
1.14 Let your lot be with us and we will have one purse among us.  
1.15 My son, **do not** walk in the way with them. **Do not** walk in their path.
- 3.1 My son, **do not** forget my teaching. Let your heart guard my commands,  
3.2 For they will add long life and peace to you.
- 3.7 **Do not** be wise in your own eyes. Revere YAHWEH and depart from evil.  
3.8 It will be healing to your navel and moisture to your bones.  
3.11 **Do not** despise the chastening of YAHWEH, my son, and **do not** hate His correction.  
3.12 He corrects even as a father the son in whom He is well-pleased.
- 3.21 My son, **do not** let them depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion,  
3.22 For they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck.  
3.23 Then you will walk in safety along your way, and you will not stumble.  
3.24 When you sleep you will not fear and it will be sweet.
- 3.25 **Do not** be afraid of sudden terror and of the ruin of the wicked for it is coming.  
3.26 For YAHWEH will be beside you, and He will keep you from being captured.
- 3.27 **Do not** withhold good from its owner when it is in your power to do it.  
3.28 **Do not** say to your neighbor, go and return tomorrow and I will give it, when you have it with you.  
3.29 **Do not** plot evil against your neighbor who lives securely with you.  
3.30 **Do not** strive with a man without cause, if he has not done evil to you.
- 3.31 **Do not** envy a man of violence, and do not choose to follow his ways.
- 4.1 Hear, sons, a father's teaching, and listen to know understanding.

4.2 For I give good teaching to you. **Do not** forsake my law.

4.3 For I was a son to my father, and a tender *and* only son to my mother.

4.4 And he taught me and said to me, “Have your heart hang on to my words, keep my commandments and live.

4.5 “Get wisdom and get understanding. **Do not** forget and **do not** stray away from the words of my mouth.

4.6 “**Do not** forsake her and she will keep you. Love her and she will guard you.

4.14 **Do not** enter the path of the wicked, and **do not** proceed in the way of the evil ones.

4.15 Ignore it and **do not** enter it. Turn aside from it and pass on.

4.16 For they do not sleep if they have not done evil, and their sleep is taken away if they do not cause others to stumble.

4.17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and they drink the wine of violence.

4.27 **Do not** turn to the right or to the left. Turn your foot from evil.

5.7 And now, O sons, hear me, and **do not** depart from the words of my mouth.

6.20 My son, keep your father’s commandments and **do not** forsake the law of your mother.

6.25 **Do not** lust in your heart after her beauty and **do not** let her take you with her eyelids.

6.26 For on behalf of a harlot woman a man comes to his end as a loaf of bread. Another man’s wife will hunt for the precious soul.

6.27 Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?

6.28 Or can a man walk on hot coals and his feet not be burned?

6.29 So is the one who goes to his neighbor’s wife. Everyone who touches her will not be innocent.

7.25 **Do not** turn aside your heart to her ways. **Do not** go astray in her paths,

7.26 For many are the wounded she has made fall, and numerous are all of her slain ones.

7.27 The way of her house goes down to Hell and the rooms to death.

8.33 Hear instruction and be wise and **do not** ignore it.

9.8 **Do not** reprove a scorner lest he hate you.

20.13 **Do not** love sleep lest you be dispossessed. Open your eyes and be satisfied with bread.

20.22 **Do not** say, "I will repay evil." Wait on YAHWEH and He will save you.

22.24 **Do not** associate with a lord of anger, and **do not** go in with a man of fury, lest you learn his ways and take a snare for your soul.

22.26 **Do not** be one of those who shake hands to be sureties for loans.

22.27 If you have nothing to repay why should he take your bed from under you?

22.28 **Do not** move the old landmark which your fathers have set.

23.1 When you sit down to eat with a ruler carefully consider what is before you,

23.2 And put a knife to your throat if you are a possessor of *an appetite*.

23.3 **Do not** desire his delicacies for it is food of lies.

23.4 **Do not** work to be rich, cease from seeking it. If you seek it, it will fly away.

23.5 Surely it will make wings for itself like an eagle and will fly into the sky.

23.6 **Do not** eat the bread of a man with an evil eye, and do not desire his delicacies,

23.7 For as he thinks in his soul so he is. "Eat and drink," he says to you, but his heart is not with you.

23.8 What you have eaten you will toss up and spoil your flattering words.

23.9 **Do not** speak in the hearing of a fool for he will despise the wisdom of your words.

23.10 **Do not** move the old landmark, and **do not** enter into the fields of the fatherless, for their redeemer is mighty. He will plead their cause with you.

23.13 **Do not** withhold correction from a boy for if you strike him with the rod he will not die.

23.14 You shall beat him with a rod and deliver his soul from Hell.

23.17 **Do not** let your heart envy sinners, but be in the reverence of YAHWEH all day long.

23.18 Surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

23.20 **Do not** be with heavy drinkers of wine and with gluttons of meat,

23.21 For the glutton and the drinker lose all. And sleepiness will clothe one with rags.

23.23 Obtain the truth and **do not** sell it; also wisdom, instruction and understanding.

24.1 **Do not** envy evil men, and **do not** desire to be with them.

24.2 Because their thoughts are of violence, and their lips speak mischief.

24.12 **Do not** say, “We did not know this.” Does not He who knows your heart consider it, and does the keeper of your soul know? He repays to a man according to his work.

24.17 When your enemy falls **do not** rejoice. When he stumbles **do not** let your heart be glad, lest YAHWEH see it and it will be evil in His eyes. And He will turn away His anger from him.

24.19 **Do not** glow in anger because of evil doers, and **do not** envy the wicked,

24.20 For there will not be a hereafter for the wicked. The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

24.21 Revere YAHWEH, my son, and the king. **Do not** associate with those given to change.

24.22 For their woe will rise suddenly, and who knows what the ruin of both of them will be?

24.28 **Do not** be a witness against a neighbor without cause or deceive with your lips.

24.29 **Do not** say, “As he has done to me so I will do to him.” I will repay to each man according to his work.

25.6 **Do not** honor yourself before a king, and do not stand in the place of the great,

25.7 For it is better that he say to you, “Come up here,” than for you to be put lower before a noble whom your eyes have seen.

25.8 **Do not** go out hastily to fight for what will you do in the end when your neighbor has shamed you?

25.9 Plead your cause with your neighbor, and **do not** reveal the secret of another lest he who hears put you to shame and the evil report about you not pass away.

26.24 He who hates disguises it with his speech, and in his inner self he lays up deceit.

26.25 When he speaks graciously **do not** believe him for there are seven hateful things in his heart.

27.1 **Do not** boast about tomorrow because you do not know what the day may bring forth.

27.10 **Do not** forsake your friend or your father’s friend, and **do not** go to your brother’s house in the day of your calamity, for a neighbor nearby is better than a brother far away.

30.3 **Do not** give your strength to women, or your ways to the wiping out of kings.

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## ELOHIM

2.5 Then you will learn the reverence of YAHWEH and find the knowledge of **Elohim**.

3.4 You will find good favor and wisdom in the sight **Elohim** and man.

25.2 The glory of **Elohim** is to conceal a matter, but the glory of the king is to search out a matter.

26.10 Great is the **Former of all things**, but he who hires a fool is like one who hires those who pass by.

30.5 Every word of **Elohim** is tested. He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

Elohim is the plural word for God in the Hebrew language. It can refer to three or more. It is used of the Father, Son and HOLY SPIRIT throughout the Old Testament. Even though it is translated “God” it should be “Gods.” All translators use “God” instead of “Gods” to emphasize the unity of the Trinity. This unity of the Trinity is stated clearly in the Old Testament by using singular verbs with the plural noun Elohim. Elohim is also used to describe the false deities of the pagan nations.

## **ENVY** **(Jealousy)**

3.31 Do not **envy** a man of violence, and do not choose to follow his ways.

6.34 Because of **jealousy** a man will be enraged, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

14.30 A healthy heart is healing to the body, but **jealousy** is rottenness to the bones.

23.17 Do not let your heart **envy** sinners, but be in the reverence of YAHWEH all day long.

23.18 Surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

24.1 Do not **envy** evil men, and do not desire to be with them.

24.2 Because their thoughts are of violence, and their lips speak mischief.

24.19 Do not glow in anger because of evil doers, and do not **envy** the wicked,

24.20 For there will not be a hereafter for the wicked. The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

27.4 Fury is fierce and anger overflows, but who can stand before **jealousy**?

Envy and jealousy are bad qualities for anyone, but especially for a Christian. YAHSHUA died for us and we owe Him everything we have and are. Being envious of others, especially of the wicked is evidence that one does not understand they are a child of YAHWEH who has eternal life and has untold riches in the Heaven. The wealth and fame of the richest and most famous person on Earth cannot compare to what the least in the Kingdom of Heaven will have for all eternity. Remember, the wicked, no matter how rich they are will have nothing in the hereafter, and they will spend all eternity in the Lake of Fire. Instead of being jealous of the wicked we should feel pity for them and seek to share the gospel with them.

Christians should never be envious or jealous of our brothers and sisters in the Lord. If you are unsatisfied with your position in the church or your service to the Lord you need to get on your knees and ask the Lord to take away your jealousy. Then get into the Word every day. Pray more often and serve the Lord with more dedication.

## EVIL

1.16 For their feet run to **evil**, and they hasten to shed blood.

1.33 But the one who listens to me will live securely and will be at ease from the fear of **evil**.

2.12 To deliver you from the **evil** way; from the man who speaks perverse things;

2.14 Who rejoice to do **evil**. They rejoice in the perversities of the **evil**.

3.7 Do not be wise in your own eyes. Revere YAHWEH and depart from **evil**.

3.8 It will be healing to your navel and moisture to your bones.

3.29 Do not plot **evil** against your neighbor who lives securely with you.

3.30 Do not strive with a man without cause, if he has not done **evil** to you.

4.14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not proceed in the way of the **evil ones**.

4.25 Let your eyes look to the front and let your eyelids look before you.

4.26 Ponder the path of your feet and your ways will be set.

4.27 Do not turn to the right or to the left. Turn your foot from **evil**.

6.12 A worthless man, a man of **evil** walks with a crooked mouth,

6.13 Winks with his eyes, scrapes with his feet, points with his fingers.

6.14 Perverse things are in his heart, he plots **evil** all the time and he stirs up strife.

6.15 Therefore, his calamity will come suddenly and he will be broken quickly. He will not be healed.

6.16 These six things YAHWEH hates, and seven are hateful to His soul:

6.17 Lofty looks, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

6.18 A heart that plots **evil plans**, feet that run swiftly to **evil**,

6.19 He that breathes lies, *and* is a false witness, and one who causes strife between brothers.

6.24 To keep you from the **evil woman** and from the smooth tongue of a strange woman.

8.13 The reverence of YAHWEH is to hate evil. Pride, loftiness, the **evil** way and the perverse mouth I hate.

10.23 To work out **evil** devices is as laughter to the foolish so is wisdom to the man of understanding.

10.29 The way of YAHWEH is strength to the upright, but ruin to the workers of **evil**.

11.15 One suffers **evil** when he is surety for an alien, but the one who hates strikers of hand is safe.

11.19 Genuine righteousness leads to life, but the one who pursues **evil** leads to his own death.

11.21 Though hand join to hand the **evil one** will not be acquitted, but the seed of the righteous will escape.

11.27 The one who seeks good early seeks favor, but the one who seeks **evil** it will come to him.

12.2 The good obtains favor from YAHWEH, but He will condemn a man who plots **evil**.

12.12 The wicked desires the net of **evil**, but the root of the righteous gives.

12.13 The transgression of the lips is the snare of **evil**, but the righteous will emerge from distress.

12.20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot **evil**, but to counselors of peace is joy.

12.21 Every trouble will not happen to the righteous, but the wicked will be filled with **evil**.

13.17 A wicked messenger falls into **evil**, but a faithful envoy is healing.

13.19 The desire that is realized is sweet to the soul, but it is hateful for fools to depart from **evil**.

13.20 He who walks with the wise will be wise, but a friend of fools suffers **evil**.

13.21 Sinners are pursued by **evil**, but the righteous will be rewarded with good.

14.16 The wise fears and turns from **evil**, but the foolish passes over and is bold.

14.17 He who gets angry quickly acts foolishly, and a man who plots **evil** is hated.

14.19 The **evil** will bow before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the just.

14.22 Do not **evil devisers** go astray? But mercy and truth follow devisers of good.

14.32 By his **evil** doing the wicked is thrust out, but the righteous has refuge in his death.

15.15 All the days of the poor are **evil**, but goodness of heart is a continual feast.

15.28 The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but **evil** things flow out of the mouth of the wicked.

16.4 YAHWEH has made everything for His purpose even the wicked for the day of **evil**.

16.6 By mercy and truth iniquity is covered, and by the reverence of YAHWEH men turn from **evil**.

16.17 The highway of the upright is to turn from **evil**. He who keeps his soul watches his way.

16.27 A worthless man digs up **evil**, and his speech is like a burning fire.

16.30 He who winks his eyes to carry out perverse plans also signals with his lips to bring about **evil**.

17.4 An evildoer listens to lies, and a liar listens to those who speak **evil desires**.

17.11 A rebel seeks **evil** so a cruel messenger is sent against him.

17.13 He who returns **evil** instead of good, **evil** will not depart from his house.

17.20 One who has a crooked heart does not find good, and one who speaks perverse things falls into **evil**.

19.23 The reverence of YAHWEH leads to life, and he will rest satisfied. He will not be visited by **evil**.

19.28 A worthless witness scorns justice, and the mouth of the wicked devours **evil**.

20.8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment scatters all **evil** with his eyes.

20.14 “**Evil, evil**” says the buyer, but when he departs he boasts.

20.22 Do not say, “I will repay **evil**.” Wait on YAHWEH and He will save you.

20.30 The stripes of a wound cleanse away **evil**, and strokes the inward parts of the heart.

21.10 The soul of the wicked desires **evil** and his neighbor does not find favor in his eyes.

21.12 The Righteous One wisely considers the house of the wicked, and He overturns the wicked for his **evil**.

21.27 The sacrifice of the wicked is hateful; much more when he brings it with an **evil intent**.

22.3 A sensible person sees **evil** and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.

22.8 He who sows injustice will **reap evil**, and the rod of his wrath will cease.

23.6 Do not eat the bread of a man with an **evil eye**, and do not desire his delicacies,

24.1 Do not envy **evil** men, and do not desire to be with them, because their thoughts are of violence, and their lips speak mischief.

24.8 He who devises to do **evil** will be called a lord of **evil plots**.

24.15 O wicked, do not lie in ambush at the abode of the righteous. Do not violate his resting place.

24.16 For seven times a just man falls and rises again, but the wicked will stumble into **evil**.

24.17 When your enemy falls do not rejoice. When he stumbles do not let your heart be glad,

24.18 Lest YAHWEH see it and it will be **evil** in His eyes. And He will turn away His anger from him.

24.19 Do not glow in anger because of **evil doers**, and do not envy the wicked,

24.20 For there will not be a hereafter for the wicked. The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

25.8 Plead your cause with your neighbor, and do not reveal the secret of another lest he who hears put you to shame and the **evil report** about you not pass away.

26.23 As an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross, so are burning lips and an **evil heart**.

27.12 A sensible person sees the **evil** and hides himself. The simple go on and are punished.

28.5 **Evil men** do not understand justice, but those who seek YAHWEH understand all.

28.10 The one who leads the upright astray in an **evil way** will fall into his own pit, and the blameless will inherit good.

28.14 Blessed *is* the man who dreads always, but he who hardens his heart will fall into **evil**.

28.22 A man with an **evil eye** hastens after wealth, but he does not know that want will come on him.

29.6 The sin of an **evil man** is a snare, but the righteous sing and rejoice.

30.20 So is the way of an adulterous woman; she eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, “I have not done any **evil**.”

31.12 She deals to him good and **not evil**, all the days of her life.

The wicked enjoy doing evil; some more than others. Doing anything that is evil is something no Christian should ever think of doing much less do it. If you feel an urge to do something evil get down on your knees and pray that feeling away. Then get into the Scriptures.

Christians should also not want to be around the wicked. When they do the behavior of the wicked eventually rubs off on them and they find themselves doing what the wicked do. Remember, “*Bad company corrupts good morals*” (1 Corinthians 15.33).

Christians should also not envy the wicked who do evil endlessly (Proverbs 23.17; 24.1, 19). Believers who envy the wicked are living in the world. They have not come to the realization that no one can take the possessions of this world into the next. They also do not understand that Christians are not to focus on accumulating riches and possessions. Instead we are to accumulate riches in Heaven by spurning the riches of the world (Matthew 6.19-20), and by serving YAHWEH with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12.33).

## FAITHFULNESS

11.13 One who goes with slander reveals secrets, but the **faithful of spirit** keeps a matter hidden.

13.17 A wicked messenger falls into evil, but a **faithful envoy** is healing.

14.5 A **faithful witness** will not lie, but a false witness breathes lies.

20.6 Many men will proclaim his own kindness, but who can find a **faithful man**?

25.11 Like cold snow on a harvest day is a **faithful messenger** to those who send him, and he refreshes his master’s soul.

25.13 Like cold snow on a harvest day is a **faithful messenger** to those who send him, and he refreshes his master's soul.

27.6 **Faithful** are the wounds of a lover, but plentiful are the kisses of one who hates.

28.20 A **faithful man** will be full of blessings, but one who rushes to be rich will not be acquitted.

Faithfulness is a godly quality that every Christian should cultivate in themselves. The way to do that is to pray always (1 Thessalonians 5.17) and study the Bible every day (Acts 17.11). Fellowship with fellow Christians as often as possible (Hebrews 10.24-25) is also a good way to develop one's faithfulness.

If we are faithful to the Lord He will reward us (Luke 12.41-44), and also say to us when we go home to be with Him, "Well done good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25.21-23).

## FATHERS

1.8 Hear, my son, your **father's** instruction, and do not forsake the teaching of your mother, for they are an ornament of grace to your head and a necklace for your neck.

3.11 Do not despise the chastening of YAHWEH, my son, and do not hate His correction.

3.12 He corrects even as a **father** the son in whom He is well-pleased.

4.1 Hear, sons, a **father's** teaching, and listen to know understanding.

4.2 For I give good teaching to you. Do not forsake my law.

4.3 For I was a son to my **father**, and a tender *and* only son to my mother.

4.4 And he taught me and said to me, "Have your heart hang on to my words, keep my commandments and live.

4.5 "Get wisdom and get understanding. Do not forget and do not stray away from the words of my mouth.

4.6 "Do not forsake her and she will keep you. Love her and she will guard you.

4.7 “The first thing is wisdom. Get wisdom, and with all of your getting get understanding.

4.8 “Exalt her and she will lift you up. She will honor you when you embrace her.

4.9 “She will be like a wreath of grace on your head, a crown of glory and a shield.”

6.20 My son, keep your **father’s** commandments and do not forsake the law of your mother.

6.21 Tie them on your heart continually and bind them on your neck.

6.22 When you go it will lead you. When you lie down it will watch over you. When you awake it will talk with you.

6.23 The command is a lamp and the law is a light. And the reproofs of instruction are the way of life

10.1 Proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes his **father** rejoice, but a foolish son is sorrow to his mother.

13.1 A wise son hears his **father’s** instruction, but a scorner does not hear rebuke.

13.24 **He** who holds back his rod hates **his son**, but he who loves him seeks to correct him.

15.5 A fool despises his **father’s** instruction, but the one who keeps it is wise.

15.20 A wise son makes a **father** glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.

17.6 The crown of old men are grandchildren and the glory of sons is their **fathers**.

17.21 He who fathers a fool has grief because of it, and the **father** of a fool will not rejoice.

17.25 A foolish son is a vexation to his **father**, and bitterness to her who bore him.

19.13 A foolish son is ruin to his **father**, and the striving of a woman is like never-ending dripping.

19.14 House and riches are the legacy of **fathers**, but a prudent woman is from YAHWEH.

19.26 He who assaults his **father** and chases his mother away causes shame and brings reproach.

20.20 He who curses his **father** or his mother his lamp be put out in the blackest darkness.

23.22 Listen to your **father** who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

23.24 The **father** of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and the **father** of a wise one will be glad in him.

23.25 Let your **father** and your mother be glad and let her who bore you rejoice.

28.7 He who keeps the law *is* a wise son, but a friend of gluttons shames his **father**.

28.24 He who robs his **father** or his mother and says, “*It is not a transgression,*” *is* a partner to a man who destroys.

29.3 A man who loves wisdom makes his **father** glad, but a friend of prostitutes wastes wealth.

30.11 *There is* a generation *that* curses his **father**, and does not bless his mother.

30.17 The eye that mocks his **father**, and that despises to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley will pluck it *out*, and the sons of the eagles will eat it.

Fathers are very important in any society. Without them and mothers society cannot function. All fathers must take the leadership role in the family. YAHWEH put them in charge and mothers are their executive officer (2nd in command). When the father relinquishes his command or the mother usurps it the family suffers. Any time the ordained order of anything is altered the results are always negative. Many mothers

argue that if they do not step in and take spiritual charge of the family when the father refuses to the family will fall apart. The best thing to do is for the mother to pray and humbly encourage her husband to take the leadership role. She cannot nag him into being a spiritual leader; she can only pray him into it. A good way for her to do this is ask him to pray and read the Bible with her. Once he is comfortable doing that he can have family devotions as he is commanded to:

*And these words which I commanded you today shall be on your heart, and you shall repeat them to your sons, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk in the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. (Deuteronomy 6.6-7)*

## FAVOR (Grace)

1.8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake the teaching of your mother, for they are an ornament of **grace** to your head and a necklace for your neck.

3.1 My son, do not forget my teaching. Let your heart guard my commands

3.2 For they will add long life and peace to you.

3.3 Mercy and truth will not forsake you. Tie them around your neck and write them on the tablet of your heart.

3.4 You will find good **favor** and wisdom in the sight of Elohim and man.

3.21 My son, do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion,

3.22 For they will be life to your soul and **grace** to your neck.

3.34 He scorns the scorners, yet He gives **grace** to the lowly.

4.9 "She will be like a wreath of **grace** on your head, a crown of glory and a shield."

11.27 The one who seeks good early seeks **favor**, but the one who seeks evil it will come to him.

12.2 The good obtains **favor** from YAHWEH, but He will condemn a man who plots evil.

14.9 Fools mock at guilt, but among the righteous is **favor**.

14.21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but he who **favours** the poor is happy.

14.35 For the one who finds me finds life and he will obtain **favor** from YAHWEH.

16.15 In the light of a king's face is life, and his **favor** is like the cloud of a spring rain.

18.22 He who finds a woman finds a good thing and gets **favor** from YAHWEH.

19.6 Many will beg the **favor** of a noble, and everyone is a friend to him who gives gifts.

19.12 The king's anger is like the roaring of a lion, but like the dew on the grass is his **favor**.

21.10 The soul of the wicked desires evil and his neighbor does not find **favor** in his eyes.

22.1 A name is to be chosen rather than great riches. **Favor** is better than silver and gold.

22.11 He who loves pureness of heart, **grace** is on his lips, and the king will be his friend.

28.23 He who reproves a man afterward finds *more* **grace** than he who flatters *him*.

29.26 Many seek the **favor** of a ruler, but the judgment of each man is from YAHWEH.

Everyone seeks favor from their family, relatives, spiritual brothers and sisters, neighbors, friends, fellow employees and employers. The way to get favor from others is by being kind and generous to them and by not being mean and stingy. The same is true with YAHWEH. If you seek His favor then you should be obedient and generous to Him. You should obey His commands that are found in Proverbs and the entire Bible. The exceptions are the Old Testament sacrificial and ceremonial laws. Today Christians only keep the moral laws of the Old Testament. They do not obey them to earn or to keep their salvation (eternal life). Instead they keep them out of love, respect and reverence for YAHWEH for what He did for them – giving them eternal life through the death, burial and resurrection of His Son, YAHSHUA (John 3.16; Romans 6.23). When one lives a holy life through obedience to YAHWEH he will grow in grace and favor with YAHWEH and men just as YAHSHUA did (Luke 2.52).

## FAVORITISM

28.21 To show **favoritism** is not good, *because* for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

Showing favoritism to anyone for any reason is always wrong. It only leads to trouble. Those who are shown favoritism usually come to think they are better than others. The people around them resent the fact that he is shown favor and they become bitter towards him and the one(s) who showed him the special favoritism. YAHWEH is not a respecter of persons and neither should we be (Acts 10.34-35; Romans 2.11; James 2.1-7).

## FEAR

3.25 Do not be **afraid** of sudden terror and of the ruin of the wicked for it is coming.

3.26 For YAHWEH will be beside you, and He will keep you from being captured.

29.25 The **fear of man** brings a snare, but he who trusts in YAHWEH is set on high.

Everyone has fears of some kind and many of them are legitimate fears. Yet all Christians should conquer their fears by trusting in YAHWEH (Proverbs 3.5-6). The way to develop strong trust in YAHWEH is by praying always (1 Thessalonians 5.17) and spending as much time in the Bible as possible. The more time one spends in prayer and in the Word the greater one's love grows. It is perfect love that casts out all fear (1 John 4.18).

## FOLLY

5.22 His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and with the cords of his sins he will be seized.

5.23 He will die in the absence of instruction, and in the greatness of his **folly** he goes astray.

12.23 A shrewd man covers knowledge, but the heart of fools calls out **folly**.

13.16 Every shrewd person deals with knowledge, but a fool lays open his **folly**.

14.8 The wisdom of the astute guides his way, but the **folly** of fools is deceit.

14.24 The crown of the wise is their riches, and the **folly** of fools is foolishness.

14.29 One who is slow to anger has great understanding, but the one who has a short temper exalts **folly**.

16.22 Prudence is a well of life to its owners, but the instruction of fools is **folly**.

18.13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is **folly** and shame to him.

19.3 The **folly** of a man perverts his way, and his heart rages against YAHWEH.

26.4 Do not answer a fool according to his **folly** lest you also become like him.

26.5 Answer a fool according to his **folly** lest he be wise in his own eyes.

26.11 As a dog that returns to its own vomit, so a fool repeats his own **foolishness**.

27.22 Though you pound a fool in the mortar with a pestle with the grain, he will not turn from his **folly**.

Folly is a foolish action or idea. It is the description of the behavior of fools. Very few people take pride in being a fool, but a great many people are. To determine whether or not you are a fool, study the verses in this section and the one below carefully. If you conclude you are a fool then turn to the topics wise and wisdom to see what you need to do to not be a fool.

## FOOLS

### (Foolish, Foolishly, Foolishness, Madman)

1.7 The reverence of YAHWEH is the beginning of knowledge. **Fools** despise wisdom and instruction.

1.22 “How long, simple ones, will you love simplicity? And will scorners desire scorn for themselves? And will **fools** hate knowledge?”

1.30 They did not want my counsel and they despised all of my reproof.

1.31 And they will eat the fruit of their own way and with their own devices they will be filled.

1.32 For the going astray of the simple kills them, and the ease of **fools** destroys them.

3.35 The wise inherit honor, but the **foolish** exalt shame.

7.22 He goes after her at once as an ox that goes to the slaughter, and as one chained to be chastised for being a **fool**, and as a bird hastens to the snare.

8.5 “Understand prudence simple ones. And understand the heart, **fools.**”

9.13 A **woman of foolishness** makes noise and is simple, and knows not what.

9.14 And she sits at the door of her house on a seat in the heights of the city

9.15 To call to those who pass by, to those going straight on their paths,

9.16 “Who is simple, turn aside here!” And to the one lacking heart she says to him,

9.17 “Stolen waters are sweet and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”

9.18 But he does not know that the dead are there, and her guests are in the depths of Hell.

10.1 Proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes his father rejoice, but a **foolish** son is sorrow to his mother.

10.8 The wise of heart accepts commands, but the lips of the **foolish** He will thrust away.

10.10 The one who winks the eye gives pain, and the lips of the **foolish** will be thrust away .

10.14 The wise store up knowledge, but *with* the **fool’s** mouth ruin is near.

10.18 He who hides hatred has lips of falsehood, and the one who slanders is a **fool**.

10.21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but **fools** die for a lack of heart.

10.23 To work out evil devices is as laughter to the **foolish** so is wisdom to the man of understanding.

11.29 The one who troubles his house inherits the wind, and a **fool** is servant to the wise at heart.

12.15 The way of a **fool** is right in his own eyes, but the one who listens to counsel is wise.

12.16 The vexation of a **fool** is known in a day, but the astute covers shame.

12.23 A shrewd man covers knowledge, but the heart of **fools** calls out folly.

13.16 Every shrewd person deals with knowledge, but a **fool** lays open his folly.

13.19 The desire that is realized is sweet to the soul, but it is hateful for **fools** to depart from evil.

13.20 He who walks with the wise will be wise, but a friend of **fools** suffers evil.

14.1 Wise women build their homes, but the **foolish** tears it down with her hands.

14.3 A rod of pride is in the mouth of the **fool**, but the lips of the wise preserve them.

14.7 Go from the presence a **foolish man** or you will not know the words of knowledge.

14.8 The wisdom of the astute guides his way, but the folly of **fools** is deceit.

14.9 **Fools** mock at guilt, but among the righteous is favor.

14.16 The wise fears and turns from evil, but the **foolish** passes over and is bold.

14.17 He who gets angry quickly acts **foolishly**, and a man who plots evil is hated.

14.18 The simple inherit **foolishness**, but the prudent are surrounded with knowledge.

14.24 The crown of the wise is their riches, and the folly of **fools** is **foolishness**.

14.33 Wisdom rests in the heart of those who have understanding, and among **fools** it is made known.

15.2 The tongue of the righteous makes knowledge useful, but **foolishness** flows from the mouth of a **fool**.

15.5 A **fool** despises his father's instruction, but the one who keeps it is wise.

15.7 The lips of the wise scatter knowledge, but the heart of **fools** is not so.

15.14 The heart of the wise seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feed on **folly**.

15.20 A wise son makes a father glad, but a **foolish man** despises his mother.

16.22 Prudence is a well of life to its owners, but the instruction of **fools** is folly.

17.7 Excessive talk is not fitting for a **fool**; much less for a noble to speak lies.

17.10 A rebuke goes into one who is astute more than 100 blows into a **fool**.

17.12 Let a man meet a bear bereaved of cubs than a **fool** in his **foolishness**.

17.16 Why is there money in the hand of a **fool** to obtain wisdom when he has no sense?

17.21 He who fathers a **fool** has grief because of it, and the father of a **fool** will not rejoice.

17.24 With the face of the wise is wisdom, but the eyes of a **fool** are on the ends of the Earth.

17.25 A **foolish** son is a vexation to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.

17.28 Even a **fool** who is silent is thought to be wise, and he who says nothing is thought to have understanding.

18.2 A **fool** does not have delight in understanding, but only in revealing his heart.

18.6 A **fool's** lips enter into strife, and his mouth calls for strokes.

18.7 A **fool's** mouth is his ruin, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

19.1 The poor who walks in his integrity is better than one who speaks lies and is a **fool**.

19.3 The **folly** of a man perverts his way, and his heart rages against YAHWEH.

19.10 Luxury is not becoming for a **fool** much less for a servant to rule over rulers.

19.13 A **foolish son** is ruin to his father, and the striving of a woman is like never-ending dripping.

19.29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and blows for the back of **fools**.

20.3 It is an honor for a man to cease from strife, but every **fool** quarrels.

21.20 A desirable treasure and oil is in the home of the wise, but a **foolish man** devours it.

22.15 **Foolishness** is bound up in the heart of a boy. The rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

23.9 Do not speak in the hearing of a **fool** for he will despise the wisdom of your words.

24.7 Wisdom is too high for a **fool**, and he does not open his mouth in the gate.

24.9 The plotting of **foolishness** is sin, and the scorner is hated by men.

26.1 Like snow in summer and rain in harvest, so honor is not right for a **fool**.

26.3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle is for the ass, and a rod is for the back of **fools**.

26.4 Do not answer a **fool** according to his **folly** lest you also become like him.

26.5 Answer a **fool** according to his **folly** lest he be wise in his own eyes.

26.6 He cuts off his own feet and drinks violence who sends messages by the hand of a **fool**.

26.7 The legs of the lame are weak, and so is a proverb in the mouth of **fools**.

26.8 As he who binds a stone on a sling, so is he who gives honor to a **fool**.

26.9 As a thorn goes up into the drunkard's hand, so is a proverb in the mouth of a **fool**.

26.10 Great is the Former of all things, but he who hires a **fool** is like one who hires those who pass by.

26.11 As a dog that returns to its own vomit, so a **fool** repeats his own **foolishness**.

26.12 Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a **fool** than there is for him.

26.18 Like a **madman** who throws sparks, arrows and death, is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "Am I not joking?"

27.3 A stone is heavy and sand is a burden, but the vexation of a **fool** is heavier than both of them.

27.22 Though you pound a **fool** in the mortar with a pestle with the grain, he will not turn from his folly.

28.26 He who trusts in his heart *is* a **fool**, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

29.9 *If* a wise man disputes with a **foolish man** he either shakes or laughs and *there* is no rest.

29.11 A **fool** reveals everything about himself, but the wise is quiet and holds back.

29.20 Do you see a man hasty in his words? *There* is more hope for a **fool** than for him!

30.21 Under three *things* the earth quakes, and under four it is not able to bear up:

30.22 Under a servant when he reigns; and when a **fool** is filled with food;

30.23 Under one who is hated when she marries; and when a handmaid is heir to her mistress.

30.32 If you have been **foolish** in exalting yourself, or if you plot *evil*, *lay your hand on your mouth*.

30.33 For *if you* squeeze milk out comes curds, and *if you* squeeze the nose out comes blood, and *if you* squeeze wrath out comes strife.

Very few people take pride in being a fool, but a great many people are. To determine whether or not you are a fool, study the verses in this section and the one before it carefully. If you conclude you are a fool then turn to the topics “Wise” and “Wisdom” to see what you need to do to not be a fool.

## **FOUNTAIN OF LIFE** **(Well of Life, Fountain of Wisdom)**

10.11 The mouth of the righteous is a **fountain of life**, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

13.14 The law of the wise is a **fountain of life** to depart from the snares of life.

14.27 The reverence of YAHWEH is a **fountain of life** to turn away from the snares of death.

16.22 Prudence is a **well of life** to its owners, but the instruction of fools is folly.

18.4 The words of a man are like deep waters, and the **fountain of wisdom** is like a flowing stream.

This fountain of life is symbolic of several things. The first one mentioned is the words of the righteous. When a believer speaks in love and truth his words are a spiritual fountain of life. Christians are commanded to speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5.19), to speak to each other frequently (Malachi 3.16) and to consider how to stimulate each other to love and good works (Hebrews 10.24-25).

The law of the wise is also a fountain of life. That law of the wise is the Bible. Through careful study, memorization and meditation on the Scriptures (Psalm 1.2-3; 119.11) a Christian can avoid the snares of life. The fountain of wisdom is another name for the Bible. All wisdom comes from YAHWEH and it is found in His Word. If you want wisdom study the Bible as much and as often as possible and ask YAHWEH to give you His wisdom (James 1.5).

Reverence of YAHWEH (also translated “fear of YAHWEH”) is a fountain of life. To revere YAHWEH one obeys Him. He obeys the moral laws found in the Bible, prays throughout each day (1 Thessalonians 5.17), reads, studies, memorizes and meditates on Scripture daily (Deuteronomy 17.19; Revelation 1.3; Acts 17.11; 2 Timothy 2.15; Psalm 119.11; Psalm 1.2), fellowships with the brethren (Hebrews 10.24-25) and shares the Gospel as the SPIRIT leads (1 Peter 3.15). As one does this he will avoid the snares of death.

Prudence is a well of life. Prudence is another word for common sense. It is knowledge, understanding and wisdom that enable one to live life with a minimal amount of trouble. The way one obtains prudence is by studying, memorizing and meditating on Scripture.

The “*Fountain of Living Waters*” is a reference to the HOLY SPIRIT who dwells within all believers. He was available to believers of the Old Testament dispensation (Jeremiah 2.13; 17.13). He would come and go to enable certain individuals to perform certain tasks. Examples are found in the lives of David (Psalm 51.11), John the Baptizer (Luke 1.80) and Simeon (Luke 2.25-32). In the New Testament dispensation the HOLY SPIRIT is given to all believers in YAHSHUA Messiah (1 Corinthians 3.16; 6.19; 2 Corinthians 6.16; Ephesians 2.21; James 4.5) and He is referred to by YAHSHUA as a “*fountain of water springing up to eternal life*” (John 4.14) and “*rivers of living water*” (John 7.38-39).

An angel told John that those who died for their faith during the Tribulation would have the privilege of drinking from the “*Living Fountains of Waters*” (Revelation 7.17). It is also called the “*River of*

*the Water of Life*” (Revelation 22.1). The promise of being able to drink from the “*Water of Life*” is also given in the fifth to the last verse in the Bible (Revelation 22.17).

The “*fountain of living waters*” is also a reference to YAHWEH (Jeremiah 2.13; 7.13). The use of this to refer to the HOLY SPIRIT is just one of dozens of proofs that the HOLY SPIRIT is a member of the Trinity and not just a force.

## FRIENDS (Lover)

6.1 My son, if you are surety for your **friend**, if you struck an alien with your palms,

6.3 Do this then, my son, and save yourself when you come into the presence of your **friend**. Go and humble yourself and be bold before your **friend**.

11.9 The mouth of the ungodly ruins his **friend**, but by knowledge the righteous is delivered.

11.12 One who despises his **friend** lacks heart, but a man of understanding remains silent.

12.26 The righteous searches out his **friend**, but the way of the wicked misleads them.

13.20 He who walks with the wise will be wise, but a **friend** of fools suffers evil.

16.28 A perverse man causes strife and a slanderer separates **friends**.

17.9 He who covers transgressions seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates **friends**.

17.17 A **friend** loves all the time, but a brother is born for trouble.

17.18 A man who lacks wisdom shakes hands, and makes a pledge before his **friend**.

18.24 A man of *many* **friends** may be broken up, but there is a lover who sticks closer than a brother.

19.4 Wealth adds many **friends**, but the poor is separated from his neighbor.

19.6 Many will beg the favor of a noble, and everyone is a **friend** to him who gives gifts.

19.7 All the brothers of a poor man hate him, and certainly his **friends** are far from him. He pursues them with words yet they are not.

22.11 He who loves pureness of heart, grace is on his lips, and the king will be his **friend**.

27.6 Faithful are the wounds of a **lover**, but plentiful are the kisses of one who hates.

27.9 Oil and perfume give joy to the heart, so a person's counsel is sweet to his **friend**.

27.10 Do not forsake your **friend** or your father's **friend**, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity, for a neighbor nearby is better than a brother far away.

27.14 He who rises early in the morning and blesses his **friend** with a loud voice, it will be deemed as cursing to him.

27.17 Iron sharpens iron, and a man sharpens his **friend's** face.

Friends are very important and everyone needs a few good friends. Bad friends or too many friends can hinder a person's service to the Lord. Remember, all Christians have a best friend who sticks closer than a brother. And He can help us more than all our friends put together. That special Friend is our Savior.

A true friend helps one be a better servant of the Lord. That is why one needs to take care in choosing friends. Choose wise friends who are sold out to the Lord. Remember, "He who walks with the wise will be wise, but a friend of fools suffers evil."

