

Dec 6 Proverbs 19-23

### Chapter 19

Which one of these proverbs resonates most with your life?

My favorites: 2, 17, 24,

### Chapter 20

Which one of these proverbs resonates most with your life?

My favorites: 3, 13, 17, 19, 21 (easy come, easy go).

Verse. 30 sounds strange, it means that severe punishment is the only true cure for evil.

### Chapter 21

Which one of these proverbs resonates most with your life?

My favorites: 3, 9, 15, 21, 26,

### Chapter 22

Which one of these proverbs resonates most with your life?

My favorites: 2, 8, 9,

Verse 17 begins a new section of proverbs, this one modeled on an ancient Egyptian work of Proverbs (the Instructions of Amenemope), both works contain a preface (vs. 17-21, followed by 30 sayings about professional ethics, warnings against behavior that can destroy humanity and religion, and urging resistance to the temptations of youth.

The sayings of the wise begin with the importance of dealing righteously and compassionately with the poor and with the importance of choosing one's friends wisely.

### Chapter 23

We continue the sayings of the wise in this chapter. They begin with a few notes on dining etiquette. Banquets were a common location for the young to be able to advance themselves socially, so the words of wisdom have to do with the importance of making a good impression and using good manners. Avoid those who are insincere (the stingy), why waste your time and social energy where you're not wanted? It will only lead to indigestion

and frustration! Vs. 13-14 are not condoning literal corporal punishment, but using hyperbole to talk about the real consequences of failing to raise children with discipline. Vs 20-21, choose your peers wisely, do not have bad manners and do not associate with those with poor manners and character (gluttons, drunkards, and sloths) for they are going nowhere. Vs 29-35 paint a vivid picture of what the drunkards and winebibbers experience when they over-indulge.