

## Proverbs

### #9- Words of Truth

Proverbs 22- Proverbs 24

#### Memory Verse

**Proverbs 22:20-21, NKJV** “Have I not written to you excellent things of counsels and knowledge, that I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, that you may answer words of truth to those who send to you?”.

#### The Knowledge of Truth

**Proverbs 23:23 (NKJV)** Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.

**John 8:32** *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

**John 14:6 (NKJV)** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**\*John 1:14 (NKJV)** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 18:37 (NKJV)** Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

**Proverbs 22:1 (NKJV)** A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

**Proverbs 10:7 (NKJV)** The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot.

**Ecclesiastes 7:1 (NKJV)** A good name is better than precious ointment, And the day of death than the day of one’s birth;

**Proverbs 22:3 (NKJV)** A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished. Repeated in Proverbs 27:12

**Proverbs 22:8 (NKJV)** He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow, And the rod of his anger will fail.

**Job 4:8 (NKJV)** Even as I have seen, Those who plow iniquity And sow trouble reap the same.

**Galatians 6:7–8 (NKJV)** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

**Proverbs 22:17–18 (KJV 1900)** Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, And apply thine heart unto my knowledge. For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; They shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

#### Robbing the Poor

**Proverbs 22:22–23** Rob not the poor, because he is poor, For the LORD will plead their cause, And spoil the soul of those that spoiled them. **Corrupt immigration attorneys.**

**\*Proverbs 23:10–11 (NKJV)** Do not remove the ancient landmark, Nor enter the fields of the fatherless; For their Redeemer is mighty; He will plead their cause against you.

**Ecclesiastes 5:8 (NKJV)** If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them.

**Exodus 23:6 (NKJV)** “You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his dispute.

**Zechariah 7:10 (NKJV)** Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor.

**Job 31:16–22 (NKJV)** “If I have kept the poor from their desire, Or caused the eyes of the widow to fail,<sup>7</sup> Or eaten my morsel by myself, So that the fatherless could not eat of it<sup>18</sup> (But from my youth I reared him as a father, And from my mother’s womb I guided the widow);<sup>19</sup> If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing, Or any poor man without covering;<sup>20</sup> If his heart has not blessed me, And if he was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;<sup>21</sup> If I have raised my hand against the fatherless, When I saw I had help in the gate;<sup>22</sup> Then let my arm fall from my shoulder, Let my arm be torn from the socket.

#### Being Jealous of the Wicked

**Proverbs 23:17 (NKJV)** Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the LORD all the day;

**Psalm 37:1–2 (NKJV)** Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

**Psalm 37:7–11 (NKJV)** Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only causes harm. For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more. But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

**\*Proverbs 24:1–2 (NKJV)** *Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them; For their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking.*

**Proverbs 24:19–20 (NKJV)** *Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the wicked; For there will be no prospect for the evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be put out.*

Have you ever struggled with envy over someone's success? What's the best remedy for this spiritually deadly problem?

**Ephesians 5:20 (NKJV)** *giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

### What We Put in Our Mouths

**Genesis 3:3 (NKJV)** *but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'* ”

**Proverbs 23:1–3 (NKJV)** *When you sit down to eat with a ruler, Consider carefully what is before you; And put a knife to your throat If you are a man given to appetite. Do not desire his delicacies, For they are deceptive food.*

**Proverbs 23:6–8 (NKJV)** *Do not eat the bread of a miser, Nor desire his delicacies; For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you. The morsel you have eaten, you will vomit up, And waste your pleasant words.*

**Genesis 9:20–21 (NKJV)** *And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.*

**\*Habakkuk 2:15 (NKJV)** *"Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor, Pressing him to your bottle, Even to make him drunk, That you may look on his nakedness!*

**Proverbs 23:29–35 (NKJV)** *Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"*

**Isaiah 5:11 (NKJV)** *Woe to those who rise early in the morning, That they may follow intoxicating drink; Who continue until night, till wine inflames them!*

### Our Responsibilities

**Proverbs 24:11–12 (NKJV)** *Deliver those who are drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Surely we did not know this," Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?*

**Proverbs 23:23–28 (NKJV)** *Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise child will delight in him. Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her who bore you rejoice. My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways. For a harlot is a deep pit, And a seductress is a narrow well. She also lies in wait as for a victim, And increases the unfaithful among men.*

"Souls around us must be aroused and saved, or they perish. Not a moment have we to lose. We all have an influence that tells for the truth or against it. I desire to carry with me unmistakable evidences that I am one of Christ's disciples. We want something besides Sabbath religion. We need the living principle, and to daily feel individual responsibility. This is shunned by many, and the fruit is carelessness, indifference, a lack of watchfulness and spirituality." — Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 99.

Talk faith, live faith, cultivate love to God; evidence to the world all that Jesus is to you. Magnify His holy name. Tell of His goodness; talk of His mercy, and tell of His power. — Ellen G. White, *Our High Calling*, p. 20.