# GIVING

3.9 **Honor** YAHWEH from your **substance** and from the **first fruits** of all your **produce**,

3.10 And your barns will be filled plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.

19.17 He who **favours the poor** lends to YAHWEH, and He will reward him for it.

28.27 He who **gives** to the poor has no lack, but he who hides his eyes *will have* many curses.

Giving to YAHWEH is a great privilege. When we give we are showing Him our gratitude for giving us eternal life and being chosen to serve Him. We are also demonstrating our reliance on Him to meet all of our needs. He knows what we will do before we are born. When we give we do not prove our reliance on YAHWEH to Him, we prove to ourselves and to those around us how much faith and trust we have in Him.

When we give to the poor we are also trusting in YAHWEH to meet our needs. He promises to meet all of our needs (not our desires) in this life (Matthew 6.33-34), and to reward us in the life to come. Giving to the Lord and to the poor is a way of laying up treasure in Heaven (Matthew 6.19-20).

It is important to remember that giving to the poor and needy can be an advantage. The time may come when you may have need of assistance from others. Those who you helped may help you (Luke 16.1-9).

# GLUTTONY

23.20 Do not be with heavy drinkers of wine and with **gluttons** of meat,

23.21 For the **glutton** and the drinker lose all. And sleepiness will clothe one with rags.

28.7 He who keeps the law *is* a wise son, but a friend of **gluttons** shames his father.

Gluttony, the love of food (Philippians 3.19), is an overlooked sin. Most people who are over-weight do not think they are gluttons. They think they have a metabolic problem rather than a sinful love of food. Few gluttons believe they are living in sin and they do not ask forgiveness for it. Gluttony is a pandemic in America and it is prevalent in the churches. Far too many pastors are gluttons and only a fraction of them think it is a sin. Gluttony is one sin that is overlooked in most churches because most of the pastors and members are gluttons.

Gluttony sometimes is a manifestation of other sins. It is a love of food, but it can also be a sign that the person is a sluggard (lazy). Most often it shows that the person has low self-esteem and is weak-willed. All of these qualities hinder spiritual growth.

Any sin that is not dealt with through forgiveness and the power of the HOLY SPIRIT breaks fellowship with the Father, Son and HOLY SPIRIT. A Christian who is a glutton for years or decades is not abiding in Christ (John 15.1-6) and is not being used by YAHWEH to the fullest extent.

## **GOSSIP** **(Slander, Whisperer)**

6.22 As an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross, so are **burning lips** and an evil heart.

16.28 A perverse man causes strife and a **slanderer** separates friends.

25.9 Plead your cause with your neighbor, and **do not reveal the secret of another**.

26.19 Where there is no wood the fire goes out, and where there is no **whisperer** strife grows silent.

26.20 As coals to burning embers and wood to fire, so is a man of strife to kindle contention.

26.21 The **words of a whisperer** are like tasty morsels that enter into the chambers of the heart.

Gossip destroys lives, families, friendships and churches. It is another overlooked sin that most people think little or nothing of. No Christian should ever pass along information about someone else of a personal nature. If you have a problem with gossip, study the third

chapter of James carefully. You may even consider memorizing the entire chapter.

# HATE

## (Hateful, Despise)

1.22 “How long, simple ones, will you love simplicity? And will scorners desire scorn for themselves? And will fools **hate** knowledge?”

1.29 They **hated** knowledge and they did not choose the reverence of YAHWEH.

3.11 Do not **despise** the chastening of YAHWEH, my son, and do not **hate** His correction.

3.12 He corrects even as a father the son in whom He is well-pleased.

3.32 The devious **hate** YAHWEH, but He is intimate with the upright.

5.12 Then you will say, “How I have **hated** instruction and my heart **despised** correction.

6.16 These six things YAHWEH **hates**, and seven are **hateful** to His soul:

6.17 Lofty looks, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

6.18 A heart that plots evil plans, feet that run swiftly to evil,

6.19 He that breathes lies, *and* is a false witness, and one who causes strife between brothers.

8.7 “For I will speak truth and wickedness is **hateful** to my lips.”

8.13 The reverence of YAHWEH is to **hate** evil. Pride, loftiness, the evil way and the perverse mouth I **hate**.

8.36 But he who sins against me hurts his own soul. All who **hate** me love death.

9.8 Do not reprove a scorner lest he **hate** you. Reprove a wise man and he will love you.

10.12 **Hatred** stirs up strife, but love covers all transgressions.

10.18 He who hides **hatred** has lips of falsehood, and the one who slanders is a fool.

11.1 YAHWEH **hates** false balances, but a perfect stone is His delight.

11.15 One suffers evil when he is surety for an alien, but the one who **hates** strikers of hand is safe.

11.20 The perverse of heart are **hateful** to YAHWEH, but His delight is the upright in the way.

12.1 The one who loves instruction loves knowledge, but the one who **hates** correction is brutish.

13.5 The righteous **hates** lies, but the wicked is odious and acts shamefully.

13.19 The desire that is realized is sweet to the soul, but it is **hateful** for fools to depart from evil.

13.24 He who holds back his rod **hates** his son, but he who loves him seeks to correct him.

14.17 He who gets angry quickly acts foolishly, and a man who plots evil is **hated**.

14.20 The poor is **hated** even by his neighbors, but there are many who love the rich.

15.8 YAHWEH **hates** the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright is His delight.

15.9 The wicked **hate** the way of YAHWEH, but He loves the one who pursues righteousness.

15.10 Instruction is evil to the one who forsakes the path, and the one who **hates** reproof will die.

15.17 Better is a meal of herbs with love than many oxen and **hatred** with it.

15.26 The thoughts of the evil are **hateful** to YAHWEH, but pleasant words are pure.

15.27 He who gets unjust gain troubles his house, but he who **hates** bribes will live.

15.32 He who ignores correction **hates** his own soul, but he who hears reproof gets common sense.

17.15 He who justifies the wicked and condemns the just, even both of them are **hateful** to YAHWEH.

19.7 All the brothers of a poor man **hate** him, and certainly his friends are far from him. He pursues them with words yet they are not.

20.10 A false weight and a false balance are **hateful** to YAHWEH, even both of them.

20.23 A false weight is **hateful** to YAHWEH and a false balance is not good.

21.27 The sacrifice of the wicked is **hateful**; much more when he brings it with an evil intent.

22.14 The mouth of an alien woman is a deep pit. Those who are **hated** by YAHWEH will fall into it.

24.9 The plotting of foolishness is sin, and the scorner is **hated** by men.

25.15 Let your foot be rarely in your neighbor's house lest he be full of you and **hate** you.

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25.27 The sacrifice of the wicked is **hateful**; much more when he brings it with an evil intent.

26.24 He who **hates** disguises it with his speech, and in his inner self he lays up deceit.

26.25 When he speaks graciously do not believe him for there are seven **hateful** things in his heart.

26.26 **Hatred** is covered by guile. His **hatred** will be revealed in the assembly.

26.28 A lying tongue **hates** those it crushes, and a flattering mouth causes others to stumble.

27.6 Faithful are the wounds of a lover, but plentiful are the kisses of one who **hates**.

28.16 A ruler who lacks understanding adds *to his* oppressions, *and the* one who **hates** unjust gain prolongs *his* days.

29.10 Men of bloodshed **hate** the blameless, but the upright seek his soul.

29.24 He who shares with a thief **hates** his soul, he hears an oath but does not tell it.

29.27 A righteous man **hates** the unjust, and the wicked **hates** the upright way.

30.21 Under three *things* the earth quakes, and under four it is not able to bear up:

30.22 Under a servant when he reigns; and when a fool is filled with food;

30.23 Under one who is **hated** when she marries; and when a handmaid is heir to her mistress.

Hate can be good or bad. All Christians are to hate the things that YAHWEH hates – pride, arrogance, evil, the evil way, sin, lies, false scales, dissension among brothers and the wicked. Even though Christians are to hate the wicked (Proverbs 29.27) we are commanded to love them (Matthew 5.43-48). We hate them, their lifestyle and their way of thinking, but we are to love them just the same. It may seem like a contradiction, but it is not. The hate we have for the wicked can be understood better if we replace the word “hate” with the words “love less.” YAHSHUA said that those who desire to follow Him must hate their father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters and themselves. He did not mean Christians must “hate” everyone and themselves to follow Him. He meant they must love others less than they love Him. Christians are to love the wicked far less than they love YAHWEH and each other.

# HEALTH

## (Healing)

3.8 It will be **healing** to your navel and moisture to your bones.

4.20 My son, listen to my words, and bow your ear to what I say.

4.21 Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the center of your heart.

4.22 For they are life to those who find them and **healing** to his whole body.

12.18 There is rash speaking like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise is **healing**.

13.17 A wicked messenger falls into evil, but a faithful envoy is **healing**.

14.30 A healthy heart is **healing** to the body, but jealousy is rottenness to the bones.

15.4 A **healing** tongue is a tree of life, but perversity in it breaks the spirit.

16.24 Pleasant words are flowing with honey. They are sweet to the soul and **healing** to the bones.

17.22 A joyful heart is **healing**, but a broken spirit dries up the bone.

# HEART

## (Inner Self, neck)

2.2 So that you tune your ear to wisdom, and incline your **heart** to understanding,

2.10 When wisdom enters into your **heart** and knowledge is pleasing to your soul,

2.11 Discretion will keep you and understanding will watch over you.

3.1 My son, do not forget my teaching. Let your **heart** guard my commands.

3.3 Mercy and truth will not forsake you. Tie them around your neck and write them on the tablet of your **heart**.

3.5-6 Trust YAHWEH with all of your **heart** and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.

4.4 And he taught me and said to me, “Have your **heart** hang on to my words, keep my commandments and live.

4.21 Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the center of your **heart**.

4.23 With all diligence keep your **heart** for out of it are the issues of life.

5.12 Then you will say, “How I have hated instruction and my **heart** despised correction.

6.14 Perverse things are in his **heart**, he plots evil all the time and he stirs up strife.

6.18 A **heart** that plots evil plans, feet that run swiftly to evil,

6.21 Tie them on your **heart** continually and bind them on your neck.

6.25 Do not lust in your **heart** after her beauty, and do not let her take you with her eyelids.

7.3 Tie them on your fingers, and write them on the tablet of your **heart**.

7.10 And behold, a woman met him dressed like a harlot, and with a guarded **heart**.

7.25 Do not turn aside your **heart** to her ways. Do not go astray in her paths,

8.5 “Understand prudence simple ones. And understand the **heart**, fools.”

10.8 The wise of **heart** accepts commands, but the lips of the foolish He will thrust away.

10.20 The tongue of the just is like choice silver. The **heart** of the wicked is *worth* little.

11.20 The perverse of **heart** are hateful to YAHWEH, but His delight is the upright in the way.

11.29 The one who troubles his house inherits the wind, and a fool is servant to the wise at **heart**.

12.8 By the mouth of his prudence will a man be praised, but the perverse of **heart** will be despised.

12.20 Deceit is in the **heart** of those who plot evil, but to counselors of peace is joy.

12.23 A shrewd man covers knowledge, but the **heart** of fools calls out folly.

12.25 Anxiety in a man’s **heart** makes it droop, but a good word makes it glad.

13.12 Hope deferred makes the **heart** sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

14.10 The **heart** knows the bitterness of its soul, and in its joy a stranger does not share.

14.13 Even in laughter the **heart** is pained, and in its end joy is grief.

14.14 The backslider in **heart** will be filled with his own ways, but a good man from himself.

14.30 A healthy **heart** is healing to the body, but jealousy is rottenness to the bones.

14.33 Wisdom rests in the **heart** of those who have understanding, and among fools it is made known.

15.13 A joyful heart makes a happy face, but by the sorrow in the **heart** the spirit is stricken.

15.14 The **heart** of the wise seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feed on folly.

15.15 All the days of the poor are evil, but goodness of **heart** is a continual feast.

15.28 The **heart** of the righteous studies how to answer, but evil things flow out of the mouth of the wicked.

15.30 The light of the eyes makes the **heart** glad, and a good report puts fat on the bone.

16.1 The plans of the **heart** are for a man, but the answer of the tongue is from YAHWEH.

16.5 Everyone who is proud in **heart** is an abomination to YAHWEH, and he will certainly not be acquitted.

16.9 A man's **heart** plans his way, but YAHWEH fixes his steps.

16.21 The wise in **heart** will be called understanding, and sweetness of lips increases persuasiveness.

16.23 The **heart** of the wise makes his speech prudent, and on his lips he adds persuasion.

17.20 One who has a crooked **heart** does not find good, and one who speaks perverse things falls into evil.

17.22 A joyful **heart** is healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bone.

18.2 A fool does not have delight in understanding, but only in revealing his **heart**.

18.12 Before destruction a man's **heart** is haughty, but before honor is humility.

18.15 The **heart** of the prudent gets knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

19.3 The folly of a man perverts his way, and his **heart** rages against YAHWEH.

19.21 Many plans are in the **heart** of a man, but the counsel of YAHWEH will stand.

20.5 The counsel in a man's **heart** is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.

20.9 Who can say, "I have cleansed my **heart** and I am pure from my sin?"

21.1 The king's **heart** is like streams of water in the hands of YAHWEH; He turns it wherever He desires.

21.2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but YAHWEH weighs the **hearts**.

21.4 Exalted eyes and a proud **heart**, and the lamp of the wicked is sin.

22.11 He who loves pureness of **heart**, grace is on his lips, and the king will be his friend.

22.15 Foolishness is bound up in the **heart** of a boy. The rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

22.17 Stretch your ear and hear the words of the wise and apply your **heart** to my knowledge.

23.7 For as he thinks in his soul so he is. "Eat and drink," he says to you, but his **heart** is not with you.

23.12 Apply your **heart** to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.

23.15 My son, if your **heart** is wise my heart will rejoice, even I.

23.17 Do not let your **heart** envy sinners, but be in the reverence of YAHWEH all day long.

23.19 Hear you, my son, be wise and advance your **heart** in the way.

23.26 My son, give your **heart** to me, and let your eyes watch my ways.

23.33 Your eyes will look on strange women, and your **heart** will speak perverse things.

24.12 Do not say, “We did not know this.” Does not He who knows your **heart** consider it, and does the keeper of your soul know? He repays to a man according to his work.

24.17 When your enemy falls do not rejoice. When he stumbles do not let your **heart** be glad,

25.3 The heavens for height and the Earth for depth, but the **heart** of the king is unsearchable.

25.20 Like a person who removes his coat on a cold day and vinegar on soda is he who sings songs to an evil **heart**.

26.22 The words of a whisperer are like tasty morsels that enter into the chambers of the **heart**.

26.23 As an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross, so are burning lips and an evil **heart**.

26.24 He who **hates** disguises it with his speech, and in his inner self he lays up deceit.

26.25 When he speaks graciously do not believe him for there are seven hateful things in his **heart**.

27.9 Oil and perfume give joy to the **heart**, so a person’s counsel is sweet to his friend.

27.11 Be wise, my son, and bring joy to my **heart**, so I may respond to one who reproaches me.

27.19 As water reflects a face, so the **heart** of a man reflects the man.

28.14 Blessed *is* the man who dreads always, but he who hardens his **heart** will fall into evil.

28.26 He who trusts in his **heart** *is* a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

29.1 A man who hardens his **neck** after being reprov'd will suddenly be broken, and will not be healed.

31.11 Her husband's **heart** trusts in her so that he has no lack *of* gain.

The heart or the soul/spirit is the real you and it is more deceitful than all else. It is incurable. There is nothing that anyone can do to cure his sin nature. The only remedy for sin is the blood of YAHSHUA that cleanses us from all of our sins (1 John 1.7; Revelation 1.5). Everyone is conceived and born in sin (Psalm 51.5) and we all rebel from birth (Psalm 58.3). No one seeks YAHWEH of their own free will (Psalm 14.1-3) and everyone goes astray from the way of righteousness (Isaiah 53.6). The only hope anyone has to have their spirit cleansed of sin is to trust in YAHSHUA. Those who trust in Him and in Him alone have their sins washed away and they are given eternal life.

Yet even after a person has his sins cleansed by the blood of YAHSHUA, he cannot trust in his "heart" or his own knowledge, understanding and wisdom. One must trust in YAHWEH Elohim (Father, Son, HOLY SPIRIT). It is only when we trust in YAHWEH and do not rely on our own understanding and wisdom (Proverbs 3.5) that we will make correct decisions. When we trust in YAHWEH and acknowledge Him in every decision we make our paths will be made straight (Proverbs 3.6). The way to trust in YAHWEH and rely on His understanding and wisdom is to study the Bible every day and pray without ceasing.

## HELL

1.12 Let us swallow them alive like **Hell**, and whole like those going to the pit;

5.5 Her feet go down to death and her steps take hold of **Hell**.

7.27 The way of her house goes down to **Hell** and the rooms to death.

9.18 But he does not know that the dead are there, and her guests are in the depths of **Hell**.

15.11 **Hell** and destruction are before YAHWEH, and more so are the hearts of the sons of men.

15.24 The path of life is upward to the prudent that he may turn away from **Hell**.

23.13 Do not withhold correction from a boy for if you strike him with the rod he will not die.

23.14 You shall beat him with a rod and deliver his soul from **Hell**.

27.20 **Hell** and destruction are not satisfied, and the eyes of a man are not satisfied.

30.16 *There are three things* that are not satisfied, four *that* do not say, "Enough!": **Hell** and the barren womb, the earth that is not filled with water, and fire that does not say, "Enough!"

Hell is a real place where those who die in their sins go to await final judgment. The people who are kept there are tortured with fire, smoke, burning sulfur, burning wind, burning coals, unquenchable thirst (Psalm 11.6; 140.10; Proverbs 25.22; Luke 16.24; Romans 12.20).

Some claim that the Hebrew word *Sheol* only refers to the grave and that it is not a reference to a place where the wicked are punished while they wait to be judged. That is not biblical because the Bible states there is a place where the wicked remain until final judgment (Luke 16.19-31; Revelation 20.13-14). Some of the angels who committed a serious sin after their initial rebellion were confined in the abyss which is the lower section of Hell (2 Peter 2.4; Jude 6).

## HEREAFTER

24.13 Eat honey, my son, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to your taste.

24.14 Wisdom and knowledge will be thus to your soul when you have learned that there is a **hereafter**, and your hope will not be cut off.

24.19 Do not glow in anger because of evil doers, and do not envy the wicked,

24.20 For there will not be a **hereafter** for the wicked. The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

There is a hereafter for the righteous, but is there one for the wicked? The last verse cited seems to say there is not. Does this verse (24.20) teach the wicked are annihilated after they die? If one takes this verse alone one could claim that. Yet there are several verses that clearly teach the wicked will be judged for their sins and spend eternity in the Lake of Fire (Matthew 25.41, 46; Revelation 14.9-11; 20.10-15; 21.8).

## HOLY SPIRIT

1.23 “Turn back at my warning! Behold, I will pour out to you my **Spirit**. I will make my words known to you.”

The Holy Spirit is mentioned only one time in Proverbs. We do not know why He is mentioned only once, but He is mentioned. It is a promise that the Holy Spirit will be poured out to those who turn to the reproof of the wisdom of YAHWEH. It is another way of referring to salvation. The fact that the HOLY SPIRIT dwells within the physical bodies of all believers is taught elsewhere in the Bible (1 Corinthians 3.16; 6.19; 2 Corinthians 6.16; Ephesians 2.21; James 4.5)

## HONEY (Honeycomb)

5.3 The lips of a strange woman drip **honey** and her kiss is smoother than oil.

16.24 Pleasant words are flowing with **honey**. They are sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

24.13 Eat **honey**, my son, for it is good, and the **honeycomb** is sweet to your taste.

24.14 Wisdom and knowledge will be thus to your soul when you have learned that there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

25.16 Have you found **honey**? Eat only your fill lest you be overfull and toss it up.

25.27 To not eat too much **honey** is good, and to search out their glory is glory.

27.7 A person who is full tramples the **honeycomb**, but to a hungry person every bitter thing is sweet.

Natural unprocessed honey is good for you, but you cannot eat too much a one time just as you should not eat too much of any food. The vegans think it is unhealthy because it comes from an animal, but YAHWEH is wiser than the vegans.

## HONOR

3.9 **Honor** YAHWEH from your substance and from the first fruits of all your produce.

3.13 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets understanding,

3.14 Because its gain is better than the gain of silver and its produce more than gold.

3.15 She is more precious than jewels and everything you can desire is not comparable to her.

3.16 Long life are in her right, and in her left hand are riches and **honor**.

3.17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all of her paths are peaceful.

3.18 She is a tree of life for those who take hold of her, and they are blessed.

3.35 The wise inherit **honor**, but the foolish exalt shame.

4.3 For I was a son to my father, and a tender *and* only son to my mother.

4.4 And he taught me and said to me, "Have your heart hang on to my words, keep my commandments and live.

4.5 "Get wisdom and get understanding. Do not forget and do not stray away from the words of my mouth.

4.6 "Do not forsake her and she will keep you. Love her and she will guard you.

4.7 "The first thing is wisdom. Get wisdom, and with all of your getting get understanding.

4.8 "Exalt her and she will lift you up. She will **honor** you when you embrace her.

4.9 “She will be like a wreath of grace on your head, a crown of glory and a shield.”

8.18 Riches and **honor** are with me and enduring wealth and righteousness.

11.16 A gracious woman holds to **honor**, and terrifying men hold to riches.

12.9 It is better to be despised and have a servant than be one who **honors** himself and lacks bread.

15.33 The reverence of YAHWEH is instruction in wisdom, and before **honor** is humility.

18.12 Before destruction a man’s heart is haughty, but before **honor** is humility.

20.3 It is an **honor** for a man to cease from strife, but every fool quarrels.

20.29 The glory of young men is their vigor, and the **honor** of old men is gray hair.

21.21 He who pursues righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness and **honor**.

22.4 The reward of humility is the reverence of YAHWEH, riches, **honor** and life.

25.6 Do not **honor** yourself before a king, and do not stand in the place of the great, for it is better that he say to you, “Come up here,” than for you to be put lower before a noble whom your eyes have seen.

26.1 Like snow in summer and rain in harvest, so **honor** is not right for a fool.

26.8 As he who binds a stone on a sling, so is he who gives **honor** to a fool.

29.23 A man's pride brings him low, but the humble of spirit receives **honor**.

One of our duties as a Christian is to honor YAHWEH. We can do that through many ways. We honor Him by giving back some of what He has given to us (2 Corinthians 9.7), by loving Him (Deuteronomy 6.5; Mark 12.30), by obeying Him (1 Samuel 15.22; Jeremiah 7.23; Acts 5.29), by listening to Him (Bible study – 2 Timothy 2.15), by trusting and relying on Him for all things (Proverbs 3.5-6), by seeking His will (Matthew 6.10, 33; 1 John 5.14), by praying as often as possible (Ephesians 6.18; 1 Thessalonians 5.17), by fellowshiping with the brethren often (Hebrews 10.24-25); by loving the brethren (John 13.34-35; 1 John 3.16-18), by loving others (Leviticus 19.18; Mark 12.31) and by sharing the Gospel and making disciples (Matthew 28.19-20).

Everyone wants to be honored – some more than others. There is nothing wrong with being honored, but we should never seek it or crave it. We must remember that honor from man is temporary, fleeting and for the most part meaningless. Most people honor others in the hope of being honored themselves. The only honor that any Christian should seek and crave is the honor that will be given to him by YAHWEH. We should all live our lives so we will hear those blessed words come from the mouth of our Savior, “*Well done good and faithful slave*” (Matthew 25.21, 23).

The only way a Christian will receive honor is by dying to himself. Once one has emptied himself of the desires of the flesh, eyes and heart (pride) (1 John 2.15-17) he will be ready to be honored by YAHWEH. Humility always comes before true honor (James 4.10).

All Christians should give honor to those to whom it is due (Romans 13.7). Husbands should honor their wives (Proverbs 31.28-31) and wives their husbands (Proverbs 31.12). Children should also honor their parents (Exodus 20.12; Matthew 19.19; Ephesians 6.2).

## HOPE

10.28 The **hope** of the righteous is joy, but the **hope** of the wicked will perish.

11.7 In the death of a wicked man his expectation will perish, and the **hope** of the troubler will be lost.

13.12 **Hope** deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

Everyone needs hope to go on living. When a person loses all hope suicide usually follows. Christians have a true hope (Romans 8.24; 1 Corinthians 13.13; Colossians 1.27; 1 Thessalonians 5.8; Titus 3.7; Hebrews 6.18-19; 1 Peter 1.3). Some people have a false hope in false religions, philosophy, riches, fame, technology and the belief that there is no God and no resurrection. Unfortunately, their hope is lost forever when they die and wake up in Hell. For those who die in their sins there is no hope. All they can look forward to is judgment (Hebrews 9.27) and eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire (Matthew 25.41, 46; Revelation 20.11-15).

## **HUMBLE** **(Humility, Lowly)**

3.33 The curse of YAHWEH is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the righteous.

3.34 He scorns the scorners, yet He gives grace to the **lowly**.

6.3 Do this then, my son, and save yourself when you come into the presence of your friend. Go and **humble** yourself and be bold before your friend.

11.2 When pride comes then comes shame, but with the **humble** is wisdom.

15.33 The reverence of YAHWEH is instruction in wisdom, and before honor is **humility**.

16.19 Better is **humility** with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.

18.12 Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but before honor is **humility**.

22.4 The reward of **humility** is the reverence of YAHWEH, riches, honor and life.

29.23 A man's pride brings him low, but the **humble of spirit** receives honor.

30.1 The words of Agur, the son of Jakeh, the burden: The warrior spoke to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal.

30.2 Surely I *am more* **brutish** than any man, and **do not have the understanding of a man**.

30.3 And I have **not learned wisdom**, but I know the knowledge of holiness.

Humility is the key to spiritual growth. No Christian can serve YAHWEH fully until he dies to himself. To see what it takes to die to yourself turn to Appendix C. Once a Christian has died to himself and all of his desires of the flesh, eyes and heart (pride) (1 John 2.15-17) he can fully live for YAHWEH. We must empty ourselves of us so YAHWEH can fill us with the HOLY SPIRIT (Ephesians 5.18). YAHWEH seeks use those who are humble and contrite of heart, and who trembles at His word (Isaiah 66.2).

If you want to be favored by YAHWEH you must be humble before Him and others (James 4.6, 10). Once you are humble YAHWEH will exalt you (James 4.10). We must remember to never let our humility go to our heads.

If you want to make friends be humble. People love humble friends. No one likes being around arrogant people even other arrogant people. Pride destroys friendship, humility never does. Be around humble people and their humility will migrate to you. Just as bad company corrupts good morals (1 Corinthians 15.33), good company promotes good morals.

## **HUSBAND**

### **(Lord)**

12.4 A woman of virtue is the crown of her **lord**, but one who causes shame is as rot in his bones.

31.11 Her **lord's** heart trusts in her so that he has no lack *of* gain.

31.23 Her **lord** is known in the gates, when he sits with the elders of the land.

31.28 Her children rise up and call her blessed, her **lord** praises her.

The Hebrew language has no word for husband. Two words *iysh* and *ba'al* are translated husband. *Iysh* means man and *ba'al* means lord or master. The word that is translated husband in Proverbs is *ba'al*. That is why it is translated "lord" in this book. In the Bible times a woman understood that her husband was her lord. She submitted to, obeyed and honored him without question. That practice continued until the women's liberation movement began in the late 19th century. Until that time most women throughout the world called their husbands "lord" or "master."

Peter gave a commandment for all Christian women to call their husbands "*lord*" as Sarah did (1 Peter 3.6). That command applies today even though our culture considers it to be old fashion and sexist. All commands in the New Testament apply to Christians today. They are not nullified because the secular culture does not like them.

## INSTRUCTION

### (Instructed)

1.1 The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel.

1.2 To know wisdom and **instruction**, to understand the words of understanding,

1.3 To receive **instruction** in proper conduct and righteousness and justice and holiness,

1.4 To give to the simple knowledge of proper conduct and knowledge to the young and discretion;

1.5 The wise hears and increases learning and understanding and he gets wise counsel.

1.6 In so doing he will be able to understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles.

1.7 The reverence of YAHWEH is the beginning of knowledge. Fools despise wisdom and **instruction**.

1.8 Hear, my son, your father's **instruction**, and do not forsake the teaching of your mother, for **they** are an ornament of grace to your head and a necklace for your neck.

1.9 For **they** are an ornament of grace to your head and a necklace for your neck.

4.13 Take hold of **instruction** and do not let go. Keep her for she is your life.

5.12 Then you will say, "How I have hated **instruction** and my heart despised correction.

5.13 And I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, and have not turned my ears to those teaching me."

5.22 His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and with the cords of his sins he will be seized.

5.23 He will die in the absence of **instruction**, and in the greatness of his folly he goes astray.

6.23 The command is a lamp and the law is a light. And the reproofs of **instruction** are the way of life.

8.10 Receive my **instruction** and not silver and knowledge rather than choice gold.

10.17 On the path to life is the one who keeps **instruction**, but the one who forsakes reproof goes astray.

12.1 The one who loves **instruction** loves knowledge, but the one who hates correction is brutish.

13.1 A wise son hears his father's **instruction**, but a scorner does not hear rebuke.

15.5 A fool despises his father's **instruction**, but the one who keeps it is wise.

15.33 The reverence of YAHWEH is **instruction** in wisdom, and before honor is humility.

16.22 Prudence is a well of life to its owners, but the **instruction** of fools is folly.

19.25 Strike a scorner and the simple will be **instructed**, but reprove a discerner he will discern knowledge.

21.11 When the scorner is punished the simple is made wise, and when the wise is **instructed** he receives knowledge.

23.12 Apply your heart to **instruction** and your ears to the words of knowledge.

23.23 Obtain the truth and do not sell it; also wisdom, **instruction** and understanding.

24.32 I looked and set my heart to receive **instruction**.

24.33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down,

24.34 Then comes your poverty like a robber, and your want like an armed man.

Instruction is something that everyone needs. One should get as much as possible and no one can do without it. Every child needs instruction from their parents. That is why children are commanded to listen to what their parents teach them (Proverbs 1.8; 3.1; 4.1; 6.20; 23.22). Students need to listen to the instruction of their teachers if they want to learn something. On the job the new employee needs to listen to the instruction of the one training him.

The same is true in the spiritual realm. Parents should instruct their children in the ways of the Lord and in His Word. Fathers must be the head of the house and do most of the teaching (Deuteronomy 4.9; 6.6-7; 11.18; 32.46; Psalm 78.5). In the church the pastors and Bible teachers are to instruct the congregation and show them how to study the Bible on their own. They are to make disciples of everyone in the church (2 Timothy 2.2).

Christians who can study the Bible on their own have the special privilege of being taught by God the Father (James 1.5), by the Lord Himself (1 Corinthians 2.16; 2 Timothy 2.7) and by HOLY SPIRIT (1 John 2.27). Do not waste that great privilege. Sit at the feet of your Savior, God the Father and the HOLY SPIRIT. Let all three of them instruct you in Their Word and in Their ways.

# INTEGRITY

2.7 And He lays up sound wisdom for the upright. *He is* a shield for those who walk in **integrity**.

10.9 He who walks in **integrity** walks safely, but he who perverts his ways will be known.

11.3 The **integrity** of the upright guides them, but the deceit of traitors destroys them.

19.1 The poor who walks in his **integrity** is better than one who speaks lies and is a fool.

20.7 The just walks about in his **integrity**, and blessed are his sons after him.

28.6 Better is the poor who walks in his **integrity** than the crooked of two ways even *if he is* rich.

Integrity is the quality of having pure morals. A person of integrity is honest, loyal, kind, loving, fair, just and sincere who hates evil, injustice, lies, corruption, etc. Today it is hard to find Christians who have integrity and very hard to find unsaved people with this quality.

# JOY

## (Joyful, Rejoice, Glad)

12.20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, but to counselors of peace is **joy**.

14.10 The heart knows the bitterness of its soul, and in its **joy** a stranger does not share.

14.13 Even in laughter the heart is pained, and in its end **joy** is grief.

15.21 Foolishness is **joy** to him who lacks common sense, but a man of understanding walks straight.

15.23 A man has **joy** by the answer of his mouth and how good is a word in the proper time?

17.22 A **joyful** heart is healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bone.

21.15 It is **joy** to the righteous to do justice, but ruin to the workers of evil.

23.24 The father of the righteous will greatly **rejoice**, and the father of a wise one will be **glad** in him.

Joy is something that everyone experiences throughout their life – some more than others. Christians who are daily walking in the SPIRIT, being led by the HOLY SPIRIT and abiding in YAHSHUA (John 15.4-5) will have constant joy. That inner joy will be there even during times of trials and persecution. The only way a Christian loses his joy is by not abiding in YAHSHUA.

Christians have joy in knowing they have been saved (Isaiah 61.10; Romans 15.13; 1 Peter 1.8). When we are in the presence of the Lord (prayer, Bible, fellowship with the brethren) we have joy (Psalm 16.11). We have joy when we study the Scriptures (Jeremiah 15.16; John 15.11), and when we are led by the HOLY SPIRIT (Galatians 5.18, 22). After having sorrow the Lord gives us joy (Psalm 126.5), and our joy is made full when our prayers are answered (John 16.24). We have joy when we teach the Scriptures (1 John 1.4), and when we learn that those who we disciple are abiding in Jesus (3 John 4).

## JUDGMENT

16.10 A godly decision is on the lips of a king. His mouth is not traitorous in **judgment**.

18.5 To lift up the face of the wicked is not good or to turn aside the righteous in **judgment**.

20.8 A king who sits on the throne of **judgment** scatters all evil with his eyes.

24.12 Do not say, “We did not know this.” Does not He who knows your heart consider it, and does the keeper of your soul know? **He repays to a man according to his work.**

24.23 These are also for the wise: To respect persons in **judgment** is not good.

29.14 *If* a king **judges** the weak with truth his throne will be established forever.

31.9 Open your mouth; **judge righteously**; and defend the poor and needy.

Some Christians have a position of authority in which they make judgments such as judges and rulers. They must be very careful to make righteous judgments. Yet all Christians make judgments throughout their lives. We judge others and decide if we want to be their friend or not. We judge churches and preachers to determine if we want to become a member of a church. We judge potential spouses. We turn some down but eventually most choose a mate. We are to make judgments with righteous judgment (John 7.24) and we must be very careful in the way we judge others. For in the way we judge others we will be judged (Matthew 7.1-2).

## JUSTICE

1.3 To receive instruction in proper conduct and righteousness and **justice** and holiness.

2.8 To guard the paths of **justice**. And He guards the way of His saints.

2.9 Then you will understand righteousness, **justice**, honesty and every good path.

8.20 I walk in the path of righteousness among the **paths of justice**.

13.23 The fallow land of the poor yields much food, but it is swept away when there is no **justice**.

17.23 The wicked takes a bribe out of the bosom to pervert the way of **justice**.

19.28 A worthless witness scorns **justice**, and the mouth of the wicked devours evil.

21.3 To do righteousness and **justice** is to be chosen for YAHWEH more than sacrifice.

21.7 The violence of the wicked ensnares them because they refuse to do **justice**.

21.15 It is joy to the righteous to do **justice**, but ruin to the workers of evil.

28.5 Evil men do not understand **justice**, but those who seek YAHWEH understand all.

29.4 A king establishes a land by **justice**, but a man *who takes* bribes tears it down.

29.26 Many seek the favor of a ruler, but the **judgment** of each man is from YAHWEH.

For the most part the lost are not concerned about justice when it involves others. But when it involves them they want justice if they are in the right and mercy if they are in the wrong.

Christians should be concerned about justice at all times. Seeing that justice is done at all times is extremely important for all rulers. When rulers and judges allow injustices to take place society becomes corrupt. This is also true in a church. When the pastors treat some members better than others it causes problems. That is why all Christians, including pastors, deacons and Bible teachers, are commanded to not show favoritism (James 2.1-10).

## **KING** **(Prince, Ruler)**

8.15 By me (wisdom) **kings** reign and **princes** decree righteousness.

14.28 The **king's** splendor is in the multitude of people, but the ruin of a **prince** is a lack of people.

14.35 The **king's** favor is to a servant who acts wisely, but his wrath is on one who causes shame.

16.10 A godly decision is on the lips of a **king**. His mouth is not traitorous in judgment.

16.12 It is an abomination for **kings** to commit wickedness for by righteousness a throne is established.

16.13 Righteous lips are the delight of **kings**, and he who speaks uprightly is loved.

16.14 A **king's** fury is like messengers of death, but a wise man will cover it.

16.15 In the light of a **king's** face is life, and his favor is like the cloud of a spring rain.

19.10 Luxury is not becoming for a fool much less for a servant to rule over **rulers**.

19.12 The **king's anger** is like the roaring of a lion, but like the dew on the grass is his favor.

20.2 The wrath of a **king** is like the roar of a lion; he who stirs him to anger sins against his own soul.

20.8 A **king** who sits on the throne of judgment scatters all evil with his eyes.

20.26 A wise **king** scatters the wicked, and turns the wheel over them.

20.28 Mercy and truth preserve the **king**, and his throne is upheld by mercy.

21.1 The **king's heart** is like streams of water in the hands of YAHWEH; He turns it wherever He desires.

22.11 He who loves pureness of heart, grace is on his lips, and the **king** will be his friend.

22.29 Do you see a man who is prompt in his business? He will stand before **kings**. He will not stand before obscure men.

25.2 The glory of Elohim is to conceal a matter, but the glory of the **king** is to search out a matter.

25.3 The heavens for height and the Earth for depth, but the heart of the **king** is unsearchable.

25.5 Take away the wicked from before the **king** and his throne will be established on righteousness.

25.6 Do not honor yourself before a **king**, and do not stand in the place of the great, for it is better that he say to you, “Come up here,” than for you to be put lower before a noble whom your eyes have seen.

25.13 By being slow to anger a **ruler** is persuaded, and a soft answer shatters the bone.

28.15 A **wicked ruler** over a weak people *is like* a roaring lion and a charging bear.

28.16 A **ruler** who lacks understanding adds *to his* oppressions, *and the one who hates unjust gain* prolongs *his* days.

29.4 A **king** establishes a land by justice, but a man *who takes* bribes tears it down.

29.12 *If* a **ruler** listens to lies all of his ministers *will be* wicked.

29.14 *If* a **king** judges the weak with truth his throne will be established forever.

29.26 Many seek the favor of a **ruler**, but the judgment of each man is from YAHWEH.

30.29 *There are* three *things* that go well in a march, and four that go well in walking:

30.30 A lion *is* mighty among beasts, and he does not turn away from facing all;

30.31 One girded in loins, and a he-goat; and a **king** *when his* army *is* with him.

31.2 What my son and what the son of my womb, and what the son of my vows.

31.3 Do not give your strength to women, or your ways to the wiping out of **kings**.

31.4 *It is* not for **kings**, O Lemuel, *it is* not for **kings** to drink wine, nor for **princes** to lust for strong drink,

31.5 lest they drink and forget what is decreed, and pervert the right of the sons of the afflicted.

For the most part rulers in Bible days had the power of life and death. That is why it was extremely unwise to anger a ruler. As noted previously rulers must be careful to rule righteously and justly. When they rule justly their kingdom or position becomes very strong. Yet when they deny their people justice society breaks down. When a ruler pays heed to lies his ministers soon become wicked in their dealings. The end result is the destruction of a city, state or nation.

