Proverbs - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 3, Wisdom

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MAY 28

Blessed is the man that heareth Me, watching daily at My gates.

Proverbs 8:34

To obtain and use the wisdom given by God is of immense value. There is great blessing in a believer's life when the path of godly wisdom is followed. Daily dependence and asking for wisdom is needed if we are to make sound decisions (and in today's world we need to make sound decisions). Don't start your day without first asking the Lord for the wisdom that you will need to meet and respond to every situation.

CareLines: Volume 2, Delight

<PRO 8:31>

My delights were with the sons of men.

Prov. 8:31

In Genesis 2:8 we read, "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man." Eden means "pleasure or delight", and so we see right from the beginning that God's delights were with men and He wanted to have fellowship with the man whom He had created. Because of sin this fellowship was destroyed, but now by God's grace that relationship has been restored for those who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. Can you look up and say to Him now, "I delight to do Thy will"?

CareLines: Volume 2, Wisdom: PRO 8:17

PRO 8:17

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

Prov. 8:17

This verse is talking about wisdom. It can be used about the Lord, too. But the principle is wisdom. It is so important to make wise choices. The Lord will give you wisdom if you ask Him for it. The younger you start the quicker you'll grow up. Satan is attacking from every angle. We need wisdom to know how to resist him.

CareLines: Volume 3, Scriptures, The

JUNE 27

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

Proverbs 6:20

Obedience to parents is regarded as absolutely necessary - as long as their directions don't contradict Scripture. There is responsibility toward God on both sides.

- The parent(s) must guide the children in the fear of the Lord.

- The child must obey - as before God.

Sometimes you may not understand why you have to do what you're told to do. But if you obey as unto the Lord you will have the Lord's blessing in your life.

CareLines: Volume 3, Message for Guys, A

JUNE 24

The commandment is a lamp . . . to keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

Proverbs 6:23,24

Verse 25 goes on: “Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.” A worldly woman, perfumed, attractively made up, dressed in beautiful clothes, is still just that - a worldly woman, with a worldly heart, bent on worldly ways. BE CAREFUL! The outside is a cover for a wicked heart. Keep close to the Lord and His Word or you will be led astray.

CareLines: Volume 2, Trouble Maker

PRO 6:16-19

These . . . doth the Lord hate . . . he that soweth discord among brethren.

Prov. 6:16,19

c Gossip! c Malicious gossip!

c Back biting! c Talking evil of others!

These are all things that can “sow discord” or stir up trouble among your Christian circle of fellowship. If you have the tendency to start the gossip or if you have a bad habit of passing information on to others, ask the Lord to especially help you overcome. You are really speaking and working against the Lord.

CareLines: Volume 2, Mischief

PRO 6:16-18

These . . . doth the Lord hate . . . feet that be swift in running to mischief.

Prov. 6:16, 18

In yesterday’s portion of this verse, and again today, we have those who basically are not Christians. However, it is easy for a Christian to get into these situations by the company they keep. Yes, it’s hard to say “NO!” when you’ve been involved with a group of kids from the beginning. Ask the Lord to help you to be strong, and to leave worldly associations and attach yourself to a Christian group.

CareLines: Volume 2, Wickedness

PRO 6:16-18

These . . . doth the Lord hate . . . a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations.

Prov. 6:16, 18

The world of pornography is dominated and controlled by organized crime. They spend their time devising wickedness - and then make millions of dollars a year selling it. As a Christian be careful to maintain good works, to show kindness to others, and to HATE wickedness. Keep away from anything that would corrupt your heart and mind, so that YOUR heart thinks God’s thoughts.

CareLines: Volume 2, Lying: 2

PRO 6:16-19

These . . . doth the Lord hate . . . a false witness that speaketh lies.

Prov. 6:16, 19

Lying! How easy it is to do it. And basically it’s done to cover up, or because the liar is afraid to take any blame for a problem that he caused. As a Christian, never be afraid to take the rap. A little lie will always lead to a big one if the habit is not broken early. And a big lie will always lead to trouble. Watch your tongue. Always tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

CareLines: Volume 2, Pride: 2

PRO 6:16-17

These . . . doth the Lord hate . . . a proud look.

