

**Christians who learn  
wisdom and the right path**

**[Short Word Meditation (16)]**

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### **3 Keys?**

The key to longevity and peace is not forgetting God's word and keeping His commandments.

The key to finding favor and high regard before God and people is  
to engrave love and faithfulness (kindness and truth) in our hearts so that they do not leave us.

The key to maintaining physical and mental health is  
to trust in God wholeheartedly and to depart from evil by revering God  
rather than relying on our own understanding  
(Prov. 3:1-8).

### **God who gives freedom to the captives.**

The God who keeps faith forever gives freedom to the captives  
(Ps. 146:6, 7).

### **Like seeking hidden treasure...**

If we seek wisdom like searching for hidden treasure,  
we will come to understand the fear of the Lord and gain knowledge of God.  
This is because God gives wisdom,  
and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding  
(Prov. 2:2, 4-6)

## **Humans who are inferior to ants**

Humans, who are inferior to ants, are lazy,  
unlike ants who diligently work during the summer to gather food for winter.  
Instead of being diligent, they seem to prefer lying down indefinitely,  
saying, "Just a little more sleep, just a little more slumber,  
just a little more folding of the hands to rest,"  
while the ants are busy preparing for the future  
(Prov. 6:6-10).

## **Love without hesitation**

Love without hesitation (1 Jn. 2:10) is when our hearts do not condemn us  
so we have confidence before God (3:21).  
Such confidence comes when we love one another  
not with words or speech but with actions and in truth (v. 18),  
following the commandment of Jesus (v. 23).

## **The arrogant ones who distress me with lies.**

The arrogant ones who distress me with lies,  
The arrogant ones who scorn me deeply,  
Their hearts are dull and insensitive  
Because they have turned away from your commands  
(Ps. 119:21, 51, 69-70).

## **We must never commit the arrogant sin of exalting ourselves above the word that the Lord has exalted.**

We who listen to the word exalted by the Lord must give thanks to Him.  
Moreover, we must remember that even though the Lord is exalted,  
He looks upon the lowly and knows the proud from afar.  
Therefore, we should humbly abide under the word exalted by the Lord.  
We must never commit the arrogant sin of exalting ourselves  
above the word that the Lord has exalted  
(Ps. 138:2, 4, 6).

## **Humbles people**

God exalts the humble and adorns them with salvation  
(Ps. 147:6; 149:4).

## **Even in suffering ...**

Even in suffering, salvation is near for the righteous  
who earnestly remember the Lord's words and fervently pray  
to be revived according to His promises  
(Ps. 119:153-155).

## **God work together with harkships ...**

God works together with hardships to bring about the salvation of those who love God and are called according to His purpose (Ps. 119:67, 71; Rom. 8:28).

## **Insight through suffering**

Even though I suffer affliction,  
I find comfort in your commands.  
Your hands made me and formed me;  
give me understanding to learn your commands  
(Ps. 119:71, 73).

## **The Lord who builds the church**

The Lord builds His church  
Gathering together the scattered people of the church  
Healing the wounds of the brokenhearted  
and sustains the humble  
(Ps. 147:2, 3, 6; Mt. 16:18).

## **The person who causes problems and conflicts in the church.**

In the church, there are occasions when problems and conflicts arise due to people with misguided zeal and those who rush into mistakes without proper knowledge (Prov. 19:2).

## **The results depend on God.**

A person plans his path in his heart,  
But the results depend on God, and it is God who guides the steps  
(Prov. 16:1, 9).

## **Even if it means sacrificing anything ...**

Wisdom is the most precious thing.  
Achieve enlightenment even if you have to sacrifice anything.  
Love wisdom. Wisdom will protect you.  
Praise wisdom, she will exalt you.  
Keep your wisdom in mind. Wisdom will glorify you  
(Prov. 4:6-8).

## **We have to get out of that trap.**

We have guaranteed our neighbors that they will not be careful.  
If we have been ensnared by our own words and caught by our neighbors,  
We go to our neighbors quickly and humbly.  
We asked them to cancel our guarantee.  
We should try to get out of there as much as possible.  
We must not postpone the task, do not sleep or relax until we have solved the problem.  
We must escape from that trap  
(Prov. 6:1-5).

## **Let's remember.**

Enjoy your youth to the fullest and live a happy life while you are still young.  
Remembering that no matter how long a person lives,  
there will be a day of death someday.  
Also remember your Creator.  
Before the body returns to its original dust and the spirit returns to God who gave it.  
Remember your Creator  
(Eccle. 11:8, 9; 12:1, 7).

## **When I realized ...**

When I considered my works and realized  
that I was disobeying the commandments of the Lord  
I must turn my heart and my steps  
so that I do not delay but quickly obey your commands  
(Ps. 119:59-60).

## **The unceasing love of the Creator.**

No created thing can separate us from the love of God  
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord  
(Rom. 8:39).

## **Do not strive to accomplish things that are beyond your capacity or that you cannot bear.**

The proud or arrogant person strives to accomplish great and astounding tasks.  
However, the humble and gentle person does not consider tasks  
that are beyond their capacity or that they cannot bear.  
Instead, their heart is quiet and peaceful,  
like a weaned child resting quietly in its mother's arms.  
The reason is that they trust in God  
(Ps. 131:1-3).

## **I desire peace, but ...**

Though I dwell among those who hate peace, I long for peace;  
But when I speak of peace, they are for war.  
So, in my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me  
(Ps. 120:1-2, 6-7).



## **I desire peace for the church of God.**

I desire peace for the church of God.

However, there are those within the church who hate peace.

They seek to disrupt the peace of the church with their false lips and deceitful tongues.

Therefore, I cry out to God, who is my help.

I pray for peace within the church, hoping for peace to be found within its walls.

I seek blessings for the house of God because I love God's church.

God will answer me and keep the church from stumbling,

neither slumbering nor sleeping, guarding it from all dangers, now and forevermore.

Therefore, when people say to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

I rejoice and go up to the house of the Lord, giving thanks to the name of the Lord

(Ps. 120:1-2, 6-7; 121:2-4; 7-8; 122:1, 4, 6-9).

## **Teach me to do your will.**

Lord, let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul

(Ps. 143:8, 10).

## **Even though my adversaries surround me from all sides ...**

Though hostile forces may come against me like a swarm,  
surrounding me from all sides, seeking to overwhelm and push me down,  
I trust in the Lord to come to my aid, to be my salvation.  
In the name of the Lord, I will cut them off  
(Ps. 118:6-14).