History is replete with examples of rulers who became corrupt leading to the destruction of their nation or empire. Prime examples were Qin Shi Huang, Emir Timur (Tamerlane), Julius Caesar, Augustus, Caligula, Nero, Domitian, Commodus, Attila the Hun, Genghis Khan, Napoleon Bonaparte, Lenin, Stalin, Mussolini, Hitler, Mao Zedong, Pol Pot and Idi Amin.

## KNOWLEDGE

1.4 To give to the simple **knowledge** of proper conduct and **knowledge** to the young and discretion;

1.7 The reverence of YAHWEH is the beginning of **knowledge**. Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1.22 “How long, simple ones, will you love simplicity? And will scorners desire scorn for themselves? And will fools hate **knowledge**?”

1.29 They hated **knowledge** and they did not choose the reverence of YAHWEH.

2.5 Then you will learn the reverence of YAHWEH and find the **knowledge** of Elohim.

2.6 For YAHWEH gives wisdom; from His mouth comes **knowledge** and understanding.

2.10 When wisdom enters into your heart and **knowledge** is pleasing to your soul,

2.11 Discretion will keep you and understanding will watch over you.

3.19 YAHWEH founded the earth by wisdom. He fixed the heavens by understanding.

3.20 By His **knowledge** the depths were broken up and the clouds gave rain.

5.1 My son, listen to my wisdom, and bow your ear to my understanding

5.2 So that you may have discretion, and your lips may guard **knowledge**.

5.10 The beginning of wisdom is the reverence of YAHWEH, and the **knowledge** of the Holy Ones is understanding.

8.9 “All of them are straight to the discerning and upright to those who find **knowledge**.”

8.10 Receive my instruction and not silver and **knowledge** rather than choice gold.

8.12 I, wisdom, dwell with prudence and I find the **knowledge** of discretion.

9.10 The beginning of wisdom is the reverence of YAHWEH, and the **knowledge** of the Holy Ones is understanding.

10.14 The wise store up **knowledge**, but *with* the fool’s mouth ruin is near.

11.9 The mouth of the ungodly ruins his friend, but by **knowledge** the righteous is delivered.

12.1 The one who loves instruction loves **knowledge**, but the one who hates correction is brutish.

12.23 A shrewd man covers **knowledge**, but the heart of fools calls out folly.

13.16 Every shrewd person deals with **knowledge**, but a fool lays open his folly.

14.6 A scorner seeks wisdom and does not find it, but **knowledge** is swift to the discerning.

14.7 Go from the presence a foolish man or you will not know the words of **knowledge**.

14.18 The simple inherit foolishness, but the prudent are surrounded with **knowledge**.

15.2 The tongue of the righteous makes **knowledge** useful, but foolishness flows from the mouth of a fool.

15.7 The lips of the wise scatter **knowledge**, but the heart of fools is not so.

15.14 The heart of the wise seeks **knowledge**, but the mouth of fools feed on folly.

17.27 He who restrains his words has **knowledge**, and a man of understanding has a cool spirit.

18.15 The heart of the prudent gets **knowledge**, and the ear of the wise seeks **knowledge**.

19.2 Also it is not good for a person to be without **knowledge**, and he who rushes with his feet sins.

19.25 Strike a scorner and the simple will be instructed, but reprove a discerner he will discern **knowledge**.

19.27 Cease, my son, to listen to discipline and you will stray from the words of **knowledge**.

20.15 There is gold and many gems, but the lips of **knowledge** are a rare vessel.

21.11 When the scorner is punished the simple is made wise, and when the wise is instructed he receives **knowledge**.

22.12 The eyes of YAHWEH keep **knowledge**, and He overthrows the words of the sly.

22.17 Stretch your ear and hear the words of the wise and apply your heart to my **knowledge**.

22.18 For they are pleasant when you keep them within you, and they will be fixed together on your lips,

22.19 So that your trust may be in YAHWEH. I caused you to know today even you.

22.20 Have I not written to you thirty times with counsel and **knowledge**,

22.21 To make you know the verity of the words of truth to return words of truth to him who sent you?

23.12 Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to the words of **knowledge**.

24.5 A wise warrior has strength, and a man of **knowledge** increases his strength. 24.6 You will make war for yourself with wise advice, and deliverance is by great counselors.

24.13 Eat honey, my son, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to your taste.

24.14 Wisdom and **knowledge** will be thus to your soul when you have learned that there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

29.7 The righteous knows the plea of the weak, but the wicked do not understand **knowledge**.

30.3 And I have not learned wisdom, but I know the **knowledge** of holiness.

Instruction is extremely important for those who desire to live a long and fruitful life. Knowledge is also very important. Those who instruct others must first have knowledge. As one is instructed he learns knowledge and is therefore able to instruct others.

Christians should have a deep hunger and thirst for knowledge of the Holy Ones (Psalm 42.1-2; 63.1; 143.6; Proverbs 9.10; 30.3), the Father, Son and HOLY SPIRIT. The way to gain that knowledge is through the study of the Scriptures. The more we study the Bible the more we learn of our Father, our Savior and the HOLY SPIRIT who dwells within us.

Fools hate spiritual knowledge and seldom seek it out. Christians who ignore the greatest storehouse of spiritual knowledge in the universe are fools. That storehouse is the Bible, the Word of YAHWEH, the Holy Scriptures! Every believer should spend most of

their “spare time” listening to (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; Proverbs 8.34; 23.12; Luke 8.15, 21; 11.28; James 1.22; Revelation 1.3), reading (Deuteronomy 17.19; Psalm 42.1-2; 63.1; 143.6; Revelation 1.3), studying (Deuteronomy 8.3; Matthew 4.4; Proverbs 2.1-5; 8.34; 22.17; John 5.39; Acts 17.11; Romans 15.4; 2 Timothy 2.15; 3.15), memorizing (Deuteronomy 6.6; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1, 21; 6.21; 22.18; Isaiah 51.7; Ezekiel 3.10) and meditating (Joshua 1.8; Job 22.22; 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 4.4; 19.14; 63.6; 77.12; 104.34; 119.15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148; 143.5; 1 Timothy 4.15) on the Holy Scriptures. To do anything less is an act of folly.

## LAW

4.1 Hear, sons, a father’s teaching, and listen to know understanding.

4.2 For I give good teaching to you. Do not forsake my **law**.

6.20 My son, keep your father’s commandments and do not forsake the **law** of your mother.

6.23 The command is a lamp and the **law** is a light. And the reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

13.14 The **law** of the wise is a fountain of life to depart from the snares of death.

28.4 Those who forsake the **law** praise the wicked, but those who keep the law strive with them.

28.7 He who keeps the **law** *is* a wise son, but a friend of gluttons shames his father.

28.9 He who turns aside from hearing the **law** even his prayer is an abomination.

29.18 Where *there* is no vision the people are set loose, and blessed is the keeper of the **law**.

31.26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the **law** of kindness *is* on her tongue.

The Law is not the Ten Commandments or the other 600 commandments. The Law is the complete Bible from Genesis 1.1 to Revelation 22.21. All Christians should be careful to keep the moral laws in the Bible. That does not mean we are to keep the sacrificial and ceremonial commandments found in the Old Testament. They were all fulfilled by Jesus. He did not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5.17) so we do not have to. He lived the perfect life keeping the Ten Commandments, the Torah, the Law and all of the sacrificial, ceremonial and moral laws for us. We do not have to keep any of them to be saved or to keep our salvation. We only need to keep the moral laws to abide in Jesus (John 15.4-5), and to walk, to be led by and to live by the SPIRIT (Galatians 5.16, 18, 25).

Remember the admonition of Paul:

*Therefore do not let anyone judge you in eating or drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of Sabbaths – which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. (Colossians 2.16-17)*

No one can tell another Christian that they must keep the Sabbath, the Old Testament feasts or the dietary laws. Everyone who does that is sinning and they will have loss of reward for doing that.

No Christian needs to keep the Sabbath, the feasts or the dietary laws to abide in Jesus. When we think we have to keep them we stop abiding in Jesus. Instead we are walking and living in the flesh. Some cults teach that salvation depends on keeping the ceremonial laws (Sabbath/feast keeping) and the dietary laws. Those who believe that have believed a false Gospel (another Gospel). According to Paul they are anathema (Galatians 1.6, 9).

Remember, that just as Jesus Christ died for us shedding His blood to cleanse us of our sins (Romans 5.8; Revelation 1.5), he also lived for us. As noted previously He lived the perfect life for us so we do not have to live it. His vicarious life and death are totally sufficient for us. We do not have to die for our own sins and neither do we have to live a perfect life keeping all of the ceremonial and moral laws to be saved or to abide in Christ. If we did none of us could be saved and none of us could abide in Christ. We would all fall short and end up in Hell.

Everyone has to live a perfect life to enter Heaven. No one can live in the presence of YAHWEH and YAHSHUA without being perfect and without sin. Since no one who has ever lived has lived a perfect and sinless life everyone will go to Hell. Right? Wrong! Those who trust in

YAHSHUA accepting His atonement on the cross for them have all of their sins (past, present, future) cleansed. They become sinless. At the same time they accept His perfect life of keeping the Law, including the Sabbath, feasts, ceremonial laws, dietary laws and moral laws. His perfect life is given to those who trust in Him making them perfect. It is because believers have all of their sins cleansed by the blood of YAHSHUA and are given His perfect life that they can enter Heaven and live with YAHWEH and YAHSHUA through all eternity. Because believers are given the perfect life of YAHSHUA they do NOT have to keep the Law! They do NOT have to keep the Sabbath and the feasts. They do NOT have to keep the ceremonial, dietary and moral laws! YAHSHUA kept all of them for every believer!

Believers do NOT even have to keep the Sabbath, the feasts, the dietary laws, and the moral laws to abide in YAHSHUA! All they must do is pray without ceasing, be in the Scriptures daily, fellowship with the brethren and share the Gospel as the HOLY SPIRIT leads. As they do those things they will keep the moral laws, but they will not keep the Sabbath, the feasts, the dietary and ceremonial laws. There will be times when believers will not be able to keep them because they will be doing the will of YAHWEH. There will be many times when YAHWEH will want His children to help the needy on the Sabbath or a feast day instead of keeping the Sabbath or the feast.

Remember, YAHSHUA lived the perfect life for all believers. They do NOT have to live it. YAHWEH desires “*faithfulness and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of Elohim more than burnt offerings*” (Hosea 6.6). This means that He wants His children to do His will more than legalistically keeping the Law, Sabbath, feasts, etc. It is far more important to know YAHWEH and YAHSHUA than to be legalistic and keep the Law which YAHSHUA kept for you. He kept the Law so you do NOT have to keep it! All He wants is for believers to do His will which sometimes will mean they will NOT keep the Sabbath or a feast!

One last thing. Even though there will be numerous times when it will be the will of YAHWEH for His children to NOT keep the Sabbath, a feast or dietary law so they can do His will, He will NEVER have them break a moral law to do His will. He will NEVER ask one of His children to break a moral law such as not lying, stealing, committing adultery to do His will. There is a great difference between the moral laws and the ceremonial laws (Sabbath/feast keeping and dietary regulations).

Not keeping a ceremonial laws does not harm other people. It is a matter between each believer and YAHWEH. BUT not keeping the moral

laws ALWAYS harms others. This is why it can be the will of YAHWEH for His children to NOT keep the Sabbath, feasts, dietary laws, etc., if it is His will so they can help someone in need. Yet it will NEVER be His will for His children to break a moral law and harm someone. He will never ask them to commit adultery, steal, lie, bear false witness, or murder someone to do His will.

We must keep in mind that no one can keep any of the moral laws in their own power. It is only by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT that we can keep any moral law. Keeping the ceremonial laws does not enable us to keep the moral laws. It is the act of daily abiding in YAHSHUA and being led by, living by and walking in the HOLY SPIRIT that enables us to keep the moral laws. The way we do that is to – pray always (1 Thessalonians 5.17), be in the Word every day reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on It, fellowshiping with the brethren (Acts 2.42, 46-47; Hebrews 3.13; Hebrews 10.24-25), sharing the Gospel with the lost as the HOLY SPIRIT leads and make disciples (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; 6.5-7; 11.18-19; 32.4; Psalm 78.3-7; Matthew 28.19-20).

YAHWEH wants His children to abide in YAHSHUA by daily being in prayer and the Word, and by fellowshiping and sharing the Gospel as often as possible. He does not want children to spend more time keeping the Sabbath, the feasts and dietary laws than they do praying, being in the Word, in fellowship and sharing the Gospel.

## **LAZY ONE**

### **(Laziness, Heartless one, Slack)**

6.6 Go to the ant, **lazy man**, see her ways and be wise.

6.7 Who is a leader to her, overseer or ruler?

6.8 She provides her bread in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest.

6.9 Until when, O **lazy man**, will you lie down? When will you arise out of your sleep?

6.10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,

6.11 And your poverty will come as a stalker and your want as an armed man.

10.4 He who deals with a **lazy palm** becomes poor, but the hand of a hard worker makes rich.

10.26 Like vinegar to the teeth and like smoke to the eyes so is the **lazy man** to those who send him.

12.24 The hand of hard workers will rule, but the **lazy** will become forced laborers.

12.27 The **lazy** does not start after his prey, but a hard working man's wealth is precious.

13.4 The soul of the **lazy** craves and gets nothing, but the soul of the hard worker will be made fat.

15.19 The way of the **lazy** is like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the righteous is like a smooth road.

18.9 Also he who is **slack in his work** is a brother to a lord of destruction.

19.15 **Laziness** makes one fall into a deep sleep, and an idle person will be hungry.

19.24 A **lazy one** puts his hand in a dish, and does not return it to his mouth.

20.4 The **lazy** will not plow after the autumn. He begs at harvest, but there is nothing.

21.25 The lust of the **lazy man** kills him because his hands have refused to work.

21.26 All day long **he** lusts with desire, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

22.13 A **lazy person** says a lion is outside in the middle of the streets, I will be killed.

24.30 I passed by the field of a **lazy man**, and the vineyard of a **heartless man**,

24.31 And lo, all of it was overgrown with thistles, and its surface was covered with nettles.

24.32 And I beheld its stone wall was broken down. I looked and set my heart to receive instruction.

24.33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down,

24.34 Then comes your poverty like a robber, and your want like an armed man.

26.13 The **lazy one** says, “There is a lion in the way, a lion is between the streets!”

26.14 As a door turns on its hinges, so is the **lazy one** on his couch.

26.15 The **lazy one** buries his hand in the dish, but is too weary to bring it back to his mouth.

26.16 The **lazy one** is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can give a wise answer.

Very few people like to be around lazy people. Lazy people are always trying to get other people to do things for them. They are leeches who try to get something for nothing. Lazy people also think they are smarter, wiser and better than others. This insane arrogance and pride is their primary sin. All other sins spring from their belligerent sin of pride. If they knew the first thing about life they would know that those who are superior to others are to be servant to those weaker than them. It is the strong who are commanded to help the weak, not vice-versa. The Creator of the universe, YAHSHUA Messiah, did not come to Earth to be served, but to serve others and to give His life a ransom for many (Matthew 20.28; Mark 10.45).

Those who seek to be great in the kingdom of Heaven must be a servant to all (Matthew 20.26-27; Mark 10.43-44). The lazy, the proud, the arrogant and all who think they are better than others rarely understand this basic truth. They ignore clear commands in the Bible to consider others to be more important than themselves:

*Do nothing according to contention or vain glory, but in humility esteem one another above yourselves. Consider not the things of yourselves, but also the things of each other. (Philippians 2.3-4)*

Lazy people rarely if ever consider others to be more important than themselves and virtually never consider how they can help others. Instead they spend every waking moment thinking how they can get others to help them.

A perfect analogy of the strong helping the weak is a parent and a new born baby. Which is superior? It is obvious that a parent is superior to a day-young baby in all ways. Does a sane parent expect a newborn baby to wait on him or her? No! The parent waits on the baby twenty-four hours a day for many years. So it is in the secular and spiritual world. The strong serve the weak. The term “public servant” was created because those who serve in public office are to serve the people, not vice-versa. Unfortunately, this is not true in society today. Most politicians and bureaucrats are not “public servants.” Instead they are egotistical bores who seek to get as much out of the system and the people as they can. They are corrupt, lazy, arrogant fools who think that they are better than everyone else and that they deserve everything they lust after – power, fame, glory, wealth, sex, booze, drugs, etc.

# LEARNING

## (Learn)

1.5 The wise hears and increases **learning** and understanding and he gets wise counsel.

9.9 Give to a wise man and he will be wiser. Teach a just man, and he will add to his **learning**.

24.13 Eat honey, my son, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to your taste.

24.14 Wisdom and knowledge will be thus to your soul when you have **learned** that there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

Life is a school. Everyone learns by living, by experience, but the wise man has an advantage in that he learns from the mistakes and successes of others. He does this by studying the writings of wise men. The writings of the wisest men of all time are found in the Bible and they were all inspired by YAHWEH when they wrote (2 Timothy 3.16). If you want to be wise and gain the knowledge necessary to live a profitable life for the glory of YAHWEH, study the Bible as often as you can.

# LIE

## (Lies, lying, Liar, False witness)

6.16 These six things YAHWEH hates, and seven are hateful to His soul:

6.17 Lofty looks, a **lying tongue**, hands that shed innocent blood,

6.18 A heart that plots evil plans, feet that run swiftly to evil,

6.19 He that breathes **lies**, *and* is a **false witness**, and one who causes strife between brothers.

14.5 A faithful witness will not **lie**, but a false witness breathes **lies**.

14.25 A true witness delivers souls, but a deceitful witness breathes **lies**.

17.4 An evildoer listens to **lies**, and a **liar** listens to those who speak evil desires.

19.1 The poor who walks in his integrity is better than one who speaks **lies** and is a fool.

19.5 A **false witness** will not be acquitted, and one who **speaks lies** will not escape.

19.9 A **false witness** will not be acquitted, and a **liar** will perish.

19.22 The desire of a man is his mercy, and it is better to be poor than a **liar**.

21.6 The getting of treasures by a **lying tongue** is a vapor driven by those seeking death.

21.28 A **false witness** will perish, but the man who attends will speak forever.

25.16 A man who bares **false witness** against his neighbor is like a mauling, a sword and a sharp arrow.

26.27 A **lying tongue** hates those it crushes, and a flattering mouth causes others to stumble.

29.12 *If* a ruler listens to **lies** all of his ministers *will be* wicked.

30.6 Do not add to His words, lest He reprove you, and you be found a **liar**.

30.7 Two things I have asked from You: Do not hold back from me before I die.

30.8 Remove far from me vanity and **lies**. Do not give to me poverty or riches. Give me my portion of food,

30.9 Lest I become full, and deceive *myself*, and say, “Who is YAHWEH?” Or lest I become poor, and steal and violate the name of my God.

The devil is the father of lies (John 8.44) and lying is a sin (Hebrews 6.18). Bearing false witness against someone, the ninth commandment (Exodus 20.16), is also a sin. It is never good to lie even if you think it might help someone. If you believe that YAHWEH is sovereign (always in control) then you have no need to lie to help someone. Who is more able to help a person in need – you telling a lie or YAHWEH who created the Universe?

## LIFE

2.19 All who go in to her do not return and they do not reach the paths of **life**.

3.1 My son, do not forget my teaching. Let your heart guard my commands,

3.2 For they will add **long life** and peace to you.

3.13 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets understanding,

3.14 Because its gain is better than the gain of silver and its produce more than gold.

3.15 She is more precious than jewels and everything you can desire is not comparable to her.

3.16 **Long life** are in her right, and in her left hand are riches and honor.

3.17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all of her paths are peaceful.

3.18 She is a tree of life for those who take hold of her, and they are blessed.

3.21 My son, do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion,

3.22 For they will be **life** to your soul and grace to your neck.

3.23 Then you will walk in safety along your way, and you will not stumble.

3.24 When you sleep you will not fear and it will be sweet.

4.10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings for it will lengthen the days of your **life**.

4.11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have made you walk in the paths of uprightness.

4.12 As you go your steps will not be narrowed, and when you run you will not stumble.

4.13 Take hold of instruction and do not let go. Keep her for she is your **life**.

4.20 My son, listen to my words, and bow your ear to what I say.

4.21 Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the center of your heart.

4.22 For they are **life** to those who find them and healing to his whole body.

4.23 With all diligence keep your heart for out of it are the issues of **life**.

8.35 For the one who finds me (wisdom) finds **life** and he will obtain favor from YAHWEH.

9.11 For by me you will increase your days, and years will be added to your **life**.

10.11 The mouth of the righteous is a **fountain of life**, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

10.17 On the path to **life** is the one who keeps instruction, but the one who forsakes reproof goes astray.

11.19 Genuine righteousness leads to **life**, but the one who pursues evil leads to his own death.

11.30 The fruit of the just is a **tree of life**, and one who wins souls is wise.

12.10 The righteous regards the **life** of his beast, but the mercies of the wicked are cruel.

12.28 In the path of righteousness is **life**, and the way of that path is not death.

13.8 The ransom of a man's **life** is his riches, but the poor does not hear rebuke.

13.14 The law of the wise is a fountain of **life** to depart from the snares of **life**.

14.27 The reverence of YAHWEH is a **fountain of life** to turn away from the snares of death.

15.4 A healing tongue is a **tree of life**, but perversity in it breaks the spirit.

15.24 The path of **life** is upward to the prudent that he may turn away from Hell.

15.31 The ear that hears the **reproof of life** will live in the midst of instruction.

16.15 In the light of a king's face is **life**, and his favor is like the cloud of a spring rain.

16.22 Prudence is a well of **life** to its owners, but the instruction of fools is folly.

18.21 Death and **life** are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

19.23 The reverence of YAHWEH leads to **life**, and he will rest satisfied. He will not be visited by evil.

21.21 He who pursues righteousness and mercy finds **life**, righteousness and honor.

22.4 The reward of humility is the reverence of YAHWEH, riches, honor and **life**.

31.12 She deals to him good and not evil, all the days of her **life**.

If you want to live a long life get as much knowledge, understanding and wisdom as you can from the study of the Bible. Scripture is the source of all spiritual knowledge, understanding and wisdom. A person can study that holy book his entire life and never have complete knowledge, understanding and wisdom. The Word of YAHWEH is infinite in these things. Study the Bible as often as you can. Sacrifice time you normally spend for your own pleasure and study the Bible.

When one gets an ample amount of wisdom he will live a longer life than the average fool. Why? Those who have wisdom also have common sense and they understand that certain things will shorten one's lifespan such as smoking, excessive drinking, gluttony, eating unhealthy foods, not getting proper sleep and exercise, doing dangerous things (thrill seeking), fighting, arguing, getting angry frequently and worrying.

## LISTEN (Hear)

1.5 The wise **hears** and increases learning and understanding and he gets wise counsel.

1.8 **Hear**, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake the teaching of your mother,

1.33 But the one who **listens** to me will live securely and will be at ease from the fear of evil.

4.1 Hear, sons, a father's teaching, and **listen** to know understanding.

4.2 For I give good teaching to you. Do not forsake my law.

4.10 **Hear**, my son, and receive my sayings for it will lengthen the days of your life.

4.11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have made you walk in the paths of uprightness.

4.12 As you go your steps will not be narrowed, and when you run you will not stumble.

4.13 Take hold of instruction and do not let go. Keep her for she is your life.

4.14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not proceed in the way of the evil ones. 4.15 Ignore it and do not enter it. Turn aside from it and pass on.

4.20 My son, **listen** to my words, and bow your ear to what I say.

4.21 Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the center of your heart.

4.22 For they are life to those who find them and healing to his whole body.

5.1 My son, **listen** to my wisdom, and bow your ear to my understanding

5.2 So that you may have discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.

5.7 And now, O sons, **hear** me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth.

7.24 And now, sons, **listen** to me, and incline to the words of my mouth.

7.25 Do not turn aside your heart to her ways. Do not go astray in her paths,

7.26 For many are the wounded she has made fall, and numerous are all of her slain ones.

7.27 The way of her house goes down to Hell and the rooms to death.

8.1 Does not wisdom call? And does understanding cry out?

8.2 In the high places she stands between the intersections?

8.3 She cries out at the doors at the side of the entrance gates of the city.

8.4 “To you, O men, I call. And my voice is to the sons of men.

8.5 Understand prudence simple ones. And understand the heart, fools.

8.6 **Listen** for I will speak excellent things and from the opening of my lips right things.

8.7 For I will speak truth and wickedness is hateful to my lips.

8.8 In righteousness are all the words that I speak and nothing in them is twisted or crooked.

8.9 All of them are straight to the discerning and upright to those who find knowledge.”

8.32 And now, O sons, **listen** to me for blessed are those who keep my ways.

8.33 **Hear** instruction and be wise and do not ignore it.

8.34 Blessed is the man who **listens** to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at the doorposts.

12.15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but the one who **listens** to counsel is wise.

13.1 A wise son **hears** his father's instruction, but a scorner does not **hear** rebuke.

17.4 An evildoer **listens** to lies, and a liar **listens** to those who speak evil desires.

19.20 **Listen** to counsel and accept discipline that you may be wise in your later years.

19.27 Cease, my son, to **listen** to discipline and you will stray from the words of knowledge.

22.17 **Stretch your ear** and **hear the words of the wise**, and apply your heart to my knowledge,

23.12 Apply your heart to instruction and your **ears to the words of knowledge**.

23.19 **Hear you**, my son, be wise and advance your heart in the way.

23.22 **Listen** to your father who begot you and do not despise your mother when she is old.

29.12 *If* a ruler **listens** to lies all of his ministers *will be* wicked.

Listening is a very rare attribute. Most people want to talk, talk, talk and only a miniscule fraction of people want to listen. A person who listens to others is a wise person (1.5; 8.33; 12.15; 13.1; 19.20). Everyone needs to listen and learn from others. That is why children are commanded to listen to their fathers (1.8; 4.1-2; 4.20-22; 5.1-2, 7; 7.24-27; 8.32-34; 13.1; 23.19; 23.22). Just as children should listen to their fathers, Christians should listen to their Father. The way we listen to Him is by hearing, reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on

Scripture. If you want to grow spiritually listen to the Father and Son as often as possible.

When a Christian stops listening to the Father and Son his life goes downhill. The first thing that happens is his prayers are an abomination to YAHWEH (Proverbs 28.9). He will stray from the Word – stop obeying it (Proverbs 19.27) and slip into a backslidden condition. He will eventually walk in the counsel of the wicked, stand in the path of sinners and sit in the seat of scoffers (Psalm 1.1). He will no longer be like a tree planted by streams of water which yield its fruit in due season, whose leaf does not wither. Instead of prospering he will come to ruin (Psalm 1.3).

## LOVE (Lover)

1.22 “How long, simple ones, will you **love** simplicity? And will scorners desire scorn for themselves? And will fools hate knowledge?”

4.5 “Get wisdom and get understanding. Do not forget and do not stray away from the words of my mouth.

4.6 Do not forsake her and she will keep you. **Love** her and she will guard you.

4.7 The first thing is wisdom. Get wisdom, and with all of your getting get understanding.

4.8 Exalt her and she will lift you up. She will honor you when you embrace her.

4.9 She will be like a wreath of grace on your head, a crown of glory and a shield.”

5.18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth as a loving deer and a graceful doe.

5.19 Let her breasts satisfy you at all times, and be ravished with her **love** always.

8.17 I **love** those who **love** me and those who seek me find me.

8.21 So that those who **love** me will inherit wealth and I will fill up their storehouses.

8.36 But he who sins against me hurts his own soul. All who hate me **love** death.

9.8 Do not reprove a scorner lest he hate you. Reprove a wise man and he will **love** you.

10.12 Hatred stirs up strife, but **love** covers all transgressions.

15.17 Better is a meal of herbs with **love** than many oxen and hatred with it.

16.13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings, and he who speaks uprightly is **loved**.

17.9 He who covers transgressions seeks **love**, but he who repeats a matter separates friends.

17.17 A friend **loves** all the time, but a brother is born for trouble.

17.19 He who **loves** transgression **loves** strife. He who exalts his door seeks destruction.

18.21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who **love** it will eat its fruit.

20.13 Do not **love** sleep lest you be dispossessed. Open your eyes and be satisfied with bread.

25.21 If your enemy is hungry **give him bread to eat**, and if he is thirsty **give him water to drink**

25.22 For you will heap coals of fire upon his head and YAHWEH will reward you.

27.5 Open reproof is better than **concealed love**.

27.6 Faithful are the wounds of a **lover**, but plentiful are the kisses of one who hates.

29.3 A man who **loves** wisdom makes his father glad, but a friend of prostitutes wastes wealth.

Every Christian should love YAHWEH, wisdom, one's spouse, others and reproof. Some things that we should not love are death, simplicity and sleep.

All Christians should love YAHWEH our God with all of our heart, our soul, our mind and our strength (Deuteronomy 6.5; Mark 12.30). And we should love our neighbors as ourselves (Leviticus 19.8; Mark 12.31). Our neighbors are everyone as the story of the good Samaritan explains (Luke 10.30-37).

## MARRIAGE

5.15 Drink water from your own cistern, and running water from your own well.

5.16 Should your springs be dispersed outside like a river in the street?

5.17 Let them be for you alone and not for strangers with you.

5.18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth as a loving deer and a graceful doe.

5.19 Let her breasts satisfy you at all times, and be ravished with her love always.

5.20 And why will you be ravished, my son, with an alien woman and hug the bosom of a foreigner?

Marriage is a very sacred union that should never be entered into impulsively. A man and a woman should give careful consideration of being united in holy matrimony for at least one year, the tradition of the ancient Hebrews, before they exchange vows. Marriage is a sacred institution that no one should rush headlong into.

Once a man and a woman are united in marriage they must remain married until death. YAHSHUA said that the only reason for divorce was adultery (Matthew 5.32). When He was asked about Moses giving permission for a man to divorce his wife, YAHSHUA said He did that due to the “*hardness of heart*” of the men. He went on to explain that when a man and a woman are united in marriage they are to act as though they are one person. He concluded by saying, “*What then YAHWEH yoked together let not man put apart*” (Mark 10.9).

Most people, including Christians, get married for all of the wrong reasons. They marry for lust, security, wealth, fame, children or to escape their parents or a boring life. Some mistakenly think they are getting married because they “love” the other person. The one and only reason a man and a woman are to marry is to bring glory to YAHWEH (1 Corinthians 10.31). Before marriage the couple is to consider whether or not they will be able to bring more glory to YAHWEH as a couple rather

than two single people. If they make that determination and the pastors and deacons of the church they are members of agree then they should marry, but only after they understand that they cannot divorce when things go bad or when they see someone they lust after. A bad marriage can be intolerable as the Bible declares (Proverbs 21.9, 19).

The woman must understand and agree with the biblical teaching that the man she is to marry will become her lord and master (Genesis 3.16; 1 Corinthians 11.3; 1 Peter 3.6), and that marriage is not a 50-50 proposition. She must be willing to submit to him in all things (Ephesians 5.22-24) gladly, joyfully and respectfully. She must be willing to behave in a chaste and respectful manner, and not adorn herself with fancy clothing, jewelry and hairstyles. She must be willing to express in her behavior a gentle and quiet spirit which means she is not to nag him to death (1 Peter 3.1-6). She must fulfill her duty to her husband (1 Corinthians 7.3). She must also be willing to call her husband “lord” and “master” just as Sarah did with her husband, Abraham (1 Peter 3.6; Genesis 18.12). Virtually all wives throughout the world called their husbands “lord” and “master” until the feminist movement began toward the end of the 19th century.

A man must understand and agree with the biblical teaching that he is to love and care for his wife as YAHSHUA loves and cares for His wife, the Church (Ephesians 5.25). He is to die to himself daily to care for his wife. Love and caring for a wife means to meet all of her needs – physical needs (housing, healthy food, modest clothing, medical care and conjugal rights – Exodus 21.10), mental needs (conversation), emotional needs (expressing his love for her verbally and in deeds) and spiritual needs (prayer, teaching her the Bible and fellowship in the Word). A very important thing he must do is honor her (1 Peter 3.7). Honoring one’s wife means a husband is to never criticize, mock, make fun of, ridicule, belittle, demean, or humiliate her in public or private. A husband must treat his wife as if she were more important than himself:

*Do nothing according to contention or vain glory, but in humility esteem one another above yourselves. Consider not the things of yourselves, but also the things of each other. (Philippians 2.3-4)*

Remember one last thing – most couples who desire to marry “feel” they are in love with each other. The very last thing any man or woman should ever consider when planning to marry is their “feelings” of love. Our feelings are almost always wrong. Why? Our hearts (inner man)

are deceitful above all things and incurable (Jeremiah 17.9). That is why we can never trust our feelings.

## MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

2.1 My son, if you will receive my words and **hide my words within you,**

3.3 Mercy and truth will not forsake you. Tie them around your neck and **write them on the tablet of your heart.**

4.20 My son, listen to my words, and bow your ear to what I say.

4.21 Do not let them depart from your eyes. **Keep them in the center of your heart.**

4.22 For they are life to those who find them and healing to his whole body.

7.1 My son, keep my words and **treasure my commandments.**

7.2 Keep my commandments and live, and my teaching as the pupil of your eyes.

7.3 Tie them on your fingers, and **write them on the tablet of your heart.**

Memorization of Scripture is one of the most important things any Christian can do. All Christians should memorize as much Scripture as possible and pastors even more. Most Hebrew men memorized vast amounts of the Scriptures, as Job noted (23.12). Since Job wrote his story about 500 years before Moses wrote the Torah what Scriptures did he have? He only had the first nine chapters of Genesis which was passed down from word of mouth beginning with Adam. It is possible that he had other Scripture that was lost such as the book of Enoch.

Memorizing Scripture is what helps us keep from sinning (Psalm 119.11). When YAHSHUA was tempted by the devil He simply quoted Scripture (Matthew 4.1-11). YAHWEH has promised to provide the way of escape when we are tempted (1 Corinthians 10.13), and that way is by quoting Scripture.

Memorizing Scripture is also necessary in order to share the Gospel in the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. When you can quote Scripture at any time the HOLY SPIRIT can use you to convict people of sin (John 16.8; Hebrews 4.12) and lead them to the Lord (1 Peter 3.15). Remember, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of

YAHWEH (Romans 10.17). Quoting Scripture is the only way to lead someone to the Lord.

Along with memorizing Scripture we are to meditate on the Word of YAHWEH as often as possible. Even though the word meditate is not found in Proverbs it is implied (Proverbs 7.1-3). We know from the rest of Scripture that we are commanded to meditate on Scripture day and night (Joshua 1.8; Psalm 1.2). King David meditated on Scripture a great deal (Psalm 5.1; 19.14; 63.6; 104.34; 119.15, 23, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148; 143.5).

Meditating on Scripture is a key to gaining great understanding and wisdom. Anyone can have greater understanding and wisdom than all of his spiritual teachers if he meditates on Scripture more than they do (Psalm 119.99). It is a lofty goal to set for oneself – to have more insight than all of your teachers.

## MEN

8.1 Does not wisdom call? And does understanding cry out?

8.2 In the high places she stands between the intersections?

8.3 She cries out at the doors at the side of the entrance gates of the city.

8.4 “To you, O **men**, I call. And my voice is to the sons of men.”

11.16 A gracious woman holds to honor, and **terrifying men** hold to riches.

11.17 A **merciful man** does his soul well, but the cruel troubles his own flesh.

16.6 By mercy and truth iniquity is covered, and by the reverence of YAHWEH **men** turn from evil.

20.6 Many **men** will proclaim his own kindness, but who can find a faithful **man**?

23.6 Do not eat the bread of a **man** with an evil eye, and do not desire his delicacies,

30.2 Surely I *am more* brutish than any **man**, and do not have the understanding of a **man**.

Most men are evil just as most women are. Every man and woman is conceived and born in sin (Psalms 51.5), and all infants go astray from birth (Psalm 58.3). It is only the grace, mercy and love of YAHWEH that changes a person from a proud, evil, self-centered egotistical bore to a loving, humble, kind, compassionate, merciful, generous, quiet and peaceful person. The saying that “power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely” is true. The more powerful a person becomes the more sinful he grows. Men like Qin Shi Huang, Emir Timur (Tamerlane), Julius Caesar, Augustus, Caligula, Nero, Domitian, Commodus, Attila the Hun, Genghis Khan, Napoleon Bonaparte, Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Hitler, Mao, and Pol Pot became more evil and genocidal the more powerful they became. The same thing happens to the average person. The more sins they get away with the greater their desire to sin grows. The only time someone cuts back on sinning is when they get caught or they get saved.

This tendency to go from evil to super-evil is also true of nations. Some nations began with good intentions but after time they devolved into tyrannical nightmares. A few examples in recent history are France (1792), Russia (1917), Germany (1933) and Red China (1948). Even America, which began with the most noble and ethical intentions, is quickly devolving into a Big Brother tyrannical dictatorship.

## MERCY (Merciful)

3.3 **Mercy** and truth will not forsake you. Tie them around your neck and write them on the tablet of your heart.

11.17 A **merciful man** does his soul well, but the cruel troubles his own flesh.

14.22 Do not evil devisers go astray? But **mercy** and truth follow devisers of good.

16.6 By **mercy** and truth iniquity is covered, and by the reverence of YAHWEH men turn from evil.

20.28 **Mercy** and truth preserve the king, and his throne is upheld by **mercy**.

21.21 He who pursues righteousness and **mercy** finds life, righteousness and honor.

Mercy is not giving someone what they deserve. When a person trusts in YAHSHUA the punishment for his sins was paid for by YAHSHUA on the cross. He does not have to suffer the penalty of eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire. Mercy is something that everyone should extend to those around them. If you do something wrong you want the person you wronged to show you mercy, so do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Mark 12.31; Luke 6.31).

## MISCELLANEOUS

1.6 In so doing he will be able to understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their **riddles**.

21.5 The **plans of the diligent** lead to plenty, but everyone who is **hasty** will come to **poverty**.

24.10 If you faint in the day of distress your **strength** is narrow.

25.20 Like a person who removes his coat on a cold day and vinegar on soda is he who **sings songs to an evil heart**.

25.25 Like cold water to a weary soul is a **good report** from a distant country.

25.28 Like a broken-down city without a wall is a man who has **no control over his spirit**.

26.2 As the wandering bird and as the swallow in its flying, so a **curse without cause will not come about**.

27.7 A person who is full tramples the honeycomb, but to a **hungry person** every bitter thing is sweet.

27.8 A man who **wanders from his place** is like a bird that wanders from its nest.

27.13 Take his garment when he is **surety for a stranger**, and for a strange woman bind him in pledge.

27.14 He who **riser early in the morning** and **blesses his friend with a loud voice**, it will be deemed as **cursing** to him.

27.17 Iron sharpens iron, and a **man sharpens his friend's face**.

27.19 As water reflects a face, so the **heart of a man reflects the man**.

27.21 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but a **man is tested by the praise given to him**.

27.23 **Know well the condition of your flock**, and **set your heart on your herd**;

27.24 Because riches are not forever nor the crown from generation to generation.

27.25 When the old grass is moved one **sees the new grass**, and the mountain plants are gathered.

28.2 By transgression *in* a land it *has* many rulers, but by a **discerning man** who knows, it is prolonged.

29.18 Where *there* is **no vision the people are set loose**, and blessed is the keeper of the law.

30.15 The leech has two daughters *who cry*, "**Give! Give!**"

30.16 *There are* three *things* that are not satisfied, four *that* do not say, "**Enough!**": Sheol and the barren womb, the earth that is not filled with water, and fire that does not say, "**Enough!**"

30.18 Three things are too wonderful for me, and four I know not the way of:

30.19 An **eagle in the sky**; the way of a **snake on a rock**; a **ship in the heart of the sea**, and the **way of a man with a virgin**.