Pro. 6:16, 17

Uh, oh. Problem! How many times have you had a proud air about you? How many times have you thought that you're better than others - and let the feeling show? God hates pride. And all humans have one thing in common. No matter what race, color, or gender they are, there's one thing they all have. That's PRIDE. With Jesus in your heart you can keep that under control. In fact, you have the ability through the Spirit to keep it dead! Christianity promotes humility. Make sure that if you have a pride problem, you treat it with a high dose of humility and keep it out of your life.

CareLines: Volume 2, Lying

PRO 6:16-17

These . . . things doth the Lord hate . . . a lying tongue.

Pro. 6:16, 17

One of the things that the Lord hates is lying. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossian assembly that the saints should not lie. Why would this warning be necessary? Because one of the first sins that you commit is to lie - to get yourself out of trouble. And it's a sin that is very easy to commit. "Did you do this?" "No!" But, in fact, you did. The Lord expects us to be scrupulously honest in everything. This includes not living a lie and pretending to be something or somebody that you aren't. A Christian should be "readable" to others, someone who is always truthful.

CareLines: Volume 2, Ponder

PRO 4:26

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Prov. 4:26

Consider your path before you walk it! If you blunder blindly on with no thought as to what the end of the path might be - you could be headed for major trouble. Always take your decisions to the Lord Jesus. Let Him know what you are planning on doing. It's not that He doesn't know, but make Him a part of your plans and share them with Him. Then let Him open and/or close doors as He sees fit. I guess another way to say the first part of our verse is "don't make rash decisions."

CareLines: Volume 2, Keep It!

PRO 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Prov. 4:23

In John 17:12 the Lord Jesus says to His Father, "Those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost." The Lord Jesus Christ has kept and will continue to keep us until we are at home with Him in the glory. Now our responsibility is to keep our hearts and our affections for Him so that our lives can be lived for His honor and glory.

CareLines: Volume 2, Safety: 2

PRO 3:21-23

My son . . . keep sound wisdom and discretion. . . . Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

Pro. 3:21, 23

Be discerning! Use wisdom in your decisions. Think and pray before you act. If you follow this then you can live your Christian life with confidence. Those that make rash decisions nearly always wish they had not done so. Wisdom and discretion (or judgment and discernment) are very important.

CareLines: Volume 7, Good

Who can find a virtuous woman? . . . She will do [her husband] good and not evil all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:10-12

Do you see why a virtuous woman's value is "far above rubies"? You can't measure the wonderfulness of a wife who thinks of doing nothing but good for her husband all her life. Girls, if you want to be a good wife someday, and if you want a happy marriage, study and follow the teachings of Solomon in Proverbs 31:10-31. You'll never regret it.

CareLines: Volume 7, Trust

Who can find a virtuous woman? . . . The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her.

Proverbs 31:10-11

Absolute trust and confidence between husband and wife makes for a happy, stable marriage. A virtuous teenager who keeps herself will become a virtuous wife who can be totally trusted by her husband. The verse continues, "He shall have no need of spoil." In other words, the husband will never doubt his wife's integrity and knows that she will always be there for him.

CareLines: Volume 7, Virtue

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31:10

In today's society of low moral standards, it is so refreshing to find women who are virtuous, who have not lowered their life-style to the world's level, and who are committed to living for God. Solomon says that this kind of woman has great value. Young sister, keep yourself pure. Don't do anything or allow anyone to do anything to you that will ruin your purity. There are guys out there who are looking for a virtuous woman to be their wife.

CareLines: Volume 3, Kindness

DECEMBER 18

In her tongue is the law of kindness.

Proverbs 31:26

Love . . . is kind.

1 Corinthians 13:4

Kindness is a characteristic of God which comes with the Christian new life. The woman in Proverbs 31 spoke kind words. She was known for her kind speech. The Christian who has the nature of God has kindness in his heart. Let it show.

CareLines: Volume 2, Girls Only!

PRO 31:30

Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Pro. 31:30

Beauty is only skin deep, girls. Decent guys are looking for a beautiful character - not necessarily a beautiful face. A woman who fears (or respects) the Lord above all else is one who can be trusted and respected. If you want the guys to respect you then seek to follow God's ways. If you paint yourself up to look just like the world, a guy who wants a godly wife won't bother with you.

CareLines: Volume 2, Contentment: 2

PRO 30:8

Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me.

