

# Sermon Notes

## Proverbs 26-27-28

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#### I. Introduction

Prov 26 uses vivid imagery of fools and lazy people to teach wisdom, discernment and careful speech.  
Prov 27 is a collection of wisdom on humility, honest friendships, and importance of diligence at work.  
Prov 28 teaches good choices arise from listening to Godly wisdom and not the advice of the world.

- a. how often do you feed your physical body... need food and water multiple times a day... but how often do you feed your soul... 50% read bible less than twice a year...
- b. simply cannot prosper and succeed... cannot really live... without the Word of God...  
Deut 8:3 / Matt 4:4... "He gave you manna to eat... so He might make you understand that man does not live on bread alone, but every word that comes from God..."  
haya... live, have life, sustain life, live prosperously; be restored to life and health; to revive...  
zao... be among the living (not lifeless); enjoy real life; active, blessed; powerful, efficient...
- c. God gave the Israelites fresh manna every morning... told His people to gather it daily... same is true for us... your Daddy doesn't want His kids to live on stale bread...  
Exo 16:19-20... "some left part of the manna until morning... it bred worms and stank..."  
Lam 3:22-23... "because of the Lord's faithful love... His mercies are new every morning..."  
Rom 10:17... "faith comes by hearing... and hearing by the word of Christ..."  
2Cor 6:2... "don't receive grace in vain... now is acceptable time... today is the day..."
- d. can't face today's challenges on yesterday's manna... make a good choice and face them with fresh manna, fresh grace, fresh strength, fresh faith for each day... pray...  
Luke 11:3... "give us each day our daily bread..."  
John 6:22-59... "the bread of God is the One who comes from heaven and gives life to the world... I am the bread of life... no one who comes to Me will ever hunger or thirst again... your ancestors ate manna and died... I am the living bread from heaven... eat this bread and you will live forever..."

#### II. 26-27-28

- a. Twenty-Six  
let me ask you a serious question... how many times a day do you say... *I don't know*... actually a very wise, good choice... something extremely powerful and freeing when you admit that... sign of strength, not weakness... opens door to God's grace and wisdom...  
Prov 1:4-7... "these proverbs give insight to the simple... fools despise wisdom..."  
Prov 3:5-11... "don't be wise in your own eyes... do not despise the Lord's instruction..."  
Prov 9:7-9... "don't correct mockers, they'll hate you... correct wise, they'll love you..."  
Prov 12:1... "to learn, you must love discipline... it is stupid to hate correction..."  
Prov 26:12... "more hope for fools... than for people who think they are wise..."  
1Cor 8:2... "if anyone thinks they know anything... don't know as they ought to know..."  
Jam 4:6... "God resists proud... gives grace to the humble... humble yourself, He will exalt you..."  
  
God is not looking for people who know it all... He's looking for faithful ones...  
Luke 16:10-13... "he who is faithful in little is also faithful in much..."  
1Cor 1:18-25... "cross is foolishness... God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom..."  
2Cor 12:9... "My grace is sufficient... for My power is made perfect in weakness..."  
2Tim 2:2... "what you have heard... commit to faithful men who will teach others..."

churches often look for the most talented, gifted, flashy people to teach or sing or lead... God says look for the teachable, faithful ones who simply show up and serve others...  
Rom 12:4-6... "many parts in one body... according to grace... use to serve others..."  
1Cor 12:12-31... "those parts of the body that are weaker are indispensable..."  
Gal 5:13... "brothers and sisters... serve one another thru love..."  
Phil 2:3-4... "do nothing out of selfishness... in humility... look to interests of others..."  
1Pet 4:10-11... "each one has received a gift... use it to serve others..."

#### b. Twenty-Seven

ever noticed when you're in a hurry and hungry you eat more junk food... but when you're at rest and not starving... often choose healthier options and say no to junk...  
Prov 27:7... "one who is full loathes honey... to the hungry even the bitter is sweet..."  
Rom 12:2... "don't conform to the world... but be transformed by renewing your mind..."

same is true spiritually... often try to feed our hungry souls thru social media, TV, even food to fill the emptiness inside... offers momentary relief, but doesn't truly satisfy...  
Job 23:12... "I have treasured His words more than my daily food..."  
Psa 119:103... "how sweet Your word is to my taste... sweeter than honey in my mouth..."  
Isa 55:2... "why do you spend money on what is not bread... your wages on what does not satisfy..."  
Jer 15:16... "Your words were found and I ate them... became a delight and joy to me..."  
Matt 5:6... "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness... they'll be filled..."

when you feel empty, hungry, depressed, dissatisfied... don't reach for junk food... reach for the only food that satisfies... spiritual manna from heaven... the Word of God...  
Psa 112:1... "blessed are those who find great delight in His commands..."  
Matt 6:25-34... "don't worry about what you eat... seek first His righteousness..."  
Heb 5:14... "solid food is for the mature... those who can discern both good and evil..."  
Jam 1:21... "get rid of moral filth... humbly receive implanted word which is able to save souls..."  
1Pet 2:2... "like infants... desire the pure milk of the Word... so you may grow up..."

love these other verses from Chapter 27...

Prov 27:2... "let another praise you, not your own mouth; a stranger, not your own lips..."  
Prov 27:10... "in your time of calamity; better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away..."  
Prov 27:17... "iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another..."

#### c. Twenty-Eight

when you seek wisdom from others on making good choices... often told to *trust your gut... follow your feelings... play it by ear... listen to your inner voice*... not always good advice... emotions can lead us astray... important to let HS and Word guide our path...  
Psa 16... "I will let the Lord guide me... You reveal the path of life to me..."  
Prov 4:18-26... "carefully consider the path for your feet and all your ways will be established..."  
Prov 12:28... "there is life in the path of the righteous... in its path is no death..."  
Prov 28:26... "one who trusts in himself is a fool... one who walks in wisdom will be safe..."  
John 14:26; 16:13... "HS teaches all things... guides into truth... speaks what is to come..."  
Gal 5:16-25... "walk by the Spirit... be led by the Spirit... live by the Spirit..."

how does that practically work... seek wisdom from God before making decisions... surround yourself with godly counsel... be cautious before making choices based solely on feelings or desire... trust God even when it doesn't align with etp or the world... pray...  
Prov 3:5-6... "trust in the Lord with all your heart... do not rely on your own understanding..."  
Prov 11:14... "without guidance, people fall... there is safety in many counselors..."  
Prov 14:12... "there is a way that seems right to man... in the end it leads to death..."  
Prov 28:5... "those who seek the Lord understand everything..."  
Prov 28:25... "whoever trusts in the Lord will prosper..."