30.21 Under three *things* the earth quakes, and under four it is not able to bear up:

30.22 Under a **servant when he reigns**; and when a **fool is filled with food**;

30.23 Under **one who is hated when she marries**; and when a **handmaid is heir to her mistress**.

30.24 Four *things are* little on the Earth, but they *are* the wise ones of those made wise:

30.25 The **ants** *are* not a strong people, yet they prepare their food in summer;

30.26 The **rock badgers** *are* not a mighty people, yet they make their house in the rock;

30.27 The **locusts** have no king, yet they go out in a swarm, all of them;

30.28 The **lizards** you can take with *your* hands, and it is in king's palaces.

30.29 *There are* three *things* that go well in a march, and four that go well in walking:

30.30 A **lion** *is* mighty among beasts, and he does not turn away from facing all;

30.31 **One girded in loins**, and a **he-goat**; and a **king** *when his army is* with him.

## MODERATION

25.14 Have you found honey? **Eat only your fill** lest you be overfull and toss it up.

25.15 **Let your foot be rarely in your neighbor's house** lest he be full of you and hate you.

25.24 To **not eat too much honey** is good, and to search out their glory is glory.

Everyone should practice moderation at all times. Moderation in eating, exercise, talking, visiting and calling friends, buying things, and virtually everything one does is extremely important. The only thing a Christian should never exercise moderation in is serving the Lord. We should serve Him with ALL of our heart, soul, mind and body (Mark

12.30). We should pray always (1 Thessalonians 5.17), and read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture as much as possible (Deuteronomy 17.19; Revelation 1.3 & Proverbs 8.34; John 5.39; Acts 17.11; 2 Timothy 2.15 & Deuteronomy 6.6; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1; 6.21; Isaiah 51.7 & Joshua 1.8; Job 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 119.15, 23, 48, 78, 99, 148).

## MOTHERS

1.8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake the teaching of your **mother**,

1.9 For they are an ornament of grace to your head and a necklace for your neck.

4.3 For I was a son to my father, and a tender *and* only son to my **mother**.

6.20 My son, keep your father's commandments and do not forsake the law of your **mother**.

10.1 Proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes his father rejoice, but a foolish son is sorrow to his **mother**.

15.20 A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his **mother**.

17.25 A foolish son is a vexation to his father, and bitterness to **her** who bore him.

19.26 He who assaults his father and chases his **mother** away causes shame and brings reproach.

20.20 He who curses his father or his **mother** his lamp will be put out in the blackest darkness.

23.22 Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your **mother** when she is old.

23.25 Let your father and your **mother** be glad, and let her who bore you rejoice.

28.24 He who robs his father or his **mother** and says, "*It is not a transgression,*" *is* a partner to a man who destroys

29.15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a youth *who is* sent away causes shame to his **mother**.

30.11 *There is* a generation *that* curses his father, and does not bless his **mother**.

30.17 The eye that mocks his father, and that despises to obey his **mother**, the ravens of the valley will pluck it *out*, and the sons of the eagles will eat it.

31.1 The words of King Lemuel, the burden that his **mother** taught him.

Mothers are the glue that holds families together. When a mother neglects her duties the family falls apart. This is why it is crucial for all Christian mothers to perform their duties faithfully, as unto the Lord, not expecting any reward or gratitude in this life. If a mother receives thanks, gratitude and a reward of any kind in this life that is a bonus. Mothers should expect to receive their reward in Heaven. This is the same for all Christians in whatever ministry the Savior has given them. When we expect reward or gratitude in this life we develop an attitude of bitterness which will diminish our service.

The basic duties of a mother are to care for the needs of her husband and her children. That means doing a lot of hard work – praying, cooking, cleaning, washing, shopping for food, gardening, and teaching the Bible to the children and praying with them. Any mother who neglects these duties is an unfit mother. Mothers who send their children to day-care and hire people to do housework are neglecting their duties. Mothers are not called to get jobs outside the home or to get careers. Christian mothers must be homemakers and fulfill their duties. For more information of the duties of a mother and a wife read chapter 31 of Proverbs.

## NAME

10.7 The memory of the just is blessed, but the **name** of the wicked will rot.

18.10 The **name of YAHWEH** is a tower of strength. The righteous run into it and are exalted.

22.1 A *good name* is to be chosen rather than great riches. Favor is better than silver and gold.

30.4 Who has gone up to Heaven and returned? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in His garment? Who made all the ends of the Earth rise? What is **His name**, and what is **His Son's name**? Surely you know.

30.7 Two things I have asked from You: Do not hold back from me before I die:

30.8 Remove far from me vanity and lies. Do not give to me poverty or riches. Give me my portion of food,

30.9 Lest I become full, and deceive *myself*, and say, “Who is YAHWEH?” Or lest I become poor, and steal and violate the **name of my God**.

Having a good name is extremely important for Christians. We should all have a good reputation with the lost and for pastors it is mandatory (1 Timothy 3.7). It is more important than riches.

The name of the Father, YAHWEH, is used dozens of times in the book of Proverbs and hundreds of times in the Old Testament. It was taken out of virtually all the English translations and the word “*LORD*” was inserted in its place. This was a serious sin on part of the translators. Only the American Standard Version left His name in, but they used the transliterated name of Jehovah.

YAHWEH made His holy (Psalm 30.4; 33.21; 97.12; 103.1 106.47; 111.9; 145.21), great (Psalm 99.3), awesome (Psalm 99.3; 111.9), majestic (8.1, 9), glorious (Psalm 72.19), blessed (Psalm 113.2) and exalted (Psalm 148.13) name known to man for a reason. He did not want His name to be forgotten (Psalm 44.20; 45.17). He also wants His children to trust in His name (Psalm 33.21); revere (fear) His name (Psalm 61.5; 86.11), seek His name (Psalm 83.16), know His name (Psalm 9.10; 91.14), praise His name (Psalm 113.1, 3; 135.1; 148.5, 13), sing praises to His name (Psalm 7.17; 9.2; 18.49; 61.8; 68.4; 92.1; 135.3), rejoice in His name (Psalm 89.16), give thanks to His holy name (Psalm 30.4; 44.8; 96.12; 106.47; 138.2; 142.7), bless His name (Psalm 96.2; 145.21), glorify His name (Psalm 29.2; 86.9, 12), glory in His name (Psalm 105.3), boast in His name (Psalm 20.7), call upon His name (Psalm 80.18; 105.1), love His name (Psalm 5.11) and tell the world about His name (Psalm 22.22; 102.21). YAHWEH even intends that the unsaved revere (fear) His name (Psalm 102.15).

His name is so great that YAHWEH saves sinners for the sake of His name (Psalm 25.11; 106.8). He also shows kindness to His children, and revives, leads and guides them for His name's sake (Psalm 23.3; 31.3; 109.21; 143.11)! Those who come in His name are blessed (Psalm 118.26).

Now that you know His holy, awesome, great, majestic and glorious name, use It. Also use the name of the Son, YAHSHUA.

## NEIGHBOR

3.28 Do not say to your **neighbor**, go and return tomorrow and I will give it, when you have it with you.

3.29 Do not plot evil against your **neighbor** who lives securely with you.

14.20 The poor is hated even by his **neighbors**, but there are many who love the rich.

14.21 He who despises his **neighbor** sins, but he who favors the poor is happy.

16.29 A man of violence lures his **neighbor**, and makes him go in a way that is not good.

18.17 The first to plead his case seems just, but his **neighbor** comes and tests him.

19.4 Wealth adds many friends, but the poor is separated from his **neighbor**.

21.10 The soul of the wicked desires evil and his **neighbor** does not find favor in his eyes.

24.28 Do not be a witness against a **neighbor** without cause or deceive with your lips.

25.8 Do not go out hastily to fight for what will you do in the end when your **neighbor** has shamed you?

25.9 Plead your cause with your **neighbor**, and do not reveal the secret of another.

25.18 A man who bares false witness against his **neighbor** is like a mauling, a sword and a sharp arrow.

26.18 Like a madman who throws sparks, arrows and death

26.19 Is the man who deceives his **neighbor** and says, “Am I not joking?”

27.10 Do not forsake your friend or your father’s friend, and do not go to your brother’s house in the day of your calamity, for a **neighbor** nearby is better than a brother far away.

29.5 A man who flatters his **neighbor** spreads a net for his steps.

All Christians should live in peace with their neighbors, but it is not always easy. If you are loving, kind, patient and generous with a neighbor and he still refuses to be civil you have done all you can. Continue to love him, but do not aggravate him in any way. Pray for him and wait for the Lord to change his attitude toward you.

One extremely important thing to remember in dealing with neighbors is to not be a pest. Do not be nosing about their business, asking them questions about everything or even asking them if they need help all the time. The best way to handle a neighbor is to introduce yourself, tell them your testimony, and explain that you would be glad to help them if they ever have a need. Be friendly and say hello when you see them, but be sensitive to their needs. If they want to talk listen, but do not start a conversation and talk their ears off. Let them do the talking. Most people love to talk so if you want your neighbor to like you listen to him.

## OMNISCIENCE

5.21 For the **ways of a man** are before the **eyes of YAHWEH**, and **He watches all of his ways**.

15.3 The **eyes of YAHWEH** are in every place **watching the evil and the good**.

15.11 Hell and destruction are before YAHWEH, and more so are the **hearts of the sons of men**.

16.2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but **YAHWEH weighs his spirit**.

21.2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but **YAHWEH weighs the hearts**.

22.12 The **eyes of YAHWEH** keep knowledge, and **He overthrows the words of the sly.**

24.12 Do not say, “We did not know this.” Does not **He who knows your heart** consider it, and does the keeper of your soul know? **He repays to a man according to his work.**

24.29 Do not say, “As he has done to me so I will do to him.” **I will repay to each man according to his work.**

The Bible makes it explicitly clear that YAHWEH Elohim know everything, including every deed, word, thought and motive of every man, woman and child. They not only know everything about everyone They will judge everyone who dies in their sins for every sin they commit by deed, word, thought and motive (Psalm 62.12; Proverbs 24.12; Jeremiah 17.10; 32.19; Matthew 12.36; 16.27; Luke 8.17; Romans 2.6, 16; 1 Peter 1.17; Revelation 2.23; 20.12).

The Bible also states emphatically that YAHWEH Elohim know everything that will happen in the future (Isaiah 46.9-10; 48.3-5).

It is hard for us to understand how They can know everything that will happen in the future, but They do. The best way to explain it is that They live outside of time. Therefore, They observe everything that happens at the same time. They see at the same instant – the Devil’s conspiracy to overthrow Them, Adam and Eve eating from the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil, the Second Coming of YAHSHUA and the wicked being cast into the Lake of Fire at the conclusion of the Millennial Kingdom.

## **ORPHANS** **(Fatherless)**

23.10 Do not move the old landmark and do not enter into the fields of the **fatherless,**

23.11 For their redeemer is mighty. He will plead their cause with you.

31.8 Open your mouth for the dumb, *and* to the cause of all the **fatherless sons.**

31.9 Open your mouth; judge righteously; and defend the poor and needy.

All Christians should help orphans and widows. True religion is helping those in need, especially orphans and widows (James 1.27; Job 31.16-17, 21; Psalm 82.3-4; Zechariah 7.10; Matthew 23.14; James 2.15-16; 1 John 3.17). Churches should have programs in place to care for all orphans and widows in the church (1 Timothy 5.9-10). Once the orphans and widows in the church are being cared for the church should reach out to the orphans and widows outside of the church.

## **PATHS**

### **(Highway, Walks, Way)**

1.5 My son, do not walk in the way with them. Do not walk in their **path**.

1.15 My son, do not walk in the way with them. Do not walk in their **path**.

2.8 To guard the **paths of justice**. And He guards the way of His saints.

2.9 Then you will understand righteousness, justice, honesty and every **good path**.

2.13 Those who leave the **paths of uprightness** to walk in the ways of darkness,

2.19 All who go in to her do not return and they do not reach the **paths of life**.

2.20 In order that you may walk in **the paths of the good**, and may keep *to* the paths of the righteous.

3.5 Trust YAHWEH with all of your heart and do not rely on your own understanding.

3.6 In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your **paths**.

3.13 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets understanding,

3.14 Because its gain is better than the gain of silver and its produce more than gold.

3.15 She is more precious than jewels and everything you can desire is not comparable to her.

3.16 Long life are in her right, and in her left hand are riches and honor.

3.17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all of her **paths** are peaceful.

3.18 She is a tree of life for those who take hold of her, and they are blessed.

4.10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings for it will lengthen the days of your life.

4.11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have made you walk in **the paths of uprightness**.

4.12 As you go your steps will not be narrowed, and when you run you will not stumble.

4.13 Take hold of instruction and do not let go. Keep her for she is your life.

4.14 Do not enter **the path** of the wicked, and do not proceed in the way of the evil ones.

4.15 Ignore it and do not enter it. Turn aside from it and pass on.

4.16 For they do not sleep if they have not done evil, and their sleep is taken away if they do not cause others to stumble.

4.17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and they drink the wine of violence.

4.18 But **the path** of the righteous is like a bright light that shines until the day is established.

4.19 The **way of the wicked** is like darkness. They do not know why they stumble.

4.25 Let your eyes look to the front and let your eyelids look before you.

4.26 Ponder **the path** of your feet and your ways will be set.

4.27 Do not turn to the right or to the left. Turn your foot from evil.

5.6 Ponder the **path of life** because her ways are changeable, and you cannot know it.

7.25 Do not turn aside your heart to her ways. Do not go astray in **her paths**.

8.20 I walk in the **path of righteousness** among the **paths of justice**.

10.17 On **the path to life** is the one who keeps instruction, but the one who forsakes reproof goes astray.

12.28 In **the path of righteousness** is life, and the way of that **path** is not death.

13.6 Righteousness guards **the way of the perfect**, but wickedness overthrows *the sinner*.

14.12 There is a **way** that appears upright before a man, but its end is **the way of death**.

16.17 The **highway** of the upright is to turn from evil. He who keeps his soul watches his way.

16.25 There is a **way** that seems right to a man, but its end is the **ways** of death.

16.29 A man of violence lures his neighbor, and makes him go in a **way** that is not good.

16.31 Gray hair is a crown of glory, and it is found in the **way of righteousness**.

17.23 The wicked takes a bribe out of the bosom to pervert the **way of justice**.

19.1 The poor who **walks in his integrity** is better than one who speaks lies and is a fool.

21.2 Every **way of a man** is right in his own eyes, but YAHWEH weighs the hearts.

21.8 **The way of a guilty man** is perverted, but the work of the pure is upright.

21.16 A man who wanders out of **the way of prudence** will rest in the assembly of the dead.

21.29 A wicked man hardens his face, but the upright establishes **his way**.

22.5 Thorns and snares are in the **way of the crooked**, and he who keeps his soul will be far from them.

22.6 Train up a boy in the **way he should go**, even when he is old he will not turn aside from it.

23.19 Hear you, my son, be wise and advance your heart in **the way**.

23.26 My son, give your heart to me and let your eyes watch **my ways**.

28.10 The one who leads the upright astray in an **evil way** will fall into his own pit, and the blameless will inherit good.

28.18 He who **walks blamelessly** will be saved, but the crooked in his two ways will fall at once.

28.26 He who trusts in his heart *is* a fool, but he who **walks** in wisdom will be delivered.

29.27 A righteous man hates the unjust, and the wicked hates the **upright way**.

All Christians should walk the straight and narrow path of life, for broad is the way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7.13). The way we do that is by being in prayer (1 Thessalonians 5.17) and in the Word every day (Psalm 1.2; Acts 17.11). We also need to be in regular fellowship with the brethren (Hebrews 10.24-25) and be held accountable by them. Once a Christian stops praying, studying the Bible and fellowshiping with the brethren he will wander off the straight and narrow path of life and follow the path of destruction. If he does not return to the path of life he will die in a backslidden condition. He will not lose his salvation, but he will lose rewards and be ashamed when he meets his Savior.

Every Christian who stops growing in the Lord becomes worldly – seeking after the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes and they become proud. Have you ever seen a spiritually stagnant Christian who does not have desires for the things of the world?

Carefully read, study and meditate on the following passage:

*I am the true vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away, and every branch that bears fruit He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. Now you are pruned because of the word which I have spoken to you. Remain in Me and I in you, as the branch is not able to bear fruit of itself unless it remains in the vine. So neither can you unless you remain in Me. I am the Vine you are the branches. He who remains in Me and I in him, this one bears much fruit, because apart from Me you can do nothing. Unless one remains in Me he is cast out as a branch, and is withered;*

*and they gather them and throw them into a fire and they are burned. (John 15.1-6)*

Do you want to spiritually dry up and be cast off from YAHSHUA? If you do not have a desire for the Scriptures and fellowship with the brethren, you may already be dried up. It is only a matter of time before the world consumes you and you die physically before your time.

You may also want to consider another possibility. If you have no desire to hear, read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture, and you rarely pray or pray for a couple minutes each day you may not be born from above. You may have made a false profession of faith. That is why Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to examine their faith:

*Examine yourselves whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Or do you not recognize yourselves that YAHSHUA Messiah is in you, unless you are reprobates?*

We must remember that there are millions of people, throughout history, who truly believed they were saved by grace through faith in YAHSHUA Messiah, but they were not. On judgment day millions will proclaim their faith and works they did in the name of YAHSHUA yet He will cast them away:

*“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but those who do the will of My Father in Heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many works of power?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from Me those who work lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7.21-23)*

The way to know for certain that your confession of faith was real is by your fruits. Do you have a powerful desire to know YAHWEH and YAHSHUA? Do you hunger and thirst for Their Word? Do you hear, read, study, memorize and meditate on Their Word daily? Do you pray always? Do you desire to fellowship with the brethren more than once a week? Are you eager to share the Gospel with the lost? Do you hate sin? Do you hate worldly movies and television shows that depict every sin imaginable? Do you hate worldly music that glorifies the Devil, drugs, alcohol, sex, etc.? Do you hate and not go to concerts where people are high on drugs and alcohol, and the music is very worldly? Do you hate partying, and not go to parties where there is drinking,

smoking and drugs? Do you hate and not go to night clubs? Do you hate gambling and avoid it? Do you rarely envy the wicked?

If you answer no to just one of those questions you may not be truly born from above. Your profession of faith may have been a false profession. If you are certain you are born from above but have a problem with any of the above noted sins you need to pray fervently every day, study the Bible daily and find a church where the brethren can help you gain victory over your sins.

## **PEACE** **(Peaceful)**

3.1 My son, do not forget my teaching. Let your heart guard my commands,

3.2 For they will add long life and **peace** to you.

3.17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all of her paths are **peaceful**.

12.20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, but to counselors of **peace** is joy.

16.7 When a man's way please YAHWEH, He makes his enemies to be at **peace** with him.

The wicked can never have peace because of the conviction of the HOLY SPIRIT. Believers have peace when they are living a holy life. When they stop walking in the SPIRIT (Galatians 5.16) and being led by the SPIRIT (Galatians 5.18) they have no peace. Peace only comes by faithfully living a holy life which includes daily prayer, Bible reading, study, memorization and meditation, along with regular fellowship with the brethren, sharing the Gospel with the lost and making disciples. (See Appendix C)

## **PERVERSE** **(Pervert, Perversity)**

2.12 To deliver you from the evil way; from the man who speaks **perverse** things;

2.14 Who rejoice to do evil. They rejoice in the **perversities** of the evil.

8.13 The reverence of YAHWEH is to hate evil. Pride, loftiness, the evil way and the **perverse mouth** I hate.

10.9 He who walks in integrity walks safely, but he who **perverts** his ways will be known.

11.20 The **perverse** of heart are hateful to YAHWEH, but His delight is the upright in the way.

12.8 By the mouth of his prudence will a man be praised, but the **perverse** of heart will be despised.

14.2 One who walks in his uprightness reveres YAHWEH, but the **perverse** in his ways despises Him.

15.4 A healing tongue is a tree of life, but **perversity** in it breaks the spirit.

16.28 A **perverse** man causes strife and a slanderer separates friends.

16.30 He who winks his eyes to carry out **perverse plans** also signals with his lips to bring about evil.

17.20 One who has a crooked heart does not find good, and one who speaks **perverse things** falls into evil.

17.23 The wicked takes a bribe out of the bosom to **pervert** the way of justice.

19.3 The folly of a man **perverts** his way, and his heart rages against YAHWEH.

21.8 The way of a guilty man is **perverted**, but the work of the pure is upright.

23.33 Your eyes will look on strange women, and your heart will speak **perverse things**.

31.4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes to lust for strong drink,  
31.5 Lest they drink and forget what is decreed, and **pervert** the right of the sons of the afflicted.

There are a lot of perverse things in this world and no Christian should ever be involved in them. The wicked love to talk, joke and engage in perverse things, and they approve of others who do the same (Romans 1.28-32). Christians should not think about them, talk about them, joke about them, engage in them or gibe approval to those who do. Instead we are commanded to expose the evil deeds of the wicked (Ephesians 5.11-16). Watching movies and television shows depicting every perverse act imaginable is giving approval to those who engage in them!

## **POOR** **(Needy, Poverty)**

10.4 He who deals with a lazy palm becomes **poor**, but the hand of a hard worker makes rich.

10.15 Wealth of the rich man is his strong city, but the ruin of the **poor** is their poverty.

11.24 There is one who scatters yet increases more, but the one who withholds justice only comes to **poverty**.

13.7 There is one who acts rich but has nothing, and there is one who acts **poor** and has much wealth.

13.8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches, but the **poor** does not hear rebuke.

13.18 **Poverty** and shame is for the one who ignores chastisement, the one who keeps correction will be honored.

13.23 The fallow land of the **poor** yields much food, but it is swept away when there is no justice.

14.20 The **poor** is hated even by his neighbors, but there are many who love the rich.

14.21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but he who favors the **poor** is happy.

14.23 In all toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to **poverty**.

14.31 The one who oppresses the **poor** curses his Maker, but the one who favors the **needy** honors Him.

16.19 Better is humility with the **poor** than to divide the spoil with the proud.

16.5 He who mocks the **poor** reviles his Maker. He who rejoices at calamity will not be acquitted.

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18.23 The **poor** speak with entreaties, but the rich answers roughly.

19.1 The **poor** who walks in his integrity is better than one who speaks lies and is a fool.

19.4 Wealth adds many friends, but the **poor** is separated from his neighbor.

19.7 All the brothers of a **poor** man hate him, and certainly his friends are far from him. He pursues them with words yet they are not.

19.17 He who favors the **poor** lends to YAHWEH, and He will reward him for it.

19.22 The desire of a man is his mercy, and it is better to be **poor** than a liar.

21.5 The plans of the diligent lead to plenty, but everyone who is hasty will come to **poverty**.

21.13 He who shuts his ear at the cry of the **poor** will himself call and not be heard.

21.17 A man who loves pleasure will be **poor**, and he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

22.2 The rich and the **poor** meet together and YAHWEH is the maker of them all.

22.7 The rich rules over the **poor**, and the borrower is servant to a man who lends.

22.9 He who has a good eye is blessed because he gives his bread to the **poor**.

22.16 He who oppresses the **poor** to multiply to himself, and he who gives to the rich will come to **poverty**.

22.22 Do not rob the **poor** because he is **poor**, and do not crush the afflicted in the gate,  
22.23 For YAHWEH will plead their cause, and will plunder the soul of those plundering them.

24.32 I looked and set my heart to receive instruction.  
24.33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down,  
24.34 Then comes your **poverty** like a robber, and your want like an armed man.

28.3 A **poor man** who oppresses the weak *is like* a sweeping rain that *leaves* no food.

28.6 Better is the **poor** who walks in his integrity than the crooked of two ways even *if* he *is* rich.

28.19 He who tills his ground will have plenty of bread, but the one who pursues vanities will have **poverty** *in* plenty.

28.27 He who gives to the **poor** has no lack, but he who hides his eyes *will have* many curses.

29.13 The **poor man** and a man of violence meet together, YAHWEH enlightens the eyes of both of them.

30.7 Two things I have asked from You: Do not hold back from me before I die: Remove far from me vanity and lies.

30.8 Do not give to me **poverty** or riches. Give me my portion of food, lest I become full, and deceive *myself*, and say, “Who is YAHWEH?”

30.9 Or lest I become **poor**, and steal and violate the name of my God.

30.14 *There is* a generation whose teeth *are like* swords, and its jaw teeth *are like* knives to devour the **poor** from the Earth, and the needy from among men.

31.6 Give strong drink to one *who is* perishing, and wine to the bitter soul.

31.7 Let him drink and forget his **poverty**, and remember his misery no more.

31.9 Open your mouth; judge righteously; and defend the **poor** and **needy**.

31.20 She spreads her hands to the **poor**, and *with* her hands she reaches to the **needy**.

Some people are poor due to laziness, but there are billions of hardworking people around the world who are poor. It is the duty of all Christians to help the poor in whatever way they can. Every church should have a special ministry to care for the poor in the church, but also the poor in their community. The rich in a church are given their wealth by YAHWEH to help the poor and needy in the church (Leviticus 25.35; Deuteronomy 15.7; James 2.15-17; John 3.17-18), to help widows and orphans (James 1.27), and to help the poor in his community (Proverbs 19.17; Matthew 19.21; Luke 6.38). They are not to spend their wealth on their pleasures. Remember, one “*who favors the poor lends to YAHWEH, and He will reward him for it*” and the “*one who favors the needy honors Him.*”

Those who mistreat the poor, rob the poor and oppress the poor will be punished by YAHWEH. He will plunder their soul (Proverbs 22.22-23)! That means He will keep them from being saved! It also means that Christians who mistreat the poor will be punished and have great loss of reward.

YAHWEH allows there to be poor people so the rich will have the opportunity to help them. If YAHWEH saw to it that everyone on Earth was wealthy people would be so obsessed with wealth that the entire planet would be plunged into total chaos, anarchy, war and violence. Wealth does NOT bring happiness or contentment. It gives the rich a greater lust for wealth. As the Bible says “*For the root of all kinds of evil is the love of money*” (1 Timothy 6.10). It is only the act of compassion for the poor that lessens a rich man’s lust for greater riches.

The poor should not be preoccupied in trying to get rich. They should work hard and be content in the position that YAHWEH has placed them (Philippians 4.11; 1 Timothy 6.6-8; Hebrews 13.5). It is hard for the poor to live in their poverty, but it is better to be poor and have integrity than to be wealthy and be without honor and integrity. Rich people who have honor and integrity always give to the poor. Rich people who do not give to the poor do NOT have honor or integrity.

## PRAYER

15.8 YAHWEH hates the sacrifice of the wicked, but the **prayer** of the upright is His delight.

15.29 YAHWEH is far from the wicked, but He hears the **prayer** of the righteous.

28.9 He who turns aside from hearing the law even his **prayer** is an abomination.

The prayers of Christians delight YAHWEH, and He always answers them. They may not be answered when we want them to be, but they are all answered. Some are answered yes and others no.

Remember that when you stop studying the Bible your prayers no longer delight YAHWEH; instead they become an abomination to Him. Prayer is very important in the life of a Christian (Ephesians 6.18; 1 Thessalonians 5.17), but so is Bible study (Acts 17.11; 2 Timothy 2.15). We must spend a decent amount of time in both. Go to Appendix C for assistance in setting up a spiritual fitness program.

# PRIDE

## (Proud, Arrogant, Boast, Haughty, Loftiness)

6.17 **Lofty looks**, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

8.13 The reverence of YAHWEH is to hate evil. **Pride, loftiness**, the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.

11.2 When **pride** comes then comes shame, but with the humble is wisdom.

13.10 Only by **pride** comes strife, but wisdom is with those who take counsel.

14.3 A rod of **pride** is in the mouth of the fool, but the lips of the wise preserve them.

15.25 YAHWEH will destroy the house of the **proud**, but He will establish the border of the widow.

16.5 Everyone who is **proud** in heart is an abomination to YAHWEH, and he will certainly not be acquitted.

16.18 **Pride** goes before destruction, and a **haughty spirit** before stumbling.

16.19 Better is humility with the poor than to divide the spoil with the **proud**.

18.12 Before destruction a man's heart is **haughty**, but before honor is humility.

21.4 **Exalted eyes** and a **proud heart**, and the lamp of the wicked is sin.

21.24 **Proud, arrogant**, scoffer is his name who deals in **proud anger**.

25.12 A man who **boasts** about a false gift is like clouds and wind with no rain.

28.25 A **proud person** stirs up strife, but the one who trusts YAHWEH will be made fat.

29.23 A man's **pride** brings him low, but the humble of spirit receives honor.

30.11 *There is* a generation *that* curses his father, and does not bless his mother.

30.12 *There is* a generation *that* is **pure in its own eyes**, and it is not washed from its filth.

30.13 *There is* a generation, how **lofty are its eyes**, and its eyelids are lifted up.

30.14 *There is* a generation whose teeth *are like* swords, and its jaw teeth *are like* knives to devour the poor from the Earth, and the needy from among men.

Pride was the first sin ever committed in the universe. The one who committed that grievous sin was Lucifer. He thought he was equal to YAHWEH and wanted to be worshipped like YAHWEH is worshipped (Isaiah 14.13-14). When YAHWEH refused to share His glory with Lucifer (Isaiah 42.8) he rebelled and took one-third of the angels of Heaven with him (Revelation 12.3-4).

Pride is the root of every sin. There is no sin one can commit that pride is not the root cause of it. People lie to protect themselves or harm others because they think they are too important to be caught or others are less important than them. People lie because of pride. They also steal, hurt others, covet, cause dissension, etc. because of pride.

If you have a problem with sin you have a problem with pride. The only way to eliminate pride within you is to replace it with humility. Go back to the topic of "Humble" and study it again. Also study Appendix E.

## PROSTITUTE

**(Alien woman, foreigner, strange woman)**

2.16 *These* will deliver you from the **strange woman**, from the **foreigner** who flatters with her words,

2.17 Who forsakes the guide of her youth, forgets the covenant of her God.

2.18 For her house leads down to death and her tracks to the dead.

2.19 All who go in to her do not return and they do not reach the paths of life.

5.3 The lips of a **strange woman** drip honey and her kiss is smoother than oil.

5.4 But afterward she is as bitter as wormwood and as sharp as the edges of a sword.

5.5 Her feet go down to death and her steps take hold of Sheol.

5.6 Ponder the path of life because her ways are changeable, and you cannot know it.

5.7 And now, O sons, hear me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth.

5.8 Keep your ways far from her, and do not go near the door of her house,

5.9 Lest you give your vigor to others, and your years to the cruel one,

5.10 And lest your strength be given to strangers, and your work go to the house of an alien.

5.11 For you will moan when your end comes, when your flesh and muscles are consumed.

5.12 Then you will say, "How I have hated instruction and my heart despised correction.

5.13 And I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, and have not turned my ears to those teaching me."

5.14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the assembly and congregation.

5.20 And why will you be ravished, my son, with an **alien woman** and hug the bosom of a foreigner?

6.23 The command is a lamp and the law is a light. And the reproofs of instruction are the way of life

6.24 To keep you from the **evil woman** and from the smooth tongue of a **strange woman**.

6.25 Do not lust in your heart after her beauty and do not let her take you with her eyelids.

6.26 For on behalf of a **harlot woman** a man comes to his end as a loaf of bread. Another man's wife will hunt for the precious soul.

6.27 Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?

6.28 Or can a man walk on hot coals and his feet not be burned?

6.29 So is the one who goes to his neighbor's wife. Everyone who touches her will not be innocent.

7.1 My son, keep my words and treasure my commandments.

2 Keep my commandments and live, and my teaching as the pupil of your eyes.

3 Tie them on your fingers, and write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 Say to wisdom you are my sister, and call understanding a kinsman;

5 To keep you from the **strange woman**, from the **foreigner** with her smooth words.

6 At the window of my house I looked down through the lattice,

7 And I saw the simple ones. I observed the young men lacking heart

8 As they passed by her corner. He walked the way to her house,

9 In the twilight of the evening, and in the black and darkness of night.

10 And behold, a woman met him dressed like a **harlot**, and with a guarded heart.

11 She is loud and stubborn, and her feet do not dwell in her own house.

12 Now she is outside in the streets, and at every corner.

13 She lies in wait and seizes him. She kisses him and hardens her face, and says to him,

14 "Sacrifices of peace offerings are on me. Today I have repaid my vows.

15 "Therefore I came out to meet you, to seek your face early, and I have found you.

16 "With coverings I have spread my couch, stripped cloths of linen from Egypt.

17 "I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.

18 "Come, let us drink our fill of love until the morning, and let us delight ourselves with caresses,

19 For my husband is not in his house. He is going in the way far off.

20 He has taken a bag of silver in his hand. On the day of the full moon he will enter his house."

21 She turned him aside by the sum of her words. By the flattering of her lips she forced him.

22 He goes after her at once as an ox that goes to the slaughter, and as one chained to be chastised for being a fool, and as a bird hastens to the snare,

23 Until a dart strikes through his liver. He does not know it is for his soul.

24 And now, sons, listen to me, and incline to the words of my mouth.  
25 Do not turn aside your heart to her ways. Do not go astray in her paths,  
26 For many are the wounded she has made fall, and numerous are all of her slain ones.  
7.27 The way of her house goes down to Hell and the rooms to death.

22.14 The mouth of an **alien woman** is a deep pit. Those who are hated by YAHWEH will fall into it.

23.26 My son, give your heart to me and let your eyes watch my ways.  
23.27 For a **harlot** is a deep pit, and a **strange woman** a narrow well.  
23.28 Surely she lies in wait as for prey, and she increases the treacherous among men.

27.13 Take his garment when he is surety for a stranger, and for a **strange woman** bind him in pledge.

29.3 A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but a friend of **prostitutes** wastes wealth.

Contrary to popular belief prostitution is not the oldest profession. The oldest profession is gardening. Adam was a gardener. Prostitution is a profession that feeds on one of the most basic desires of men – sex. When men are not satisfied by their wives they seek fulfillment elsewhere. The only way a wife can be certain that her husband will not cheat on her with a professional or amateur prostitute is to wear him out. Make love to him so much he will beg you to give him a few days off. Yet make sure you do not give him too much time off or he may go looking for fulfillment elsewhere.

Single men should avoid prostitutes at all cost. It is not only a sin, but it is a waste of time and money. Imagine all the money that backslidden brothers have wasted on their carnal desires. What if it had been given to the work of the Lord? Young men and older men, the next time you entertain the thought of fulfilling your carnal desires with a strange woman consider the fact that you are robbing the Lord and yourself.

There are punishments for engaging in carnal desires outside of marriage. One of the most harmful punishments is venereal disease. The man can contract a sexual disease, but he can also give it to his

wife. Other punishments are a loss of fellowship with YAHWEH, one's wife, friends who learn of it, and possibly the brethren at church.

It can destroy marriages, families and lifelong friendships. It is never worth it. Instead of seeking fulfillment of carnal desires a man should be seeking how he can please his wife, children, the brethren and his neighbors. Helping people is a far greater duty than fulfilling one's sexual desires in a sinful manner.

If you have a problem in this area read the passages on this topic every day. Read them once, twice, thrice or more times each day. If reading these Scriptures does not detour you from fulfilling your carnal desires you just may not be born from above.

## PROVERB

1.1 The **proverbs** of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel.

1.6 In so doing he will be able to understand a **proverb** and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles.

10.1 **Proverbs** of Solomon: A wise son makes his father rejoice, but a foolish son is sorrow to his mother.

25.1 These are also the **proverbs** of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah, transcribed.

26.7 The legs of the lame are weak, and so is a **proverb** in the mouth of fools.

26.9 As a thorn goes up into the drunkard's hand, so is a **proverb** in the mouth of a fool.

Biblical proverbs are short sayings that drive home a spiritual truth. They are designed to be easily remembered. It is highly advisable to memorize as many proverbs as you can. Here are a few proverbs that every believer should memorize – 3.5-6, 13-15; 6.16-19; 7.1-3; 8.13; 8.34; 9.10; 14.12, 14, 34; 19.17; 22.16; 23.17; 28.9.

# PRUDENT

## (Prudence, astute, sensible, shrewd)

10.5 He who gathers in the summer is a **prudent son**. He who sleeps in the harvest is a shameful son.

10.19 In the abundance of words transgression does not cease, but the one who restrains his lips is **prudent**.

12.16 The vexation of a fool is known in a day, but the **astute** covers shame.

12.23 A **shrewd man** covers knowledge, but the heart of fools calls out folly.

13.16 Every **shrewd** person deals with knowledge, but a fool lays open his folly.

14.8 The wisdom of the **astute** guides his way, but the folly of fools is deceit.

14.15 The simple believes every word, but the **prudent** watches his step.

15.24 The path of life is upward to the **prudent** that he may turn away from Hell.

16.20 He who acts **prudently** on a matter will find good, and blessed is he who trusts in YAHWEH.

16.22 **Prudence** is a well of life to its owners, but the instruction of fools is folly.

16.23 The heart of the wise makes his speech **prudent**, and on his lips he adds persuasion.

17.2 A servant who acts **prudently** will rule over a son who brings shame, and he will share the inheritance among the brothers.

18.15 The heart of the **prudent** gets knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

19.14 House and riches are the legacy of fathers, but a **prudent** woman is from YAHWEH.

22.3 A **sensible** person sees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.

27.12 A **sensible** person sees the evil and hides himself. The simple go on and are punished.

A prudent person has basic common sense. He has wisdom to know when to say something and what to say. He also has wisdom to know when it is best not to say something. Prudence is very valuable because it can keep one from making a bad decision that could cost him his life. The prudent is wise enough to know when to get out of the way of evil men. The way to become a prudent or a wise person is by continual prayer, and by reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on Scripture as much as possible. One book that you should study thoroughly is Proverbs. It has more wisdom and tips on how to live a holy life than any other book in the Bible.

## REFUGE

14.32 By his evil doing the wicked is thrust out, but the righteous has **refuge** in his death.

Everyone who trusts in YAHSHUA alone to save him has an eternal refuge when he dies. That refuge is the called Heaven. The righteous go to be with their Savior immediately upon death (Acts 7.56; 2 Corinthians 5.8; Philippians 1.23). The wicked have no refuge when they die. Instead they awake in Hell (Luke 16.23) and they are punished through all eternity (Proverbs 10.16; Matthew 25.46; Luke 16.24; Revelation 14.9-11; 20.15; 21.8).

## REPROOF

### (Reprove, Rebuke, Warning)

1.23 “Turn back at my **warning!** Behold, I will pour out to you my Spirit. I will make my words known to you.”

1.24 Because I have called and you refused I am not inclined to extend a hand.

1.25 And you ignored all of my advice and you did not want my **warning**.

1.30 They did not want my counsel, and they despised all of my **reproof**.

9.7 The one who **rebukes** a scorner gets shame for himself, and the one who **reproves** a wicked man gets blemished.

9.8 Do not **reprove** a scorner lest he hate you. **Reprove** a wise man and he will love you.

10.17 On the path to life is the one who keeps instruction, but the one who forsakes **reproof** goes astray.

13.1 A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scorner does not hear **rebuke**.

13.8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches, but the poor does not hear **rebuke**.

