

A Wise Choice

Solomon is known for the wisdom he received from God. We can learn many things by reading through the proverbs that he gave. Below are just a few of them. Match up the Proverbs in the left box below with the current situations given in the right box. Write the correct Proverb number on the line beside the situation that goes with it. These current situations can help you to understand what Solomon was trying to tell us.

1. He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. — Proverbs 13:24
2. Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD. — Proverbs 18:22
3. A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment. — Proverbs 17:23
4. The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute. — Proverbs 12:24
5. A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. — Proverbs 11:13
6. Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight. — Proverbs 12:22
7. When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom. — Proverbs 11:2
8. Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins. — Proverbs 10:12
9. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. — Proverbs 8:33
10. I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. — Proverbs 8:17
11. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. — Proverbs 11:28
12. A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. — Proverbs 17:22

- A. _____ "My wife and I have been married for 23 years, and she is still the joy of my life."
- B. _____ "Joe, sneak me a copy of the test, and I'll give you \$5.00."
- C. _____ "Son, I don't like to punish you, but I can't allow you to be disobedient."
- D. _____ "Listen, Ellen, I promised not to tell, but . . ."
- E. _____ "Just tell Mrs. Jackson you lost your homework. She won't know you didn't do it."
- F. _____ "Studying is a bore; let's go play basketball."
- G. _____ "There's no use being depressed. We still have lots to smile about!"
- H. _____ "I know I'm still just a child, but I believe God loves me and I want to serve Him."
- I. _____ "Charlie was bragging to everyone that he was going to win first place. Brian didn't say much, but I always did think he was the faster runner."
- J. _____ "I thought my investments were sound and my future secure. But now I've lost everything."
- K. _____ "My grandfather always has an answer for me. He may be old, but I respect his judgment."
- L. _____ "I never have been able to stand that guy. C'mon, let's get him!"

Hypothetical Questions Activity

Cut out each question separately, and put the slips of paper in a basket or hat.

Pass the basket around and have each student read a situation. The student may either answer or defer to the class for group discussion.

Your science teacher asks you to explain why you don't believe in Evolution.

Several friends ask you to go to the Mall with them. You know one girl is a shoplifter.

You're invited to a party where they plan to watch horror movies all night.

Several friends ask if you want to skip school with them tomorrow. You know one boy likes to get high.

Your best friend is in trouble and asks you to lie for him. He said he knows that if you stick up for him, they'll believe his story.

Object lesson: a reflector for a bicycle

Pull reflector from a bag and ask: "What does a reflector have to do with Solomon and our Sunday School lesson?"

This reflector is a special piece of glass and plastic which could save your life, on your bicycle. It reflects light so you can be seen if you're riding early in the morning or in the evening.

It is not a light source, just a reflector. There is no light in it at all.

Solomon was an ordinary man, but because he loved the Lord, God asked him, 'What shall I do for you?' and Solomon, just new at being king, asked for wisdom.

God gave him wisdom. Just like this piece of plastic, Solomon was a reflector of God's Wisdom -- not the source.

You and I can be reflectors of God's Wisdom if we ask for it in faith, and do God's will."