## **May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.**

You will not only take my loved ones and friends far away from me,  
Let those whom I know turn away from me, and I become an abomination to them.  
I am shut up and cannot go out (Ps. 88:8, 18);  
My soul suffered so much that I was almost dead.  
I will soon be like a man going into the grave, and I will have no strength whatsoever.  
I have been left as dead, completely out of your memory,  
like a slain man lying in the grave, cut off from your protective hand (vv. 3-5).  
Your anger has oppressed me, and all your waves have tormented me (v. 7).  
Your terrible anger has overtaken me, Your fear has destroyed me (v. 16).  
These things compassed me all day long, like waters, all around me (v. 17).  
My eyes have failed because of my troubles.  
Every day, O Lord, I call on you and lift up my hands to you (v. 9),  
Let my prayer come before you, and turn your ear to my cry (v. 2).  
Lord, you are the God of my salvation (v. 1).  
Deliver me by your lovingkindness and your faithfulness (v. 11).  
But I have cried to thee; in the morning my prayer shall come before thee (v. 13).

## **My heart stands in awe of Your word.**

Although those in power persecute me falsely  
I hate and abhor lies and my heart stands in awe of Your word.  
The reason is because I enjoy and love the word of the Lord.  
For those who love Your word, there is great peace.  
Nothing can cause me to stumble  
(Ps. 119:161-163, 165).

## **More precious than my life**

The kindness of the Lord and the mission I have received from Jesus,  
which is to testify to the gospel of God's grace,  
are more precious to me than my life  
(Ps. 63:3; Acts 20:24).

## **My eternal possession and mine**

The word of the Lord is my eternal possession,  
To obey your commandments has become mine  
(Ps. 119:56, 111).

## **The word of the Lord, which is my delight and my counselor.**

Even if people slander me, the servant of the Lord delights in the word of the Lord,  
uttering it softly (meditating) and paying attention to the ways of the Lord.  
The reason is that the word of the Lord is my delight and my counselor  
(Ps. 119:15-16, 23-24).

## **Someone else's fault**

A person who covers a transgression pursues love.  
Forgiving the faults of others is your glory.  
(Prov. 17:9; 19:11).

## **Why does a man keep other women close to him besides his wife?**

A husband who does not make his young wife happy,  
is not faithful to her, does not love only her,  
does not rejoice with her, does not find her lovely and beautiful,  
does not always find satisfaction in her embrace, and does not always cherish her love,  
seems to be at great risk of being close to an adulteress woman  
with lips sweeter than honey and smoother than oil  
(Prov. 5:3, 8, 15, 18, 19).

## **My heart is inclined towards greed ...**

When I do not keep the word of the Lord in my heart  
and my heart does not turn towards the word of the Lord,  
my heart inclines towards greed and my eyes see vanity, so I sin against the Lord  
(Ps. 119:11, 36-37).

## **My soul refuses to be comforted.**

When my spirit is broken with anxiety and worry  
and I'm so tired and can't speak,  
my soul refuses to be comforted by anyone.  
The reason is because I only seek the Lord  
and I want to cry out to God  
(Ps. 77:1-4).

## **What I suffered was for my good ...**

In faithfulness you have afflicted me.  
It was for my good that I suffered;  
Because of this I have learned your law  
(Ps. 119:71, 75).

## **Even when I go astray ...**

Even when I go astray  
the LORD has dealt well with His servant, according to His word.  
Through the suffering given to me, I now keep the word of the Lord  
(Ps. 119:65, 67).

## **You make known to me the path that I should walk.**

When I trust in you, my Lord, I offer my soul to you.  
Because of your loving kindness,  
Lord, you allow me to hear your comforting words  
and guide me on the path I should walk  
(Ps. 143:8).

## **“I am suffering greatly” means ...**

Even though I have renewed my commitment to keep Your righteous words,  
"I am suffering greatly" might be Your way of trying to revive me according to Your promised words.  
Perhaps, the pain I am enduring serves as a tool from You to make me realize  
that I have not been faithfully keeping my promises to You  
and that You, in turn, are faithful to the promises You have made to me  
(Ps. 119:106-107).

## **I wait for the Lord's help and trust in His word.**

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.  
I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
and in his word, I put my hope.  
I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.  
Israel, put your hope in the Lord,  
for with the Lord is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.  
He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.  
O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,  
for with the Lord is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption  
(Ps. 130:1-8).

## **The God I trust**

The God I trust" is my refuge.  
Therefore, I do not fear the spreading epidemic and the approaching disaster.  
When I encounter trouble, God will be with me, to rescue me and honor me  
(Ps. 91:2, 6, 9, 15).

**When I am feeling discouraged and despairing like this,  
There is no one else but the Lord who knows my path.**

I cry out loudly to the Lord, pleading for His help.  
I lay my grievances before Him, telling Him all my troubles.  
I am overwhelmed by difficulties I cannot express.  
Yet, there is no one who comes to help or protect me, no one who cares for me.  
Nevertheless, You, Lord, are my refuge and all I need in this world.  
When I am feeling discouraged and despairing like this,  
there is no one else but the Lord who knows my path.  
Rescue me from prison, so that I may praise Your name.  
Because of Your goodness, the righteous will gather around me  
(Ps. 142).

**I will give thanks to the Lord.**

I called to the Lord in my distress;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.  
I will give thanks to the Lord  
(Ps. 118:5, 21).



## **I remember your church and weep and cry.**

How can I forget your church, Lord?  
How can I not remember your church,  
And not regard it as my greatest joy?  
I remember your church and weep and cry  
(Meditating on Psalm 137).

## **I thank the Lord because of His word.**

The Lord, you have exalted your word.  
Even when I walk in trouble, you will revive me and save me.  
Therefore, I will give you thanks wholeheartedly,  
And I will praise you  
(Ps. 138:1-2, 7).

## **If I truly love the Lord's word ...**

If I truly love the Lord's word, I will meditate on it all day long to gain wisdom,  
hate every false way, and keep my feet from every evil path  
(Ps. 119:97, 100, 101, 104).

## **The reason I hope in the Lord's word is ...**

The reason I hope in the Lord's word is  
that my soul longs for the Lord's salvation and comfort  
(Ps. 119:81-82).

## **When I remember the promise, you made to your servant ...**

Even though the arrogant mock me without mercy, and falsehood surrounds me,  
I remember your servant's promise.  
Lord, this is what comforts me in my distress,  
for your promise revives me  
(Ps. 119:49-51, 69)

## **I will not die, but live ...**

Though the Lord disciplined me severely, he did not give me over to death.  
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done  
(Ps. 118:17-18).

## **The God who supports the fallen.**

The God who supports and lifts up those who stumble provides them with grace according to the times, giving them food and satisfying their desires with grace (Ps. 145:14-16; Heb. 4:16).

## **Who can oppose us?**

Who can oppose us, the ones whom God loves? Since God did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (Rom. 8:31-32)

## **Everything will scatter.**

The evildoers among the congregation will all be scattered (Ps. 92:9).

## **A foolish person who loves to argue.**

The hatred of a foolish person stirs up conflict.

A foolish person who loves to argue is one who loves sin  
(Prov. 10:12; 17:19, 20:3).