Prov. 30:8

This is a hard prayer to pray. But it's a good one. To be content with what the Lord has given will save so much frustration and trouble. Spiritual growth (that's the result of eating convenient food) is so much more important than worldly wealth. All the things in this world are going to be burned up. Only what's done for Jesus will escape the fire. Reading this calendar will give you a small spiritual vitamin pill each day. But we can't get too much of the Scriptures. Don't forget to read a portion daily.

CareLines: Volume 2, Confession

PRO 30:32

If thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

Prov. 30:32

We all have wrong thoughts at times. Sometimes a lot. And we often have evil thoughts. The advice here in our verse today is good. You had an evil thought? Hold it in. Don't let it slip out of your mouth. God doesn't want you to contaminate anyone else. And, too, you don't want Satan to know what you're thinking. He can hear words but not thoughts. May the Lord help you to control your thoughts so that they are pleasing to Him. But when you do err - keep your mouth closed!

CareLines: Volume 7, Wisdom

He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

Proverbs 28:26

We should never trust our own heart. The Scripture says that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. We can easily persuade ourselves that something is right when, in the light of Scripture, it is absolutely wrong. So our decisions must be based on the Word of God, asking Him for wisdom so that we can make the right choice. A decision made in the fear of God and with the guidance of His Word will be the right one. One made based on only our feelings could be disastrous.

CareLines: Volume 7, Betrayed

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Proverbs 27:6

Judas Iscariot was a disciple of the Lord, and yet he was not really a true friend. His kiss of pretended friendship was but a signal to the soldiers to take this man captive - He was the One that the Jews wanted to get rid of. Judas's sign of friendship was the signal for capture. And the suffering and death born by Jesus on the cross after His arrest only attest to the fact of His great faithfulness. He is the true Friend. Judas was an enemy who betrayed innocent blood for a few pieces of silver.

CareLines: Volume 2, Reality

PRO 27:6

MAR 14:45

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Prov. 27:6

[Judas] goeth straightway to Him . . . and kissed Him.

Mark 14:45

Here we have the true, faithful friend (Jesus) and the deceitful enemy (Judas Iscariot). Judas kissed Jesus in greeting as an outward sign of friendship. But his heart was empty and cold. He was a deceiver. Be genuine, young person. God wants reality.

CareLines: Volume 2, Laziness

PRO 26:14

As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

Prov. 26:14

A very apt description of the lazy person. Proverbs has many verses about laziness. Here are a few: The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing. (Prov. 20:4.)

The slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again. (Prov. 19:24 and 26:15.)

An idle soul shall suffer hunger. (Prov. 19:15.)

Read Proverbs 24 verses 30 through 34.

Don’t be lazy!

CareLines: Volume 2, Flattery

PRO 26:28

A flattering mouth worketh ruin.

Prov. 26:28

Flattery is defined as “To compliment unduly, or over praise.” To praise someone when praise is due is right. But to praise someone for something they’ve done improperly or for some “talent” that they don’t really have is, to say the least, unkind. In the long term it is to court disaster. Foolishness and unwise actions should be reproved, not praised. Be careful not to flatter.

CareLines: Volume 2, Gossip

PRO 26:20

Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

Prov. 26:20

Interesting little comparison, isn’t it? How much damage is done by telling tales, by passing on “juicy” bits of gossip. And you know something? Many times what you hear through the grapevine is not true anyway. There are some who love to make trouble. Let’s change the cliché “The buck stops here” to “The gossip stops here.” Never pass on anything about anyone - unless it’s good.

CareLines: Volume 7, Revenge

Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth.

Proverbs 24:17

Sometimes we can get so mad at someone that we either wish something bad would happen to them or we are glad when it does, and we say, “It serves them right.” But this is not God’s way. We should feel sorry for them instead. When the soldiers had nailed Jesus to the cross and mocked and jeered, Jesus said, “Father, forgive them.” Revenge is not ours to give - that belongs to God. So we need to be compassionate to all around, including those who have wronged us.

CareLines: Volume 7, Counsel

In multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 24:6

Not sure what to do? Ask for, and then weigh before the Lord, the advice of others. Sometimes our way is not clear. Sometimes we may not have enough Scripture knowledge to make a right decision. Always be before the Lord in prayer and don’t be afraid to ask for counsel from those whom you respect and in whom you have confidence.

