

Wisdom and Respect

Proverbs 24

"A house is built by wisdom, and it is established by understanding;"-Proverbs 24:3

As you reflect on your experiences, what are some ways wisdom can build a strong house?

*Guiding Choices (thoughtful decisions with finances, children, challenges)

*Encouraging R_____ & L_____

*Teaching Responsibility

*Fostering C_____ (choosing words carefully, diffusing conflicts, honest conv.)

*Prioritizing spiritual & emotional well-being (promoting faith & emotional health)

"A good home must be made, not bought."

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1-2 Don't envy the evil or desire to be with them, for their hearts plan violence, and their words stir up trouble.

What is the wisdom/warning in this verse?

➤ **Don't _____ the evil or _____ to be with them:**

Envy: To be jealous over what others possess; zealous, discontented or resentful, jealousy could also be seen as a protective and passionate commitment, especially in covenant relationships.

One of the keys to understanding this proverb, is knowing the who. In this instance, who is the writer referring to? The _____

Desire: To reach out, to long for, to crave, to wish for. In Hebrew culture, desires were seen as powerful motivators that could lead people closer to God or away from Him depending on the nature of the desire.

Why would someone be envious or desire to be around them?

*No consequences for their _____

*Fame/p_____

*Not rewarded for playing fair

*To be a _____

✓ Psalm 73:2-4

Why are we warned to guard our feelings toward them?

#1 Their _____ plan _____. (plotting, scamming, scheming, ect.)

#2 Their _____ stir up _____. (arguments, fights, debates, ect.)

How could you encourage someone who is frustrated about the success of the evil?

*It will soon fade away

*It will not p_____

*God has the last word

✓ Psalm 37:1-2; 49:16-17

3-4 A house is built by wisdom, and it is established by understanding; by knowledge, the rooms are filled with every precious and beautiful treasure.

When you think of building a house which materials or supplies come to mind?

*Concrete

*W_____

*Nails

*G_____

What does house refer to?

*The f_____ as well as the s_____.

✓ Genesis 12:1; Joshua 24:15

Notice the materials needed to build a strong “house” according to the writer:

***Wisdom:** Moral insight, the ability to live a successful and righteous life. Wisdom comes about through the fear/respect for God. Seeking Him through p_____, reading His W_____, and applying it respectively.

***Understanding:** Intelligence, discernment, the ability to perceive and comprehend the deeper truths and principles of l_____.

***Knowledge:** To know; knowledge is not merely an accumulation of facts, but a reflection of one’s relationship with G_____ and others. This is application.

How would you apply the rooms in your “house” being filled with every precious and beautiful treasure?

*Healthy r_____

*Love

*S_____

*Encouragement

✓ Psalm 127:1; Matthew 7:24-27

“The precious jewels that fill the house are a harmonious, loving family and a sense of security and stability.”

5-6 A wise warrior is better than a strong one, and a man of knowledge than one of strength; for you should wage war with sound guidance; victory comes with many counselors.

How many comparisons do you see in this verse?

- W_____ Warrior Vs. S_____ Warrior
- Man of K_____ Vs. Man of S_____

What is the main idea of this verse?

- A wise person understands the strength of w_____!

In light of this proverb, wisdom, guidance, and victory comes when we have many counselor. We should never make any major decisions without seeking direction from wise and godly counselors.

Counselor: To advise, consult, resolve; generally used in the context of providing guidance and making decisions.

- In contrast a foolish person may assume his/her strength can win a war and end up suffering a major defeat.

What are some other false securities that can cause one to suffer a loss?

- *Finances
 - *G_____ protection
 - *Certain relationships
 - *Social s_____
 - *Technology
 - *Being y_____
 - *Having a routine
- ✓ Psalm 20:7

What kind of people should we receive counsel from?

- *Experienced
- *T_____
- *Understanding
- *R_____

- ✓ 1 Kings 12:6-8

What is one thing you learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

“A good counselor can be the guiding light that helps you navigate through the darkest storms.”