## **Conflict often starts from trivial matters ...**

Conflict often starts from trivial matters,  
so it's important to settle disputes before they escalate into fights.  
However, foolish individuals, driven by anger and greed,  
do not avoid conflict but rather provoke it,  
so their disputes are not easily resolved  
(Prov. 17:14, 20:3; 28:25; 29:9, 22).

## **The Lord who gives more strength to help.**

The Lord's faithfulness and kindness being with us,  
The Lord gives us more strength to help,  
He makes us firm and strong  
(Ps. 89:19, 21, 24).

## **A wise Christian who guards their heart**

A wise Christian listens attentively to God's Word, heeding it deeply in their heart.  
They guard their heart, where they have stored the word of God, above all else.  
They fix their gaze forward, not turning aside,  
being careful with their steps and making sure of their actions.  
They do not veer to the left or the right, keeping their feet from evil  
(Prov. 4:20-21, 23, 25-27).

## **A person with a twisted heart**

A person with a twisted and wicked heart  
does not guard their tongue and despises their neighbor  
(Proverbs 11:12, 20).

## **Is your heart joyful?**

Those who always seek God and His strength have joyful hearts  
(Ps. 105:3-4)

## **A wise-hearted person ... (1)**

A wise-hearted person finds peace  
by accepting and obeying God's commandments,  
walking in the right path  
(Prov. 10:8-9).

## **A wise-hearted person ... (2)**

The wise-hearted person, by living according to the wisdom of the words,  
akin to a fountain of life, will obtain what is good  
(Prov. 16:20-22).

## **A life of sowing the seed of the word.**

I meditate on the word of God day and night,  
sharing the meditated word in the morning and evening through the internet.  
The reason is that I do not know who may benefit from this meditation  
(Ps. 1:2; Eccle. 11:6).

## **A foolish person with many words**

A foolish person with many words starts with foolish talk  
and ends up talking like a madman, ruining himself  
(Eccle. 10:12-14).

## **Delicious food?**

Do not indulge in spreading rumors that are as appealing as delicious food,  
nor should you seek after gaining from deceiving others,  
which may seem as satisfying as a tasty meal.  
The reason being that soon enough, it will feel like gravel in your mouth  
(Prov. 18:8, 20:17).

## **The work of the Lord, who acts from very deep thoughts.**

We must give thanks to the Lord and praise Him  
because, through the works of the Lord, who acts from very deep thoughts,  
we experience and believe in His kindness and faithfulness  
(Ps. 92:1-5).

## **Every morning, let me hear Your words of love.**

When I am losing hope and sinking into deep despair,  
I remember the days gone by and reflect on all you have done,  
lifting my hands in prayer towards you,  
Longing for you as my soul thirsts for you like dry land.  
Lord, quickly answer me.  
My soul is weary.  
Do not hide your face from me, or else I will die.  
Every morning, let me hear your words of love.  
I trust in you. Show me the way I should go.  
I dedicate my soul to you  
(Ps. 143:4-8).

## **We should neither go too far nor get too close**

Lips sweeter than honey and smoother than oil,  
but in the end, they will bring bitterness and pain.  
Therefore, stay far from the promiscuous woman,  
and do not even go near the door of her house  
(Prov. 5:3, 4, 8).



## **God, who preserves my soul in every trouble, is my help.**

I am in trouble because those who hate peace are lying and deceiving,  
and they seek to fight despite my desire for peace.

Therefore, I cried out to God, who made heaven and earth, my help,  
and His response is to keep me from stumbling, neither slumbering nor sleeping,  
but keeping my soul in every trouble

(Mt. 5:9; Ps. 120:1-2, 6-7; 121:1-4, 7).

## **A foolish Christian**

A foolish Christian is one who, even though their neighbor lives peacefully  
by their side and has not wronged them,  
still seeks to quarrel with them for no reason and plots harm against them  
(Prov. 3:29-30).

## **A foolish person ... (1)**

The foolish person stirs up anger and hurts people's feelings  
by uttering harsh and foolish words  
(Prov. 15:1-2, 4).

## **A foolish person ... (2)**

The foolish person despises wisdom and instruction,  
and they follow evil when it is proposed  
(Prov. 1:7, 10).

## **The foolish person and the wise person**

The wise Christian cherishes one soul,  
but the foolish Christian covets much wealth  
(Prov. 3:27-28).

## **The reason the possessions of the foolish are only folly is because ...**

The reason the possessions of the foolish are only folly is  
that the foolish acquire wealth through unjust means, which brings no benefit;  
they rely on their possessions, pursue futile endeavors with them, and use them for committing sin  
(Prov. 10:2, 16; 11:28; 12:11; 14:24).

## **The lips of the foolish speak ...**

The lips of the foolish conceal hatred and slander others  
(Prov. 10:18).

## **A fool who repeats foolish acts.**

The foolish person repeats foolish behavior,  
showing no understanding for others but insisting on their own opinions.  
They are talkative, careless in speech, prone to slander and deceit,  
speaking foolishly and arrogantly, causing quarrels,  
quickly becoming angry and hurting others, distracted by trivial matters,  
delighting in their foolishness, disregarding parental teachings  
and causing grief to their parents.

They spend money recklessly, destroy their households, exhibit pride,  
disdain wisdom and instruction, despise knowledge,  
trivialize sin, shun righteousness, and take pleasure in wrongdoing.

Even if one tries to correct them, their foolishness remains ingrained.

(Prov. 1:7, 22, 32; 10:1, 14, 18, 23; 12:16, 23; 13:16, 19; 14:1, 3, 8, 9; 15:5, 14,  
20; 17:24; 18:2, 6; 20:3; 21:20; 26:10, 11; 27:3, 22; 29:9; Eccle. 10:13, 14).

## **Foolish children of God ...**

Foolish children of God  
Regard the discipline of God the Father lightly  
And despise His correction.  
They fail to realize the love of the Father through His discipline,  
Thus they never find true happiness  
(Prov. 3:11-13).

**That moment is indeed a great opportunity to hear the gracious words of the Lord, a precious chance to fulfill the Lord's will through His teachings.**

When in despair, having lost hope,  
if we reflect on what the Lord has done for us in the past and earnestly seek Him,  
That very moment becomes a great opportunity to hear the Lord's gracious words,  
A precious chance to fulfill His will through His teachings.  
Ultimately, the Lord will rescue us from our desperate situation,  
And we will experience His unwavering love towards us  
(Ps. 143:4-6, 8, 10-12).

## **The reckless person ...**

The reckless person does not realize that their own path is crooked  
(Prov. 5:3, 6).

## **The blessed man ...**

The blessed man does not rely on those who lack help  
but rather on God, placing their hope in Him  
(Ps. 146:3, 5).

## **We will not be ashamed.**

When we keep the Lord's word in our hearts and observe all His commandments,  
we will not sin against the Lord, so we will not be ashamed  
(Psalm 119:6, 11).