15.10 Instruction is evil to the one who forsakes the path, and the one who hates **reproof** will die.

15.31 The ear that hears the **reproof** of life will live in the midst of instruction.

15.32 He who ignores correction hates his own soul, but he who hears **reproof** gets common sense.

17.10 A **rebuke** goes into one who is astute more than 100 blows into a fool.

19.25 Strike a scorner and the simple will be instructed, but **reprove** a discerner he will discern knowledge.

25.10 Like a gold ring and an item of gold so is **wise reprover** to he who hears.

25.12 Like a gold ring and an item of gold so is wise **reprover** to he who hears.

27.5 Open **reproof** is better than concealed love.

28.23 He who **reproves** a man afterward finds *more* grace than he who flatters *him*.

29.1 A man who hardens his neck after being **reproved** will suddenly be broken, and will not be healed.

29.15 The rod and **reproof** give wisdom, but a youth *who is* sent away causes shame to his mother.

30.6 Do not add to His words, lest He **reprove** you, and you be found a liar.

Reproof, rebuke and warnings are things wise people accept and profit from. Fools reject all reproof, rebuke and warnings. They think they know everything and are above everyone else. Wealthy people are fools for the most part. They think they are better than others because of their wealth. Proverbs says that riches are of no value in the day of judgment (11.4), and those who trust in their riches will fall (11.28). Too many pastors are also fools who never listen to reproof or rebuke. One way to avoid being a fool is to accept and invite reproof, rebuke and warnings as often as possible. Remember, YAHWEH says that those who hate reproof (correction) are stupid or brutish (Proverbs 12.1).

## REVERANCE OF YAHWEH

1.7 The **reverence of YAHWEH** is the beginning of knowledge. Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1.29 They hated knowledge and they did not choose the **reverence of YAHWEH**.

2.5 Then you will learn the **reverence of YAHWEH** and find the knowledge of Elohim.

3.7 Do not be wise in your own eyes. **Revere** YAHWEH and depart from evil.

3.8 It will be healing to your navel and moisture to your bones.

8.13 The **reverence of YAHWEH** is to hate evil. Pride, loftiness, the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.

9.10 The beginning of wisdom is the **reverence of YAHWEH**, and the knowledge of the Holy Ones is understanding.

10.27 The **reverence of YAHWEH** prolongs days, but the years of the wicked will be shortened.

14.2 One who walks in his uprightness **reverses YAHWEH**, but the perverse in his ways despises Him.

14.26 In the **reverence of YAHWEH** is strong trust, and to his sons there will be a hiding place.

14.27 The **reverence of YAHWEH** is a fountain of life to turn away from the snares of death.

15.16 Better is a little with the **reverence of YAHWEH** than great treasure and turmoil with it.

15.33 The **reverence of YAHWEH** is instruction in wisdom, and before honor is humility.

16.6 By mercy and truth iniquity is covered, and by the **reverence of YAHWEH** men turn from evil.

19.23 The **reverence of YAHWEH** leads to life, and he will rest satisfied. He will not be visited by evil.

22.4 The reward of humility is the **reverence of YAHWEH**, riches, honor and life.

23.17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, but be in the **reverence of YAHWEH** all day long.

23.18 Surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

24.21 **Revere YAHWEH**, my son, and the king. Do not associate with those given to change.

24.22 For their woe will rise suddenly, and who knows what the ruin of both of them will be?

31.30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain; a woman who **reverses YAHWEH** she will be praised.

Reverence of YAHWEH is translated “*fear of the LORD*” in most Bibles. True believers are not to fear YAHWEH (1 John 4.18), yet the wicked should. Reverence of YAHWEH means to revere, respect and be in awe of YAHWEH in all that you do and say. Christians should never tell jokes about Him or use His name in jest. We are to show total respect toward Him at all times.

Before one can obtain true knowledge, understanding and wisdom one must revere YAHWEH. He does not give His knowledge, understanding and wisdom to those who do not revere Him. You can know when you have a sincere reverence of YAHWEH by your attitude and actions. Those who revere Him hate evil and avoid it. They also trust in Him and live a holy life.

Reverence of YAHWEH is more important than great wealth. A major benefit of revering YAHWEH is long life. If you do not revere YAHWEH you need to humble yourself. It is through humility that one learns to revere YAHWEH. If you need help with humility study Appendix D.

## **RICHESES**

### **(Rich, Gold, Silver, Gems, Inheritance, Jewels, Treasure, Vanities, Wealth, etc.)**

2.4 If you seek her (wisdom) as **silver** and search for her as **hidden treasures**,

2.5 Then you will learn the reverence of YAHWEH and find the knowledge of Elohim.

3.13 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets understanding,

3.14 Because its gain is better than the gain of **silver** and its produce more than **gold**.

3.15 She is more precious than **jewels** and everything you can desire is not comparable to her.

3.16 Long life are in her right, and in her left hand are **riches** and honor.

3.17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all of her paths are peaceful.

3.18 She is a tree of life for those who take hold of her, and they are blessed.

8.10 Receive my instruction and not **silver** and knowledge rather than choice **gold**.

8.11 Wisdom is better than **jewels** and all delights cannot be compared to it.

8.18 **Riches** and honor are with me and enduring **wealth** and righteousness.

8.19 My fruit is better than **gold**, even **pure gold** and my produce than **choice silver**.

8.21 So that those who love me will inherit **wealth** and I will fill up their storehouses.

10.2 The **treasures** of wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

10.4 He who deals with a lazy palm becomes poor, but the hand of a hard worker makes **rich**.

10.15 **Wealth** of the rich man is his strong city, but the ruin of the poor is their poverty.

10.20 The tongue of the just is like choice **silver**. The heart of the wicked is *worth* little.

10.22 It is the blessing of YAHWEH that makes **rich**, and He adds no pain to it.

11.4 **Wealth** does not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

11.16 A gracious woman holds to honor, and terrifying men hold to **riches**.

11.28 The one who trusts in his **riches** will fall, but like a green leaf the righteous will flourish.

13.7 There is one who acts **rich** but has nothing, and there is one who acts poor and has much wealth.

13.8 The ransom of a man's life is his **riches**, but the poor does not hear rebuke.

- 13.11 **Wealth** from vanity will dwindle, but he who gathers by hand will increase.
- 13.22 A good man makes an **inheritance** for his son's sons, and the **wealth** of the wicked is stored for the righteous.
- 14.20 The poor is hated even by his neighbors, but there are many who love the **rich**.
- 14.24 The crown of the wise is their **riches**, and the folly of fools is foolishness.
- 15.6 In the house of the righteous there is much **treasure**, but with the increase of the wicked is trouble.
- 15.16 Better is a little with the reverence of YAHWEH than **great treasure** and turmoil with it.
- 16.16 How much better to get wisdom than **gold**, and to get understanding is to be chosen above **silver**?
- 18.11 A rich man's **riches** are his strong city, and like a high wall in his mind.
- 18.23 The poor speak with entreaties, but the **rich** answers roughly.
- 19.4 **Wealth** adds many friends, but the poor is separated from his neighbor.
- 19.14 House and **riches** are the legacy of fathers, but a prudent woman is from YAHWEH.
- 20.15 There is **gold** and many **gems**, but the lips of knowledge are a rare vessel.
- 20.21 An **inheritance** gained hastily in the beginning will not be blessed in the end.
- 21.6 The getting of **treasures** by a lying tongue is a vapor driven by those seeking death.
- 21.17 A man who loves pleasure will be poor, and he who loves wine and oil will **not be rich**.

21.20 A desirable **treasure** and oil is in the home of the wise, but a foolish man devours it.

22.1 A name is to be chosen rather than **great riches**. Favor is better than **silver and gold**.

22.2 The **rich** and the poor meet together, and YAHWEH is the maker of them all.

22.4 The reward of humility is the reverence of YAHWEH, **riches**, honor and life.

22.7 The **rich** rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to a man who lends.

22.16 He who oppresses the poor to multiply to himself, and he who gives to the **rich** will come to poverty.

23.4 Do not work to be **rich**, cease from seeking it.

23.5 If you seek it, it will fly away. Surely it will make wings for itself like an eagle and will fly into the sky.

24.3 A house is built through wisdom, and it is established with understanding.

24.4 All the rooms will be filled with precious **riches** by understanding.

27.23 Know well the condition of your flock, and set your heart on your herd;

27.24 Because **riches** are not forever nor the crown from generation to generation.

28.6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than the crooked of two ways even *if he is rich*.

28.8 He who increases his **wealth** by interest and by usury gathers it for the one who pities the weak.

28.11 A **rich man** *is* wise in his own eyes, but the discerning weak examines him.

28.20 A faithful man will be full of blessings, but one who rushes to be **rich** will not be acquitted.

29.3 A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but a friend of prostitutes wastes **wealth**.

30.7 Two things I have asked from You: Do not hold back from me before I die:

30.8 Remove far from me vanity and lies. Do not give to me poverty or **riches**.

30.9 Give me my portion of food, lest I become full, and deceive *myself*, and say, “Who is YAHWEH?” Or lest I become poor, and steal and violate the name of my God.

Most people want to be rich but that is the worst thing that can happen to anyone. It is much harder for the rich to trust in YAHSHUA than the poor (Matthew 19.23-24). Seeking after riches is a leading factor in Christians not producing fruit (Matthew 13.22) and spiritual ruin (1 Timothy 6.9). The love of money is also the root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6.10). Instead of seeking after riches Christians are to flee from riches (1 Timothy 6.11).

When YAHWEH blesses a Christian with riches he is to use them to help the poor brethren in the church (Leviticus 25.35; Deuteronomy 15.7; James 2.15-17; John 3.17-18), widows and orphans (James 1.27), and the poor in his community (Proverbs 19.17; Matthew 19.21; Luke 6.38). The rich are not to spend their money on themselves. They should live at the same standard of living that the average person does and give the rest to the church and the poor.

Instead of seeking after the riches of this sin-corrupted world, Christians should seek after spiritual riches – knowledge, understanding and wisdom. These three are more valuable than all of the riches in the world. There is only one place to find them – the Holy Scriptures. Instead of scheming how to become rich we should be reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on Scripture as much as possible. (See Appendix C for more about this.)

## **RIGHTEOUS**

**(Blameless, Just, Pure, Saints, Upright)**

2.7 And He lays up sound wisdom for the **upright**. *He is* a shield for those who walk in integrity.

2.8 To guard the paths of judgment. And He guards the way of His **saints**.

2.20 In order that you may walk in the paths of the good and may keep *to* the paths of the **righteous**.

2.21 For the **upright** will live in the land and the **blameless** will remain in it.

3.32 The devious hate YAHWEH, but He is intimate with the **upright**.

3.33 The curse of YAHWEH is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the **righteous**.

4.18 But the path of the **righteous** is like a bright light that shines until the day is established.

9.9 Give to a wise man and he will be wiser. Teach a **just man**, and he will add to his learning.

10.3 YAHWEH does not allow the soul of the **righteous** to hunger, but He pushes away the desire of the wicked.

10.6 Blessings are on the head of the **just**, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

10.7 The memory of the **just** is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot.

10.11 The mouth of the **righteous** is a fountain of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

10.16 The work of the **righteous** is for life. The gain of the wicked is for sin.

10.20 The tongue of the **just** is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is *worth* little.

10.21 The lips of the **righteous** feed many, but fools die for a lack of heart.

10.24 What is feared by the wicked will come upon him, but the desire of the **righteous** is given.

10.25 As the tempest passes so the wicked is not, but the **righteous** has an everlasting foundation.

10.28 The hope of the **righteous** is joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish.

10.29 The way of YAHWEH is strength to the **upright**, but ruin to the workers of evil.

10.30 The **righteous** will not be shaken forever, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.

10.31 The mouth of the **righteous** flourishes with wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

10.32 The lips of the **righteous** knows what is pleasing, but the mouth of the wicked only perversities.

11.3 The integrity of the **upright** guides them, but the deceit of traitors destroys them.

11.6 The righteousness of the **upright** delivers them, but in their lust traitors will be taken.

11.8 The **righteous** is delivered from trouble, and the wicked takes his place.

11.9 The mouth of the ungodly ruins his friend, but by knowledge the **righteous** is delivered.

11.10 When the **righteous** prosper the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish there is singing.

11.11 By the blessing of the **upright** a city is lifted up, but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.

11.20 The perverse of heart are hateful to YAHWEH, but His delight is the **upright** in the way.

11.21 Though hand join to hand the evil one will not be acquitted, but the seed of the **righteous** will escape.

11.23 The desire of the **righteous** is only good. The hope of the wicked is wrath.

11.28 The one who trusts in his riches will fall, but like a green leaf the **righteous** will flourish.

11.30 The fruit of the **just** is a tree of life, and one who wins souls is wise.

11.31 Behold, the **righteous** will be repaid in the earth, and so will the wicked and the sinner.

12.3 A man of wickedness will not be established, but the root of the **righteous** will not totter.

12.5 The thoughts of the **righteous** are **just**, and the counsel of the wicked is deceitful.

12.6 The words of the wicked ambush blood, but the mouth of the **upright** delivers them.

12.7 Overthrow the wicked and they are not, but the house of the **righteous** stands.

12.10 The **righteous** regards the life of his beast, but the mercies of the wicked are cruel.

12.12 The wicked desires the net of evil, but the root of the **righteous** gives.

12.13 The transgression of the lips is the snare of evil, but the **righteous** will emerge from distress.

12.21 Every trouble will not happen to the **righteous**, but the wicked will be filled with evil.

12.26 The **righteous** searches out his friend, but the way of the wicked misleads them.

13.5 The **righteous** hates lies, but the wicked is odious and acts shamefully.

13.6 **Righteousness** guards the way of *the* perfect, but wickedness overthrows *the sinner*.

13.9 The light of the **righteous** rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked is put out.

13.21 Sinners are pursued by evil, but the **righteous** will be rewarded with good.

13.22 A good man makes an inheritance for his son's sons, and the wealth of the wicked is stored for the **righteous**.

13.25 The **righteous** eats to his soul's satisfaction, but the wicked will lack.

14.9 Fools mock at guilt, but among the **righteous** is favor.

14.11 The house of the wicked will be wasted, but the tent of the **righteous** will flourish.

14.32 By his evil doing the wicked is thrust out, but the **righteous** has refuge in his death.

15.2 The tongue of the **righteous** makes knowledge useful, but foolishness flows from the mouth of a fool.

15.6 In the house of the **righteous** there is much treasure, but with the increase of the wicked is trouble.

15.8 YAHWEH hates the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the **upright** is His delight.

15.19 The way of the lazy is like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the **righteous** is like a smooth road.

15.28 The heart of the **righteous** studies how to answer, but evil things flow out of the mouth of the wicked.

15.29 YAHWEH is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the **righteous**.

16.12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness for by **righteousness** a throne is established.

16.13 **Righteous** lips are the delight of kings, and he who speaks uprightly is loved.

16.17 The highway of the **upright** is to turn from evil. He who keeps his soul watches his way.

17.15 He who justifies the wicked and condemns the **just**, even both of them are hateful to YAHWEH.

17.26 Also to fine the **just**, and to strike nobles for their uprightness is not good.

18.5 To lift up the face of the wicked is not good or to turn aside the **righteous** in judgment.

18.10 The name of YAHWEH is a tower of strength. The **righteous** run into it and are exalted.

20.7 The **just** walks about in his integrity, and blessed are his sons after him.

20.11 Even by his acts a lad makes himself known whether his work is clean or **upright**.

21.8 The way of a guilty man is perverted, but the work of the **pure** is upright.

21.12 The **Righteous One** wisely considers the house of the wicked, and He overturns the wicked for his evil.

21.15 It is joy to the **righteous** to do justice, but ruin to the workers of evil.

21.18 The wicked will be a ransom for the **righteous**, and in place of the **upright** the treacherous.

21.26 All day long he lusts with desire, but the **righteous** gives and does not hold back.

21.29 A wicked man hardens his face, but the **upright** establishes his way.

23.24 The father of the **righteous** will greatly rejoice, and the father of a wise one will be glad in him.

24.15 O wicked, do not lie in ambush at the abode of the **righteous**. Do not violate his resting place.

24.16 For seven times a **just man** falls and rises again, but the wicked will stumble into evil.

24.24 The people will curse him who says to the wicked, “You are **righteous**,” and the nations will abhor him.

24.25 But to those who rebuke *the wicked* will be delight, and a good blessing will be upon them.

25.26 Like a fouled spring and a broken fountain are the **righteous** who give way before the wicked.

28.1 The wicked flee when no one is pursuing them, but the **righteous** are as bold as a lion.

28.10 The one who leads the **upright** astray in an evil way will fall into his own pit, and the **blameless** will inherit good.

28.12 When the **righteous** rejoice great *is* the glory, but when the wicked rise men hide themselves.

28.28 When the wicked rise men hide themselves, but when they perish the **righteous** multiply.

29.2 When the **righteous** increase the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule the people sigh.

29.6 The sin of an evil man is a snare, but the **righteous** sing and rejoice.

29.7 The **righteous** knows the plea of the weak, but the wicked do not understand knowledge.

29.10 Men of bloodshed hate the **blameless**, but the **upright** seek his soul.

29.16 When the wicked multiply transgression increases, but the **righteous** will see their fall.

29.27 A **righteous man** hates the unjust, and the wicked hates the upright way.

Every Christian should seek to live a righteous life not because we are commanded to (Matthew 6.33; 1 Peter 1.15-16). We should live holy lives because of our great love and gratitude for YAHWEH showing mercy on us by sending His only begotten Son to die for us (Romans 5.8). The blessings that He pours out on those who live holy lives are innumerable, and our rewards in the life to come will be incalculable. Why would any Christian want to live an unholy life?

## **RIGHTEOUSNESS** **(Blamelessly, Holiness, Justice,** **Pureness of Heart, Upright, Uprightness)**

1.3 To receive instruction in proper conduct and **righteousness** and judgment and **holiness**.

2.9 Then you will understand **righteousness**, judgment, honesty and every good path.

2.13 Those who leave the paths of **uprightness** to walk in the ways of darkness,

8.8 “In **righteousness** are all the words that I speak and nothing in them is twisted or crooked.

8.15 By me kings reign and princes decree **righteousness**.

8.18 Riches and honor are with me and enduring wealth and **righteousness**.

8.20 I walk in the path of **righteousness** among the paths of justice.

10.2 The treasures of wickedness do not profit, but **righteousness** delivers from death.

11.4 Wealth does not profit in the day of wrath, but **righteousness** delivers from death.

11.5 The perfect *one's* **righteousness** makes his way straight, but by his wickedness the wicked falls.

11.6 The **righteousness** of the upright delivers them, but in their lust traitors will be taken.

11.18 The wicked makes a deceptive wage, but the one who sows **righteousness** has a reward of truth.

11.19 Genuine **righteousness** leads to life, but the one who pursues evil leads to his own death.

12.17 He who speaks truth reveals **righteousness**, but a witness of falsehoods deceit.

12.28 In the path of **righteousness** is life, and the way of that path is not death.

13.6 **Righteousness** guards the way of *the* perfect, but wickedness overthrows *the sinner*.

14.2 One who walks in his **uprightness** reveres YAHWEH, but the perverse in his ways despises Him.

14.34 **Righteousness** exalts a nation, but sin is a shame to people.

16.8 Better is a little with **righteousness** than much increase without justice.

16.12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness for by **righteousness** a throne is established.

16.31 Gray hair is a crown of glory, and it is found in the way of **righteousness**.

17.26 Also to fine the just, and to strike nobles for their **uprightness** is not good.

19.28 A worthless witness scorns **justice**, and the mouth of the wicked devours evil.

20.11 Even by his acts a lad makes himself known whether his work is clean or **upright**.

21.3 To do **righteousness** and **justice** is to be chosen for YAHWEH more than sacrifice.

21.8 The way of a guilty man is perverted, but the work of the pure is **upright**.

21.15 It is joy to the righteous to do **justice**, but ruin to the workers of evil.

21.21 He who pursues **righteousness** and mercy finds life, **righteousness** and honor.

22.11 He who loves **pureness of heart**, grace is on his lips, and the king will be his friend.

25.5 Take away the wicked from before the king and his throne will be established on **righteousness**.

28.5 Evil men do not understand **justice**, but those who seek YAHWEH understand all.

28.18 He who **walks blamelessly** will be saved, but the crooked in his two ways will fall at once.

29.4 A king establishes a land by **justice**, but a man *who takes* bribes tears it down.

Living a righteous life is more important than riches, fame, glory, friends and self-gratification. Believers have one purpose in this life – bring glory to YAHWEH (1 Corinthians 10.31). We do that by living a holy life (1 Peter 3.15-16) and keeping our behavior excellent among the lost (1 Peter 2.12). We also do that by praying throughout each day

(1 Thessalonians 5.17), and by being immersed in the Word. Being baptized in the Word means to listen to, read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture day in and day out, several times each day. If we need to eat three or more meals each day plus snacks why do we not need to eat three or more spiritual meals each day? Devour the Word and wash It down with prayer. Be a spiritual glutton – not a physical glutton!

## SCORNER (Soffer)

1.22 “How long, simple ones, will you love simplicity? And will **scorners** desire scorn for themselves? And will fools hate knowledge?”

3.33 The curse of YAHWEH is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the righteous.

3.34 He scorns the **scorners**, yet He gives grace to the lowly.

9.7 The one who rebukes a **scorner** gets shame for himself, and the one who reprove a wicked man gets blemished.

9.8 Do not reprove a **scorner** lest he hate you. Reprove a wise man and he will love you.

13.1 A wise son hears his father’s instruction, but a **scorner** does not hear rebuke.

14.6 A **scorner** seeks wisdom and does not find it, but knowledge is swift to the discerning.

15.12 A **scorner** does not love the one who corrects him, and he will not go to the wise.

19.25 Strike a **scorner** and the simple will be instructed, but reprove a discernor he will discern knowledge.

19.29 Judgments are prepared for **scorners**, and blows for the back of fools.

21.11 When the **scorner** is punished the simple is made wise, and when the wise is instructed he receives knowledge.

21.24 Proud, arrogant, **scoffer** is his name who deals in proud anger.

22.10 Drive out the **scorner** and strife will stop, and quarrels and shame will cease.

24.9 The plotting of foolishness is sin, and the **scorner** is hated by men.

29.8 **Men of scorn** rage against a city, but the wise turn away anger.

Very few people like scoffers and scorners. No Christian should be a scoffer or a scorner. It is a bad testimony to the lost and it will cause believers to stumble. We must always be careful to not do anything that will tarnish our image among the lost (1 Peter 2.12), and cause brothers in the Lord to stumble (Romans 14.13, 21).

When you encounter a scoffer the best thing to do is move on and let him go his scornful way. It never pays to argue with a scoffer or scorner for they are fools (Proverbs 29.9).

## SERVANT

11.29 The one who troubles his house inherits the wind, and a fool is **servant** to the wise at heart.

12.9 It is better to be despised and have a **servant** than be one who honors himself and lacks bread.

14.35 The king's favor is to a **servant** who acts wisely, but his wrath is on one who causes shame.

17.2 A **servant** who acts prudently will rule over a son who brings shame, and he will share the inheritance among the brothers.

19.10 Luxury is not becoming for a fool much less for a **servant** to rule over rulers.

22.7 The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is **servant** to a man who lends.

29.19 A **servant** is not corrected by words. Though he understands there is no response.

29.21 He who pampers his **servant** from youth will after his days be his successor.

30.10 Do not slander a **servant** to his master, lest he curse you, and you be held guilty.

30.22 Under a **servant** when he reigns; and when a fool is filled with food.

Most people look down on servants or slaves, but there is nothing shameful in being a servant. Everyone who has a boss is a servant. The vast majority of people on Earth are servants of other people or a company. Very few are self-employed. All Christians who are servants (employees) are to serve their employers as if they are serving the Lord Himself (Ephesians 6.5; Colossians 3.22-25). Every Christian is a servant of YAHSHUA and we should serve Him diligently with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12.30).

## SIMPLE ONES

1.4 To give to the **simple** knowledge of proper conduct and knowledge to the young and discretion;

1.22 “How long, **simple ones**, will you love simplicity? And will scorners desire scorn for themselves? And will fools hate knowledge?”

1.23 For the going astray of the **simple** kills them, and the ease of fools destroys them.

1.29 They hated knowledge and they did not choose the reverence of YAHWEH.

1.30 They did not want my counsel and they despised all of my reproof.

1.31 And they will eat the fruit of their own way and with their own devices they will be filled.

1.32 For the going astray of the **simple** kills them, and the ease of fools destroys them.

7.7 And I saw the **simple ones**. I observed the young men lacking heart

9.4 “Who is **simple**, turn aside here.” She says to the one lacking heart,

9.5 “Come eat my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

9.6 “Forsake the **simple** and live and walk in the way of understanding.”

9.13 A woman of foolishness makes noise and is **simple**, and knows not what.

9.14 And she sits at the door of her house on a seat in the heights of the city

9.15 To call to those who pass by, to those going straight on their paths,

9.16 “Who is simple, turn aside here!” And to the one lacking heart she says to him.

14.15 The **simple** believes every word, but the prudent watches his step.

14.18 The **simple** inherit foolishness, but the prudent are surrounded with knowledge.

19.25 Strike a scorner and the **simple** will be instructed, but reprove a discernor he will discern knowledge.

21.11 When the scorner is punished the **simple** is made wise, and when the wise is instructed he receives knowledge.

22.3 A sensible person sees evil and hides himself, but the **simple** pass on and are punished.

27.12 A sensible person sees the evil and hides himself. The **simple** go on and are punished.

No Christian should be a simpleton. The word simple is a synonym of fool. The simpleminded and fools are one in the same. The way to keep from being a simpleton/fool is to read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture as much as possible. If you have trouble understanding the Bible, find a brother who can teach you. There is no excuse for any Christian to be a simpleminded, ignorant fool.

## **SIN** **(Transgression)**

10.16 The work of the righteous is for life. The gain of the wicked is for **sin**.

10.19 In the abundance of words **transgression** does not cease, but the one who restrains his lips is prudent.

14.34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but **sin** is a shame to people.

20.9 Who can say, “I have cleansed my heart and I am pure from my **sin**?”

21.4 Exalted eyes and a proud heart, and the lamp of the wicked is **sin**.

24.9 The plotting of foolishness is **sin**, and the scorner is hated by men.

28.13 He who hides his **sins** will not fare well, but the one who confesses and leaves *them* finds pity.

29.6 The **sin** of an evil man is a snare, but the righteous sing and rejoice.

29.16 When the wicked multiply **transgression** increases, but the righteous will see their fall.

29.22 A man of anger stirs up contention, and a furious man abounds in **transgression**.

Sin is something that everyone is conceived and born in (Psalm 51.5). Every baby goes astray from the womb (Psalm 58.3). Everyone who has ever lived goes astray (lives a life of sin) from birth (Isaiah 53.6) until they are saved or they die.

All Christians are to slaves of righteousness (Romans 6.18-19), and not slaves to sin (Romans 6.6). We are to be dead to sin and alive to YAHWEH (Romans 6.11), and not allow sin to reign over us (Romans 6.12). Rather than being instruments of sin we should be instruments of righteousness (Romans 6.13).

If we live a life of sin we will be disciplined by YAHWEH (Proverbs 3.11-12; Hebrews 12.5-6). If we do not stop sinning He could cut our life short (1 Corinthians 5.5). Sin is not something we should deal lightly with. Sin is gratifying to the sin-riddled body, but its pleasures last for a brief time. Eventually sin bites back and the bite is far worse than the momentary pleasure one derives from it. It is never worth it to sin.

One thing we need to keep in mind is that every sin we commit increased the pain and suffering that our Savior endured on the cross. All of our sins were placed on Him and He was punished for our sins.

That is why we will not be punished for our sins in the Lake of Fire through all eternity as the wicked will be.

Remember what the secret is to keep from sinning. “*Your word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You.*” (Psalm 119.11). Memorizing Scripture is the key to not sinning.

## SINNERS

1.10 My son, if **sinn**ers lure you do not be willing.

1.11 If they say walk with us, let us lie in wait for blood, let us lurk for the innocent without cause,

1.12 Let us swallow them alive like Hell, and whole like those going to the pit;

1.13 For we will find all kinds of precious wealth and fill our house with spoil,

1.14 Let your lot be with us and we will have one purse among us.

1.15 My son, do not walk in the way with them. Do not walk in their path

1.16 For their feet run to evil and they hasten to shed blood.

1.18 And they lie in wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own souls.

1.19 So are the ways of everyone who gets unjust gain. It takes away the soul of the owner.

11.31 Behold, the righteous will be repaid in the earth, and so will the wicked and the **sinner**.

13.6 Righteousness guards the way of *the* perfect, but wickedness overthrows *the sinner*.

13.21**Sinners** are pursued by evil, but the righteous will be rewarded with good.

23.17 Do not let your heart envy **sinn**ers, but be in the reverence of YAHWEH all day long. 18 Surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

All Christians were sinners until the day we trusted in YAHSHUA to save us. On that day our status changed from sinner to saint. Yet even though we are not sinners, we still sin every day. And we should actively work to refrain from sinning as much as possible. The way we do that is by praying throughout the day (1 Thessalonians 5.17), and reading,

studying, memorizing and meditating on Scripture as much as possible. Regular fellowship with the brethren is also necessary to keep from sinning (Hebrews 10.24-25). As noted above the secret to refraining from sin is to memorize Scripture (Psalm 119.11).

## SLANDER

10.18 He who hides hatred has lips of falsehood, and the one who **slanders** is a fool.

11.13 One who goes with **slander** reveals secrets, but the faithful of spirit keeps a matter hidden.

16.28 A perverse man causes strife and a **slanderer** separates friends.

18.8 The words of a **slanderer** are like tasty morsels, and they go into the chambers of the belly.

30.10 Do not **slander** a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be held guilty.

Slander is deadly. It destroys lives. There is never any excuse for a Christian to slander anyone. It is telling a lie about someone for the purpose of causing him harm. It can also include telling the truth about someone for the purpose of causing him harm.

No Christian should even consider slandering a brother or sister in the Lord. We must also never consider slandering an unsaved person. It must be avoided at all costs.

When someone slanders us we must not slander them in return. Instead we must forgive him and let YAHWEH punish him for his evil deed (Romans 12.19-21).

## SOUL (Spirit)

1.18 And they lie in wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own **souls**.

1.19 So are the ways of everyone who gets unjust gain. It takes away the **soul** of the owner.

2.10 When wisdom enters into your heart and knowledge is pleasing to your **soul**,

2.11 Discretion will keep you and understanding will watch over you.

3.21 My son, do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion,

3.22 For they will be life to your **soul** and grace to your neck.

3.23 Then you will walk in safety along your way, and you will not stumble.

3.24 When you sleep you will not fear and it will be sweet.

6.30 They do not despise a thief when he steals to satisfy his **soul** when he is hungry.

6.32 One who commits adultery with a woman lacks heart. He is a destroyer of his own **soul**.

8.36 But he who sins against me hurts his own **soul**. All who hate me love death.

10.3 YAHWEH does not allow the **soul** of the righteous to hunger, but He pushes away the desire of the wicked.

11.17 A merciful man does his **soul** well, but the cruel troubles his own flesh.

11.25 The **soul** *who* blesses will be made fat, and he who waters will fully drink.

11.30 The fruit of the just is a tree of life, and one who wins **souls** is wise.

13.2 From the fruit of a man's mouth he eats well. But the **soul** of the treacherous eats violence.

13.3 He who guards his mouth keeps his **soul**. He who opens wide his lips brings himself to ruin.

13.4 The **soul** of the lazy craves and gets nothing, but the **soul** of the hard worker will be made fat.

13.19 The desire that is realized is sweet to the **soul**, but it is hateful for fools to depart from evil.

13.25 The righteous eats to his **soul's** satisfaction, but the wicked will lack.

14.10 The heart knows the bitterness of its **soul**, and in its joy a stranger does not share.

14.25 A true witness delivers **souls**, but a deceitful witness breathes lies.

15.4 A healing tongue is a tree of life, but perversity in it breaks the **spirit**.

15.13 A joyful heart makes a happy face, but by the sorrow in the heart the **spirit** is stricken.

15.32 He who ignores correction hates his own **soul**, but he who hears reproof gets common sense

16.17 The highway of the upright is to turn from evil. He who keeps his **soul** watches his way.

16.18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty **spirit** before stumbling.

16.24 Pleasant words are flowing with honey. They are sweet to the **soul** and healing to the bones.

16.32 One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his **spirit** than one who takes a city.

17.22 A joyful heart is healing, but a broken **spirit** dries up the bone.

17.27 He who restrains his words has knowledge, and a man of understanding has a cool **spirit**.

18.7 A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are the snare of his **soul**.

18.14 The **spirit** of a man will endure his sickness, but who can bear a stricken **spirit**?

19.8 He who gets wisdom loves his own **soul**, and he who keeps understanding finds good.

19.16 He who keeps the command keeps his own **soul**, and he who despises His ways will die.

20.2 The wrath of a king is like the roar of a lion; he who stirs him to anger sins against his own **soul**.

20.27 The **spirit** of a man is the lamp of YAHWEH, searching the inward parts.

21.10 The **soul** of the wicked desires evil and his neighbor does not find favor in his eyes.

21.23 He who keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his **soul** from distresses.

22.5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the crooked, and he who keeps his **soul** will be far from them.

22.22 Do not rob the poor because he is poor, and do not crush the afflicted in the gate,

22.23 For YAHWEH will plead their cause, and will plunder the **soul** of those plundering them.

22.24 Do not associate with a lord of anger, and do not go in with a man of fury,

22.25 Lest you learn his ways and take a snare for your **soul**.

23.1 When you sit down to eat with a ruler carefully consider what is before you,

23.2 And put a knife to your throat if you are a possessor of a **soul**.

23.3 Do not desire his delicacies for it is food of lies.

23.13 Do not withhold correction from a boy for if you strike him with the rod he will not die.

23.14 You shall beat him with a rod and deliver his **soul** from Hell.

24.12 Do not say, “We did not know this.” Does not He who knows your heart consider it, and does the keeper of your **soul** know? He repays to a man according to his work.

24.13 Eat honey, my son, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to your taste.

24.14 Wisdom and knowledge will be thus to your **soul** when you have learned that there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

25.13 Like cold snow on a harvest day is a faithful messenger to those who send him, and he refreshes his master’s **soul**.

25.28 Like a broken-down city without a wall is a man who has no control over his **spirit**.

28.17 A man pressed down with the blood of a **soul** will flee to the pit. Do not let them uphold him.

29.10 Men of bloodshed hate the blameless, but the upright seek his **soul**.

29.17 Correct your son and you *will* get rest, and it will delight your **soul**.

29.23 A man’s pride brings him low, but the humble of **spirit** receives honor.

29.24 He who shares with a thief hates his **soul**, he hears an oath but does not tell it.

31.6 Give strong drink to one *who is* perishing, and wine to the bitter **soul**.

31.7 Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

The words soul and spirit refer to the real person. Everyone is a spirit. The spirits of men, women and children reside in what we call our bodies. Our bodies are merely vessels for our spirits to operate through. When we die our vessel (physical body) is buried or cremated. Over time the body that is buried decays into dust. Cremation is just a faster way of reducing the body to its elementary particles.

It is good to remember that we are not physical beings but spirit beings. Our focus should be on spiritual things not physical things (Colossians 3.2). We must remember that we can take no physical

object from the world into the spiritual realm (Ecclesiastes 5.15). It does not matter if one is saved or lost no one takes any physical object with him when he dies. The only thing anyone takes with him into the next realm is his deeds. The righteous take their goods deeds with them and they are rewarded accordingly (1 Corinthians 3.12-15). The wicked take their evil deeds with them and they are punished accordingly (Matthew 25.46; Revelation 20.11-15).

Remember these very powerful statements:

He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.

He is a fool who holds on to that which he cannot keep and gives up that which he cannot lose.

What is it that a person gives up which he knows he cannot keep in order to gain that which he cannot lose? The wise man gives up the things of the world to gain eternal riches in glory which can never be taken away (Matthew 6.19-20). The fool holds on tightly to the riches he has in this life which he cannot take with him to Hell. Even if he could take his possessions to Hell with him they would be worthless there. And he gives up untold riches he could have through all eternity in the Eternal Kingdom. It is sad the wicked do not understand this truth. Yet when they die and wake up in Hell they realize the tragic mistake they made just as the rich man did (Luke 16.19-31).

It does not matter how much wealth, power, possessions and pleasure a person cannot accumulate in his life – when he dies he will lose all of it and none of his deeds on Earth can help him in Hell. As YAHSHUA said, “*For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*” (Mark 8.36-37).

Everything you possess can be taken away from you in an instant through a natural tragedy, an act of war or death. What guarantee do you have that you will live another day? None! Life is fleeting (James 4.14). Live each day for the Lord and you will have great reward.

## SOVEREIGNTY

16.1 The plans of the heart are for a man, but the **answer of the tongue is from YAHWEH.**

16.4 **YAHWEH has made everything for His purpose** even the wicked for the day of evil.

16.9 A man's heart plans his way, but **YAHWEH fixes his steps**.

The sovereignty of YAHWEH is touched on briefly in the Proverbs, but the Bible makes it clear that He is in control of the universe He created and everything in it. Nothing dies without His awareness of it (Matthew 10.28-31). He directs the paths of His children (Psalm 37.23; Jeremiah 10.23) and He watches over them as well as the wicked (2 Chronicles 16.9; Job 26.6; 28.24; 31.4; Psalm 33.13-15; Proverbs 5.21; 15.3; Hebrews 4.13). He also knows all of their thoughts and motives (Proverbs 15.11; 16.2; 24.12; 1 Kings 8.39; Psalm 94.11; Isaiah 66.18; Matthew 9.4; 12.25; Romans 2.16; 1 Corinthians 4.5; Hebrews 4.12). He even fashions their hearts (Psalm 33.15).

YAHWEH is totally sovereign over all of His creation. Nothing happens that He is not aware of and everything that takes place is of His will.

## SPEECH

2.12 To deliver you from the evil way; from the man who **speaks** perverse things;

6.19 He that **breathes lies**, *and* is a false witness, and one who causes strife between brothers.

8.6 "Listen for I (wisdom) will **speak** excellent things and from the opening of my lips right things.

8.7 "For I will **speak** truth and wickedness is hateful to my lips.

10.19 In the **abundance of words** transgression does not cease, but the one who **restrains his lips** is prudent.

10.20 The **tongue** of the just is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is *worth* little.

10.21 The **lips** of the righteous feed many, but fools die for a lack of heart.

10.31 The **mouth** of the righteous flourishes with wisdom, but the **perverse tongue** will be cut off.

10.32 The **lips** of the righteous knows what is pleasing, but the **mouth** of the wicked only perversities.

12.6 The **words** of the wicked ambush blood, but the **mouth** of the upright delivers them.

12.8 By the **mouth** of his prudence will a man be praised, but the perverse of heart will be despised.

12.13 The transgression of the **lips** is the snare of evil, but the righteous will emerge from distress.

12.14 From the fruit of a **man's mouth** he is satisfied with good, and the dealing of a man's hands will return to him.

