

Proverbs

#6- What You Get Is Not What You See

Proverbs 14:1-Proverbs 15:33;

Memory Verse

Proverbs 14:12, NKJV *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*

1 Corinthians 13:12 (NKJV) *For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.*

Sunday - The Assurance of the Fool

Proverbs 14:3 (NKJV) *In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride,*

Pro 14:3 (NEV) *By the mouth of a fool comes a rod for his back, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.*

Proverbs 14:6–8 (NKJV) *A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, But knowledge is easy to him who understands.*

John 18:38 (NKJV) *Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”*

Proverbs 14:7 *Go from the presence of a foolish man, When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge. The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit.*

Are there some people we should not try to witness too?

Matthew 7:6 (NKJV) *“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.*

Proverbs 14:15–18 (NKJV) *The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps. **Don’t be gullible.***

Matthew 10:16–17 (NKJV) *“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues.*

Proverbs 14:16, 17 *A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident. ¹⁷ A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of wicked intentions is hated.*

Saul’s Rash Oath

1 Samuel 14:24–30 (NKJV) *And the men of Israel were distressed that day, for Saul had placed the people under oath, saying, “Cursed is the*

man who eats any food until evening, before I have taken vengeance on my enemies.” So none of the people tasted food. 25 Now all the people of the land came to a forest; and there was honey on the ground. 26 And when the people had come into the woods, there was the honey, dripping; but no one put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath. 27 But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people with the oath; therefore he stretched out the end of the rod that was in his hand and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his countenance brightened. 28 Then one of the people said, “Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, ‘Cursed is the man who eats food this day.’ ” And the people were faint. 29 But Jonathan said, “My father has troubled the land. Look now, how my countenance has brightened because I tasted a little of this honey. 30 How much better if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now would there not have been a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?”

18 *The simple inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge. Solomon was crowned with Knowledge because he sought first God’s kingdom.*

Monday - The Fear of the Wise

The wise speak humbly (Prov. 14:3).

Proverbs 14:3 (NKJV) *But the lips of the wise will preserve them.*

The wise value learning and knowledge (Prov. 14:6, 18).

Proverbs 14:6, 18 (NKJV) *But knowledge is easy to him who understands. ... But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.*

The wise are cautious (Prov. 14:15).

1 Thessalonians 5:21 *Test all things; hold fast what is good.*

The wise are calm (Prov. 14:29, 33).

The wise are compassionate and sensitive (Prov. 14:21, 31).

Mark 12:29–31 (NKJV) *Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”*

Tuesday - The Eyes of the LORD

Proverbs 15:3, NKJV *The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.*

Searching Eyes

2 Chr 16:9 *"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.*

Job 28:24 (NKJV) *For He looks to the ends of the earth, And sees under the whole heavens,*

Hebrews 4:13 (NKJV) *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

Psalms 33:18 (NKJV) *Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,*

Zec 4:10 *For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."*

Like a military Satellite circling the earth.

1 Kings 3:9 (NKJV) *Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"*

Mat 6:22, 23 *The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*

Wednesday - The Joy of the Lord

Ecclesiastes 1:18 *For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow. Ignorance is Bliss?*

Ecclesiastes 7:12 *For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.*

Proverbs 15:15 (NKJV) *All the days of the afflicted are evil, But he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast.*

Proverbs 15:17 (NKJV) *Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, Than a fatted calf with hatred.*

Proverbs 15:23 (NKJV) *A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!*

Joy Is Holy It is not a sin

Neh 8:8-12 *... for this day is holy to our LORD. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."*

Proverbs 15:13 (NKJV) *A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.*

- If you have no joy in your religion, there's a leak in your Christianity somewhere. - Billy Sunday

Job 8:21 *He will yet fill your mouth with laughing, And your lips with rejoicing. **Laughter Is Not A Sin***

Luke 6:21 *Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh.*

Joy = a. Intense and especially ecstatic or exultant happiness.

b. The expression or manifestation of such feeling.

Rejoice = To feel joyful; be delighted:

- Happiness is a feeling. Joy is an attitude.

Thursday - The Sovereignty of God

Proverbs 16:1 *The preparations of the heart in man, And the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.*

Proverbs 20:24 (NKJV) *A man's steps are of the LORD; How then can a man understand his own way?*

The **eyes of a bee** can see ultraviolet light to find pollen on flowers.

Chameleons have bizarre bulging eyes that are mounted like little "gun turrets". Their eyes can rotate and focus separately to observe two different objects simultaneously, giving them a full 360-degree arc of vision around their body.

Eagle Vision They have two foveae or centers of focus, that allow the birds to see both forward and to the side at the same time. Bald eagles are capable of seeing fish in the water from several hundred feet above, while soaring, gliding or in flapping flight. An eagle's eye is at least four times sharper than that of a person with perfect vision. The eagle can probably identify a rabbit moving almost a mile away.

The **penguin eyes** appear are another marvel. The pupils can adjust much more than a cat, dilating from a pinhole to the size of a quarter. This enables sharp vision in both the pitch black depths and at the blinding bright Antarctic surface. Also air and water demand very different kinds of sight. But penguins apparently make the switch smoothly by using fine eye muscles to bend and warp the lens in their eyes to correct for differences between air and water vision. Penguins can also see into the ultraviolet range of the electromagnetic spectrum.

Eyes not only take in they give out. An enraged eye deforms beauty.

Letter to Dear Abby: - "Since I am a pastor with 43 years' experience, I'd like to offer this suggestion to the inexperienced young minister who didn't know how to handle a very bold woman in his congregation who had designs on him. "Whenever I noticed a romantic twinkle in the eye of a woman in my congregation, I always checked to make sure it wasn't caused by a reflection from the gleam in my own. The Rev. Walter Cowen."