## **Illicit gain and the reward of effort**

A person lacking wisdom who pursues vain pursuits covets illicit gain,  
But the diligent and righteous person is satisfied with the reward of their efforts  
(Prov. 12:11-12).

## **The wicked who pursue dishonest gain**

Even though the wicked may entice us to join them in sharing stolen goods, we should not associate with such individuals and should keep them at a distance. They do not hesitate to commit evil deeds and are skilled in taking lives. The outcome for these wicked individuals who pursue dishonest gain will be the loss of their own lives, as their ill-gotten wealth will ultimately consume them (Prov. 1:13-16, 19).

## **Do not associate with ...**

Do not associate with a hot-tempered person or one who easily loses their temper, and do not associate with one who gossips and reveals secrets (Prov. 20:19; 22:24).

## **The schemes of a deceitful person full of malice**

The heart of the wicked is full of deceitful schemes, but the heart of the upright is full of joy and their plans are just (Prov. 12:5, 20).

## **Satan, like a hunter, lies in wait.**

Satan, like a hunter (Ps. 91:3), lies in wait, misleading us, Christians, with lies to ensnare us in a trap (v. 3).

Particularly, he uses a sharp tongue, spreading like a severe epidemic, to slander and defame our brothers and sisters, especially with false rumors (Acts 21:24). He spreads false gossip (Neh.6:6-7), creating rumors without basis (Jere. 49:23), leading simple-minded believers astray and ensnaring them in traps.

## **We should not try to listen to everything people say.**

We should listen quickly, but we shouldn't try to listen to everything people say. Otherwise, we may end up hearing words that curse us (Eccle. 7:21; Jam. 1:19).

## **We must trust in God rather than people!**

Trusting in the Lord who loves me with eternal love,  
And who stands by my side to help me,  
Is better than relying on powerful people  
(Ps. 118:1-9).

## **A wise Christian who has the ability to do good.**

A wise Christian who has the ability to do good does not hesitate to give to those in need, but a foolish Christian, even though he has the ability to do good, hesitates to give to those in need and tells them, "Go and come back tomorrow; I will give it to you then" (Prov. 3:27-28).

## **The good Father God accomplishes all things by His power to bring about goodness.**

The good Father God combines all these things to fulfill God's good will. The reason the good Father God combines all these things to fulfill His good will is that, knowing the thoughts of the Spirit, the Father God searches the hearts and personally intercedes with groans that cannot be expressed in words for us saints, according to God's good will (Rom. 8:26-28; 12:2).

## **Good deeds and sacrificing for others ...**

A person who generously spends money for good deeds and helping others will become even wealthier. Those who show kindness to others will themselves receive help, but there are still those who remain poor even though they are overly frugal (Prov. 11:24-25).



## **God who shows kindness to the good and the upright in heart.**

God showers His blessings on those who trust in the Lord,  
the good and the upright in heart,  
surrounding them with His protection from now and forevermore.  
He keeps them steadfast and unshaken,  
ensuring they stand firm and do not succumb to wickedness, granting them peace  
(Ps. 125:1-4).

## **Through the words of the Proverbs ...**

When I receive the grace of realizing my own foolishness through the words of the Proverbs,  
I not only seek wisdom from God, who generously and without reproach provides wisdom,  
but also come to know wisdom and instruction through the book of Proverbs,  
and I pray to act wisely in the work of the Lord  
(Prov. 1:1-4; Jam. 1:5).

## **If the sword of the Holy Spirit is not sharpened and the blade becomes dull ...**

When we fail to sharpen the sword of the Spirit (God's word) and the blade become became dull,  
it becomes more challenging. Therefore, it is wise to sharpen the edge of the sword of the Spirit  
(Eccle. 10:10, Eph. 6:17).

## **A person with a hasty temper**

A person with a hasty temper  
engages in foolish behavior that stirs up conflict,  
revealing their own folly.  
(Prov. 14:17, 29; 15:18).

## **A person with a fiery temperament**

Do not associate with a hot-tempered person or  
get involved with one who easily loses their temper.  
A person with a fiery temperament must bear the consequences  
(Prov. 19:19; 22:24),

## **The best way to live a short life in the eyes of the world's people is ...**

The best way to live a short life in the eyes of the world's people is  
to enjoy life with wine, to do big business, to accumulate more possessions,  
to have many women who bring them joy, and to say,  
'I have everything I want,' and 'I can do anything I want.'  
But if you carefully consider this, you will see  
that everything they worked for is meaningless,  
like chasing the wind; it is all pointless  
(Eccle. 2:3-11).

## **A weakened soul?**

In the wilderness, they gave in to their craving; in the desert, they put God to the test.  
So he gave them what they asked for, but sent a wasting disease among them  
(Ps. 106:14-15).

## **Gossipmonger**

The gossipmonger separates close friends by repeatedly speaking slander  
(Prov. 16:28; 17:9).

## **Do not consider yourself wise!**

The one who considers himself wise relies on his own understanding and does not trust in God  
(Prov. 3:5, 7).

## **The words of a wise person with prudence and persuasiveness.**

The words of a wise person, always characterized by  
prudence and persuasiveness, impart knowledge and bring grace,  
but the foolish one cannot do so  
(Prov. 15:7; 16:23; Eccle. 10:12).

## **The sweet taste within bitterness.**

When experiencing life's bitterness,  
one must taste the sweetness of the Lord's words  
(Ps. 119:103).

## **While knowing nothing at all ...**

The foolish person, lacking in understanding,  
wanders about knowing nothing at all  
(Prov. 9:13).

## **We must keep away from the foolish ones who have nothing to learn.**

We must keep away from the foolish ones who have nothing to learn,  
and not walk on the wrong and twisted path, not stir up trouble with arrogant words,  
not deceive, not take sin lightly, and also not believe just any word  
(Prov. 14:2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 15).

## **Father's command and mother's teaching**

I desire to keep my father's commandments and not forsake my mother's teaching.

Let us engrave and treasure the commandments and teachings of our parents in our hearts.

For they will guide us when we walk, protect us at night, and advise us during the day.

Their commandments are a lamp, their teaching a light, and their corrective discipline a path to life  
(Prov. 6:20-23).

## **Even if evil people tempt you ...**

A wise person who reveres God and gains wisdom and instruction through the Proverbs does not yield to temptation, even if evil people try to entice them.

They do not associate with such individuals but keep them at a distance, thus avoiding succumbing to their temptations

(Prov. 1:1, 2, 7, 10, 15).

## **Foolish person**

The young man lacking wisdom went near the house of a forbidden woman he should have avoided, and he approached a cunning woman he should have kept at a distance  
(Prov. 5:8; 7:7-10).

A wise young man does not go near places he should avoid, and he keeps away from people he should stay far from.