CareLines: Volume 2, Counsel

PRO 24:6

For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counselors there is safety.

Prov. 24:6

Never be afraid to ask more than one person for their advice or opinion. And then weigh what you’ve been told before the Lord and be led by Him in the decision you have to make. You won’t be making a decision about war probably, but you do need wisdom and wise counsel about many of the decisions that you will face in your youth. College, wife/husband, house, where to live, etc. If you’re unsure ask for counsel, pray about it, and then make your choice.

CareLines: Volume 2, Submission

PRO 23:26

My son, give Me thine heart.

Pro. 23:26

The Lord desires, more than anything else, that you give Him your heart. The problem is we often only give Him part of it. The rest we keep for ourselves or something else. Jesus wants our heart so that He can fill it - with His love, with His peace, with His joy. A really happy Christian is one who has given his whole heart to the Lord Jesus. A heart that is given to Christ is a full and happy heart - and so is the person it belongs to.

CareLines: Volume 7, Borrowing Money

HEB 13:5

The borrower is servant to the lender.

Proverbs 22:7

Be content with such things as ye have.

Hebrews 13:5

This is the “gotta have it now” generation that even when it does get it, still it is not satisfied. Many young people have been seduced into believing that borrowing money and using credit cards is the only way to acquire the necessities and luxuries of life. Countless thousands have learned, to their sorrow and hardship, that this is a lie. Those that spend their lives borrowing, spend their lives sorrowing. The happiest people on earth are not those that have the most, but those who enjoy the least.

CareLines: Volume 7, Working

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings.

Proverbs 22:29

I have tried for many months to encourage a young man to find some work. He has not been diligent in looking for work, let alone getting work and doing it right. And now he has been taken to jail for a variety of crimes and must stand before a judge. How much better to stand before the Lord and have Him say, “Well done.” God made man to work, not to want and to waste. If a task is once begun, never leave it till it’s done. Be that labor great or small, do it well, or not at all.

CareLines: Volume 2, Strength

PRO 18:10

The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Prov. 18:10

Years ago a large church was being constructed in Madrid, Spain. One day the king was inspecting the building and told the architect that he felt the main archway was too flat, and might collapse. The architect insisted that the arch was safe, but under the king’s orders a pillar was built to reinforce the arch. Unknown to the king, the pillar stopped exactly one inch short of the arch. Even today this arch still stands, with the pillar stopping one inch below it! You don’t have to doubt God’s strength.

CareLines: Volume 2, Talebearing

PRO 18:8

The words of a talebearer are as wounds.

Prov. 18:8

It is extremely easy to hurt someone by spreading malicious gossip. Don’t be a talebearer. It can’t be emphasized enough -DON’T TELL TALES!!! Even though they may be true. Wow, it’s hard, isn’t it? But think of it this way: Do you like people saying unkind, maybe even untrue things about you to others? NO! Then don’t you do it either.

CareLines: Volume 2, Happiness: 3

PRO 17:22

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Prov. 17:22

It’s really surprising how a happy person’s happiness rubs off on others. Life is hard. For many life is cruel with no laughter or joy. What a witness it is for the Lord when His own are happy, when their happiness overflows to those around. This is one medication that doesn’t cost anything to make or to get. Let the enjoyment of the Lord in your life show on the outside - by being happy. Be a nurse today and give out some doses of happy medicine.

CareLines: Volume 3, Guidance

AUGUST 13

A man’s heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

Proverbs 16:9

This is a good verse to keep in mind when you are planning your schooling, your career, your marriage. God expects you to use the brain He has given you. He expects you to plan ahead a certain amount. Yes, even dream of what you want to be when you grow up. But, let the Lord guide you through the doors that He opens up. Don’t leave the Lord out of your plans. Everything should be done “if the Lord will.” Study the Scriptures. They make plain what God can approve of and what He can’t.

CareLines: Volume 3, Wisdom

AUGUST 8

How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Proverbs 16:16

These two statements were written by a man who was both rich and wise. Solomon had asked God for the wisdom to govern his country properly. God granted his request and also gave him much wealth. And Solomon felt that wisdom was much more important than gold or silver. There’s only one source for this wisdom and that’s God Himself. If you are His child, you can ask for it and He’ll give it.

