

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 07 June 2020.....Proverbs 01.....Chartered Waters
- 2) 14 June.....Proverbs 03:1-18.....Direction Offered
- 3) 21 June.....Proverbs 03:19-35.....Compassion Demonstrated
- 4) 28 June.....Proverbs 04.....The Choice
- 5) 05 July.....Proverbs 05.....Following God's Design
- 6) 12 July.....Proverbs 08-09.....Pursuing Wisdom
- 7) 19 July.....Proverbs 14.....Living Wisely
- 8) 26 July.....Proverbs 15-16.....Pleasing God
- 9) 02 August.....Proverbs 23.....Staying Sober
- 10) 09 August.....Proverbs 29.....Accepting Discipline**
- 11) 16 August.....Proverbs 31.....Finding Honor
- 12) 23 August.....Song of Songs 1-5.....Relational Foundations
- 13) 30 August.....Song of Songs 5-8.....Relational Investment

INTRODUCTION

- Proverbs 29 depicts comparisons between the godly and the ungodly in various life situations. We will focus on the political, parental, and temperamental principles and issues addressed in this chapter

Proverbs 29 – Key Principles to Live By	
vs	Political Principles and Issues
2	When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules, people groan.
4	The king builds up the the land by justice, but a man who takes bribes overthrows it.
7	The righteous is concerned for the rights of the poor, the wicked does not understand such concern.
8	Scorners set a city aflame, but wise men turn away anger.
10	Men of bloodshed hate the blameless, but the upright are concerned for his life.
12	If a ruler prefers falsehood, all his ministers will become wicked
14	If a king judges the poor with truth, his throne will be established.
16	When the wicked increase, transgression increases; but the righteous will see their fall.
18	Where there is no vision (i.e., no truth), people are unrestrained (i.e., they run wild), but happy is he who keeps the law.
26	Many seek the ruler's favor, but justice comes from the LORD.
Purpose of a Good Government – According to Proverbs 29:	
1. Provide good infrastructure.....29:4	
2. Protect the weak (but not care for the weak)29:7, 10, 14	
3. Promote commerce through fair play.....29:18	
4. Remove the wicked from society29:4, 16	
5. Rely on God.....29:26	
• Remember, laws were made, not for the righteous, but for the wicked1Tim 1:9	
• BUT, what "Laws" do they mean? <input type="checkbox"/> God's Laws? <input type="checkbox"/> Man's Laws? <input type="checkbox"/> Both Laws? ♦ Does this mean we need to keep the speed limit? ♦ Consider this – If Christians don't keep the good laws of the land, how can we expect anyone else to do so? ♦ And if we are not "salty" believers (i.e., the preservers of society's morals) who will be?	
A Word on Politics	
• God can work with a nation that is a democracy, a theocracy, a republic, a dictatorship, a monarchy, a socialist regime, a despotic regime, or anything short of anarchy	
• So, in our democratic nation, how should Christians vote when the best of all candidates is Pokémon?	
• Do we vote the lesser of the two evils, or the issues, or whoever promises to put the most money in our pockets, or not vote at all?	
• Definitely KNOW THE KEY ISSUES we are accountable for: 1. Which candidates or party are anti-God? 2. Which candidates or party are anti-marriage? 3. Which candidates or party are anti-life (i.e., abortions are OK)?	
• The worst scenario is not voting at all So, Please Vote! ♦ Recall what God does to "lukewarm" people. He spits them out. ♦ He prefers us to be in or out, right or wrong, but not apathetic or unresponsive. That's worse than being wrong.....Rev 3:16	

vs	Parental Principles and Issues
3	A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but he who keeps company with harlots wastes [his] wealth.
15	The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.
17	Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; he will also delight your soul.
21	He who pampers his slave from childhood will in the end find him to be a son.

How do you know if you have succeeded as a Parent?

- Recall **Prov 23:15, 16, 24** (and **29:3**): A parent is joyous when their children make wise decisions in life. Examples:
 1. They avoid addictions and corrupt friends,
 2. They marry a godly spouse and they stay married
 3. They are faithful to their spouse and to their God
- And also recall **Prov 27:11**: If a parent comes under criticism, all they have to do is point to their wise children to rebuff their critics.

vs	Temperamental Principles and Issues
9	When a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man, the foolish man either rages or laughs, and there is no rest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOW, it is a no-win situation to debate or wrestle with a fool • Remember, if you wrestle with a pig, you both get muddy, and the pig likes it Prov 9:7
11	A fool always loses his temper, but a wise man holds it back.
20	Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
22	An angry man stirs up strife, and a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.

Are There Any Good Reasons To Be Angry?

- Consider the following: The God-given emotion of anger is so intense it was meant for short term usage. Long term anger is not biblical, and it can cause bitterness, wrath, and even health problems.
 - ♦ Anger should alert us to something dreadfully wrong and for us to take biblical action to fix it quickly
 - ♦ A person who is frequently angry to manipulate others is nothing short of a FOOL. If you rescue or make an excuse for them once, you have to do it again and again.....**Prov 19:19**

Was Jesus Ever Angry? Oh Yeah!

- Consider the following:
 - ♦ **Mark 3:5**. Jesus looked at them with anger – so He healed a man
 - ♦ **Mat 21:12-14; John 2:15**. He cleansed the temple (with a whip) – and He then healed the blind and the lame who came to Him
- Do a study on God's anger, and see how God uses His wrath to correct bad situations

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- God wants us enthusiastically in the game of life. To be apathetic, unresponsive, or "lukewarm" is not an option for us believers.
 - ♦ So, let's take our faith seriously.

NEXT WEEK: Proverbs 31. To be a Super-Mom, a Super-Wife, a Super-Woman begins with one's devotion to God.