## **The foolish person and the wise person**

The foolish person believes anything and spreads folly, revealing their foolishness.  
But the wise person keeps knowledge to themselves,  
considers their actions, and examines them carefully  
(Prov. 12:23; 13:16; 14:15).

## **Foolish ruler vs. upright ruler**

The foolish ruler is inclined to lies, listens eagerly to falsehood,  
elevates the foolish to high positions, while the wealthy are relegated to lowly places.  
Consequently, those working under him are corrupt, unyielding, unrepentant,  
prone to bribery, and oppress their own people.

However, the upright ruler is just and righteous, enacting fair laws to establish justice.  
They root out the wicked without mercy, have wise counselors they favor,  
and bring stability to the nation, ensuring a long political life  
(Prov. 8:15; 14:35; 20:26; 21:15; 25:15; 28:16; 29:4, 12; Eccle. 10:5-6)

## **Wisdom that brings a glow to the face.**

Wisdom makes a person's face shine and changes the hardness of their countenance  
(Eccle. 8:1).

## **The man who commits adultery with a woman is lacking in understanding.**

Do not lust after the beauty of a promiscuous woman or be captivated by her seductive glance.  
For a promiscuous woman may steal a person's wealth and even precious life.  
Sleeping with another man's wife is also a dangerous affair.  
Therefore, anyone who touches another man's wife will not escape punishment.  
The man who commits adultery with a woman is lacking in understanding.  
Whoever engages in this will destroy his own soul, facing disgrace  
and reproach, unable to wash away the shame  
(Prov. 6:24-33).

## **The people who make the Lord their God are blessed.**

The people who make the Lord their God are blessed.  
This is because the Lord is my love, my fortress, my stronghold, my deliverer, my shield.  
That God is my rock who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.  
God grants us victory in the fight against those who speak lies, who swear falsely.  
Therefore, the people who make the Lord their God are blessed  
(Ps. 144:1-2, 8, 10-11, 15).

## **The motivation to work hard and succeed?**

If the motivation for working hard and wanting to succeed is jealousy toward one's neighbor,  
then this too is futile, like chasing the wind  
(Eccle. 4:4).

## **The blessing of eternal life.**

Do you believe that if you only believe in our Lord,  
you will receive salvation and the crown of eternal life without fail?  
John 3:16 says: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”  
When we believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
we are reconciled with God and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
we enter into intimate fellowship with God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ (17:3),  
participating in the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:4),  
which enables us to partake in the divine nature and become more like Jesus Christ.  
As citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20), we experience a taste of heavenly joy  
even on this earth by obeying Jesus Christ's double commandment of  
‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind’  
and ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’ (Jn. 3:36; Mt. 22:37, 39),  
thus living a life of salvation even now (Phil. 2:12).  
Although we currently live in a world without peace,  
we can still enjoy the partial blessings of eternal life,  
such as God's peace, while living on this earth.  
As expressed in Hymn “When Peace, Like a River, Attendeth My Way,”  
we can praise God with faith, saying,  
“When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, ‘It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.’”



## **With a heart that yearns for eternity**

Because God gives us a heart that longs for eternity,  
in all that God does that will last forever.  
What great grace of God is this for allowing us to participate  
(Eccle. 3:11, 14).

## **If one holds onto perfect wisdom and discernment well ...**

If we keep the perfect wisdom and discernment  
that are the life of our soul,  
we can safely go our roads.  
There will be no tripping or falling.  
We will be able to sleep well  
without fear when we go to bed  
(Prov. 3:21-24).

## **Interesting similarities between the Gospel of John and 1 John**

Interesting point:

When Apostle John began writing the letter of 1 John, he talked about Jesus Christ as the Word of life (v. 1) and the eternal life (v. 2), who is truly God. At the conclusion of writing 1 John 5:20, he reiterated that Jesus Christ, who is truly God, is the eternal life.

Similarly, when we look at the Gospel of John, also written by the same author, it begins in chapter 1:1, stating, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And the conclusion of the Gospel, John 20:31, emphasizes the purpose of recording these things, which is to lead people to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, they may have life (eternal life) in His name.

Upon examining these two books, the Gospel of John and 1 John, it seems that Apostle John started with Jesus Christ, who is truly God, and had the purpose of leading people to eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ, which he expressed in both the Gospel of John and 1 John.

## **When we have a lot of worries ...**

Our feet do not slip because the Lord's kindness sustains us.

When we have a lot of worries, the comfort of the Lord cheers our souls.

(Ps. 94:18-19).

## **Our Lord's sheep ...**

The sheep of our Lord must treasure the words given to us by our shepherd, the Lord.

We should listen to His words attentively, obey them, and follow the Lord.

However, we must not listen to the lies of false shepherds that contradict the words of the Lord, nor should we follow them. Instead, we should avoid and leave them behind

(Isa. 8:16, 19-20; Jn. 10:3-5).

## **Creator God who is on our side and our help**

The LORD, who made heaven and earth is on our side and our help.

Therefore, when people rise up against us, God does not give us over to their teeth, but rather makes our soul like a bird escaping from the snare of the fowlers, so that the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Therefore, we give thanks to the LORD and praise the LORD

(Ps. 124:1-2; 6-8).

## **When we speak foolishly and ignorantly ...**

When we speak without thinking, uttering foolish and ignorant words,  
the God who formed the ear hears, and the Lord who made the eye sees us.  
The Lord, who instructs mankind with knowledge,  
knows the emptiness of our thoughts and disciplines us  
(Ps. 94:8-11).

## **Because punishment for the evil deeds we have done does not come swiftly ...**

The foolish sinner who does not fear God and does not hate evil,  
Because punishment for the evil deeds they have done does not come swiftly,  
They may continue to sin, repeating their transgressions a hundred times,  
yet they may still live on, but they will not prosper.  
However, the wise person who fears God hates evil, so they will surely prosper  
(Prov. 8:13; Eccle. 8:11, 13).

## **When will we ever be wise?**

Foolish among the saints, think!  
Ignorant, will you ever be wise?  
(Ps. 94:8)

## **Although we break God's commandments ...**

Although we break God's commandments,  
God does not break His covenant,  
Instead, He firmly establishes it.  
What comes from God's lips does not change  
(Ps. 89:28, 31, 34).

## **God who is troubled because of us**

God is troubled because of us,  
who, despite hearing God's voice, harden our hearts,  
testing God and not knowing God's ways, having hearts led astray  
(Ps. 95:7-10).

## **We will not stumble because He guards us.**

The Creator God, who is my help and our help, is on our side,  
so that when enemies attack us, He does not let us be chewed up by our enemies' teeth,  
but rather, neither slumbers nor sleeps, and guards us, so we will not stumble  
(Ps.121:2-4; 124:1-2, 6, 8).

## **It weighs heavy on our hearts.**

If our souls cannot find contentment in the joyful gifts given by God,  
it is a sad thing and weighs heavy on our hearts  
(Eccles. 6:1-3).

