

THE WISE MAN ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

CHARACTER

- A. Teachable** (not intractable)
1. Receives and loves instruction (18:15; 19:20)
 2. Grows in wisdom (1:5; 9:9; 10:14)
- B. Righteous** (not wicked)
1. Fears the Lord (1:7; 14:16)
 2. Hates what is false (13:5)
 3. Shuns evil (3:7; 14:16; 16:6)
 4. Does what is righteous (2:20)
 5. Speak the truth (22:21)
- C. Humble** (not proud)
1. Humility before honor (15:33)
- D. Disciplined in Temper** (not rash)
1. Is self-controlled (29:11)
 2. Is slow to anger (29:8, 11)
 3. Has a calm spirit (17:27)
- E. Disciplined in Action** (not rash)
1. Is cautious (19:2)
 2. Thinks before acting (13:16; 14:8)
 3. Thinks before speaking (12:23; 15:2)
- F. Forgiving** (not vindictive)
1. Is patient (19:11)
 2. Is concerned about goodwill/peace (14:9)
 3. Forgives those who wrong him (10:12; 17:9)
 4. Is not vindictive (20:2; 24:29)

RELATIONSHIPS

- A. To the Lord**
1. Fears the Lord (9:10; 14:16; 15:33)
 2. Trusts the Lord (3:5; 16:3, 20)
 3. Is ever mindful of the Lord (3:6)
 4. Chooses the Lord's way/wisdom (8:10-11; 17:24)
 5. Submits to the Lord's discipline (1:2-3; 3:11)
 6. Confesses sin to the Lord (28:13)
- B. To Parents**
1. Respects them (17:6; contrast 30:17)
 2. Listens to them (23:22; compare 1:8; 4:1)
 3. Seeks to bring them honor and joy
 - a. By being wise (10:1; 15:20; 29:3)
 - b. By being righteous (23:24)
 - c. By being diligent (10:5)
- C. To Wife (Flip for Husband)**
1. Appreciates her
 - a. As a gift from the Lord (18:22; 19:14)
 - b. As his crowning glory (12:4; 31:10-31)
 2. Praises her (31:28)
 3. Trusts her (31:11)
 4. Is faithful to her (5:15-20)
- D. To Children**
1. Loves them (3:12; 13:24)
 2. Is concerned about them (1:8-9:18)
 3. Trains them (22:6)
 - a. For own peace of mind and joy (29:17)
 - b. For child's honor and wellbeing (1:8-9; 4:9; 19:18; 23:13-14)
 - c. By teaching and instructing (1:10; 5-7; 28:7; compare 4:1-9)
 - d. By disciplining verbally (13:1)
 - e. By disciplining physically (13:24; 23:13)
 4. Provides for them
 - a. Physically (material needs) (21:20; 23:13)
 - b. Spiritually (14:26; 20:7)
- E. To Friends**
1. Values them (27:10)
 2. Is consistent with them (17:17; 18:24)
 3. Gives them counsel (27:9, 17; 27:6; 28:23)
- F. To Neighbors**
1. Fulfills obligations to them (3:27-28)
 2. Strives for peace with them (3:29-30)
 3. Does not outstay welcome with them (25:17)
 4. Does not deceive or mislead them (16:29; 26:18)

WORDS

- A. Power of Words**
1. Have the power of life and death (12:6; 13:14; 15:4; 18:21)
 2. Have the power to heal or to wound (11:9, 11; 12:18; 15:4, 30; 16:24)
- B. Character of Words**
1. Honest, not false (12:22; 16:13)
 2. Few, not many (10:19)
 3. Not boastful (27:2)
 4. Not argumentative (17:14)
 5. Not contentious (29:9)
 6. Not revealing others secrets (11:13; 20:19)
 7. Not spreading gossip (10:18; 26:20-22)
- C. Limits of Words**
1. Cannot substitute for deeds (14:23)
 2. Cannot alter the facts (26:23-26)
 3. Cannot compel response (29:19)
- D. Source of Words**
1. From the heart (4:23)
 2. From positivity and righteousness (10:11; 13:14)
 3. From his companions (13:20; 27:17)
 4. Not from pride (13:10; compare 6:16-19)
 5. Not from hate (26:24, 28)