12.17 He who **speaks truth** reveals righteousness, but a **witness of falsehoods** deceit.

12.18 There is **rash speaking** like the thrusts of a sword, but the **tongue of the wise** is healing.

12.19 The **lips of truth** are established forever, but the **falsehood of the tongue** lasts as long as a wink.

12.22 The **lips of falsehood** are an abomination to YAHWEH, but those who do truth are His delight.

12.25 Anxiety in a man's heart makes it droop, but a **good word** makes it glad.

13.2 From the fruit of a **man's mouth** he eats well. But the soul of the treacherous eats violence.

13.3 He who guards his **mouth** keeps his soul. He who opens wide his **lips** brings himself to ruin.

14.23 In all toil there is profit, but mere **talk** leads only to poverty.

14.25 A true witness delivers souls, but a deceitful witness **breathes lies**.

15.1 A soft **answer** turns away wrath, but a **hurtful word** stirs up anger.

15.2 The **tongue** of the righteous makes knowledge useful, but foolishness flows from the **mouth** of a fool.

15.4 A **healing tongue** is a tree of life, but perversity in it breaks the spirit.

15.7 The **lips** of the wise scatter knowledge, but the heart of fools is not so.

16.1 The plans of the heart are for a man, but the **answer of the tongue** is from YAHWEH.

16.13 **Righteous lips** are the delight of kings, and he who **speaks uprightly** is loved.

16.21 The wise in heart will be called understanding, and **sweetness of lips** increases persuasiveness.

16.23 The heart of the wise makes his **speech** prudent, and on his lips he adds persuasion.

16.24 **Pleasant words** are flowing with honey. They are sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

16.27 A worthless man digs up evil, and his **speech** is like a burning fire.

17.4 An evildoer listens to lies, and a liar listens to those who **speak** evil desires.

17.7 **Excessive talk** is not fitting for a fool; much less for a noble to **speak lies**.

17.20 One who has a crooked heart does not find good, and one who **speaks perverse things** falls into evil.

18.20 A man's belly will be satisfied with the **fruit of his mouth**, and he will be satisfied with the **produce of his lips**.

18.21 Death and life are in the power of the **tongue**, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

18.23 The poor **speak** with entreaties, but the rich **answers roughly**.

19.1 The poor who walks in his integrity is better than one who **speaks lies** and is a fool.

19.9 A false witness will not be acquitted, and one who **speaks lies** will not escape.

20.25 It is a snare to a man to **say** rashly that a thing is holy, and after he vows to make inquiry.

21.23 He who keeps his **mouth** and his **tongue** keeps his soul from distresses.

21.28 A false witness will perish, but the man who attends will **speak forever**.

23.9 Do not **speak** in the hearing of a fool for he will despise the wisdom of your words.

23.15 My son, if your heart is wise my heart will rejoice, even I.

23.16 And my heart will rejoice when you **speak right things**.

24.1 Do not envy evil men, and do not desire to be with them.

24.2 Because their thoughts are of violence, and their **lips speak mischief**.

24.26 He will kiss the lips that return **straight words**.

24.28 Do not be a witness against a neighbor without cause or deceive with **your lips**.

25.11 Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a **word spoken** at the right time.

25.13 By being slow to anger a ruler is persuaded, and a **soft answer** shatters the bone.

25.20 The north wind brings forth rain, and a **secret word** an indignant face.

26.23 He who hates disguises it with his **speech**, and in his inner self he lays up deceit.

26.25 When he **speaks graciously** do not believe him for there are seven hateful things in his heart.

26.27 A **lying tongue** hates those it crushes, and a **flattering mouth** causes others to stumble.

29.20 Do you see a man **hasty in his words**? *There* is more hope for a fool than for him!

31.8 **Open your mouth** for the dumb, *and* to the cause of all the fatherless sons.

31.26 She **opens her mouth** in wisdom, and the law of kindness *is* on her **tongue**.

*“Death and life are in the power of the tongue”* (18.21). A person can destroy his own life and the life of others by what he says. That is why it is extremely important to watch what you say. The old saying, “If you do not have anything good to say do not say anything” is good advice. Instead of saying the first thing that comes to our minds and everything that follows we should choose our words wisely and carefully. *“He who guards his mouth keeps his soul. He who opens wide his lips brings himself to ruin”* (13.3). James said the tongue is a *“fire, an unrestrainable evil, full of deadly poison,”* that no one can tame (James 3.6, 8).

We must also keep in mind that when we talk a lot we do not get much work done. *“In all toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty”* (14.23). If you want to make a decent living and serve the Lord as much as possible avoid idle chatter and concentrate on work.

We must also keep our words few for another reason. If you do not know much about the topic that is being talked about do not say anything. *“Even a fool who is silent is thought to be wise, and he who says nothing is thought to have understanding”* (17.28). Do not believe you have to say a lot or even anything at all to make people think you are smart, wise or whatever. If you say very little and make short comments or statements that are correct and truthful most people will think you are a genius and very wise. While you stand or sit there listening to the others speak you are learning. Eventually you will know more than everyone else and you will become the wise man that everyone seeks advice from.

Study the verses concerning this topic frequently and also study chapter three of James. The entire chapter is devoted to speech. It is a

very powerful chapter. If you have a serious problem with controlling your tongue you may want to memorize the entire chapter.

## STEALING (See Thief)

## STRIFE (Striving)

6.19 He that breathes lies, *and* is a false witness, and one who causes **strife** between brothers.

10.12 Hatred stirs up **strife**, but love covers all transgressions.

15.18 An angry man stirs up **strife**, but the one who is slow to anger calms **strife**.

16.28 A perverse man causes **strife** and a slanderer separates friends.

17.1 Better is a piece of dry bread and quietness with it than a house full of feasting with **strife**.

17.14 The beginning of **strife** is like releasing water, so stop it before the **striving** starts.

17.19 He who loves transgression loves **strife**. He who exalts his door seeks destruction.

18.6 A fool's lips enter into **strife**, and his mouth calls for strokes.

18.18 The lot causes **strife** to cease, and divides between the mighty.

18.19 A brother offended is like a strong city, and **strife** are like the bars of a citadel.

20.3 It is an honor for a man to cease from **strife**, but every fool quarrels.

22.10 Drive out the scorner and **strife** will stop, and quarrels and shame will cease.

26.17 Like one who grabs the ears of a dog is one who passes by, and gets angry over **strife** that is not his.

26.19 Where there is no wood the fires goes out, and where there is no whisperer **strife** grows silent.

26.20 As coals to burning embers and wood to fire, so is a **man of strife** to kindle contention.

28.25 A proud person stirs up **strife**, but the one who trusts YAHWEH will be made fat.

Strife is a very serious sin. It is one of the seven deadly sins mentioned in Proverbs, and it is an abomination (hateful) to YAHWEH. “*One who causes strife between brothers*” (6.19) is an abomination to YAHWEH, and if he does not repent he will be punished (Proverbs 3.11-12). It is also listed as one of the fifteen deeds of the flesh (Galatians 5.19-21). The five sins listed after “*strife*” spring forth from strife – jealousy, anger, contentions, divisions and sects. It is found in the list that Paul made in his second letter to the Corinthians (12.20) and it was the subject of the first chapter of his first letter to them (1.10-15). It was a major sin of the Corinthians (1 Corinthian 3.3).

Strife is rampant in most churches and it can be found in every church. It destroys friendships, families and splits churches. It is something that the pastors of a church must never allow to raise its ugly head. When it does the individuals causing the strife must be dealt with or removed from the church.

Strife between a couple, in a family, among neighbors, in a church, in a group, in an organization, in a company, in a corporation, in a nation and between nations is common throughout the world. People fight with each other endlessly due to pride (Proverbs 28.25)! Pride is the first sin that all other sins spring from. The first sin committed in the universe was pride. The highest ranking angel, Lucifer, came to believe he was equal to YAHWEH and wanted to be worshipped as He was by the other angels (Isaiah 14.14). He led a rebellion and when he was defeated he interfered in the lives of Adam and Eve tempting Eve to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 3.1-7).

Once Eve and Adam ate from that tree sin entered the Adamic Race. Ever since then the history of the Adamic Race has been marred by strife between individuals, families, groups, states and nations. The only way to reduce strife, wherever it may be found, is through humility – the opposite of pride.

It is the responsibility of each individual to eliminate strife by not striving. It takes two to tangle. If there is strife among a couple or friends one must submit or give in – stop seeking his own will. In groups, churches, states and nations it is much more complex but strife can be eliminated through humility. It is up to everyone to “*humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you*” (James 4.10). Each of us must “*bind on humility, because YAHWEH sets Himself against the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Be humbled, therefore, under the mighty hand of YAHWEH that He may exalt you in due time*” (1 Peter 5.5b-6). For more on humility see Appendix D.

## STUDY SCRIPTURE

22.17 **Stretch your ear and hear the words of the wise and apply your heart to my knowledge,**

22.18 For they are pleasant when you keep them within you, and they will be fixed together on your lips,

22.19 So that your trust may be in YAHWEH. I caused you to know today even you.

22.20 Have I not written to you thirty times with counsel and knowledge,

22.21 To make you know the verity of the words of truth to return words of truth to him who sent you?

23.12 **Apply your heart to instruction,** and your ears to the words of knowledge.

## TEACHING (Words)

1.8 Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and do not forsake the **teaching** of your mother, for they are an ornament of grace to your head and a necklace for your neck.

1.9 For they are an ornament of grace to your head and a necklace for your neck.

2.1 My son, if you will receive my words and hide my **words** within you

3.1 My son, do not forget my **teaching**. Let your heart guard my commands.

4.1 Hear, sons, a father's **teaching**, and listen to know understanding.

4.2 For I give good **teaching** to you. Do not forsake my law.

4.3 For I was a son to my father, and a tender *and* only son to my mother.

4.4 And he **taught** me and said to me, "Have your heart hang on to my words, keep my commandments and live.

4.5 "Get wisdom and get understanding. Do not forget and do not stray away from the words of my mouth.

4.6 "Do not forsake her and she will keep you. Love her and she will guard you.

4.7 "The first thing is wisdom. Get wisdom, and with all of your getting get understanding.

4.8 "Exalt her and she will lift you up. She will honor you when you embrace her.

4.9 "She will be like a wreath of grace on your head, a crown of glory and a shield."

4.10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings for it will lengthen the days of your life.

4.11 I have **taught** you in the way of wisdom. I have made you walk in the paths of uprightness.

4.12 As you go your steps will not be narrowed, and when you run you will not stumble. 4.13 Take hold of instruction and do not let go. Keep her for she is your life.

5.13 And I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, and have not turned my ears to those **teaching** me."

7.1 My son, keep my **words** and treasure my commandments.

7.2 Keep my commandments and live, and my **teaching** as the pupil of your eyes.

7.3 Tie them on your fingers, and write them on the tablet of your heart.

7.4 Say to wisdom you are my sister, and call understanding a kinsman.

9.9 Give to a wise man and he will be wiser. **Teach** a just man, and he will add to his learning.

Good teachers are invaluable. Their worth cannot be measured in terms of gold, silver and precious stones. Good teachers in any field are the most precious and valuable members of society. They should be compensated more than any other profession.

Unfortunately, in virtually every Western society in the world they are compensated the least. Why is this so? The Western world is following the satanic education program designed to dumb down the masses. Students in public schools are taught very little and most of the facts are twisted to suit the goals of the elite who seek a world government. Students are brainwashed into accepting the isms of the devil – liberalism, socialism, communism, humanism, atheism, evolutionism, existentialism, hedonism, feminism and homosexuality. They are taught that the family is evil, government is good and they must disobey their parents and obey the government. Public education is designed to destroy the family and religion, and condition students to accept government as their guardians.

In a nation that reveres YAHWEH, His Word, individuals and the family good teachers would be the highest paid members of society. The lowest paid members of society would be entertainers – singers, dancers, actors, directors, ballplayers, coaches, news anchors, TV talk show hosts, TV hosts and actors in the theater. Politicians would serve without pay and only serve for one term. Bad, incompetent and worthless teachers would not be allowed to teach except in their own homes.

Bible teachers and pastor-teachers should study the Bible from Genesis 1.1 to Revelation 22.21. Before they begin to teach they should know the Scriptures inside and out. They should know the Holy Scriptures so well that they can take any chapter in the Bible and teach a one hour lesson with no preparation. They should take the warning by James (3.1) very seriously:

*My brethren, be not many teachers, knowing that we shall receive greater judgment.*

Teaching and preaching Scripture is a sacred ministry that no man should take lightly. All Bible teachers must “*be diligent to present yourself approved to YAHWEH, a workman not ashamed straightly cutting the word of truth*” (2 Timothy 2.15). If you believe you have been called to be a pastor-teacher or a Bible teacher study the Bible until you know it as well as your own name. Do not teach a book of the Bible until you have mastered that book. Avoid topical sermons and teaching lessons. Teach and preach book-by-book.

To master a book read the entire book once a day for 30 days. (If the book is larger than 10 chapters divide it into sections and read each section once a day for 30 days.) While you are reading through the book memorize the key verses and meditate on them. Also write your own

translation using an interlinear Bible. Write out your own commentary on the book without consulting other commentaries or works. Limit yourself to Bibles, Strong's concordance, word study books, lexicons and Haley's and Unger's Bible handbooks. Let the HOLY SPIRIT teach you (1 John 2.27) instead of fallible men. Once you have done these things you will be prepared to teach and preach on that book. Do not make sermon or teaching outlines. Simply open your Bible to the first chapter of that book and start teaching. You should have notes written in your Bible to help you along with cross references. Making sermon/teaching outlines hinders the HOLY SPIRIT teaching through you. Master a book and then let the HOLY SPIRIT teach through you. You should only consult commentaries to see how your understanding of a passage matches with others. If it does not you may want to study the passage some more. Remember, not every commentator is correct.

## TESTING

17.3 The crucible is for silver and the furnace is for gold, but **YAHWEH tries the heart.**

27.21 The **refining pot is for silver** and the **furnace for gold**, but a **man is tested by the praise given to him.**

30.5 Every word of Elohim is **tested**. He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

No one likes testing, trials and tribulations, but they are necessary for every believer to grow into a mature disciple. YAHWEH does not test or try us to see how holy or mature we are, He already knows that. He tests us and allows us to go through trials and tribulations to show us and those around us how mature and holy we are. When we fail the trial we realize that we "*are but beasts*" (Ecclesiastes 3.18). He also does this to induce maturity. Spiritual growth comes only through trials, tribulations and testing. Without them a Christian remains a spiritual infant incapable of serving YAHWEH.

*And not only so, but we also boast in tribulations knowing that tribulations produces endurance, and endurance proof, and proof hope, and hope does not make ashamed because the love of*

*YAHWEH has been poured out in our hearts by the HOLY SPIRIT which was given to us. (Romans 5.3-5)*

*Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you fall into various trials, knowing that the proving of your faith produces endurance. But let endurance have its perfect work that you may be perfect and complete lacking in nothing. (James 1.2-4)*

The more tribulations, trials and testing you go through the more you will grow spiritually or backslide. If you seek to live a holy life for YAHSHUA you will be persecuted (2 Timothy 3.12). Paul was the greatest man and Christian to ever live. Why? He suffered more than anyone else and he grew through his sufferings (Acts 9.16; 20.23; 1 Thessalonians 3.3; 2 Corinthians 6.4-5; 11.23-27; 2 Timothy 1.8, 12; 2 Timothy 2.3, 9).

A simple way to know how mature you are is your reaction to suffering and praise. If you blame others or YAHWEH for your suffering you are immature. If you accept it and press on knowing it was permitted to teach you something you are mature. If you lap it up praise and get drunk on it you are immature and backslidden. You are living in the flesh. If you accept it humbly and press on forgetting about it soon afterward you are a mature Christian.

## THIEF

6.30 They do not despise a **thief** when he steals to satisfy his soul when he is hungry.

6.31 But if he is found he will pay sevenfold. All the goods of his house he will give.

29.24 He who shares with a **thief** hates his soul, he hears an oath but does not tell it.

Stealing is always wrong. In the case of life and death, if one steals to stay alive he must pay back what he stole seven times. Why is stealing always wrong? It goes back to the statement by YAHSHUA, “*And according as you desire men do unto you, you also do to them in like manner*” (Luke 6.31). The modern-day saying goes, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Would you want anything you own stolen from you? NO! Therefore, why would you steal something from someone else?

# TRAITOR

25.17 Like a bad tooth and a slippery foot is trust in a **traitor** in a day of distress.

It is obviously a mistake to put your trust in a traitor, but the problem is we do not always know if someone we trust is a traitor. We can never know for certain that someone will or will not turn on us. None of the disciples dared imagined that Judas would betray YAHSHUA and that Peter would deny Him. The best thing to do is never trust others on important matters unless it is absolutely necessary.

# TREE of LIFE

3.13 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets understanding,

3.14 Because its gain is better than the gain of silver and its produce more than gold.

3.15 She is more precious than jewels and everything you can desire is not comparable to her.

3.16 Long life are in her right, and in her left hand are riches and honor.

3.17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all of her paths are peaceful.

3.18 She is a **tree of life** for those who take hold of her, and they are blessed.

11.30 The fruit of the just is a **tree of life**, and one who wins souls is wise.

13.12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a **tree of life**.

15.4 A healing tongue is a **tree of life**, but perversity in it breaks the spirit.

The Tree of Life spoken of in Proverbs is not the Tree of Life that was in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2.9) and that is now in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 22.2). It is symbolic of good spiritual health. If you want to be spiritually healthy just as you desire to be physically healthy get as much understanding and wisdom as you can (3.13-18). The only way to obtain spiritual health is to pray without ceasing, read, study, memorize

and meditate on Scripture daily and fellowship with the brethren as often as possible. A way you can impart spiritual health to others is by speaking kind, loving and wise words (15.4).

## **TRUST IN YAHWEH**

### **(Take refuge)**

3.5 **Trust YAHWEH** with all of your heart and do not rely on your own understanding.

3.6 In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.

16.3 **Commit your work to YAHWEH**, and your plans will be established.

16.20 He who acts prudently on a matter will find good, and blessed is he who **trusts in YAHWEH**.

22.19 So that your **trust may be in YAHWEH**. I caused you to know today even you.

28.25 A proud person stirs up strife, but the one who **trusts YAHWEH** will be made fat.

29.25 The fear of man brings a snare, but he who **trusts in YAHWEH** is set on high.

30.5 Every word of Elohim is tested. He is a shield to those who **take refuge** in Him.

A Christian must always trust in YAHWEH for everything, from salvation to our daily needs. This is hard for most believers, but it is the only way to live. When we trust ourselves, others or the government we will always be disappointed.

Consider this when things get tough: Who would you prefer to trust in, yourself, others, government or the Creator of the universe who died for you and who loves you more than you love yourself or anyone else loves you? Think about it.

Scripture warns us against trusting in ourselves (Jeremiah 17.9), our riches (Proverbs 11.28; 1 Timothy 6.17), others (Psalm 118.8) and in government (Psalm 118.9; 146.3).

Before one can trust in YAHWEH for daily needs he must first trust in YAHSHUA for salvation. One must come before YAHSHUA and humbly confess that he is a dirty, rotten sinner who needs to be saved. He should cry out, “O Lord and God, please have mercy on me a sinner! Cleanse my sins with your precious blood and give me eternal life by the power of your bodily resurrection.”

## TRUTH

3.3 Mercy and **truth** will not forsake you. Tie them around your neck and write them on the tablet of your heart.

8.7 For I will speak **truth** and wickedness is hateful to my lips.

11.18 The wicked makes a deceptive wage, but the one who sows righteousness has a reward of **truth**.

12.17 He who speaks **truth** reveals righteousness, but a witness of falsehoods deceit.

12.19 The lips of **truth** are established forever, but the falsehood of the tongue lasts as long as a wink.

12.22 The lips of falsehood are an abomination to YAHWEH, but those who do **truth** are His delight.

14.22 Do not evil devisers go astray? But mercy and **truth** follow devisers of good.

16.6 By mercy and **truth** iniquity is covered, and by the reverence of YAHWEH men turn from evil.

20.28 Mercy and **truth** preserve the king, and his throne is upheld by mercy.

22.20 Have I not written to you thirty times with counsel and knowledge,

22.21 To make you know the verity of the **words of truth** to return words of truth to him who sent you?

23.23 Obtain the **truth** and do not sell it; also wisdom, instruction and understanding.

Truth is all important for a believer. We must always speak the truth and never lie. We must also seek after truth in whatever field of endeavor we engage in. We must study the Scriptures to learn truth. We must also study history, politics, health, science and many other fields to learn the truth. A dedicated Christian is a well-learned person.

By studying science we quickly learn that the concept of evolution is absurd. There is not a single piece of physical evidence that even hints at that childish concept. By studying history and politics we find that the devil rules the governments of the world and many of the politicians, bureaucrats, businessmen, professors, etc. (Daniel 10.20-21; Ephesians 6.12). By studying history we understand there is an age-long conspiracy by Satan and his minions to create a world dictatorship that will be ruled directly by Satan through his front man the Antichrist (Revelation 13.4). That world government is just over the event horizon.

## UNDERSTAND

### (Understanding, Heartless, Lacking heart)

1.2 To know wisdom and instruction, to **understand** the words of **understanding**,

1.5 The wise hears and increases learning and **understanding** and he seeks after wise counsel.

1.6 In so doing he will be able to **understand** a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles.

2.1 My son, if you will receive my words and hide my words within you,

2.2 So that you tune your ear to wisdom, and incline your heart to **understanding**,

2.3 For if you cry for **understanding** and lift up your voice for **understanding**,

2.4 If you seek her as silver and search for her as hidden treasures,

2.5 Then you will learn the reverence of YAHWEH and find the knowledge of Elohim.

2.6 For YAHWEH gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and **understanding**.

2.7 And He lays up sound wisdom for the upright. *He is* a shield for those who walk in integrity

2.8 To guard the paths of justice. And He guards the way of His saints.  
2.9 Then you will **understand** righteousness, justice, honesty and every good path.  
2.10 When wisdom enters into your heart and knowledge is pleasing to your soul,  
2.11 Discretion will keep you and **understanding** will watch over you.  
2.12 To deliver you from the evil way; from the man who speaks perverse things;  
2.16 **These** will deliver you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.

3.5 Trust YAHWEH with all of your heart and do not rely on your own **understanding**.  
3.6 In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.

3.13 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets **understanding**,  
3.14 Because its gain is better than the gain of silver and its produce more than gold.  
3.15 She is more precious than jewels and everything you can desire is not comparable to her.  
3.16 Long life are in her right, and in her left hand are riches and honor.  
3.17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all of her paths are peaceful.  
3.18 She is a tree of life for those who take hold of her, and they are blessed.  
3.19 YAHWEH founded the earth by wisdom. He fixed the heavens by **understanding**.  
3.20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up and the clouds gave rain.

4.1 Hear, sons, a father's teaching, and listen to know **understanding**.  
4.3 For I was a son to my father, and a tender *and* only son to my mother.  
4.4 And he taught me and said to me, "Have your heart hang on to my words, keep my commandments and live.  
4.5 "Get wisdom and get **understanding**. Do not forget and do not stray away from the words of my mouth.  
4.6 "Do not forsake her and she will keep you. Love her and she will guard you.  
4.7 "The first thing is wisdom. Get wisdom, and with all of your getting get **understanding**.

4.8 “Exalt her and she will lift you up. She will honor you when you embrace her.

4.9 “She will be like a wreath of grace on your head, a crown of glory and a shield.”

5.1 My son, listen to my wisdom, and bow your ear to my **understanding**,

5.2 So that you may have discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.

6.32 One who commits adultery with a woman **lacks heart**. He is a destroyer of his own soul.

7.1 My son, keep my words and treasure my commandments.

7.2 Keep my commandments and live, and my teaching as the pupil of your eyes.

7.3 Tie them on your fingers, and write them on the tablet of your heart.

7.4 Say to wisdom you are my sister, and call **understanding** a kinsman

8.1 Does not wisdom call? And does **understanding** cry out?

8.5 “**Understand** prudence simple ones. And understand the heart, fools.

8.14 Counsel and sound wisdom are mine and I have **understanding** and strength.

9.4 “Who is simple, turn aside here.” She says to the one **lacking heart**.

9.6 “Forsake the simple and live and walk in the way of **understanding**.”

9.10 The beginning of wisdom is the reverence of YAHWEH, and the knowledge of the Holy Ones is **understanding**.

9.16 “Who is simple, turn aside here!” And to the one **lacking heart** she says to him,

9.17 “Stolen waters are sweet and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”

10.13 Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of one lacking heart.

10.21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for a **lack of heart**.

10.23 To work out evil devices is as laughter to the foolish so is wisdom to the man of **understanding**.

11.12 One who despises his friend lacks heart, but a man of **understanding** remains silent.

12.11 He who works his land will be satisfied with bread, but the one who pursues vanities **lacks heart**.

14.29 One who is slow to anger has great **understanding**, but the one who has a short temper exalts folly.

14.33 Wisdom rests in the heart of those who have **understanding**, and among fools it is made known.

15.21 Foolishness is joy to him who lacks common sense, but a man of **understanding** walks straight.

16.16 How much better to get wisdom than gold, and to get **understanding** is to be chosen above silver?

16.21 The wise in heart will be called **understanding**, and sweetness of lips increases persuasiveness.

16.27 He who restrains his words has knowledge, and a man of **understanding** has a cool spirit.

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17.28 Even a fool who is silent is thought to be wise, and he who says nothing is thought to have **understanding**.

18.2 A fool does not have delight in **understanding**, but only in revealing his heart.

19.8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul, and he who keeps **understanding** finds good.

20.5 The counsel in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of **understanding** will draw it out.

20.24 The steps of a man are from YAHWEH. How can a man **understand** his ways?

21.30 There is no wisdom and no **understanding** and no counsel before YAHWEH.

23.23 Obtain the truth and do not sell it; also wisdom, instruction and **understanding**.

24.3 A house is built through wisdom, and it is established with **understanding**.

24.4 All the rooms will be filled with precious riches by **understanding**.

24.30 I passed by the field of a lazy man, and the vineyard of a **heartless** man,

24.31 And lo, all of it was overgrown with thistles, and its surface was covered with nettles. And I beheld its stone wall was broken down.

24.32 I looked and set my heart to receive instruction.

24.33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down,

24.34 Then comes your poverty like a robber, and your want like an armed man.

28.5 Evil men do not **understand** justice, but those who seek YAHWEH **understand** all.

28.16 A ruler who lacks **understanding** adds to *his* oppressions, and *the* one who hates unjust gain prolongs *his* days.

29.7 The righteous knows the plea of the weak, but the wicked do not **understand** knowledge.

29.19 A servant is not corrected by words. Though he **understands** there is no response.

30.2 Surely I *am more* brutish than any man, and do not have the **understanding** of a man.

If you want to understand the universe and the world you live in study the Bible. Scripture is jam packed with massive amounts of

knowledge about the universe, Earth and interpersonal relationships. By studying Scripture a Christian gains insight into the secrets of the universe and the Earth. We also gain great understanding concerning life – how to live, how to interact with others, how to live in peace with others and how to bring glory to YAHWEH (1 Corinthians 10.31).

Every Christian should study the Bible daily, and ask for understanding and wisdom (James 1.5). Remember, “*The beginning of wisdom is the reverence of YAHWEH, and the knowledge of the Holy Ones is understanding*” (9.10). Get to know the Father, Son and HOLY SPIRIT not to have knowledge of Them so you can show off to those around you (at home, church, elsewhere). No! Get to know Them so well that you see how holy They are and how sinful you are. This should motivate believers to be more humble and more obedient.

When a Christian gets close to YAHWEH Elohim he will always be more humble, loving, obedient, joyful, peaceable, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, loyal, generous and forgiving. If a Christian knows a lot about the Bible, but does not display the above characteristics of a mature Christian he has head knowledge only. He does not have an intimate relationship with YAHWEH Elohim.

## USURY (Interest)

28.8 He who increases his wealth by **interest** and by **usury** gathers it for the one who pities the weak.

Usury is strictly forbidden by YAHWEH Elohim! It is a terrible sin that destroys families, cities, states and nations. It should be outlawed in every country in the world!

*“If you lend silver to My people, to the poor among you, you shall not be to him as a creditor; you shall **not** put interest on him.”*  
(Exodus 22.25)

*“And when your brother becomes poor and his hand has failed with you, then you shall help him, like an alien and a tenant he shall live with you. You shall **not** take interest or increase from him. And you shall revere your Gods, and the life of your brother*

*is with you. Your silver you shall **not** give him at interest and you shall **not** give your food for increase.” (Leviticus 25.35-37)*

*“You shall **not** lend to your brother at interest: interest on money, interest on food, interest on anything which is loaned at interest.” (Deuteronomy 23.19)*

In the Old Testament dispensation the Hebrew people were allowed to charge interest to foreigners (Deuteronomy 23.20), but in this dispensation Christians should not do that. The righteous man does not charge interest (Psalm 15.5; Ezekiel 18.8, 17).

Usury is one of the greatest evils in the history of the world. Any time a nation permits people to loan money at interest it dooms itself. When loans are made and interest is charged it causes inflation. If the only way to increase the money supply in a country is by making loans, as is the case in the Western world, eventually the moneylenders will own everything.

In most of the nations in the world today money is put into circulation primarily through lending. When a person buys a house by taking out a loan he will usually pay back three or more times the original price. If the house is \$100,000 he will pay back \$300,000 or more. That means he must payback \$200,000 more than the price of the house. That causes inflation. If the value of the house does not increase by \$200,000 the person loses money. Loaning money at interest always causes inflation.

When interest is charged on loans more loans must be made to create the money to pay the interest. This creates a vicious cycle which causes greater inflation and makes moneylenders more powerful and much richer. Eventually the moneylenders will own everything and make the unwashed masses their slaves or the system will be stopped by revolution.

Christians should never take loans out at interest even to buy a home. Churches should loan money to its members at no interest. This is difficult in the Western world, but it can be done. No Christian should ever take out a loan to buy a car, jewelry, furniture or anything. And no Christian should ever buy anything with a credit card that they cannot pay back fully within a month. If you do not have cash do not buy it. It is best to never get a credit card. A debit card is the only thing a Christian should have if they are afraid of carry cash.

# VANITY

## (Vain)

12.11 He who works his land will be satisfied with bread, but the one who pursues **vanities** lacks heart.

13.11 Wealth from **vanity** will dwindle, but he who gathers by hand will increase.

28.19 He who tills his ground will have plenty of bread, but the one who pursues **vanities** will have poverty *in* plenty.

30.7 Two things I have asked from You: Do not hold back from me before I die:

30.8 Remove far from me **vanity** and lies. Do not give to me poverty or riches.

30.9 Give me my portion of food, lest I become full, and deceive *myself*, and say, “Who is YAHWEH?” Or lest I become poor, and steal and violate the name of my God.

31.30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is **vain**; a woman who reveres YAHWEH she will be praised.

People are naturally vain because everyone is naturally proud. Pride is the sin from which all other sins spring from. When a person becomes humble through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT, he will lose his vanity. The key to ridding yourself of vanity is to humble yourself. The way we do that is through daily prayer (Luke 18.11 Ephesians 6.18; 1 Thessalonians 5.17), disciplined, daily Bible reading (Deuteronomy 17.9; Revelation 1.3), studying the Bible daily (Proverbs 8.34; John 5.39; Acts 17.11; 2 Timothy 2.15), memorizing Scripture daily (Deuteronomy 6.6; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1; 4.1; 8.21) and meditating on Scripture daily (Joshua 1.8; Job 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 119.15, 23, 48, 78, 99, 148). We also should fellowship with the brethren as often as possible (Acts 2.42, 46-47; Hebrews 3.13; 10.24-25), share the Gospel as the HOLY SPIRIT leads (Psalm 96.2; Acts 2.47; 1 Peter 3.15) and make disciples (Matthew 28.19-20; 2 Timothy 2.2).

# VIOLENCE

## (Blood)

1.16 For their feet run to evil and they hasten to **shed blood**.

4.17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and they drink the wine of **violence**.

10.6 Blessings are on the head of the just, but **violence** covers the mouth of the wicked.

13.2 From the fruit of a man's mouth he eats well. But the soul of the treacherous eats **violence**.

21.7 The **violence** of the wicked ensnares them because they refuse to do justice.

28.17 A man pressed down with the **blood** of a soul will flee to the pit. Do not let them uphold him.

One of the characteristics of the wicked is violent behavior. They engage in violent behavior because that is the way they get their way. The wicked fulfill their sinful desires through violence. They murder, kill, rape, injure and steal to fulfill their wicked lusts.

Christians should never engage in any violent behavior with the rare exception of self-defense of themselves or others. A true believer should never initiate a violent act, but instead should always seek to prevent one.

# WEAK

28.8 He who increases his wealth by interest and by usury gathers it for the one who pities the **weak**.

28.11 A rich man *is* wise in his own eyes, but the discerning **weak** examines him.

28.15 A wicked ruler over a **weak** people *is like* a roaring lion and a charging bear.

29.7 The righteous knows the plea of the **weak**, but the wicked do not understand knowledge.

29.14 *If* a king judges the **weak** with truth his throne will be established forever.

The weak and poor are frequently abused and taken advantage of because the strong are, for the most part, bullies. We see the rich and powerful take advantage of the poor and weak all the time in the secular world. James wrote of this about the rich: “*Do not the rich oppress you and do they not drag you before tribunals?*” (James 2.6).

Christians should never abuse or take advantage of the weak and poor. Instead they should go out of their way to help them. James said true religion is to “*visit orphans and widows in their tribulation*” (James 1.27). Who could be weaker than orphans and widows?

## WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

1.18 And they lie in wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own souls.

1.19 So are the ways of everyone who gets unjust gain. It takes away the soul of the owner.

1.22 And they will eat the fruit of their own way and with their own devices they will be filled.

1.23 For the going astray of the simple kills them, and the ease of fools destroys them.

5.22 His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and with the cords of his sins he will be seized.

6.14 Perverse things are in his heart, he plots evil all the time and he stirs up strife.

6.15 Therefore, his calamity will come suddenly and he will be broken quickly. He will not be healed.

11.3 The integrity of the upright guides them, but the deceit of traitors destroys them.

11.5 The perfect *one's* righteousness makes his way straight, but by his wickedness the wicked falls.

11.6 The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but in their lust traitors will be taken.

11.17 A merciful man does his soul well, but the cruel troubles his own flesh.

11.19 Genuine righteousness leads to life, but the one who pursues evil leads to his own death.

11.24 There is one who scatters yet increases more, but the one who withholds justice only comes to poverty.

11.25 The soul *who* blesses will be made fat, and he who waters will fully drink.

11.26 The people will curse the one who holds back grain, but a blessing is to the head of the one who sells grain.

11.27 The one who seeks good early seeks favor, but the one who seeks evil it will come to him.

12.14 From the fruit of a man's mouth he is satisfied with good, and the dealing of a man's hands will return to him.

13.2 From the fruit of a man's mouth he eats well. But the soul of the treacherous eats violence.

13.6 Righteousness guards the way of *the* perfect, but wickedness overthrows *the sinner*.

14.14 The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, but a good man from himself.

15.6 In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but with the increase of the wicked is trouble.

15.27 He who gets unjust gain troubles his house, but he who hates bribes will live.

17.11 A rebel seeks evil so a cruel messenger is sent against him.

17.13 He who returns evil instead of good, evil will not depart from his house.

18.21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

19.5 A false witness will not be acquitted, and one who speaks lies will not escape.

20.17 Deceitful bread is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

21.7 The violence of the wicked ensnares them because they refuse to do justice.

21.13 He who shuts his ear at the cry of the poor will himself call and not be heard.

22.8 He who sows injustice will reap evil, and the rod of his wrath will cease.

22.16 He who oppresses the poor to multiply to himself, and he who gives to the rich will come to poverty.

26.27 He who digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone it will return to him.

28.10 The one who leads the upright astray in an evil way will fall into his own pit, and the blameless will inherit good.

28.27 He who gives to the poor has no lack, but he who hides his eyes *will have* many curses.

29.5 A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his steps.

The phrase “What goes around comes around,” cannot be found word-for-word in the Scriptures, but the concept is in the Bible. The proverbs above show that.

Most of the proverbs concern the wicked and the fact of life that they will get exactly what they dish out to others. Yet there are a few proverbs that say when the righteous do good deeds they will receive the same from others.

This principle of life is not karma. No! It is the justice of YAHWEH! He gives unto the righteous and the wicked according to their deeds in this life and in the life to come. Sometimes it seems as though the wicked get away with their evil deeds in this life, but many times YAHWEH punishes the wicked in a way that is not seen. He can punish them by causing them to have great guilt and remorse for their wickedness. He can also inflict them with mental and physical pain. The wicked can also be afflicted by those they love who reject them because of their evil deeds. Even if it seems as though some evil people do not get what they deserve in this life they will get just punishment in Hell and the Lake of Fire. And they will suffer punishment for all of their evil deeds through all eternity.

## WICKED

**(Crooked, Evildoers, Sinners, Traitors,  
Traacherous, Ungodly, Wickedness, Worthless,)**

2.22 But the **wicked** will be cut off the Earth and the **treacherous** will be uprooted from it.

3.25 Do not be afraid of sudden terror and of the ruin of the **wicked** for it is coming.

3.26 For YAHWEH will be beside you, and He will keep you from being captured.

3.33 The curse of YAHWEH is on the house of the **wicked**, but He blesses the home of the righteous.

4.14 Do not enter the path of the **wicked**, and do not proceed in the way of the evil ones.

4.15 Ignore it and do not enter it. Turn aside from it and pass on.

4.16 For they do not sleep if they have not done evil, and their sleep is taken away if they do not cause others to stumble.

4.17 For they eat the bread of **wickedness**, and they drink the wine of violence.

4.19 The way of the **wicked** is like darkness. They do not know why they stumble.

5.22 His own iniquities will capture the **wicked**, and with the cords of his sins he will be seized.

5.23 He will die in the absence of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he goes astray.

6.12 A **worthless man**, a man of evil walks with a crooked mouth,

8.7 “For I will speak truth and **wickedness** is hateful to my lips.

9.7 The one who rebukes a scorner gets shame for himself, and the one who reproves a **wicked man** gets blemished.

10.2 The treasures of **wickedness** do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

10.3 YAHWEH does not allow the soul of the righteous to hunger, but He pushes away the desire of the **wicked**.

10.6 Blessings are on the head of the just, but violence covers the mouth of the **wicked**.

10.7 The memory of the just is blessed, but the name of the **wicked** will rot.

10.11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence covers the mouth of the **wicked**.

10.16 The work of the righteous is for life. The gain of the **wicked** is for sin.

10.20 The tongue of the just is like choice silver. The heart of the **wicked** is *worth* little.

10.24 What is feared by the **wicked** will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous is given.

10.25 As the tempest passes so the **wicked** is not, but the righteous has an everlasting foundation.

10.27 The reverence of YAHWEH prolongs days, but the years of the **wicked** will be shortened.

10.28 The hope of the righteous is joy, but the hope of the **wicked** will perish.

10.30 The righteous will not be shaken forever, but the **wicked** will not dwell in the land.

10.32 The lips of the righteous knows what is pleasing, but the mouth of the **wicked** only perversities.

11.5 The perfect *one's* righteousness makes his way straight, but by his **wickedness** the **wicked** falls.

11.7 In the death of a **wicked** man his expectation will perish, and the hope of the troubler will be lost.

11.8 The righteous is delivered from trouble, and the **wicked** takes his place.

11.9 The mouth of the **ungodly** ruins his friend, but by knowledge the righteous is delivered.

11.10 When the righteous prosper the city rejoices, and when the **wicked** perish there is singing.

11.11 By the blessing of the upright a city is lifted up, but by the mouth of the **wicked** it is overthrown.

11.18 The **wicked** makes a deceptive wage, but the one who sows righteousness has a reward of truth.

11.21 Though hand join to hand the **evil one** will not be acquitted, but the seed of the righteous will escape.

11.23 The desire of the righteous is only good. The hope of the **wicked** is wrath.

11.31 Behold, the righteous will be repaid in the earth, and so will the **wicked** and the sinner.

12.3 A **man of wickedness** will not be established, but the root of the righteous will not totter.

12.5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, and the counsel of the **wicked** is deceitful.