## **Our foolishness and ignorance?**

Our foolishness and ignorance is failing to comprehend  
the profound thoughts of the Lord through His works  
(Ps. 92:5-6).

## **Flattering words of a hypocrite**

The flattering words of a hypocrite, who hides their feelings with flattery,  
should not be trusted, no matter how pleasing they may sound,  
because their heart is filled with malicious thoughts  
(Prov. 26:24-25).

## **The lips of the righteous.**

The lips of the righteous are like the purest honey and a fountain of life, speaking wisdom and beneficial words, nurturing many people (Prov. 10:11, 20-21, 31-32).

## **The righteous and the wicked**

The righteous will receive blessings, and they will be adequately rewarded for their labors. However, the wicked will perish, as they will have to pay for what they have done (Isa. 3:10-11).

## **These poor people are better than those rich ones.**

The one who is poor yet has discernment and examines oneself thoroughly while living honestly is better than the falsely wealthy who consider themselves wise (Prov. 28:6, 11).

## **A God who does not withhold kindness.**

If we forsake God's law and do not keep His commandments,  
God will discipline and punish our wickedness with a rod and whip.  
Nevertheless, God will not withdraw His kindness from us forever,  
for the sake of His eternal kindness toward us.  
He will not withdraw His kindness from us, nor will He be unfaithful  
(Ps. 89:28, 30-33).

## **If something goes wrong, it can all fall apart in a day.**

Even though the lover of money never finds satisfaction with it,  
continuously amassing wealth with persistence, engaging in risky speculation.  
But if things go wrong, they can lose their entire fortune overnight,  
which cannot be taken lightly (Eccle. 5:10, 13).

## **The one who guards their own soul.**

The person who guards their own conduct by keeping God's commandments  
is guarding their own soul, and the one who guards their mouth and tongue  
will keep themselves from trouble  
(Prov. 19:16; 21:23).



## **Rather than worshiping God without knowing one's own faults ...**

Approaching God like a fool,  
not knowing one's faults, and worshiping Him  
is worse than, approaching God like a wise person  
and drawing near to Him to listen to His words  
(Eccle. 5:1).

## **The fool who thinks his actions are right.**

The fool explodes with anger immediately, thinking his actions are right,  
but the wise person remains calm even when insulted and listens to others' advice  
(Prov. 12:15-16).

## **The foolish one who delights in revealing their own intentions.**

The foolish one, who delights only in revealing their own intentions,  
answer before hearing the matter, and they also stir up strife  
(Prov. 18:2, 6, 13).

## **The foolish man who trusts in himself.**

The foolish man who trusts in himself  
still persists in his stubbornness despite frequent rebukes  
(Prov. 28:26; 29:1).

## **Do not fall into the trap of your own words.**

Do not be trapped by your own words  
when you have put up security for a neighbor's debt  
(Prov. 6:1-2).

## **Meditate quietly but praise loudly**

I will meditate quietly on the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wondrous works.  
I will praise loudly Your great deeds from one generation to another  
(Ps. 145:4, 5)

## **Misguiding leaders**

The leaders who are leading the nation's people astray,  
guiding them onto the path of destruction, deserve judgment.  
They trample on their own citizens, mercilessly exploit the poor,  
and their houses are filled with possessions taken from the poor  
(Isa. 3:12-15).

## **The fool who acts recklessly and carelessly ...**

The fool who acts recklessly and carelessly does not fear God,  
thus they do not hate evil, nor do they avoid it.  
Therefore, they will face consequences for their foolishness and wicked deeds  
(Prov. 8:13; 14:14, 16-18).

## **Please do not let sin dominate me.**

Guide my footsteps by Your word,  
so that sin may not dominate me  
(Ps. 119:133).

**With the belief that  
'You will fulfill everything You have promised to me' ...**

"I am inspired by Your elevated word,  
having faith that 'You will fulfill everything You have promised to me,'  
'You have answered me on the day I called to You,  
and You have strengthened me in my soul'  
(Ps. 138:2-3, 8).

**What the Lord hates ...**

Among the seven things the Lord hates are:  
a lying tongue,  
a heart that devises wicked schemes,  
a false witness who pours out lies,  
and a person who stirs up conflict among brothers  
(Prov. 6:16-19).

## **When the Lord brought back the captives of Satan to the church, we were like those who dream.**

When the Lord brought back the captives of Satan to the church,  
we were like those who dream.  
At that time we were so joyful that we laughed and sang joyful songs.  
And we exclaimed with joy, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us; we were filled with joy.  
Therefore, even now, while still thinking of Satan's captives,  
we sow seeds of prayer with tears:  
'Lord, please restore them as streams in a dry land.'  
And while we weep, we go out with the seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
and sow it to the captives of Satan.  
The Lord will surely bring us back with joy, carrying the sheaves of grain  
(Ps. 126:1-6).

## **If the Lord does not build the church, our efforts to build it are in vain.**

If the Lord does not build the church, our efforts to build it are in vain.  
If the Lord does not guard the church, the watchman stands guard in vain.  
Even rising early in the morning for dawn prayer meetings  
and staying up late meditating on God's word, and toiling to serve the Lord's church  
while sleeping, are futile.  
Therefore, the Lord, in His love for us, gives sleep.  
Furthermore, the Lord bestows children or blessings upon us,  
giving us spiritual children as a gift.  
If we receive many such spiritual children as a gift from a young age,  
we are blessed and happy (Ps. 127:1-5).

## **The Lord will guard and protect His church from now and forevermore.**

The Lord will guard His people from now and forevermore, and surround them for protection. Saints who rely on the Lord, who guards and surrounds His church for protection, are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever (Ps. 121:5, 8; 125:1-2).

## **The one who loves the Lord is a person of excellent perception.**

The one who loves the Lord keeps His commandments (Jn. 14:21).  
The one who keeps the Lord's commandments is a person of excellent perception (Ps. 111:10).  
The person of excellent perception knows  
that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (v. 10).

## **If the Lord's word had not been my delight, then ...**

If the Lord's word had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.  
I will never forget His precepts, for by them I have renewed my life  
(Ps. 119:92-93).

## **Let me live satisfied with your kindness, Lord.**

Lord, give me a wise heart so that amidst the toil and sorrow of this fleeting world,  
in the swift passage of time, I may find contentment in Your kindness.  
Let me live joyfully and happily throughout my life  
(Ps. 90:10, 12, 14).

## **Let's listen to the wise words of the Lord every day.**

We must listen to the Lord's instruction and gain wisdom.  
We are blessed to seek the Lord,  
waiting for Him while listening to His wise words every day.  
Those who seek the Lord's wisdom will obtain life and receive favor from God  
(Prov. 8:33-35).