CareLines: Volume 2, Wisdom: PRO 16:16

PRO 16:16

How much better is it to get wisdom than gold!

Prov. 16:16

Our verse seems to contradict the general consensus in the world which thinks gold is much more important and has higher value than anything else. If you look on the precious metal commodity list you’ll find gold at the top. By contrast you’ll never find wisdom being traded on the stock market. That’s because it’s not purchasable. You can only get it from one place and not everyone has access to the source. Wouldn’t you like some shares in wisdom? They’re free - and they reap dividends. Call today. You can have some.

P.S. It’s a toll free number, too, 24 hours a day!

CareLines: Volume 2, Speech: PRO 16:24

PRO 16:24

Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Prov. 16:24

The shepherds on the hillside near Bethlehem heard some very pleasant words - words that gave them joy and a new purpose in life. Their Messiah was here! So we too can speak pleasant words to each other. Words of encouragement. Words of comfort. These kinds of words will revive the flagging spirit of those who are in trouble and let them know that you care. Pleasant words. Speak them today.

CareLines: Volume 2, Wisdom: PRO 16:20

PRO 16:20

He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good.

Prov. 16:20

We pray sometimes that the Lord will give wisdom to our leaders so that they will make correct decisions. But how about us? We need wisdom too. As a young person you will be making some pretty major decisions: which subject to specialize in, whether to go to college, what career to pursue, who to marry, where to live. These are decisions that will affect your whole life. You can go to the source of all wisdom, the Lord Jesus, and seek His guidance in these things. Then you will find good. No regrets. But it takes wisdom, the wisdom found in the Word of God.

CareLines: Volume 3, Cheer

AUGUST 7

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.

Proverbs 15:13

A person who is happy on the inside cannot help but show it. Conversely, a grouch has a miserable look on his or her face. A little song that the children sometimes sing says: “If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands.” A happy Christian will indeed know it and it will be evident - by a contented, happy face.

CareLines: Volume 3, Contentment

AUGUST 6

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Proverbs 15:17

Said another way this means, It is better to eat salad and have a loving home, than to eat prime rib and have a home of hatred and unhappiness. It is better to be poor with the Lord, than rich without Him. There are many who eat well and have everything that money can buy but are miserable on the inside. Thankfully, there are many who are happy and enjoying the Lord but have none of the luxuries that many of us have. Theirs is a rich life indeed.

CareLines: Volume 3, Contentment

AUGUST 5

Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith.

Proverbs 15:16

Here’s a simple couplet that makes a lot of sense. Why is the first part so much better than the second? Which would you rather have: peace and a happy heart, or trouble, trouble, trouble? I think we would all pick the first. And we can have it if we make the Lord our primary object.

CareLines: Volume 2, Happiness: 2

PRO 15:13

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.

Prov. 15:13

A person who is happy inside has a happy face too. And who could be happier than a Christian? Just think - your sins are gone, you have a home in heaven, and you have a Savior who cares for you and wants to bless you. That will produce a happy heart. Does this mean no troubles? No, of course not! But with Jesus in your heart and a deep-rooted happiness inside you, you have what it takes to overcome in the trouble. As the song says, “Don’t worry! Be happy!”

CareLines: Volume 2, Happiness: 1

PRO 15:15

He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

Prov. 15:15

It makes you happy to be around a happy person. Not one who's a clown and has to be making jokes all the time - but just a happy person. (You don't have to make any noise, but you can still be happy.) A happy person is usually contented, and his happiness and contentment will rub off on others. A happy person will be one that's at peace, too. I know a young man who is miserable - all the time. Nothing makes him happy. And guess what? He's always alone! No one wants to be with him. As Christians we should be happy. Let it show!

CareLines: Volume 2, Contentment: 3

PRO 15:16

Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith.

Prov. 15:16

Howard Hughes, one of the world's richest men, spent his last years in total paranoia and misery. He was scared to death that someone would try to poison his food to kill him. He was petrified of getting germs and so becoming ill. He lived in fear all the time. How much better it is to love the Lord, enjoy Him and the prospect of heaven, and be content with whatever He has given us, no matter how small it may be. Don't be like Howard Hughes.

CareLines: Volume 2, Emptiness

PRO 14:13

Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.