12.6 The words of the **wicked** ambush blood, but the mouth of the upright delivers them.

12.7 Overthrow the **wicked** and they are not, but the house of the righteous stands.

12.10 The righteous regards the life of his beast, but the mercies of the **wicked** are cruel.

12.12 The **wicked** desires the net of evil, but the root of the righteous gives.

12.21 Every trouble will not happen to the righteous, but the **wicked** will be filled with evil.

12.26 The righteous searches out his friend, but the way of the **wicked** misleads them.

13.5 The righteous hates lies, but the **wicked** is odious and acts shamefully.

13.6 Righteousness guards the way of *the* perfect, but **wickedness** overthrows *the sinner*.

13.9 The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the **wicked** is put out.

13.15 Good prudence gives grace, but the way of **traitors** is continual.

13.17 A **wicked messenger** falls into evil, but a faithful envoy is healing.

13.21 **Sinners** are pursued by evil, but the righteous will be rewarded with good.

13.22 A good man makes an inheritance for his son's sons, and the wealth of the **wicked** is stored for the righteous.

13.25 The righteous eats to his soul's satisfaction, but the **wicked** will lack.

14.11 The house of the **wicked** will be wasted, but the tent of the righteous will flourish.

14.19 The evil will bow before the good, and the **wicked** at the gates of the just.

14.32 By his evil doing the **wicked** is thrust out, but the righteous has refuge in his death.

15.3 The eyes of YAHWEH are in every place watching the **evil** and the good.

15.6 In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but with the increase of the **wicked** is trouble.

15.8 YAHWEH hates the sacrifice of the **wicked**, but the prayer of the upright is His delight.

15.9 The **wicked** hate the way of YAHWEH, but He loves the one who pursues righteousness.

15.26 The thoughts of the **evil** are hateful to YAHWEH, but pleasant words are pure.

15.28 The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but evil things flow out of the mouth of the **wicked**.

15.29 YAHWEH is far from the **wicked**, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.

16.4 YAHWEH has made everything for His purpose even the **wicked** for the day of evil.

16.12 It is an abomination for kings to commit **wickedness** for by righteousness a throne is established.

17.4 An **evildoer** listens to lies, and a liar listens to those who speak evil desires.

17.15 He who justifies the **wicked** and condemns the just, even both of them are hateful to YAHWEH.

17.23 The **wicked** takes a bribe out of the bosom to pervert the way of justice.

18.3 When the **wicked** comes so comes scorn, and with shame comes reproach.

18.5 To lift up the face of the **wicked** is not good or to turn aside the righteous in judgment.

19.28 A worthless witness scorns justice, and the mouth of the **wicked** devours evil.

20.26 A wise king scatters the **wicked**, and turns the wheel over them.

21.4 Exalted eyes and a proud heart, and the lamp of the **wicked** is sin.

21.7 The violence of the **wicked** ensnares them because they refuse to do justice.

21.10 The soul of the **wicked** desires evil and his neighbor does not find favor in his eyes.

21.12 The Righteous One wisely considers the house of the **wicked**, and He overturns the **wicked** for his evil.

21.18 The **wicked** will be a ransom for the righteous, and in place of the upright the **treacherous**.

21.27 The sacrifice of the **wicked** is hateful; much more when he brings it with an evil intent.

21.29 A **wicked** man hardens his face, but the upright establishes his way.

24.15 O **wicked**, do not lie in ambush at the abode of the righteous. Do not violate his resting place.

24.16 For seven times a just man falls and rises again, but the **wicked** will stumble into evil.

24.19 Do not glow in anger because of evil doers, and do not envy the **wicked**,

24.20 For there will not be a hereafter for the **wicked**. The lamp of the **wicked** will be put out.

24.24 The people will curse him who says to the **wicked**, “You are righteous,” and the nations will abhor him.

24.25 But to those who rebuke *the wicked* will be delight, and a good blessing will be upon them.

25.4 Take away the dross from the silver and out comes a vessel from the refiners.

25.5 **Take away the wicked** from before the king and his throne will be established on righteousness.

25.26 Like a fouled spring and a broken fountain are the righteous who give way before the **wicked**.

28.1 The **wicked** flee when no one is pursuing them, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

28.4 Those who forsake the law praise the **wicked**, but those who keep the law strive with them.

28.6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than the **crooked** of two ways even *if he is* rich.

28.12 When the righteous rejoice great *is* the glory, but when the **wicked** rise men hide themselves.

28.15 A **wicked ruler** over a weak people *is like* a roaring lion and a charging bear.

28.28 When the **wicked** rise men hide themselves, but when they perish the righteous multiply.

29.2 When the righteous increase the people rejoice, but when the **wicked** rule the people sigh.

29.7 The righteous knows the plea of the weak, but the **wicked** do not understand knowledge.

29.16 When the **wicked** multiply transgression increases, but the righteous will see their fall.

29.27 A righteous man hates the unjust, and the **wicked** hates the upright way.

The wicked are wicked. They commit every sin imaginable and they enjoy sinning. They destroy the lives of those around them by their murders, rapes, pillaging, plundering, stealing, lying, bearing false witness, getting drunk and high, slandering others, causing dissension, giving and taking bribes, rioting, revolting, starting wars, mocking YAHWEH and His Word, taking the name of YAHSUA in vain and using His holy name as a curse word, blaspheming the HOLY SPIRIT and committing hundreds of other sins. Those who die in their sins will be judged, found guilty and cast into the Lake of Fire where they will be punished for those sins throughout all eternity (Revelation 20.11-15; Matthew 25.46).

Yet even though the wicked are evil and sinful so are Christians. Every true believer was a wicked person before they were redeemed by the blood of YAHSUA (1 Peter 1.18-19). We were no different and all of us were headed straight to Hell. It was only by the grace of YAHWEH that He chose us and saved us. All Christians must love the wicked with an undying love as our Savior commanded:

*“But I say to you love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you”* (Matthew 5.44)

Christians must love the wicked because we do not know who will be saved and who will not. YAHWEH brings some people to a saving faith in YAHSUA by the love Christians show to them.

If we were living in the first century A.D. most of us would have hated Saul of Tarsus because he was the number one enemy of believers. We would have been wrong in hating him. This is why we are commanded to pray for all kinds of people:

*I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made for all men. (1 Timothy 2.1)*

## **WINE** **(Strong Drink)**

3.9 Honor YAHWEH from your substance and from the first fruits of all your produce

3.10 And your barns will be filled plenty and your vats will overflow with **new wine**.

9.2 She has slaughtered her slaughter and mixed her **wine**. She has also set her table,

9.3 And she has sent out her maidens. She calls on the tops of the heights of the city,

9.4 “Who is simple, turn aside here.” She says to the one lacking heart,

9.5 “Come eat my bread and drink of the **wine** I have mixed.

20.1 **Wine** is a scorner, strong drink is noisy, and those who stay by it are not wise.

21.17 A man who loves pleasure will be poor, and he who loves **wine** and oil will not be rich.

23.30 Those who stay long over the **wine**, and those who go to seek mixed **wine**.

23.31 Do not look at the **wine** when it is red; when it gives its color in the cup; when it goes down smoothly;

31.4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink **wine**, nor for princes to lust for strong drink,

31.5 Lest they drink and forget what is decreed, and pervert the right of the sons of the afflicted.

31.6 Give **strong drink** to one *who is* perishing, and wine to the bitter soul.

Wine and all alcoholic beverages are abused every day by millions of people around the world. Some people enjoy getting drunk and do it frequently. Excessive consumption of alcohol destroys lives and families. It kills the people who drink and many of their innocent victims. Alcoholism cuts short the lives of those who drink and about 20,000 men, women and children are killed by drunk drivers every year in America. Many times that is killed every year by drunk drivers around the world.

Anyone who has a problem with alcohol should avoid it altogether. No Christian should ever become intoxicated by any alcoholic beverage or become high by any drug:

*And be not drunk with wine for this is dissipation, but be filled with the HOLY SPIRIT. (Ephesians 5.18)*

## WISDOM

1.2 To know **wisdom** and instruction, to understand the words of understanding,

1.7 The reverence of YAHWEH is the beginning of knowledge. Fools despise **wisdom** and instruction.

1.20 **Wisdom** cries aloud in the streets. In the square she speaks.

1.21 At the head of the busy streets she calls out. At the opening of the gates throughout the city she speaks.

1.23 "Turn back at my warning! Behold, I will pour out to you my Spirit. I will make my words known to you."

1.24 Because I have called and you refused I am not inclined to extend a hand.

1.25 And you ignored all of my advice and you did not want my warning.

1.26 I also will laugh at your calamity. I will mock when your dread comes,

1.27 When your dread comes like a storm, and your calamity like a tempest. "When distress comes upon you and constraint,

1.28 Then they will call on me and I will not answer. They will seek me early but they will not find me.

2.1 My son, if you will receive my words and hide my words within you,

2.2 So that you tune your ear to **wisdom**, and incline your heart to understanding,

2.3 For if you cry for understanding and lift up your voice for understanding

2.4 If you seek her as silver and search for her as hidden treasures,

2.5 Then you will learn the reverence of YAHWEH and find the knowledge of Elohim.

2.6 For YAHWEH gives **wisdom**; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

2.7 And He lays up sound **wisdom** for the upright. *He is* a shield for those who walk in integrity.

2.10 When **wisdom** enters into your heart and knowledge is pleasing to your soul,

2.11 Discretion will keep you and understanding will watch over you.

3.1 My son, do not forget my teaching. Let your heart guard my commands,

3.2 For they will add long life and peace to you.

3.4 You will find good favor and **wisdom** in the sight Elohim and man.

3.13 Blessed is the man who finds **wisdom** and the man who gets understanding,

3.14 Because its gain is better than the gain of silver and its produce more than gold.

3.15 She is more precious than jewels and everything you can desire is not comparable to her.

3.16 Long life are in her right, and in her left hand are riches and honor.

3.17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all of her paths are peaceful.

3.18 She is a tree of life for those who take hold of her, and they are blessed.

3.19 YAHWEH founded the earth by **wisdom**. He fixed the heavens by understanding.

3.20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up and the clouds gave rain.

3.21 My son, do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep sound **wisdom** and discretion,

3.22 For they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck.

3.23 Then you will walk in safety along your way, and you will not stumble.

3.24 When you sleep you will not fear and it will be sweet.

4.3 For I was a son to my father, and a tender *and* only son to my mother.  
4.4 And he taught me and said to me, “Have your heart hang on to my words, keep my commandments and live.  
4.5 “Get **wisdom** and get understanding. Do not forget and do not stray away from the words of my mouth.  
4.6 “Do not forsake her and she will keep you. Love her and she will guard you.  
4.7 “The first thing is **wisdom**. Get **wisdom**, and with all of your getting get understanding.  
4.8 “Exalt her and she will lift you up. She will honor you when you embrace her.  
4.9 “She will be like a wreath of grace on your head, a crown of glory and a shield.”  
4.10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings for it will lengthen the days of your life.  
4.11 I have taught you in the way of **wisdom**. I have made you walk in the paths of uprightness.  
4.12 As you go your steps will not be narrowed, and when you run you will not stumble.  
4.13 Take hold of instruction and do not let go. Keep her for she is your life.

5.1 My son, listen to my **wisdom**, and bow your ear to my understanding  
5.2 So that you may have discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.

7.4 Say to **wisdom** you are my sister, and call understanding a kinsman;

8.1 Does not **wisdom** call? And does understanding cry out?  
2 In the high places she stands between the intersections?  
3 She cries out at the doors at the side of the entrance gates of the city.  
4 “To you, O men, I call. And my voice is to the sons of men.  
5 “Understand prudence simple ones. And understand the heart, fools.  
6 “Listen for I will speak excellent things and from the opening of my lips right things.  
7 “For I will speak truth and wickedness is hateful to my lips.  
8.8 “In righteousness are all the words that I speak and nothing in them is twisted or crooked.  
9 “All of them are straight to the discerning and upright to those who find knowledge.  
10 Receive my instruction and not silver and knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 **Wisdom** is better than jewels and all delights cannot be compared to it.

12 I, **wisdom**, dwell with prudence and I find the knowledge of discretion.

13 The reverence of YAHWEH is to hate evil. Pride, loftiness, the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.

14 Counsel and **sound wisdom** are mine and I have understanding and strength.

15 By me kings reign and princes decree righteousness.

16 By me rulers rule and also nobles and all the judges of earth.

17 I love those who love me and those who seek me find me.

18 Riches and honor are with me, and enduring wealth and righteousness.

19 My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold and my produce than choice silver.

20 I walk in the path of righteousness among the paths of justice,

21 So that those who love me will inherit wealth and I will fill up their storehouses.

8.22 YAHWEH possessed me in the beginning of His way before His works from then.

23 From everlasting I was set up, from the beginning, from the ancient times of the earth.

24 When there were no depths and when there were no springs heavy with water I travailed.

25 Before the mountains were sunk and before there were hills I travailed.

26 Before He had made the earth and the fields and the head of the dust of the world,

27 And while He prepared the heavens I was there. When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,

28 When He made the clouds above, when He made the springs of the deep,

29 When He set the boundary for the sea that the waters should not pass His command and when He laid the foundations of the earth,

30 I was at His side. I was a workman who delighted, day by day, rejoicing before Him all the time.

8.31 I rejoiced in the world, His earth, and my delight was in the sons of men.

9.1 **Wisdom** has built her house and carved her seven pillars.

9.2 She has slaughtered her slaughter and mixed her wine. She has also set her table,

9.3 And she has sent out her maidens. She calls on the tops of the heights of the city,

9.4 “Who is simple, turn aside here.” She says to the one lacking heart,

9.5 “Come eat my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

9.6 “Forsake the simple and live and walk in the way of understanding.”

9.10 The beginning of **wisdom** is the reverence of YAHWEH, and the knowledge of the Holy Ones is understanding.

9.11 For by me you will increase your days, and years will be added to your life.

10.13 **Wisdom** is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of one lacking heart.

10.23 To work out evil devices is as laughter to the foolish so is **wisdom** to the man of understanding.

10.31 The mouth of the righteous flourishes with **wisdom**, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

11.2 When pride comes then comes shame, but with the humble is **wisdom**.

13.10 Only by pride comes strife, but **wisdom** is with those who take counsel.

14.6 A scorner seeks **wisdom** and does not find it, but knowledge is swift to the discerning.

14.8 The **wisdom** of the astute guides his way, but the folly of fools is deceit.

14.33 **Wisdom** rests in the heart of those who have understanding, and among fools it is made known.

16.16 How much better to get **wisdom** than gold, and to get understanding is to be chosen above silver?

17.16 Why is there money in the hand of a fool to obtain **wisdom** when he has no sense?

17.18 A man who lacks **wisdom** shakes hands, and makes a pledge before his friend.

17.24 With the face of the wise is **wisdom**, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the Earth.

18.4 The words of a man are like deep waters, and the **fountain of wisdom** is like a flowing stream.

19.8 He who gets **wisdom** loves his own soul, and he who keeps understanding finds good.

21.30 There is no **wisdom** and no understanding and no counsel before YAHWEH.

23.9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool for he will despise the **wisdom** of your words.

23.23 Obtain the truth and do not sell it; also **wisdom**, instruction and understanding.

24.3 A house is built through **wisdom**, and it is established with understanding.

24.4 All the rooms will be filled with precious riches by understanding.

24.7 **Wisdom** is too high for a fool, and he does not open his mouth in the gate.

24.13 Eat honey, my son, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to your taste.

24.14 **Wisdom** and knowledge will be thus to your soul when you have learned that there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

28.26 He who trusts in his heart *is* a fool, but he who walks in **wisdom** will be delivered.

29.3 A man who loves **wisdom** makes his father glad, but a friend of prostitutes wastes wealth.

29.15 The rod and reproof give **wisdom**, but a youth *who is* sent away causes shame to his mother.

30.3 And I have not learned **wisdom**, but I know the knowledge of holiness.

31.26 She opens her mouth in **wisdom**, and the law of kindness *is* on her tongue.

Wisdom is a precious treasure that everyone should seek after with greater zeal than worldly riches or anything else (Proverbs 2.1-5). Wisdom is more valuable than gold, silver, precious jewels or anything one can lust after (Proverbs 3.13-14; 8.10-11; 16.16). Everyone who seeks after wisdom on a daily basis loves his own soul (Proverbs 19.8).

Wisdom is found in the Bible. All wisdom outside the Bible comes from the Bible or YAHWEH. If you want wisdom directly from the Creator of the universe study the Bible. Study Scripture daily (Acts 17.11) and study It diligently (2 Timothy 2.15). When you think you have studied the Bible enough start all over and study It more than before. Never stop studying Scripture because no one can plumb the depths of the Holy, Infallible Word of YAHWEH even if one had a billion lifetimes to study It.

## WISE

1.3 In so doing he will be able to understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the **wise** and their riddles

1.5 The **wise** hears and increases learning and understanding, and he gets **wise** counsel.

3.7 Do not be **wise** in your own eyes. Revere YAHWEH and depart from evil.

3.8 It will be healing to your navel and moisture to your bones.

3.35 The **wise** inherit honor, but the foolish exalt shame.

6.6 Go to the ant, lazy man, see her ways and be **wise**.

8.33 Hear instruction and be **wise** and do not ignore it.

9.8 Do not reprove a scorner lest he hate you. Reprove a **wise man** and he will love you.

9.9 Give to a **wise man** and he will be **wiser**. Teach a just man, and he will add to his learning.

9.12 If you are **wise** you are **wise** for yourself, and if you scorn you alone will bear it.

10.1 Proverbs of Solomon: A **wise** son makes his father rejoice, but a foolish son is sorrow to his mother.

10.8 The **wise** of heart accepts commands, but the lips of the foolish He will thrust away.

10.14 The **wise** store up knowledge, but *with* the fool's mouth ruin is near.

11.29 The one who troubles his house inherits the wind, and a fool is servant to the **wise** at heart.

11.30 The fruit of the just is a tree of life, and one who wins souls is **wise**.

12.15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but the one who listens to counsel is **wise**.

12.18 There is rash speaking like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the **wise** is healing.

13.1 A **wise** son hears his father's instruction, but a scorner does not hear rebuke.

13.14 The law of the **wise** is a fountain of life to depart from the snares of life.

13.20 He who walks with the **wise** will be **wise**, but a friend of fools suffers evil.

- 14.1 **Wise women** build their homes, but the foolish tears it down with her hands.
- 14.3 A rod of pride is in the mouth of the fool, but the lips of the **wise** preserve them.
- 14.16 The **wise** fears and turns from evil, but the foolish passes over and is bold.
- 14.24 The crown of the **wise** is their riches, and the folly of fools is foolishness.
- 14.35 The king's favor is to a servant who acts **wisely**, but his wrath is on one who causes shame.
- 15.5 A fool despises his father's instruction, but the one who keeps it is **wise**.
- 15.7 The lips of the **wise** scatter knowledge, but the heart of fools is not so.
- 15.12 A scorner does not love the one who corrects him, and he will not go to the **wise**.
- 15.20 A **wise son** makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.
- 16.14 A king's fury is like messengers of death, but a **wise man** will cover it.
- 16.21 The **wise in heart** will be called understanding, and sweetness of lips increases persuasiveness.
- 16.23 The heart of the **wise** makes his speech prudent, and on his lips he adds persuasion.
- 17.24 With the face of the **wise** is wisdom, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the Earth.
- 17.28 Even a fool who is silent is thought to be **wise**, and he who says nothing is thought to have understanding.

18.15 The heart of the prudent gets knowledge, and the ear of the **wise** seeks knowledge.

19.20 Listen to counsel and accept discipline that you may be **wise** in your later years.

20.1 Wine is a scorner, strong drink is noisy, and those who stay by it are not **wise**.

20.18 Plans are established by counsel, and with **wise guidance** make war.

20.26 A **wise** king scatters the wicked, and turns the wheel over them.

21.11 When the scorner is punished the simple is made **wise**, and when the **wise** is instructed he receives knowledge.

21.20 A desirable treasure and oil is in the home of the **wise**, but a foolish man devours it.

21.22 A **wise man** scales the city of the mighty, and conquers the force that it trusts in.

22.17 Stretch your ear and hear the **words of the wise** and apply your heart to my knowledge.

23.15 My son, if your heart is **wise** my heart will rejoice, even I.

23.16 And my heart will rejoice when you speak right things.

23.19 Hear you, my son, **be wise** and advance your heart in the way.

23.24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and the father of a **wise one** will be glad in him.

24.5 A **wise warrior** has strength, and a man of knowledge increases his strength.

24.6 You will make war for yourself with **wise advice**, and deliverance is by great counselors.

24.23 These are also for the **wise**: To respect persons in judgment is not good.

25.12 Like a gold ring and an item of gold so is **wise reprover** to he who hears.

26.5 Answer a fool according to his folly lest he be **wise** in his own eyes.

26.12 Do you see a man who is **wise** in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than there is for him.

26.16 The lazy one is **wiser** in his own eyes than seven men who can give a **wise answer**.

27.11 Be **wise**, my son, and bring joy to my heart, so I may respond to one who reproaches me.

28.7 He who keeps the law *is* a **wise son**, but a friend of gluttons shames his father.

28.11 A rich man *is* **wise** in his own eyes, but the discerning weak examines him.

29.8 Men of scorn rage against a city, but the **wise** turn away anger.

29.9 *If* a **wise man** disputes with a foolish man he either shakes or laughs and *there* is no rest.

29.11 A fool reveals everything about himself, but the **wise** is quiet and holds back.

30.24 Four *things are* little on the Earth, but they *are* the **wise ones** of those made **wise**:

30.25 The ants *are* not a strong people, yet they prepare their food in summer;

30.26 The rock badgers *are* not a mighty people, yet they make their house in the rock;

30.27 The locusts have no king, yet they go out in a swarm, all of them;

30.28 The lizards you can take with *your* hands, and it is in king's palaces.

Every Christian should want to be wise and seek to be wise. YAHSHUA told His disciples to be “*wise as serpents and harmless as doves*” (Matthew 10.16). The way to be wise is to read the Bible every day (Deuteronomy 17.19; Revelation 1.3), study the Bible every day

(John 5.39; Acts 17.11; 2 Timothy 2.15), memorize Scripture (Deuteronomy 6.6; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1; 4.1; 6.21; 22.18; Isaiah 51.7; Ezekiel 3.10; Romans 10.8) and meditate on Scripture every day (Joshua 1.8; Psalm 1.2; Job 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 119.15, 23, 48, 78, 99, 148). One also needs to walk with wise men to be wise (13.20), and listen to counsel and accept discipline (Proverbs 19.20). Walking with wise people means to fellowship with wise Christians as often as possible at church and in homes. Home Bible studies and prayer meetings are a vital aspect of spiritual growth. The first disciples went from home to home every day studying the Bible and praying (Acts 2.42; 46; 5.42).

If you do not know whether or not you are wise consider this: The wise *“increases learning and understanding, and he gets wise counsel”* (Proverbs 1.5), *“accepts commands”* (Proverbs 10.8), *“store up knowledge”* (Proverbs 10.14), *“wins souls”* (Proverbs 11.30), *“hears his father’s instruction”* (Proverbs 13.1), *“fears and turns from evil”* (Proverbs 14.16), *“makes his speech prudent”* (Proverbs 16.23), *“seeks knowledge”* (Proverbs 18.15), *“keeps the law”* (Proverbs 28.7), *“turn away anger”* (29.8), and *“is quiet and holds back”* (Proverbs 29.11).

If you do all of them day-in and day-out you are very wise. If you do some of them you are wise, but if you do none of them you may be a fool.

## WOMAN, GOOD

11.16 A **gracious woman** holds to honor, and terrifying men hold to riches.

11.22 A **beautiful woman** who does not have discretion is like a gold ring in a swine’s snout.

12.4 A **woman of virtue** is the crown of her lord, but one who causes shame is as rot in his bones.

14.1 **Wise women** build their homes, but the foolish tears it down with her hands.

18.22 He who finds a **woman** finds a good thing and gets favor from YAHWEH.

19.14 House and riches are the legacy of fathers, but a **prudent woman** is from YAHWEH.

31.10 An **able woman** who can find? Her value *is* far above gems.

11 Her husband's heart trusts in her so that he has no lack *of* gain.

12 She deals to him good and not evil, all the days of her life.

13 She seeks wool and flax, and she works *with* delight *with* her hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships; she brings in her food from afar.

15 She also rises while *it is* still night, and gives food to her household, and tasks to her maidens.

16 She has examined a field and buys it. From the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

17 She had girded her loins with strength, and has strengthened her arms.

18 She tastes whether her gain *is* good; her lamp does not go out at night.

19 She has sent forth her hands on the distaff, and her hands have held the spindle.

20 She spreads her hands to the poor, and *with* her hands she reaches to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed *with* scarlet.

22 She makes coverings for herself; fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits with the elders of the land.

24 She makes linen garments and sells *them*, and she delivers belts to the merchants.

25 Strength and dignity *are* her clothing, and she rejoices for tomorrow.

31.26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the law of kindness *is* on her tongue.

31.27 She watches the ways of her household, and she does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband praises her.

29 Many are the daughters who work ably, but you rise above them all.

30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain; a **woman** who reveres YAHWEH she will be praised.

31.31 Give to her the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

It is difficult for a Christian man today to find an able, gracious, prudent, virtuous and wise woman. Prior to World War II it was very

easy to find a good woman, but since then Western society has succumbed to the liberal lie of feminism. Most Christian women believed the lie of feminism that women are not different than men and that they have a right to a career outside of the home. They abandoned their children to babysitters, day-care centers and to the public school system. They did not rear their children as commanded by YAHWEH (Proverbs 6.20) and sought fulfillment in their career. This led to the destruction of marriage, the family and society. Far too many children who were abandoned grew up to be criminals, atheists, rebels, revolutionaries, communists, humanists and homosexuals.

The lie of feminism has continued to deceive more and more Christian women making it extremely difficult for a Christian man to find a good woman. If you, young woman, desire to please YAHWEH and bring honor and glory to Him abandon your dream of having a career. Find a dedicated brother in the Lord who is 100% sold-out to YAHWEH. Work together serving the Lord for a year or more. And if the two of you, and others, believe you make a dynamic duo in serving the Lord consider becoming one flesh (Genesis 2.24). Do not seek a husband who is cute, handsome, rich, funny, has a fancy car, a home, a great career, etc. If you marry a man who has some or all of these attributes your marriage will inevitably end in divorce.

When you marry stay at home, rear your children, take care of your husband and your home, and follow the instruction for your duties and your behavior in the Bible (Proverbs 31.11-31; 1 Peter 3.1-6). You will bring glory to YAHWEH and receive great reward in Heaven.

Brothers, do not seek to marry a beautiful, cute or wealthy woman. Seek a woman who has dedicated herself to fully serving the Lord. As noted above for sisters in the Lord, serve the Lord with a sister and if you make a dynamic duo consider marriage. When you marry work as many jobs as it takes to meet the needs of your wife and children. Spend virtually no money for your personal pleasures. Do not waste your time hanging out with your "buddies." Do not waste your time watching sports in person or on television. Do not waste your time with hobbies. Spend your time with your wife and children. Pray with them daily (1 Corinthians 7.5; 1 Ephesians 6.18; Thessalonians 5.17), teach them the Scriptures daily (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; 6.6-9; 11.19; 32.46-47; 2 3.15), memorize Scripture with them (Deuteronomy 6.6; 11.18; 30.14; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1, 21; 6.21; 22.18; Isaiah 51.7; Ezekiel 3.10; Romans 10.8) and take them to church services as often as possible (Hebrews 10.24-25).

# WOMAN, BAD

2.16 *These* will deliver you from the **strange woman**, from the foreigner who flatters with her words

6.24 To keep you from the **evil woman** and from the smooth tongue of a strange woman.

6.26 For on behalf of a **harlot woman** a man comes to his end as a loaf of bread. Another man's wife will hunt for the precious soul.

6.32 One who commits adultery with a **woman** lacks heart. He is a destroyer of his own soul.

7.5 To keep you from the **strange woman**, from the foreigner with her smooth words.

7.10 And behold, a **woman** met him dressed like a harlot, and with a guarded heart.

9.13 A **woman of foolishness** makes noise and is simple, and knows not what.

9.14 And she sits at the door of her house on a seat in the heights of the city

9.15 To call to those who pass by, to those going straight on their paths,

9.16 "Who is simple, turn aside here!" And to the one lacking heart she says to him,

9.17 "Stolen waters are sweet and bread eaten in secret is pleasant."

9.18 But he does not know that the dead are there, and her guests are in the depths of Hell.

21.9 It is better to live on the corner of a roof than to share a house with a **contentious woman**.

21.19 It is better to live in the wilderness than with a **contentious woman** and vexation.

22.14 The mouth of an **alien woman** is a deep pit. Those who are hated by YAHWEH will fall into it.

23.27 For a harlot is a deep pit, and a **strange woman** a narrow well.

25.21 It is better to live on the corner of a roof than to share a house with a **troublesome woman**.

25.24 It is better to live on the corner of a roof than to share a house with a **troublesome woman**.

27.13 Take his garment when he is surety for a stranger, and for a **strange woman** bind him in pledge.

27.15 A constant dripping on a day of steady rain, and a **contentious woman** are alike.

27.16 He who hides her hides the wind, and tries to hold oil in his right hand.

30.20 So is the way of an **adulterous woman**; she eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, "I have not done any evil."

30.23 Under **one** who is hated when **she** marries; and when a handmaid is heir to her **mistress**.

31.3 Do not give your strength to **women**, or your ways to the wiping out of kings.

One thing that every Christian man must avoid at all costs is an adulterous, contentious, evil and troublesome woman. This kind of woman is referred to as an alien, a harlot and a strange woman. A Christian man must always marry a Christian woman (1 Corinthians 7.39; 2 Corinthians 6.14-16). He must never have a fling, affair or one-night-stand with a Christian or a non-Christian woman. When a Christian man seeks to marry he must always look for a Christian woman who is fully committed to serving the Lord. It is not honoring to the Lord to marry a Christian woman who is backslidden.

Brothers, study this warning by Solomon concerning bad women:

*And I found more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands are like bands. A good man before Elohim will escape from her, but the sinner will be caught by her (Ecclesiastes 7.26).*

Troublesome women are those who have believed in feminism the lie of the devil. Christian women who believe in this insidious and pernicious fallacy destroy marriages and contribute to the destruction of society. Chief among these evil women are Christian women who do

not heed the command of YAHWEH that NO woman should ever teach or exercise authority over men:

*Let a woman learn in quietness and in all subjection. But I do not allow a woman to **teach nor to exercise authority over a man**, but to be quiet; for Adam was formed first then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman having been deceived fell into transgression. (1 Timothy 2.11-14)*

Christian women who become pastors, assistant pastors or Bible teachers of men are in open rebellion to YAHWEH and His Holy Word. They are living in sin and causing great harm to the body of YAHSHUA. They have believed the lie of the devil that certain commands in the Bible do not apply to them because they are “out-dated” or were meant only for the people the command was given to. There is no way around this command yet thousands of women will continue to disobey it thinking they are doing the will of YAHWEH. Instead of doing His will they are doing the will of the devil and they have become ministers of Satan:

*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Messiah. And it is not amazing for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is not a great thing that his servants also transform themselves as servants of righteousness, of whose end shall be according to their works (2 Corinthians 11.13-15).*

## **WORK**

### **(Business, Labor, Talents, Toil, Wage)**

5.10 And lest your strength be given to strangers, and your **work** go to the house of an alien.

10.16 The **work** of the righteous is for life. The gain of the wicked is for sin.

11.18 The wicked makes a **deceptive wage**, but the one who sows righteousness has a reward of truth.

13.11 Wealth from vanity will dwindle, but he who **gathers by hand** will increase.

14.4 Where there are no cattle the manger is clean, but there is much increase by the **strength of an ox**.

14.23 In all **toil** there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

16.26 The man who **labors, labors** for himself, for his hunger urges him on.

18.9 Also he who is **slack in his work** is a brother to a lord of destruction.

18.16 A man's **talents** makes room for him, and leads him before great men.

20.11 Even by his acts a lad makes himself known whether his **work** is clean or upright.

21.8 The way of a guilty man is perverted, but the **work** of the pure is upright.

21.25 The lust of the lazy man kills him because his hands have refused to **work**.

22.29 Do you see a man who is **prompt in his business**? He will stand before kings. He will not stand before obscure men.

23.4 Do not **work** to be rich, cease from seeking it.

23.5 If you seek it, it will fly away. Surely it will make wings for itself like an eagle and will fly into the sky.

24.27 Prepare your **work** outside and make it ready in the field. Afterward build your house.

24.18 The **keeper of a fig tree** eats its fruit, and **he who cares for his master** is honored.

27.26 The lambs will be for your **clothing**, and the male goats for the **price of a field**,

27.27 And enough goats milk for **your food**, for the **food for your household**, and for the lives of your maidens.

28.19 He who **tills his ground** will have plenty of bread, but the one who pursues vanities will have poverty *in* plenty.

Every man, woman and child needs to work hard their whole life. The type of work is not important as long as it is work that is honoring to YAHWEH. Laziness is never honoring to YAHWEH. Christians should be diligent in working to meet the physical needs of their family (1 Timothy 5.8), of the church (Romans 12.13; James 2.15-17; 1 John 3.16-17) and of the poor (Proverbs 14.21; 19.17; 28.27). They should also be diligent in meeting their own spiritual needs and those of others (see Appendix C). Christians who do not work for their daily sustenance are to be rejected and not shown compassion or charity as Paul command:

*For also when we were with you this we commanded you, that if anyone does not wish to work, neither let him eat. For we hear some among you are walking disorderly, not working at all but being busybodies. (2 Thessalonians 3.10-12)*

## **YAHWEH** **(Righteous One)**

1.7 The reverence of **YAHWEH** is the beginning of knowledge. Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1.17 I also will laugh at your calamity. I will mock when your dread comes, when your dread comes like a storm, and your calamity like a tempest.

1.18 “When distress comes upon you and constraint, then they will call on me and I will not answer.

1.19 They will seek me early but they will not find me. (This is **YAHWEH** personified as Wisdom.)

2.5 Then you will learn the reverence of **YAHWEH** and find the knowledge of Elohim.

2.6 For **YAHWEH** gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

- 2.7 And He lays up sound wisdom for the upright. *He is* a shield for those who walk in integrity.
- 2.8 To guard the paths of judgment. And He guards the way of His saints.
- 3.5 Trust **YAHWEH** with all of your heart and do not rely on your own understanding.
- 3.6 In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.
- 3.7 Do not be wise in your own eyes. Revere **YAHWEH** and depart from evil.
- 3.8 It will be healing to your navel and moisture to your bones.
- 3.9 Honor **YAHWEH** from your substance and from the first fruits of all your produce,
- 3.10 And your barns will be filled plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.
- 3.11 Do not despise the chastening of **YAHWEH**, my son, and do not hate His correction.
- 3.12 He corrects even as a father the son in whom He is well-pleased.
- 3.19 **YAHWEH** founded the earth by wisdom. He fixed the heavens by understanding.
- 3.20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up and the clouds gave rain.
- 3.25 Do not be afraid of sudden terror and of the ruin of the wicked for it is coming.
- 3.26 For **YAHWEH** will be beside you, and He will keep you from being captured.
- 3.32 The devious hate **YAHWEH**, but He is intimate with the upright.
- 3.33 The curse of **YAHWEH** is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the righteous.
- 3.34 He scorns the scorners, yet He gives grace to the lowly.
- 5.21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of **YAHWEH**, and He watches all of his ways.
- 5.22 His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and with the cords of his sins he will be seized.
- 5.23 He will die in the absence of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he goes astray.

6.16 These six things **YAHWEH** hates, and seven are hateful to His soul:

6.17 Lofty looks, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

6.18 A heart that plots evil plans, feet that run swiftly to evil,

6.19 He that breathes lies, *and* is a false witness, and one who causes strife between brothers.

8.13 The reverence of **YAHWEH** is to hate evil. Pride, loftiness, the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.

8.22 **YAHWEH** possessed me in the beginning of His way before His works from then.

8.35 For the one who finds me finds life and he will obtain favor from **YAHWEH**.

10.3 **YAHWEH** does not allow the soul of the righteous to hunger, but He pushes away the desire of the wicked.

10.22 It is the blessing of **YAHWEH** that makes rich, and He adds no pain to it.

10.29 The way of **YAHWEH** is strength to the upright, but ruin to the workers of evil.

11.1 **YAHWEH** hates false balances, but a perfect stone is His delight.

11.20 The perverse of heart are hateful to **YAHWEH**, but His delight is the upright in the way.

12.2 The good obtains favor from **YAHWEH**, but He will condemn a man who plots evil.

12.22 The lips of falsehood are an abomination to **YAHWEH**, but those who do truth are His delight.

14.2 One who walks in his uprightness reveres **YAHWEH**, but the perverse in his ways despises Him.

14.26 In the reverence of **YAHWEH** is strong trust, and to his sons there will be a hiding place.

14.27 The reverence of **YAHWEH** is a fountain of life to turn away from the snares of death.

15.3 The eyes of **YAHWEH** are in every place watching the evil and the good.

15.8 **YAHWEH** hates the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright is His delight.

16.1 The plans of the heart are for a man, but the answer of the tongue is from **YAHWEH**.

16.4 **YAHWEH** has made everything for His purpose even the wicked for the day of evil.

16.5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to **YAHWEH**, and he will certainly not be acquitted.

16.6 By mercy and truth iniquity is covered, and by the reverence of **YAHWEH** men turn from evil.

16.7 When a man's way please **YAHWEH**, He makes his enemies to be at peace with him.

16.9 A man's heart plans his way, but **YAHWEH** fixes his steps.

16.11 A just scale and balance is **YAHWEH'S**, and so are the weights of a bag.

16.20 He who acts prudently on a matter will find good, and blessed is he who trusts in **YAHWEH**.

16.33 The lot is cast into the bosom, but every decision is from **YAHWEH**.

17.3 The crucible is for silver and the furnace is for gold, but **YAHWEH** tries the heart.

17.15 He who justifies the wicked and condemns the just, even both of them are hateful to **YAHWEH**.

18.10 The name of **YAHWEH** is a tower of strength. The righteous run into it and are exalted.

18.22 He who finds a woman finds a good thing and gets favor from **YAHWEH**.

19.3 The folly of a man perverts his way, and his heart rages against **YAHWEH**.

19.14 House and riches are the legacy of fathers, but a prudent woman is from **YAHWEH**.

19.17 He who favors the poor lends to **YAHWEH**, and He will reward him for it.

19.21 Many plans are in the heart of a man, but the counsel of **YAHWEH** will stand.

20.10 A false weight and a false balance are hateful to **YAHWEH**, even both of them.

20.12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye, **YAHWEH** has made both of them.