## **We receive restoration through the Lord's steadfast love.**

Christians who love the commandments of the Lord and keep His word  
are true individuals who receive restoration through the Lord's steadfast love  
(Ps. 119:158-159).

## **The Lord Himself builds it!**

The Almighty Lord Himself, who loves His body, the Church,  
will personally build it and glorify it.

In other words, the Lord is building His Church as a glorious church  
(Ps. 87:2, 3, 5; Mt. 16:18; Eph. 5:27).

## **Revive me again with Your love.**

The arrogant have smeared me with lies, but I obey your precepts with all my heart.  
They almost wiped me from the earth, but I have not forsaken your commands.  
Preserve my life according to your love, and I will obey the statutes of your mouth  
(Ps. 119:78, 84-88).

## **Your hand is always my help.**

To those who choose to follow all your righteous decrees,  
and to those who seek you, O Christ, 'Your hand is always my help'  
(Ps. 119:170, 172-173).



## **Listen to my prayer with your unfailing love.**

Far from the law of the Lord those who pursue evil are at hand.

The Lord is near to me. I rise early in the morning and

I quietly recite your word. I seek your help. I put my hope in your word of promise.

I pray with all my heart. I cry to you, and you hear my prayer with your steadfast love.

Save me, and I will keep your law

(Ps. 119:145-151).

## **Let Your steadfast love be my comfort.**

When the Lord troubles me in faithfulness

My prayer is, 'As you promised to your servant,

Let your steadfast love be my comfort'

(Ps. 119:75-76).

## **Something worse than death**

He who pleases God is like a trap or a net for the mind, a thing worse than death.

A woman whose hands are like chains escapes, but the sinner is caught in her snare

(Eccle. 7:26).

## **A wise person who thinks a lot about death.**

A wise person thinks a lot about death,  
while a fool thinks only about having a good time.  
Better to spend your time at funerals than at parties.  
After all, everyone dies—so the living should take this to heart.  
Sorrow is better than laughter, for sadness has a refining influence on us.  
(Eccle. 7:1-4).

## **Fools who hate knowledge**

Fools despise wisdom and discipline.  
They prefer their own opinions to those of others.  
They refuse to listen to correction and find no pleasure in understanding.  
For wisdom is a voice crying out for help,  
a voice that offers knowledge and understanding.  
But fools hate wisdom and refuse to listen;  
they ignore discipline and reject correction.  
They close their ears to the cries of wisdom  
and ignore the sound of understanding.  
They turn their backs on wisdom and walk away.  
For simpletons turn away from me—to death.  
Fools are destroyed by their own complacency.  
But all who listen to me will live in peace,  
untroubled by fear of harm  
(Prov. 1:20-27).

## **A fool without knowledge**

A fool without knowledge cannot control his lips.  
It's easy to commit sins because he talks a lot and talk carelessly  
(Prov. 10:19, 21, 32).

## **It's like taking an express train to hell.**

A foolish young man without wisdom is tempted  
by a cunning and adulterous woman and follows her.  
Like a cow going to the slaughter, like a deer running into a snare,  
an arrow pierced his heart, he is putting his life in danger.  
In the end, it's like taking an express train to hell  
(Prov. 8:7, 10, 21-23, 27).

## **A fool without wisdom ...**

A foolish person without wisdom,  
Who walks around, chatting and revealing other people's secrets,  
despises his neighbors  
(Prov. 11:12-13).

## **Those who are wise ...**

Those who are wise  
watch the miracles God has done in life  
and realize God's lovingkindness  
(Ps. 107:31, 43).

## **A fool man without wisdom...**

A fool man without wisdom is reckless and careless,  
even on his journey he shows his folly, revealing it to everyone.  
But a wise man seeks knowledge and understanding;  
He carefully considers his steps and walks in righteousness  
(Prov. 13:16; 15:14, 21; 16:22; Eccle. 10:2, 3).

## **The wise Christians**

The wise Christians avoid going to the places where the wicked go,  
they do not follow their path, and they steer clear of their actions  
because they know that the wicked eat the bread of wickedness  
and drink the wine of violence.  
They cannot sleep unless they do evil,  
and they are robbed of sleep unless they make someone stumble  
(Prov. 4:14-17).

## **A wise Christian ...**

A wise Christian, out of reverence for God, hates evil,  
but he greatly delights in God's commandments  
(Prov. 8:13; Ps. 111:10; 112:1).

## **Wise man vs. Foolish man**

The wise man listens to advice and welcomes instruction from honorable individuals,  
while the foolish man disregards his father's teaching, despises wise counsel,  
scorns discipline, and hates knowledge  
(Prov. 1:7, 22; 12:15; 15:5; 19:20; 23:9).

## **The ear of the wise man vs. the ear of the foolish man**

The ear of the wise man seeks knowledge,  
but the ear of the foolish man delights in spreading gossip  
and listening to the words of those who go about.  
It's like enjoying tasty food when swallowing  
(Prov. 18:8, 15).

## **The wealth of a wise man**

The wealth of a wise man is like a crown  
because he spends money generously for good deeds and to help others  
(Prov. 10:16; 11:24, 25; 14:24).

## **It is better to listen to the rebuke of a wise man.**

Listening to the rebuke of a wise man is better than listening to the praise of a fool  
who seeks praise from others rather than seeking praise from God  
(Prov. 27:5; Eccle. 7:5; Jn. 5:44)

## **The wise woman vs. The foolish woman**

The wise woman who fears God and lives with integrity brings happiness to her home,  
but the foolish woman who walks in wrong and twisted paths,  
stirs up trouble with arrogant words, deceit,  
and trivializes sin, destroys her own home  
(Prov. 14:1-3, 8-9).

## **Wise lips (1)**

Wise lips speak truth, promoting righteousness.

They hate evil, detesting perverse and deceitful speech

(Prov. 8:1, 7-8).

## **Wise lips (2)**

Wise lips that spread knowledge

are a treasure more valuable than much gold and pearls.

(Prov. 15:7; 20:15)

## **A wise man**

A wise man rarely gets angry, so he stops arguing.

(Prov. 14:29; 15:18).

## **A wise person knows how to enjoy life.**

A wise person knows that there is nothing better in this world than to eat, drink, and find joy in their work, which is a gift from God as they live their life diligently in this world. Therefore, they enjoy life to the fullest (Eccle. 8:15).

## **A wise person's view of happiness**

The happiness of the wise person lies in seeking wisdom and understanding, which are incomparable and more valuable and beneficial than silver, gold, or jewels. As a result, they attain long life and wealth, and their path is one of joy and peace (Prov. 3:13-17).

## **The wise children of God ...**

The wise children of God come to understand the love of their Heavenly Father through His discipline (Prov. 3:11-12)



## **Christians who learn wisdom and the right path**

Through the word of God, Christians who learn wisdom and the right path do not enter the path of the wicked but instead avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way, and they do not imitate their ways (Prov. 4:11, 14-15).