Prov. 14:13

Does this verse describe your life? I hope not! But if it does there is good news for you. The empty joy that comes through alcohol, drugs, immorality, or partying all the time can be EXCHANGED for real, genuine joy - by knowing Jesus and trusting Him as your Savior. He is the healer of broken hearts and lives. Acts 16:31 says to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" and you will be saved.

CareLines: Volume 2, Poor, The

PRO 14:31

He that oppresseth the poor -reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoreth Him hath mercy on the poor.

Prov. 14:31

Here are two attitudes that we can have towards the poor. We can oppress (or despise) them, or we can show mercy and compassion. Showing mercy is automatic if we honor the Lord. That's because we have His nature as Christians, and He showed mercy on the poor. Let's be careful to reflect God's love in our dealings with those that have little of this world's goods. A kind word means a lot. Honor the poor. Christ died for them too.

CareLines: Volume 2, Envy

PRO 14:30

A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

Pro. 14:30

Jealousy or envy can be caused by many different circumstances. Maybe someone not as good as you made the ball team and you didn't. The other secretary got the promotion instead of you. It eats away inside your heart and causes bitter thoughts and unkind actions and words. If you take everything as from the Lord there won't be any room for envy. Accept whatever happens as God's will for you and you will have peace and contentment. Envy is indeed the rottenness of the bones.

CareLines: Volume 2, God's Word

PRO 13:13

Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

Prov. 13:13

How do we despise the Word? Ignore it, forget its warnings, or reject it altogether. The New Testament has a verse that says, “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” (Hebrews 2:3.) Just simply neglecting the Word because you’re too busy is to despise the Word. The result? Your destruction. Conversely, to accept the Scripture and heed its warnings, to believe it and accept Jesus as the only way of salvation will give great reward - eternal life. That’s the greatest reward that anyone could ask for. Do you believe?

CareLines: Volume 2, Pride: 1

PRO 13:10

Only by pride cometh contention.

Prov. 13:10

It says in another Proverb that God hates even a proud look. You’ll never find a gentle, humble person causing a fight. Pride causes contention (or arguments and disagreements), because the proud person thinks they are right and everyone else is wrong. If you have a tendency to be proud ask the Lord to help you overcome it and put it in the place of death.

CareLines: Volume 2, Hard Work

PRO 13:11

Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labor shall increase.

Prov. 13:11

Hard work never killed anyone! That’s an expression I remember hearing many times. The trouble is there are many get-rich-quick schemes out there to tempt us not to work, and more often than not they come to nothing. A few years ago several people invested heavily in a get-rich-quick scheme - and lost everything (tens of thousands of dollars) overnight. It’s much more honorable to work for what you have, rather than to get something for nothing.

CareLines: Volume 2, Evangelism: 1

PRO 11:30

He that winneth souls is wise.

Prov. 11:30

The Apostle Paul wrote of his different approaches with the gospel toward different types of people (1 Cor. 9:19-23). He even became as weak, that he might gain the weak! The object was not to promote himself as a religious authority, nor to change God’s standards, but by all means to save some. Sometimes a gentle remark or a thought provoking question is more effective than an authoritative statement.

CareLines: Volume 7, Strength

The way of the Lord is strength to the upright.

Proverbs 10:29

The only source of strength for a Christian is in the way of the Lord. As soon as we step into Satan’s realm and allow some of his ways into our life, we are heading into trouble. The Lord Jesus answered Satan with scriptures during His temptations. We must do the same if we are to be strong and able to resist.

CareLines: Volume 2, Tongue, The: PRO 10:20

PRO 10:20

The tongue of the just is as choice silver.

Prov. 10:20

Choice silver is beautiful. So is the tongue of the just. In New Testament terms this verse would say, “The tongue of the believer is as choice silver.” Notice that it doesn’t say that it should be, but that it is. That changes things, doesn’t it? Nothing should ever be spoken by the Christian that does not bring honor to the Lord. Everything we say must be beautiful. Watch your tongue!

CareLines: Volume 2, Fear: 1

PRO 10:24

The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the -righteous shall be granted.

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It is often true that the thing that man fears most will overtake him. It is certainly true that death will finally claim everyone and many are afraid to die. Only the believer in the Lord Jesus can have peace in the face of death because for him it is “absent from the body - present with the Lord.” Are you afraid to die? Then perhaps it’s because you’re not saved. Accept Jesus today as your Savior and get His peace in your life.

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