20.22 Do not say, "I will repay evil." Wait on **YAHWEH** and He will save you.

20.23 A false weight is hateful to **YAHWEH** and a false balance is not good.

20.24 The steps of a man are from **YAHWEH**. How can a man understand his ways?

20.27 The spirit of a man is the lamp of **YAHWEH**, searching the inward parts.

21.1 The king's heart is like streams of water in the hands of **YAHWEH**; He turns it wherever He desires.

21.2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but **YAHWEH** weighs the hearts.

21.3 To do righteousness and justice is to be chosen for **YAHWEH** more than sacrifice.

21.12 The **Righteous One** wisely considers the house of the wicked, and He overturns the wicked for his evil.

21.30 There is no wisdom and no understanding and no counsel before **YAHWEH**.

21.31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but deliverance belongs to **YAHWEH**.

22.2 The rich and the poor meet together, and **YAHWEH** is the maker of them all.

22.4 The reward of humility is the reverence of **YAHWEH**, riches, honor and life.

22.14 The mouth of an alien woman is a deep pit. Those who are hated by **YAHWEH** will fall into it.

22.19 So that your trust may be in **YAHWEH**. I caused you to know today even you.

22.22 Do not rob the poor because he is poor, and do not crush the afflicted in the gate,

22.23 For **YAHWEH** will plead their cause, and will plunder the soul of those plundering them.

23.17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, but be in the reverence of **YAHWEH** all day long.

23.18 Surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

24.17 When your enemy falls do not rejoice. When he stumbles do not let your heart be glad,

24.18 Lest **YAHWEH** see it and it will be evil in His eyes. And He will turn away His anger from him.

24.21 Revere **YAHWEH**, my son, and the king. Do not associate with those given to change.

24.22 For their woe will rise suddenly, and who knows what the ruin of both of them will be?

28.5 Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek **YAHWEH** understand all.

28.25 A proud person stirs up strife, but the one who trusts **YAHWEH** will be made fat.

29.13 The poor man and a man of violence meet together, **YAHWEH** enlightens the eyes of both of them.

29.25 The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in **YAHWEH** is set on high.

29.26 Many seek the favor of a ruler, but the judgment of each man is from **YAHWEH**.

30.7 Two things I have asked from You: Do not hold back from me before I die:

30.8 Remove far from me vanity and lies. Do not give to me poverty or riches.

30.9 Give me my portion of food, lest I become full, and deceive *myself*, and say, “Who is **YAHWEH**?” Or lest I become poor, and steal and violate the name of my God.

The proper name of God the Father is used 71 times in proverbs, dozens of times in the Psalms and hundreds of times in the Old Testament. This holy and precious name was excluded from every major English translation. This serious mistake was due to the fact that the Jews rarely uttered the proper name of YAHWEH because they were afraid of using His name in vain. Therefore they substituted the word *adonai* (my lord) or *elohim* (the Gods). This tradition of men was adopted by the English translators. The only major translations that use the proper name are Rotherham’s Emphasized Bible and the New Jerusalem Bible. The American Standard Bible uses Jehovah instead of YAHWEH.

This tradition was not according to the will of YAHWEH. He wants His children to know and use His name. He also wants the unsaved to know His name. If you write notes in your Bible you may want to cross out “*the LORD*” and write in YAHWEH as you do your daily Bible reading. Also consider using His name and the proper name of His Son YAHSHUA.

Read Proverbs 30.4 carefully. Now consider this: How could the Hebrew people know the name of God the Son since it is not found in the Old Testament? According to Agur everyone was suppose to know what the name of the Father and the Son are.

Once again we note how important the name of YAHWEH is:

YAHWEH made His holy (Psalm 30.4; 33.21; 97.12; 103.1 106.47; 111.9; 145.21), great (Psalm 99.3), awesome (Psalm 99.3; 111.9), majestic (8.1, 9), glorious (Psalm 72.19), blessed (Psalm 113.2) and exalted (Psalm 148.13) name known to man for a reason. He did not want His name to be forgotten (Psalm 44.20; 45.17). He also wants His children to trust in His name (Psalm 33.21); revere (fear) His name (Psalm 61.5; 86.11), seek His name (Psalm 83.16), know His name (Psalm 9.10; 91.14), praise His name (Psalm 113.1, 3; 135.1; 148.5, 13), sing praises to His name (Psalm 7.17; 9.2; 18.49; 61.8; 68.4; 92.1; 135.3), rejoice in His name (Psalm 89.16), give thanks to His holy name (Psalm 30.4; 44.8; 96.12; 106.47; 138.2; 142.7), bless His name (Psalm 96.2; 145.21), glorify His name (Psalm 29.2; 86.9, 12), glory in His name (Psalm 105.3), boast in His name (Psalm 20.7), call upon His name (Psalm 80.18; 105.1), love His name (Psalm 5.11) and tell the world about His name (Psalm 22.22; 102.21). YAHWEH even intends that the unsaved revere (fear) His name (Psalm 102.15).

His name is so great that YAHWEH saves sinners for the sake of His name (Psalm 25.11; 106.8). He also shows kindness to His children, and revives, leads and guides them for His name's sake (Psalm 23.3; 31.3; 109.21; 143.11)! Those who come in His name are blessed (Psalm 118.26).

## YOUNG PEOPLE

### (Son)

1.4 To give to the simple knowledge of proper conduct and knowledge to the **young** and discretion.

1.8 Hear, my **son**, your father's instruction, and do not forsake the teaching of your mother, for they are an ornament of grace to your head and a necklace for your neck.

1.10 My **son**, if sinners lure you do not be willing.

1.15 My **son**, do not walk in the way with them. Do not walk in their path.

2.1 My **son**, if you will receive my words and hide my words within you,

3.1 My **son**, do not forget my teaching. Let your heart guard my commands,

3.2 For they will add long life and peace to you.

3.11 Do not despise the chastening of YAHWEH, my **son**, and do not hate His correction.

3.12 He corrects even as a father the **son** in whom He is well-pleased.

3.21 My **son**, do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion,

3.22 For they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck.

3.23 Then you will walk in safety along your way, and you will not stumble.

3.24 When you sleep you will not fear and it will be sweet.

4.1 Hear, **sons**, a father's teaching, and listen to know understanding.

4.2 For I give good teaching to you. Do not forsake my law.

4.3 For I was a **son** to my father, and a tender *and* only **son** to my mother.

4.4 And he taught me and said to me, "Have your heart hang on to my words, keep my commandments and live.

4.5 "Get wisdom and get understanding. Do not forget and do not stray away from the words of my mouth.

4.6 "Do not forsake her and she will keep you. Love her and she will guard you.

4.7 "The first thing is wisdom. Get wisdom, and with all of your getting get understanding.

4.8 "Exalt her and she will lift you up. She will honor you when you embrace her.

4.9 "She will be like a wreath of grace on your head, a crown of glory and a shield."

4.10 Hear, my **son**, and receive my sayings for it will lengthen the days of your life.

4.11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have made you walk in the paths of uprightness.

4.12 As you go your steps will not be narrowed, and when you run you will not stumble.

4.13 Take hold of instruction and do not let go. Keep her for she is your life.

4.20 My **son**, listen to my words, and bow your ear to what I say.

4.21 Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the center of your heart.

4.22 For they are life to those who find them and healing to his whole body.

5.1 My **son**, listen to my wisdom, and bow your ear to my understanding

5.2 So that you may have discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.

5.7 And now, O **sons**, hear me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth.

5.8 Keep your ways far from her (strange woman), and do not go near the door of her house,

5.9 Lest you give your vigor to others, and your years to the cruel one,

5.10 And lest your strength be given to strangers, and your work go to the house of an alien.

5.11 For you will moan when your end comes, when your flesh and muscles are consumed.

5.12 Then you will say, "How I have hated instruction and my heart despised correction.

5.13 And I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, and have not turned my ears to those teaching me."

5.14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the assembly and congregation.

5.20 And why will you be ravished, my **son**, with an alien woman and hug the bosom of a foreigner?

5.21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of YAHWEH, and He watches all of his ways.

5.22 His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and with the cords of his sins he will be seized.

5.23 He will die in the absence of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he goes astray.

6.1 My **son**, if you are surety for your friend, if you struck an alien with your palms,

6.2 If you are snared with the words of your mouth, if you are captured with the words of your mouth,  
6.3 Do this then, my **son**, and save yourself when you come into the presence of your friend. Go and humble yourself and be bold before your friend.  
6.4 Do not give sleep to your eyes nor slumber to your eyelids.  
6.5 Deliver yourself as a gazelle from a hand, and as a bird from the fowler's hand.

6.20 My **son**, keep your father's commandments and do not forsake the law of your mother.  
6.21 Tie them on your heart continually and bind them on your neck.  
6.22 When you go it will lead you. When you lie down it will watch over you. When you awake it will talk with you.  
6.23 The command is a lamp and the law is a light. And the reproofs of instruction are the way of life  
6.24 To keep you from the evil woman and from the smooth tongue of a strange woman.  
6.25 Do not lust in your heart after her beauty and do not let her take you with her eyelids.  
6.26 For on behalf of a harlot woman a man comes to his end as a loaf of bread. Another man's wife will hunt for the precious soul.  
6.27 Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?  
6.28 Or can a man walk on hot coals and his feet not be burned?  
6.29 So is the one who goes to his neighbor's wife. Everyone who touches her will not be innocent.

7.1 My **son**, keep my words and treasure my commandments.  
7.2 Keep my commandments and live, and my teaching as the pupil of your eyes.  
7.3 Tie them on your fingers, and write them on the tablet of your heart.  
7.4 Say to wisdom you are my sister, and call understanding a kinsman;

7.24 And now, **sons**, listen to me, and incline to the words of my mouth.  
7.25 Do not turn aside your heart to her ways. Do not go astray in her paths,  
7.26 For many are the wounded she has made fall, and numerous are all of her slain ones.  
7.27 The way of her house goes down to Hell and the rooms to death.

8.32 And now, O **sons**, listen to me for blessed are those who keep my ways.

8.33 Hear instruction and be wise and do not ignore it.

10.1 Proverbs of Solomon: A **wise son** makes his father rejoice, but a **foolish son** is sorrow to his mother.

10.5 He who gathers in the summer is a **prudent son**. He who sleeps in the harvest is a **shameful son**.

13.1 A **wise son** hears his father's instruction, but a scorner does not hear rebuke.

13.24 He who holds back his rod hates his **son**, but he who loves him seeks to correct him.

15.20 A wise **son** makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.

17.2 A servant who acts prudently will rule over a **son** who brings shame, and he will share the inheritance among the brothers.

17.6 The crown of old men are grandchildren, and the glory of **sons** is their fathers.

17.25 A **foolish son** is a vexation to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.

19.13 A foolish **son** is ruin to his father, and the striving of a woman is like never-ending dripping.

19.18 Chasten your **son** for there is hope, and do not desire his death.

19.26 **He** who assaults his father and chases his mother away causes shame and brings reproach.

19.27 Cease, my **son**, to listen to discipline and you will stray from the words of knowledge.

20.7 The just walks about in his integrity, and blessed are his **sons** after him.

20.11 Even by his acts a **lad** makes himself known whether his work is clean or upright.

20.29 The glory of **young men** is their vigor, and the honor of old men is gray hair.

22.6 Train up a **boy** in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not turn aside from it.

22.15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a **boy**. The rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

23.13 Do not withhold correction from a **boy** for if you strike him with the rod he will not die.

23.14 You shall beat him with a rod and deliver his soul from Sheol.

23.15 My **son**, if your heart is wise my heart will rejoice, even I.

23.16 And my heart will rejoice when you speak right things.

23.19 Hear you, my **son**, be wise and advance your heart in the way.

23.26 My **son**, give your heart to me, and let your eyes watch my ways.

24.13 Eat honey, my **son**, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to your taste.

24.14 Wisdom and knowledge will be thus to your soul when you have learned that there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.

24.21 Revere YAHWEH, my **son**, and the king. Do not associate with those given to change.

27.11 Be wise, my **son**, and bring joy to my heart, so I may respond to one who reproaches me.

28.7 He who keeps the law *is* a **wise son**, but a friend of gluttons shames his father.

29.15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a **youth** *who is* sent away causes shame to his mother.

29.17 Correct your **son** and you *will* get rest, and it will delight your soul.

29.21 He who pampers his servant from **youth** will after his days be his successor.

31.2 What my son and what the son of my womb, and what the son of my vows.

A large portion of Proverbs is devoted to young people, primarily to young men. Children must be taught Scripture from a very young age or their sin nature will take total control of them. This is why fathers were commanded to teach the Scriptures to their children every day as often as possible:

*And these words which I am commanding you today shall be on your heart. And you shall repeat them to your sons, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk in the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up. (Deuteronomy 6.6-7)*

*And you shall lay up these words in your heart and in your soul; and shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. And you shall teach them to your sons by speaking of them as you sit in your house, and as you go in the way, and as you lie down and as you get up. (Deuteronomy 11.18-19)*

*Which we have heard and known them, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their sons, declaring to the following generations the praises of YAHWEH, and His strength, and His wonderful works which He has done. For He raised a testimony in Jacob, and set a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, to make them known to their sons so that a coming generation may know. Sons shall be born and they shall rise up and tell their sons so that they may set their confidence in Elohim, and not forget the works of Elohim, but keep His commands. (Psalm 78.3-7)*

Mothers also need to know Scripture and be able to teach It to their children:

*My son, keep your father's commands, and do not forsake the law of your mother. (Proverbs 6.20)*

If you are a father or a mother with children at home you should follow the commands above and start teaching your children Scripture. Spend time with them every day sharing what you know about the Bible. If you are incapable of teaching your children ask one of the pastors of your church to train you.

Parents with children at home should make a strict habit of reading one chapter of Proverbs each day. By doing this you will not only read through the book of Proverbs twelve times each year you will burn the knowledge, understanding and wisdom contained in it into your soul. When the Word of YAHWEH is burned into your soul you can impart It to others. Proverbs is a book that every Christian should read one chapter each day throughout his entire life. All children who can read should take care to read one chapter of the book of Proverbs each day also. Parents, get into a habit of reading aloud one chapter of Proverbs each day to your children. Also read aloud to your children as many other chapters in the Bible as you can each day. Also make it a habit to quote Scripture as often as possible. By setting a good example you will rear your children in the reverence of YAHWEH.

# APPENDIX A

## WHAT YOU MUST DO TO BE SAVED

For those who want to spend eternity with YAHSHUA Messiah (Jesus Christ) rather than in the Lake of Fire there is Hope!

Everyone is a sinner in need of salvation:

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of YAHWEH;*  
(Romans 3.23)

Those who die in their sins will be judged:

*And for as much as it is apportioned to men once to die and after this judgment.* (Hebrews 9.27)

*He that believes on the Son has eternal life, and he that is not subject to the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of YAHWEH abides on him.* (John 3.36)

*And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire.* (Revelation 20.15)

Yet even though all have sinned, one can escape eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire, and have eternal life:

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of grace from **YAHWEH** is eternal life in Messiah **YAHSHUA** our Lord.*  
(Romans 6.23)

*And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.* (Matthew 25.46)

*“For what shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”*  
(Mark 8.36-37)

Salvation is available to all because:

*YAHWEH commends His own love to us that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us. (Romans 5.8)*

*For YAHWEH so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

Belief in YAHSHUA the Messiah is the only way to be saved:

*YAHSHUA said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14.6)*

*And there is salvation in no one else, for neither is there another name under Heaven which has been given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4.12)*

Salvation is by grace through faith in YAHSHUA alone:

*For by grace you are saved through faith; and this not of yourselves, it is YAHWEH'S gift; not of works, that no one might boast. (Ephesians 2.8-9)*

What must one do to be saved?

*That if you confess with your mouth the Lord YAHSHUA, and believe in your heart that YAHWEH raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart is belief to righteousness, and with the mouth is confession to salvation. (Rom 10:9-10)*

If you believe that God the Father raised YAHSHUA from the dead, call upon YAHSHUA to save you right now:

*For everyone, whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10.13)*

Today is your day of salvation:

*Behold now is the day of salvation! (2 Corinthians 6.2b)*

Receive YAHSHUA today, you know not what tomorrow brings:

*But as many as received Him, He gave to them authority to become children of YAHWEH, to those believing in His name. (John 1.12)*



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# APPENDIX B

## FAITH CHECK

**Are you being conformed to the image of YAHSHUA Messiah?**

*Because whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (Romans 8:29)*

Are you being conformed to the image of YAHSHUA Messiah? Has there been a noticeable change in your likes and dislikes since you trusted Jesus to save you?

*I exhort you therefore, brethren, by the compassions of YAHWEH to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, well-pleasing to YAHWEH, your intelligent service, and do not fashion yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and well-pleasing and perfect will of YAHWEH. (Romans 12:1-2)*

Everyone who is truly born from above will change. You will stop doing certain things and start doing things you did not do previously. Your thought life will also change.

To determine whether something is good (honoring to YAHWEH) pray, read the Bible and ask yourself if YAHSHUA would join you.

There are a few things we know are not of YAHWEH, and must be avoided at all costs – illegal drugs and getting drunk.

*And be not drunk with wine in which is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5.18)*

The next time you listen to secular music, watch television and movies ask yourself if you think Jesus would enjoy spending the day listening to that music and watching those shows and movies. Not all movies and television shows are bad. Exercise great discernment in watching them. Stick to news and documentaries. The next time you watch a Hollywood production imagine YAHSHUA is sitting next to you. Do you think He would sit through a Hollywood trash movie or television show? By the way, YAHSHUA is with you at all times.

## The Spiritual Man versus the Natural Man

Take a few minutes out of your busy schedule and examine your daily walk with Jesus.

| <b>Spiritual Activity</b>      | <b>Average Time Spent Daily</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Prayer                         | _____                           |
| Reading and studying the Bible | _____                           |
| Memorization & Meditation      | _____                           |
| Worship with family            | _____                           |
| Fellowship with believers      | _____                           |
| Sharing the Gospel             | _____                           |
| Helping others                 | _____                           |
| Total time serving YAHSHUA     | _____                           |

| <b>Activities of the Flesh</b>      | <b>Average Time Spent Daily</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Watching TV & movies                | _____                           |
| Internet                            | _____                           |
| Reading (secular books/magazines)   | _____                           |
| Hobbies                             | _____                           |
| Recreation                          | _____                           |
| Attending sporting events           | _____                           |
| Socializing (in person or by phone) | _____                           |
| Shopping                            | _____                           |
| Other non-spiritual activities      | _____                           |
| Total time serving yourself         | _____                           |

Sleeping, eating, moderate exercise and working are not on this list because they are pursuits of the flesh that are necessary for survival. It is your free time that you are to examine. All believers should spend more of their free time each day feeding their soul than feeding their flesh. Sadly, few do that. Worse yet, few believers spend more time feeding their souls than they do eating.

If you are not spending more time in spiritual activities (feeding your soul) than you do in eating (feeding your flesh) you are backslidden. Since most people take time to feed their flesh should you take an equal amount of time in feeding your soul?

If you spend more time each day exercising the flesh than you do exercising your soul which is more important to you – your sinful body or your eternal soul?

Take this faith check once a month for the first year and then take it every few months or so. This will help you see your progress of maturing in the Lord.

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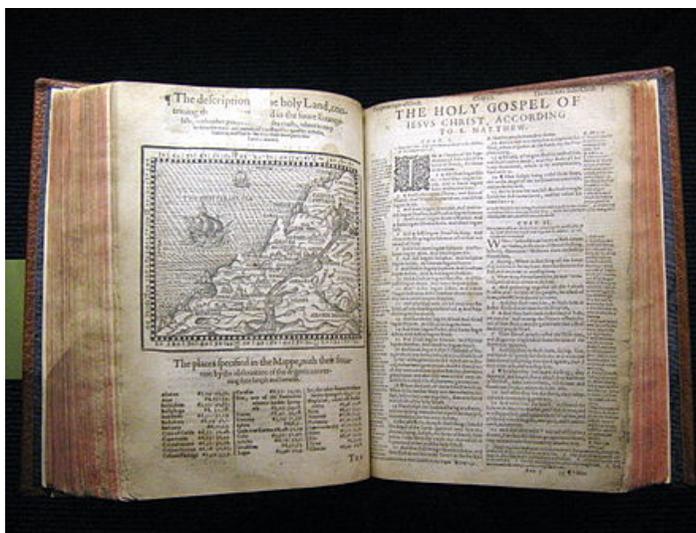


## FAITH TEST

***Faith Test*** is a book that every believer needs to read. Paul exhorted the believers in Corinth to examine themselves to see if they were in the faith:

*Try yourselves if you are in the faith; prove yourselves! Or do you not recognize yourselves that YAHSHUA Messiah is in you, unless you are rejected. (2 Corinthians 13.5)*

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## SPIRITUAL FITNESS PROGRAM

YAHWEH commands all of His children to be spiritually fit (Ephesians 4.11-15) and He expects all of them to become teachers (Deuteronomy 6.6-7; Proverbs 6.20; Hebrews 5.12). The only way to get spiritually fit and eventually become a teacher of the Bible is to set up a Spiritual Fitness Program.

All combat soldiers go through basic training which includes a physical fitness program. Without it they could never hope to fight and win. The same is true for believers of YAHSHUA. We are all soldiers in the Army of Messiah and we need to be trained how to fight the spiritual war we are in which includes a Spiritual Fitness Program.

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# APPENDIX C

## SPIRITUAL FITNESS PROGRAM

YAHWEH commands every child of His to be spiritually fit. This includes denying oneself of the pleasures of the world, living a holy and disciplined life, daily study of Scripture, living by every Word that proceeds from His mouth and then teaching others:

*Messiah having then suffered for us in the flesh, you also arm yourselves with the same mind, for he [who has] suffered in the flesh has done [away] with sin, [that he should] no longer live the remaining time in [the] flesh for the lusts of men, but to the will of YAHWEH. (1 Peter 4.1-2)*

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to YAHWEH a workman not ashamed, straightly cutting the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2.15)*

*And these were more noble than those in Thessalonika who received the word with all readiness, daily examining the Scriptures if these things were so. (Acts 17.11)*

*But answering [He] said, "It has been written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD GOING OUT THROUGH THE MOUTH OF YAHWEH.'" (Matt. 4.4)*

*"These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up." (Deuteronomy 6.6-7)*

There are a few basic things that a believer in YAHSHUA Messiah must do to become a faithful *disciple*:

12. **Pray** (Matthew 7.7-11; Luke 18.1-8; John 14.13-14; 16.24; Ephesians 6.18; Philippians 4.6; Colossians 4.2; 1 Thessalonians 5.17; James 1.5).
13. **Listen** to Scripture (Deuteronomy 4.10; Proverbs 8.34; 22.17; 23.12; Luke 8.15, 21; 11.28; James 1.22; Revelation 1.3).
14. **Read** Scripture (Deuteronomy 17.19; Isaiah 34.16; Revelation 1.3).
15. **Study** Scripture (Proverbs 2.1-5; 8.34; John 5.39; Acts 17.11; Romans 15.4; 2 Timothy 2.15).
16. **Memorize** Scripture (Deuteronomy 6.6; 11.18; 30.14; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1, 21; 6.21; 22.18; Isaiah 51.7; Ezekiel 3.10; Romans 10.8; Colossians 3.16).
17. **Meditate** on Scripture (Joshua 1.8; Job 22.22; 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 4.4; 19.14; 63.6; 77.12; 104.34; 119.15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148; 143.5; Colossians 3.16).
18. **Fellowship** with the brethren (Psalm 22.22; 119.63; Proverbs 13.20; Acts 2.42, 46-47; 5.42; Hebrews 3.13; 10.24-25; 1 John 1.7).
19. **Worship** with the brethren and privately (Deuteronomy 6.13; 26.10; 1 Chronicles 16.29; Psalm 2.11; 29.2; 96.9; 99.5, 9; 132.7; Jeremiah 7.2; Matthew 4.10; John 4.23-24; Romans 12.1; Philippians 3.3; Revelation 4.10; 14.17; 19.10; 22.9)
20. **Share the Gospel** (Psalm 9.1; 26.7; 35.28; 96.2; Proverbs 11.30; Mark 16.15; Acts 2.47; 1 Peter 3.15).
21. **Be disciplined** (Proverbs 1.8; 4.1; 6.20; Eph. 4.11-13).
22. **Make disciples** (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; 6.5-7; 11.18-19; 31.13; 32.46; Psalm 78.3-7; Proverbs 1.8; 4.1; 6.20; 22.6; Joel 1.3; Matt. 28.19-20; Ephesians 4.11-13; 2 Tim. 2.2).

1. **PRAY:** Pray often for your family, friends, fellow employees, employer, church members, pastors, and city, state and federal politicians. Pray with your family daily and with church members on a regular basis. Begin and end each day in prayer, and pray throughout the day. Pray that YAHWEH teach you each day as you study His word.

2. **LISTEN TO SCRIPTURE:** Play recordings of the Bible and listen to sermons and Bible studies.
3. **READ SCRIPTURE:** Make a reading program and stay with it. If you read three chapters a day in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament you will read the Bible through in one year. It is also important to read one chapter of Proverbs each day. It does not take more than a half-hour a day to read five chapters. If you watch TV have your Bible handy and read a chapter during commercial breaks. Anyone could read ten chapters a day by just taking a Bible break during commercials.
4. **STUDY SCRIPTURE:** Choose a book of the Bible or a topic to study, and stay with it until you finish it.
5. **MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE:** Memorize key verses from both the Old and New Testaments.
6. **MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE:** Once you have a few verses memorized you can meditate on them any time of the day, and wherever you are. Until then keep a pocket Bible or pocket New Testament handy. Keep a Bible and a few New Testaments in your car at all times for yourself and others. Get into the habit of giving out Bibles and pocket New Testaments.
7. **FELLOWSHIP WITH THE BRETHREN:** Become an active member of a church. Support the church with your time, talents, treasure and spiritual gifts. If you cannot find a real church meet with believers in a home.
8. **WORSHIP:** It is so important that there are more commands to worship YAHWEH than to pray, study the Bible, memorize Scripture or meditate on the Word. Every believer should spend time each day worshipping YAHWEH. We worship YAHWEH by being silent and meditating on the blessings He has given you; by thanking and praising Him by rejoicing and singing.
9. **SHARE THE GOSPEL:** Once you learn how to share the Gospel be ready to do so 24/7. Be sensitive to the leading of the HOLY SPIRIT to share the Gospel. Carry tracts with you and hand them out as you are prompted by the HOLY SPIRIT. If the person(s) wants to talk – speak with them, but if they do not want to talk ask them to read the

tract, and pray as you walk away. Keep a diary of your witnessing. When you lead someone to the Lord invite them to church and make sure they become an active member. If you are not mature enough to disciple them ask your pastor(s) to find someone to disciple them.

10. **BE DISCIPLED:** Find someone to disciple you or find a good book on discipleship such as *Make Disciples of all the Nations*.

11. **MAKE DISCIPLES:** Once you have been disciplined, start to disciple others. If you are a husband disciple your wife. If you are a father disciple your children. If you are a mother disciple your children with your husband. If you are single lead a person to the Lord and disciple him/her. Never disciple a person of the opposite sex unless you are engaged.

If one develops a discipline in these basics of holy living he will become a *disciple* of YAHSHUA. It does not happen overnight. It takes many years to become a mature *disciple*, but it starts with the daily discipline of being in prayer, in the Word and in regular fellowship with other believers.

Pray in the morning, throughout the day and before you go to sleep. Set up a daily Bible reading program. If you read 4 chapters a day you will read through the Bible in a year. Read 3 chapters in the Old Testament each day and 1 chapter in the New Testament. Buy an audio copy of the Bible, and listen to it at home and in the car. Buy DVDs of movies about the Bible and watch them often (*The Gospel of John, Peter and Paul, The Greatest Story Ever Told, King of Kings*, etc.). Memorize Scripture. If you memorize one verse a week you will have 52 verses memorized in one year. Meditate on Scripture and let the HOLY SPIRIT teach you. Learn how to share the gospel. Ask your pastor to train you, and then share your personal testimony and the gospel as the Lord leads.

Verses that every believer should have memorized are those dealing with the Gospel and evangelism:

**All have sinned** – Romans 3.23

**The wages of sin is death** – Romans 6.23

**Judgment** – Mark 8.36-37; Hebrews 9.27

**Jesus is the only way** – John 14.6; Acts 4.12; Romans 5.12

**The gift of eternal life** – John 1.12; John 3.16; Rom. 6.23

**Faith in Jesus** – Romans 10.9-10, 13; Ephesians 2.8-9

**Evangelism** - Matthew 28.19-20; Acts 1.8

Choose verses on specific topics that help you in your daily walk. Here are some examples:

**Eternal security** – John 5.24; 6.37; 10.27-29; 20.31; 1 John 5.10-13.

**Holiness/Sanctification** – Psalm 119.11; Proverbs 8.13; Romans 12.1-2; 1 Cor. 10.31; 2 Corinthians 5.17; 6.14-18; Galatians 5.13-26; Colossians 3.16; James 4.1-10; 1 Peter 1.15-17; 1 John 2.15-17.

**Love** – Matthew 5.43-48; 1 Corinthians 13.1-13.

**Blessed hope** – 1 Thess. 4.16-18; Titus 2.13; 1 John 3.2-3.

**Brotherly love** – John 13.34-35; 1 John 3.16-18

**Peace** – Philippians 4.7.

**Prayer** – Matthew 7.7; John 14.13-14; 1 John 3.22; 5.14.

**Prosperity** – Psalm 1.

**Protection** – Psalm 23.

**Spiritual warfare** – Ephesians 6.10-18.

**Strength** – Isaiah 40.29-31; Ephesians 3.16; Phil. 4.13.

**Sufficiency** – Philippians 4.19.

**Temptation** – 1 Corinthians 10.13.

**Tongue** – James 3.1-18.

As you grow in the Lord you will pray more, and listen to, read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture more and more. You will share your gospel more often, and spend more time in fellowship with other believers.

# APPENDIX D

## BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*And be not drunk with wine in which is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.* (Ephesians 5.18)

Believers in YAHSHUA Messiah are not to be intoxicated (drunk) with wine and in like manner to not get “high” with drugs (legal or illegal). Instead we are to “*be filled with the SPIRIT.*” What does it mean to “*be filled with the SPIRIT*”? Does it mean we must have a “second blessing” in which the HOLY SPIRIT empowers us to do the work of the Lord?

Scripture does not say that before we can be “*filled*” or empowered with and by the HOLY SPIRIT we must have a special “second blessing.” Instead it is a daily activity. It is something we must do when we first awake and then throughout the day.

The first thing we should do when we wake up is ask the HOLY SPIRIT to fill us and lead us that day. Prayer at the beginning of a day makes it go by much more smoothly. Prayer gets us in the proper attitude so we can let our light shine throughout the entire day. The second thing one should consider is spending time in the Word. A quiet time in the Word when one first gets up fills us with the Word. Being filled with the Word and the HOLY SPIRIT is the same thing because the words that YAHSHUA spoke are “*spirit*” and “*life*” (John 6.63). Not only are the words that He spoke “*spirit*” and “*life*” but all Scripture is:

*Every Scripture is inspired by YAHWEH, and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction and for discipline in righteousness that the man of YAHWEH may be complete, fully fitted for every good work.* (2 Timothy 3.16)

Prayer throughout the day (1 Thessalonians 5.17) is a spiritual habit that keeps our mind set on the things above and not the things of this sin-filled world (Colossians 3.2). Being filled with the Word several times throughout the day is another spiritual habit that will conform us to the image of YAHSHUA (Romans 8.29). Taking Bible breaks is vital to be continually "*filled*" with the HOLY SPIRIT. If you can take a Bible or New Testament with you when you leave home try reading a few chapters during the day. If you cannot take a Bible with you to work or when you are out you can meditate on Scripture that you have memorized. When you hide the Word of YAHWEH in your heart you always have it with you to meditate on.

By praying several times throughout the day and taking Bible breaks one can continually be "*filled*" with the HOLY SPIRIT. The more often one feeds on Scripture and prays the more he will grow. Babies would die within a few days if they were not given food. The same is true of newborn believers. If they are not given spiritual food they quickly die spiritually. The more spiritual food they receive the faster and stronger they grow. One or two twenty minute sermons each week may keep a believer alive spiritually, but that is life-support nourishment. To grow into a strong, mature and vital disciple one must feed on Scripture several times each day. All believers need to listen to, read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture daily and wash the Word down with prayer. If you do that faithfully every day YAHWEH will bless you with myriad spiritual blessings, not physical blessings.

If you want to be a disciplined and dedicated disciple of YAHSHUA you must be a spiritual glutton, feeding on the holy Word of YAHWEH throughout each day and praying always. Instead of being a glutton of physical food and pleasures of the world be a glutton of spiritual food.

# APPENDIX E

## HUMILITY

Humility is a spiritual trait that few believers in YAHSHUA Messiah have because it is impossible to obtain it through the flesh. Humility only comes when a believer surrenders his life to the Lord every day. Surrender is daily obedience to YAHWEH and dying to oneself, the flesh and the world.

One obeys YAHWEH by praying throughout the day from morning to night (1 Thessalonians 5.17); by daily reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on Scripture; by regular fellowship with the brethren (Acts 2.42, 46-47; Hebrews 3.13; 10.24-25); by continual sharing of the Gospel (Psalm 96.2; Acts 2.47; 1 Peter 3.15) and by making disciples (Matthew 28.19-20; 1 Timothy 2.15).

One dies daily to self by not doing things that feed the ego. Instead of spending time seeking to have your ego built up by the approval, attention, love, respect and honor from others, and seeking fame, glory and riches we need to seek how we can build others up by giving approval to their good deeds, and by giving them attention, love, respect and honor (Philippians 2.1-9). The road to humility is travelled by building others up in the faith, not demanding others build us up in the faith or build up our egos.

A believer also dies to the flesh daily by not engaging in things that the sinful flesh desires and which are sins. Two of the most prevalent sins of the flesh are gluttony and intoxication (by alcohol or drugs). Excessive indulgence in some other activities of the flesh, that most believers should consider reducing, are: sex (with spouse), partying, sports, hobbies, vacationing and chit-chatting. The goal of a believer who seeks to die to himself is to spend more time in spiritual activities than activities of the flesh which are not necessary for survival. Everyone must eat to live, but gluttony is a sin. Everyone needs to engage in bodily exercise, but too many believers spend more time

exercising than they do praying and reading the Bible. The same is true of partying, sports, hobbies and chit-chatting for too many believers. These things are not sins, but excessive indulgence in them is. Only wealthy believers vacation too much, and that is something they need to cut back on. If they cannot cut back on vacations they can invite a poor brother, sister or couple in the Lord to go with them and pay their expenses. That way they can spend time on vacation in the Word, prayer and soul-winning with strong brothers or sisters in the Lord.

A believer dies to the world by reducing his involvement in worldly activities or by cutting them out altogether. Some other worldly activities that most believers spend far too much time in are: television, movies, music, Internet, politics, non-spiritual books and magazines, and seeking after wealth and possessions. Every believer who desires to die to himself and live a holy life for the glory of YAHWEH will spend more time each day in prayer, Scripture, fellowship and soul-winning than in activities of the world.

We know we are growing in the Lord and dying to ourselves, the flesh and the world when our self love, our love of the flesh and our love of the world diminishes as it should:

*Love not the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone should love the world, the love of the Father is not in him; because all that is in the world – the desire of the flesh, and the desire of the eyes and boastful pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away and the desires of it, but he that does the will of YAHWEH abides forever. (1 John 2.15-17)*

The more these sinful desires diminish the more humble one will be. Pride is the opposite of humility. Pride is the root of every sin. There is no sin a person can commit that does not spring from pride. That is why the key to holy living is humility which replaces pride, and when pride is vanquished so is sin. No one can ever eliminate all traces of pride and sin, but it should be the goal of every true believer.

Humility is a spiritual trait that every believer should not only desire, but actively seek after. YAHWEH does not use His children to bring Him glory until they are humble. A believer who humbles himself before YAHWEH will be looked upon by YAHWEH with grace (Isaiah 66.2; Proverbs 3.34; James 4.6) and He will have regard for him (Psalm 138.6). When we humble ourselves before YAHWEH and those around us He will exalt us (James 4.10). We must never forget that all believers are commanded to “*humble*” themselves before

YAHWEH (1 Peter 5.6), “*walk humbly with*” YAHWEH (Micah 6.8), be “*humble in spirit*” (1 Peter 3.8), clothe themselves “*with humility*” (1 Peter 5.5) and to not be proud (Romans 12.16).

Humility is always better than pride (Proverbs 16.19) and it is the only way to obtain true riches, honor and life (Proverbs 22.4). Pride will bring a person down while humility will bring him honor (Proverbs 11.2; 16.18; 29.23). We must also remember that there are numerous warnings against pride (Psalm 10.2; 40.4; 73.6; 119.78; Proverbs 3.7; 26.12; 28.25; Isaiah 5.21; 13.11; John 9.41; Revelation 3.17). Pride is a sin (Proverbs 21.4), one of the seven things that YAHWEH hates and that is an abomination to Him (Proverbs 6.17; 8.13).

Humility is one of the most difficult traits for anyone to obtain. No one can be humble in his own power. We must rely on the power of the HOLY SPIRIT to impart humility to us. Yet there are specific things we must do on a daily and regular basis before He will give us humility. The daily things we should do as noted previously are pray, read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture. The things one should do on a regular basis are fellowship with the brethren and share the Gospel with the lost as the HOLY SPIRIT leads. These are the basics, but there are many other things a dedicated believer should do on a daily basis:

Seek first the kingdom of YAHWEH (Matthew 6.33)

Put on the armor of YAHWEH (Ephesians 6.10-18)

Fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6.12)

Transform your mind (Romans 12.2)

Take up your cross (Matthew 10.38-39; 16.24-26)

Deny yourself (Romans 12.1)

Be content in your circumstances (Phil. 4.3; 1 Timothy 6.6-8; Hebrews 13.5)

Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5.18)

Continually offer praise to YAHWEH (Hebrews 13.15)

Forsake the world and all that is in it (Rom. 12.2; Galatians 6.14; 1 Peter 1.14; 1 John 2.15-17)

Flee from seeking after riches (1 Timothy 6.9-11)

Submit to others (Ephesians 5.21)

Obey your spiritual leaders (Hebrews 13.17)

Love the brethren (John 13.34-35; James 2.15-16; 1 John 3.16-18)

Love the lost and one's enemies (Prov. 25.21; Matthew 5.43-48)

Be rich in good works (1 Timothy 6.18; Galatians 6.10; Ephesians 2.10; 2 Timothy 3.17; Hebrews 13.16)

Do not grow weary in doing good works (2 Thessalonians 3. 13)

Give to those in need (Leviticus 25.35; Deuteronomy 15.7; Proverbs 11.24-25; 19.17; 21.13; 22.9; 28.27; Ecclesiastes 11.1; Isaiah 58.7; Matthew 5.42; Luke 6.38; 12.33; Acts 11.29; Romans 12.13; Hebrews 13.1-2; James 1.27; 1 Peter 4.9)

Lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity (1 Timothy 2.1).

As we do these things day-by-day we will grow more humble and be used by YAHWEH for His glory (1 Corinthians 10.31) more each day. Others will see the Lord working through us and may be encouraged to follow our example. Pastors must set an example for the flock (1 Peter 5.3) by engaging in the spiritual activities above and they should also encourage others to do the same. They and all believers should be the servant of all (Matthew 20.26-27; Mark 9.35; Luke 22.26).



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