

Sermon Notes

Proverbs 8-9-10

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I. Introduction

Prov 8 offers moral direction to all who will listen and urges men to seek Wisdom for life and favor.
Prov 9 challenges everyone to make a choice between a life of understanding or destruction.
Prov 10 begins Solomon's collection of practical wisdom. Contrasts the wise and the foolish.

- a. we've seen that Proverbs is all about Wisdom... wisdom in the person of Christ... but that wisdom is not just about knowing stuff... it's about practically applying it...
Exo 28:3... "instruct the skilled artisans, whom I have filled with a spirit of wisdom..."
Exo 31:3-6... "I have put wisdom in the heart of every skilled artisan..."
1Chron 28:21... "every willing person of any skill will be at your disposal..."
Prov 2:2... "listening closely to wisdom... directing your heart to understanding..."
Prov 4:11... "I am teaching you the way of wisdom... guiding you on straight paths..."
chokmah... *skill; wisdom in administration, religion, ethics; practical or applied knowledge...*

**Wisdom is knowing the right thing to do and doing it at the right time to get the desired result.
It is also the correct application of knowledge. Patience Johnson**

- b. Proverbs is not just about knowing the right thing to do... it's about doing it... helps us to understand right and wrong... then encourages us to make a good choice... pray...

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not necessarily to be wise. Charles Spurgeon

II. 8-9-10

- a. Eight
MarketWatch/YouGov survey says 72% of Americans believe more money would solve their problems and make them happier... 59% explicitly state money can buy happiness... Millennials say they need \$525,000 annually to be content... Gen Z content with \$128k...
Ecl 4:8... "still not content with riches... *who am I struggling for...* this is futile and miserable..."
Ecl 5:10... "whoever loves money never has enough... loves wealth is never satisfied..."
Phil 4:11-12... "I have learned to be content in all circumstances... with little or a lot..."
1Tim 6:3-10... "godliness with contentment is great gain... the love of money is root of all evil..."

the real issue is not a money problem... but a wisdom problem...

Prov 8:18-21... "with wisdom are riches and honor... lasting wealth and righteousness... my fruit is better than solid gold... and my harvest than pure silver... I, wisdom, cause those who love me to inherit wealth... that I may fill their treasuries..."

contentment and fulfillment are not found by having more money or more stuff... honor God... seek Him first... as you do... He provides these things for His kids stress free...
Prov 3:5-10... "honor the Lord with your wealth... barns will be filled... vats overflow..."
Prov 23:4-5... "don't wear yourself out to get rich... do not trust your own cleverness... cast but a glance at riches and they are gone... they will sprout wings and fly off..."
Ecl 5:10... "how meaningless to think wealth brings true happiness..."
Matt 6:25-34... "don't worry about life... what you eat or drink or wear... Gentiles eagerly seek these things... your Father knows you need them... seek first His righteousness... all these added..."
Luke 16:11... "if you are unfaithful with worldly wealth... who will trust you with true riches..."

don't listen to lies of the world... don't seek money or success... seek Jesus... He brings good success without compromising your values or destroying your family...
Josh 1:7-9... "do not turn from it... that you may have good success wherever you go..."
Psa 1:1-3... "delight in the Lord's instruction... whatever he does prospers..."

- b. Nine
times when we need to make a choice to speak up or stay quiet when dealing with difficult people or situations... many believers struggle with that... critical to have God's wisdom...
Prov 9:7-9... "anyone who rebukes a mocker will get an insult... anyone who corrects wicked will get hurt... so don't bother correcting mockers, they will only hate you... but correct the wise, and they will love you... instruct the wise, and they will be wiser... teach the righteous and they will learn..."
mockers/scoffer... *ridicule, taunt, scoff; mocks, derides or treats with contempt and disrespect...*
Prov 29:9-11... "if wise person takes a fool to court... fool rages and laughs... no peace..."
Matt 7:6... "do not give what is holy to the dogs... or toss your pearls before pigs..."

bible seems pretty clear... don't waste time having a discussion with a mocker, scoffer, or fool... however, Prov 26 seems to contradict that... so how do we make a good choice...
Prov 26... "don't answer a fool according to foolishness... answer a fool according to foolishness..."
Matt 21:23-27... "Jesus asked question... they refused to answer... *neither will I tell you*..."
Matt 27:11-14... "when He was being accused... He didn't answer on even one charge..."
Mark 14:61-62... "*are you the Messiah*... Jesus said, *I am*..."
John 3:1-21... "*how can anyone be born again*... truly unless someone is born of water and Spirit..."
John 16:13... "when the Spirit of truth comes... He will guide you into all the truth..."

HS will lead you when to speak or stay quiet... don't need to defend yourself or God... let Him be shield and protection... don't have to answer every criticism... nor should you...
Isa 54:17... "no weapon formed against you will succeed... silence any accusations..."
Luke 6:27-28... "do good to those who hate... bless those who curse... pray for those who hurt..."
Luke 12:12... "HS will teach you at that very hour what must be said..."
Luke 21:15... "I will give you words and wisdom that your enemies won't be able to contradict..."

- c. Ten
first section is complete... not simply good advice... but Godly wisdom... second section from chapters 10-29 are a collection of short sayings that apply wisdom to life... about family, work, friendship, sex, money, marriage, forgiveness, anger, alcohol, debt, etc...
Prov 10:1... "wise child brings joy to a father... foolish child brings grief to a mother..."
Prov 10:4... "lazy hands make for poverty... diligent hands bring wealth..."
Prov 10:8... "the wise are glad to be instructed... but a fool will come to ruin..."
Prov 10:16... "the reward of the righteous leads to life... wages of the wicked is sin and death..."
Prov 10:19... "too much talk leads to sin... be sensible and keep your mouth shut..."
Prov 10:24... "fears of the wicked will be fulfilled... hopes of the godly will be granted..."
Prov 10:32... "lips of righteous speak helpful words... mouth of wicked speak perverted..."

one theme is simply *work good, lazy bad*... goes against a lot of our society... God is *pro-work*... but as we work... rely on the supply of grace... not demand of law... pray...
Psa 90:16-17... "let the favor of God be on us and establish the work of our hands..."
Prov 10:22... "blessing of the Lord makes one rich... He adds no sorrow with it..."
etseb... *pain, hurt, toil, sorrow, labor, hardship...*
Acts 14:26... "they had been entrusted to the grace of God to do the work..."
1Cor 15:10-11... "I worked harder than all... yet not I... but the grace that was with me..."
2Cor 9:8... "every grace overflows to you... so you may excel in every good work..."
2Thess 3:10-11... "those unwilling to work will not get to eat... some of you are idle..."

Read Proverbs 8-9-10 every day this week and choose between wisdom and foolishness.