## **Power of wisdom**

The ability of wisdom is to possess sharpness, knowledge, and discernment and to hate evil through fearing God (Prov. 8:12-14).

## **Those who ignore and refuse to accept the advice and rebuke of wisdom are foolish.**

Those who ignore and refuse to accept the advice and rebuke of wisdom are foolish; they will be arrogant and willful, and they will encounter fearful disaster, living in distress and sorrow. Even if they seek God, they will not find Him, and even if they call out to Him, He will not answer. This is because the foolish despise knowledge and do not take pleasure in fearing God; they reject God's advice and scorn His rebuke (Prov. 1:25-32).

## **Because they do not listen to the teachings of truth ...**

Because they do not listen to the instruction of truth,  
those who become excessively foolish are in a state of confusion.  
They stumble over their own evil and are ensnared by the cords of their own sins  
(Prov. 5:22-23).

## **A righteous person who speaks the truth**

The wicked are trapped by their own words,  
but the righteous find great satisfaction in speaking the truth  
(Prov. 12:13-14).

## **A person who lives truthfully**

A person who lives truthfully, which pleases God, will receive salvation,  
but a person who lies, which God hates, will suddenly perish  
(Prov. 12:22; 28:18).

## **God humbled himself to examine heaven and earth**

He looks down from heaven to observe the earth,  
yet God humbles Himself and raises up the poor and needy,  
making the childless woman a joyful mother of children  
(Ps. 113:5-9).

## **A friend's advice and rebuke**

A friend's sincere advice is beautiful.  
A friend's painful rebuke is an expression of faithful friendship  
(Prov. 27:6).

## **A foolish person who blurts out painful words as if stabbing others with a knife.**

A foolish person who immediately explodes with anger  
say words that are painful, as if stabbing others with a knife.  
But the words of a wise man who endures humiliation soothes painful wounds  
(Prov. 12:16, 18).

## **The secret to living an abundant life is ...**

The secret to living a prosperous life  
is to honor the Lord with the firstfruits of our possessions and income  
(Prov. 3:9-10).

## **It is something that pleases God.**

God chose us as his special possession for himself.  
It is something that pleases God  
(Ps. 135:4, 6).

## **A person pleasing to God**

Although God hates false witnesses who lie,  
He is pleased with those who speak the truth and act truthfully.  
(Prov. 12:17, 22).

## **God is on our side!**

"The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Ps. 118:6).

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31)

"The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies" (Ps. 118:7).

Therefore, "What can mere mortals do to me?" (Ps. 118:6)

Who can stand against us?

Absolutely no one can! Therefore, we have no need to fear!

## **Those who fear God (1)**

Those who fear God hate evil and turn away from it.

(Prov. 8:13; 16:6).

## **Those who fear God (2)**

Those who fear God hate pride, haughtiness, evil conduct, and lying lips

(Prov. 8:13).

## **Those who fear God (3)**

Those who fear the LORD trust in the LORD alone  
because only the LORD is gracious and faithful.  
They give glory only to the name of the LORD and never to themselves.  
Furthermore, those who fear the LORD rely solely on God.  
This is because God is their help and their shield.  
The LORD remembers those who fear him,  
blessing them and making them and their descendants even more prosperous.  
Therefore, the Scriptures declare them blessed by the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth (Ps. 115:1, 11-15).

## **Wise Christians who fear God**

Wise Christians who fear God are righteous individuals.  
Reverent and honest, they perform their tasks with integrity,  
unwavering due to their firm faith and trust in God.  
Their hearts are steadfast, unafraid of anything.  
They generously aid the poor and lend freely to others.  
Therefore, reverent and honest Christians  
who fear God shine light even in darkness.  
They are merciful and compassionate,  
their righteousness enduring forever,  
leading them to prominence and respect.  
Their homes are filled with wealth and riches,  
experiencing prosperity in all their endeavors.  
Their descendants will also be blessed  
(Ps. 112).

## **Christians who love, fear, and sincerely pray to God**

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.  
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them  
(Ps. 146:18-20).

### **We who love God**

We who love God also reverence Him.  
We who reverence God also hate evil.  
We who love God also love goodness  
(Ps. 97:10; Prov. 8:13; Amos 5:15).

### **A wise person who relies on God**

The wise rely on God, so they will not fear sudden disaster  
or the destruction that overtakes the wicked.  
They believe this because they trust in the God  
they rely on to keep them safe  
(Prov. 3:25-26).

## **We who do not wait for God's teachings**

Yet they soon forgot what he had done  
and did not wait for his plan to unfold.  
In the desert they gave in to their craving;  
in the wilderness they put God to the test  
(Ps. 106:13-14).

## **The powerful work of God's Word!**

God pierces my conscience with the sword of the Spirit (Acts 2:37; Eph. 6:17),  
shattering my stubborn heart with words like a hammer (Jere. 23:29; Heb. 3:15),  
melting my cold heart with words like fire (Jere. 23:29),  
leading me to confess and repent of my sins (Mt. 3:6, 8),  
transforming and renewing me (Rom. 12:2).

## **God's mercy**

Yet he was merciful; he forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them.  
Time after time, he restrained his anger and did not stir up his full wrath.  
Again and again, he turned aside his anger and did not unleash all his fury  
(Ps. 78:38, 41, 56, 57).



## **People with whom God is pleased**

The LORD delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love  
(Ps. 147:11; 149:4).

## **Let us eat and drink what God gives us and live a life satisfied with our work.**

All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest.  
This too is meaningless. A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and  
find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God  
(Eccle. 2:23-24).

## **I lift up my eyes and look to you, Lord, who art in heaven.**

Like a servant's eyes on his master's hand,  
Lord, I lift up my eyes to you, enthroned in heaven.  
We are utterly scorned. Rich people flaunt their scorn; arrogant people ridicule us.  
Our eyes look to the Lord our God, waiting for him to have mercy on us  
(Ps. 123:1-4).

## **The reason everything works together for good**

The reason everything works together for good is that we are weak and don't know how we should pray as we ought (which is why we often pray according to our own desires), but it is the Spirit himself who intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express, praying for us in accordance with God's will (Rom. 8:26-28).

## **A person who likes to play with his tongue**

A person who enjoys poking fun with their tongue continually speaks of others' faults, spreads malicious rumors, and thus separates close friends and sows discord among brothers (Prov. 6:19; 16:28; 17:9; 18:8, 21).

## **Tribulation and distress overtook me**

Although tribulation and distress overtook me,  
I trust and does not forget Your law, which is most sincere.  
Rather, through the true law of the Lord  
the Lord gives me understanding and makes me live.  
Thus, I love Your Word, which is very pure and my delight  
(Ps. 119:138, 140-144).

## **A great leader**

When there is an astute and a great leader,  
a nation will enjoy prolonged stability  
(Prov. 11:14; 28:2).