

Proverbs

#2- From Ears to Feet

Proverbs 4–6:19, 1 Kings 3:9, Matt. 13:44, 1 Cor. 10:13

Memory Verse

Proverbs 4:26, 27, “Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil”.

Hear!

Proverbs 4:1 (NKJV) *Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding;*

Proverbs 4:20 (NKJV) *My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.*

Proverbs 5:1 (NKJV) *My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding,*

1 Kings 3:9 (NKJV) *Therefore give to Your servant an understanding [Hearing] heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”*
shaw-mah' = A primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, discern, give ear, understand.)

One of the most successful advertising campaigns was when the Verizon man walked up the street saying “can you hear me now?”

***Isa 30:21** *Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left.*

Proverbs 4:18–19 (NKJV) *But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.*

2 Peter 1:19 (NKJV) *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;*

California turned off radio when Titanic operator said “shut up”. My English teacher said “you heard me you just were not listening.”

How often does God speak in the Bible? The 10 Commandments.

Matthew 3:17 *And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*

***John 12:28-30** *“Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”*

George Whitfield - A unbeliever went one day to see—but not to hear—George Whitefield when he preached outdoors to a great throng. In order to have a good vantage point, he climbed a nearby tree. Putting his fingers in both ears, he began to watch the mighty preacher. Then a persistent fly lit on his nose. He shook his head, but the fly wouldn’t move.

Just as he removed a hand from an ear to flick the fly away, Whitefield quoted the verse, “He that hath ears to hear, let him hear” (**Matthew 11:15**). Then he spoke of the willful refusal of many to hear the Spirit’s voice. **Revelation 3:22** *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”*

Matthew 13:44 (NKJV) *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

Many pilots have two radios in a cockpit. One radio is talking about things happening on earth. The other things happening in the sky.

Protect your Family

Proverbs 5:3 (NKJV) *For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil;*

Proverbs 5:8 (NKJV) *Remove your way far from her, And do not go near the door of her house,*

***Genesis 39:10** (NKJV) *So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.*

1 Peter 5:8–9 (NKJV) *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

Proverbs 5:15–20 (NKJV) *Drink water from your own cistern, And running water from your own well. ... Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love. For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?*

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) *No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*

Proverbs 5:21 (NKJV) *For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, And He ponders all his paths.*

Protect Your Friendship

Proverbs 6:1–5 (NKJV) *My son, if you become surety for your friend, If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger, You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth. So do this, my son, and deliver yourself; For you have come into the hand of your friend: Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend. Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids. Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.*

Galatians 6:2 (NKJV) *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

***Exodus 23:2–3** (NKJV) *You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice. ³ You shall not show partiality to a poor man in his dispute.*

Protect Your Work

Proverbs 6:6–8 (NKJV) ⁶ *Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, ⁷ Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, ⁸ Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest.*

*Read some Ant Facts

Ant brains are largest amongst insects. Mushroom shaped brain appendages have function similar to the gray-matter of human brains.

Proverbs 6:9–11 (NKJV) *How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep— So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.*

***Prov 13:4** *The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.*

Protect Yourself

Proverbs 6:14 (NKJV) *Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord.*

Matthew 15:19 (NKJV) *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.*

Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV) *“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”*

Job 5:7 (NKJV) *Yet man is born to trouble, As the sparks fly upward.*

The largest known cooperative organism living on earth is a single “Super colony” of ants that stretches more the 3,700 miles! Scientist say the vast colony of Argentine ants extends from the Northwest of Italy, tracing around the Mediterranean coasts of France and rounding Spain up to Portugal – a distance wider than the entire United States! Argentine ants were first introduced to Italy about 90 years ago. It is believed they hitched a ride across the ocean on a freighter carrying South American fruit. After landing they quickly became established in the ideal habitat. With plentiful food and few natural enemies they spread like a plague.

Perhaps you have heard of the famous 'parasol' or "leaf-cutter" ants that make gardens and raise their own crops! These amazing creatures are called "Parasol" ants because they are often seen walking in processions, each one holding a piece of green leaf above its head! These bits of green leaf are NOT for food, but are taken to their nests and made into a compost soil— for these ants are actually FARMERS. They deliberately sow, prune, fertilize, weed, harvest and store a fungus crop as carefully as any gardener tends his vegetables. There are ants living in Texas that clear a "field" of one or two square yards, then plant rice. They layout the rice in beds with pathways running among the plants, and they keep their rice fields carefully weeded. When the rice seeds ripen, the ants harvest them, remove the husks, and store the kernels for food. Later the ants with very large jaws crack the seeds and crush the kernels into meal for the rest of the ants. If the rice gets damp and is in danger of spoiling, other ants have the sole responsibility of carrying the damp grain out into the sunshine for drying.

Another species of common Mediterranean ant goes even further in producing its food from farmed seeds. These ants carefully take dried seeds out in the rain until they start to sprout. At that point, they kill the sprout and dry the seeds in the sunshine again. When the seeds are dry, the ants take them down into the kitchen, where other workers crush and chew them into a dough-like substance. They form the dough into cooky-shaped patties and take the patties back out to bake in the Sun. When the ant biscuits are baked, the ants store them in the nest again.