

Proverbs

#5- The Blessings of the Righteous

Prov. 10:1–14, Matt. 19:19, Prov-erbs 11–12, John 3:16, Proverbs 13.

Memory Verse

Proverbs 10:6 NKJV “Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked”.

Righteous = a person or conduct that is morally right, good, justifiable, upstanding, lawful, excellent, and virtuous.

Sunday - Righteousness Is Holistic

This lesson is not just about the blessings of the righteous but the contrast. Notice the pivotal word below “but”.

Lev. 19:18, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” **Matt. 19:19**,

Proverbs 10:1–7 (NKJV) 10 The proverbs of Solomon:

1 A wise son makes a glad father,

But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,

But **righteousness** delivers from death. **From all death or the “Big death?”**

3 The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish,

But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

4 He who has a slack hand becomes poor,

But the hand of the diligent makes rich. **God helps those that help...**

5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son;

He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.

6 Blessings are on the head of the **righteous**,

But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the **righteous** is blessed,

But the name of the wicked will rot. **Decays**

Matthew 22:39 (NKJV) ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Monday - The Mouth of the Righteous

In the NKJV of the Proverbs, the word *mouth* is used 50 times, *lips* occurs 41 times, and *tongue* 19. ***Amazing Fact - the voice**. Adventist World

Proverbs 10:11 (NKJV) The mouth of the righteous is a well of life,

But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

Proverbs 13:14 (NKJV) The law of the wise is a fountain of life,

To turn one away from the snares of death.

***Psalm 36:9** (NKJV) *For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.*

John 4:13–14 (NKJV) *Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”*

Proverbs 10:13–14 (NKJV) *Wisdom is found **on the lips** of him who has understanding, But a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding. ¹⁴ Wise people store up knowledge, But **the mouth** of the foolish is near destruction.*

Proverbs 10:19 *In the multitude of **words** sin is not lacking, But he who restrains **his lips** is wise.*

Proverbs 17:28 *Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts **his lips**, he is considered perceptive.*

***Proverbs 13:3** (NKJV) *He who guards **his mouth** preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.*

Proverbs 11:12 (NKJV) *He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace.*

Proverbs 11:13 (NKJV) *A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.*

Consider just how incredibly powerful words are. With your words you can fill people with self-confidence, cheer, and hope or you can break them down and damage them as surely as if you attacked them physically. How careful are you with the power of the tongue?

Matthew 12:36, 37 *“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” **Ecclesiastes 5:1–7***

Psalms 141:3 *Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips. (Repeat This.)*

Proverbs 11:9 (NKJV) *The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.*

“There are many ways wherein we may acknowledge our Lord and many ways wherein we may deny Him. We may deny Him in our words, by speaking evil of others, by foolish talking, jesting and joking, by idle or unkind words, or by prevaricating, speaking contrary to truth. In our words we may confess that Christ is not in us.” Councils for the Church pg. 81

Proverbs 12:6 (NKJV) *The words of the wicked are, "Lie in wait for blood," But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.*

Tuesday - The Hope of the Righteous

Proverbs 11:1 (NKJV) *Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.*

Proverbs 11:2 (NKJV) *When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.*

Proverbs 11:3 (NKJV) *The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.*

Proverbs 11:5 (NKJV) *The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright, But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.*

Proverbs 11:4 (NKJV) *Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death. [The Judgment Day](#)*

Proverbs 11:7 (NKJV) *When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, And the hope of the unjust perishes.*

***2 Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV)** *while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

Proverbs 11:8 (NKJV) *The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead. [Peter & Herod](#), [Mordechai & Haman](#), [Jeremiah & Zedekiah](#). [Daniel and enemies](#).*

Proverbs 11:17 (NKJV) *The merciful man does good for his own soul, But he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.*

Matthew 5:7 *Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.*

***Psalm 41:1–2 (NKJV)** *Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. ² The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, And he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.*

Mark 11:26 (NKJV) *But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."*

Wednesday - The Truth of the Righteous

Proverbs 13:3 (NKJV) *He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.*

Proverbs 13:5 (NKJV) *A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.*

Riches

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

Proverbs 13:7 (NKJV) *There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.*

Proverbs 13:8 (NKJV) *The ransom of a man's life is his riches, But the poor does not hear rebuke.*

Proverbs 13:11 (NKJV) *Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.*

Ellen G. White wrote: Lying lips are an abomination to Him. He declares that into the holy city there shall in no wise enter . . . anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie. Let truth telling be held with no loose hand or uncertain grasp. Let it become a part of the life. Playing fast and loose with truth, and dissembling to suit one's own selfish plans, means shipwreck of faith. . . . He who utters untruths sells his soul in a cheap market. His falsehoods may seem to serve in emergencies; he may thus seem to make business advancement that he could not gain by fair dealing; but he finally reaches the place where he can trust no one. Himself a falsifier, he has no confidence in the word of others. — *My Life Today*, p. 331.

Thursday - The Reward of the Righteous

John 3:16 (NKJV) *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Proverbs 13:9 (NKJV) *The light of the righteous rejoices, But the lamp of the wicked will be put out.*

Proverbs 13:13 (NKJV) *He who despises the word will be destroyed,*

But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

Proverbs 13:20 (NKJV) *He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.*

The Marvelous Human Voice - The call of a howler monkey's voice can be heard up to three miles away but an elephant's voice is deeper. The song of a humpback whale can cross an ocean. But of all the voices on earth none is as versatile as the human voice. Each person's voice uses a marvelous sound-producing mechanism that is more intricate and complex than any musical instrument. Much research and study has gone into attempts to understand the human voice, and scientists have tried in vain to reproduce it with computers but it always sounds unnatural.

A human voice can produce a range of several octaves in sound by using just two wedge-like projections of ligament and muscle called "vocal cords." These sounds are amplified by built in resonators in our heads called sinus cavities. It's amazing that in order to sing a high C, a soprano's vocal cords must vibrate (open and close) 1,200 times per second. On the other hand, a bass singing his lowest note requires only 40 vibrations per second. Besides singing, our voices are also capable of producing the most complex variations in speech. To control speech sounds, 72 sets of muscles work with split-second timing. In talking for one minute, the tongue, jaw, and lips make at least 300 separate movements. At the same time, our vocal cords are vibrating and our respiratory muscles force out just the right amount of air. And if this isn't complex enough, think of the many inflections the voice is capable of making, ranging up to nearly 500 audible pitches. One can vary the tone tremendously from a shout to a delicate whisper. Trained singers can hold a note for a long time, whereas an auctioneer can speak in a hyper fast staccato. Did you know the Bible says there was one man who spoke like unlike any other? John 7:46 The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!"