

PROVERBS ON LISTENING AND ANSWERING

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Proverbs 1:5 let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—

Proverbs 1:8 Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. 9 They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

Proverbs 1:23 If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you. 24 But since you rejected me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand,

Proverbs 31:1 The sayings of King Lemuel—an oracle his mother taught him:

Proverbs 31:2 "O my son, O son of my womb, O son of my vows, 3 do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings

Proverbs 31:4 "It is not for kings, O Lemuel—not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, 5 lest they drink and forget what the law decrees, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.

Proverbs 31:6 Give beer to those who are perishing, wine to those who are in anguish; 7 let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.

Proverbs 31:8 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

Proverbs 31:9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." 10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

Proverbs 31:11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

Proverbs 31:12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

Proverbs 31:14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

Proverbs 31:15 She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls.

Proverbs 31:16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

Proverbs 31:17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

Proverbs 31:18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

Proverbs 31:19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

Proverbs 31:20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

Proverbs 31:21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

Proverbs 31:22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

Proverbs 31:23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

Proverbs 31:24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.

Proverbs 31:25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

Proverbs 31:26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

Proverbs 31:29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:31 Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 2:1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, 3 and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 6:1 My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, if you have struck hands in pledge for another, 2 if you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth, 3 then do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands: Go and humble yourself; press your plea with your neighbor! 4 Allow no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids. 5 Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

Proverbs 6:6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! 7 It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, 8 yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

Proverbs 6:9 How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— 11 and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

Proverbs 6:16 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19 a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

Proverbs 6:23 For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life, 24 keeping you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of the wayward wife. 25 Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, 26 for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life. 27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? 28 Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? 29 So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.

Proverbs 6:30 Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his hunger when he is starving. 31 Yet if he is caught, he must pay sevenfold, though it costs him all the wealth of his house. 32 But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself. 33 Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away; 34 for jealousy arouses a husband's fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge. 35 He will not accept any compensation; he will refuse the bribe, however great it is.