

PROVERBS 16

ver 1. To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the proper answer of the tongue

ver 2. All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord.

ver 3. Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans

ver 32. Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.

→ What a GREAT reminder that I must not get ahead of what God had beautifully planned for me.

→ I am reminded of Jesus' immense love for us, we are still given freedom to do whatever we wish to — as long as it is glorifying to the Father. And as I walk further & deeper with Jesus, the Holy Spirit's convictions to my heart, mind & body becomes louder & resounding.

→ I tend to also justify my own plans and the execution of my feeble heart sees them "okay" or "right" however, I was reminded that in whatever I do, I must know first if it's aligned with Jesus' heart. Moreover, I should have a moment-by-moment heart check with my Discarder in order to assess what really my motives are.

→ In both serving a ministry & serving as a Discarder, always go back to the WHY.

→ Our hearts are weak & can easily be deceived. We are called to be ALERT & take our thought CAPTIVE.

→ Another amazing reminder to commit whatever I do to the Lord.

→ at work

→ at the family

→ with my friends

→ in tending my sheep

→ in serving in God's ministry

→ I may at times worry on the 'HOW' to combat my daily life however, God reminded me that getting anxious will just lead me to foolish decision-making. It corrupts my judgement & line of thought.

→ Whenever things don't go according to OUR OWN PLAN/S, we usually wait. Waiting for God's thing may prompt you to be excited and if it went on for long enough without any clear direction (from the Lord) gets us highly sensitive and anxious at the same time.

→ Anxiety roots from not depending to the Lord completely. There is still no complete surrender & repentance.

→ Heightened Anxiety definitely triggers our disoriented mind & hearts and from there, you would be able to craft your OWN solution to things, not regarding accountability to the LORD. Then we get to decide even without knowing God's heart.

→ SHALLOW DEPENDENCE to the Lord can cause ANXIETY. It may then proceed to just being there in our own DGroups and/or ministry, or work. Then we take MATTERS ON OUR OWN HANDS just because we became IMPATIENT.
Calm + Self-control > Impatience

PROVERBS 17

ver 20. One whose heart is corrupt does not prosper;
one whose tongue is perverse falls into trouble.

ver 27. The one who has knowledge uses words with
restraint, and whoever has understanding
is even-tempered.

ver 28. Even fools are thought wise if they keep
silent, and discerning if they hold their
tongues.

Heart checks & taming of tongue

- whatever the HEART harbors, the MOUTH releases.
- A good man brings good things out of the good
stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings
evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.
For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Luke 6:45
- It is a great reminder for me to always do the
following:
 - ↳ heart checks & heart alignment with the Lord
through consistent bible readings
 - ↳ taming of my tongue through becoming aware
of what I am supposed to say & on how do
I say it.
 - ↳ a constant reminder to be a salt & light to
whomever I am talking to as I am a publicly
declared follower of Christ!
- If I do not want to be criticized or at least lessen
the criticisms thrown at me as a Christian, I must
not give them anything to throw at me & really
live my life set apart from the world.
- I should learn how to be more humble and not
assume knowledge not yet acquired.
- I must constantly fill my heart & mind with
God's wisdom

PROVERBS 18

Proverbs 18

ver 2. Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinion

ver 13. To answer before listening — that is folly and shame

ver 15. The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

ver 17. In a lawsuit, the first to speak seems right, until someone comes forward and cross-examine it

ver 24. One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.



LISTEN

well

SELF-CONTROL

IT IS A DISCIPLINE that requires practice

to seek & gain understanding first than responding

everyone has something important to say.

Listening allows me to **THINK & RETHINK** my next words

It provides the opportunity to be the **SALT & LIGHT** among friends, colleagues & family members.

Highly difficult to do but calming & rewarding if mastered

↑ SOCIAL SKILLS

↑ EMOTIONAL QUOTIENT

→ never believe fast - Always confirm & verify.

PROVERBS 19

ver 9. A false witness will not go unpunished,
and whoever pours out lies will perish.

ver 15. Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless
go hungry

ver 22. What a person desires is unfearing love;
better to be poor than a liar

ver 23. The fear of the Lord leads to life;
the one rests content, untouched by trouble



- Since I am both a **BUSINESS LEADER & BUSINESS OWNER** the Lord is reminding me to live my life with **INTEGRITY**.
- As an employee, I am humbled by these passages. I should never cease or even slow down in my work performance if I aim for work excellency.
- As a business owner & a freelance HR consultant, I should be able to create & recommend sound HR judgment to my clients. Things may not be as they want it to be but it has to be right.
- I was reminded that I should definitely practice living a set apart life. A life that may not be easy, and a life that may push me out of my comfort zone, but it'll be a life ultimately **GLORIFYING TO GOD**.

PROVERBS 20

ver 9. Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean & without sin"?

ver 10. Differing weights & differing measures - the LORD detest them both

ver 19. A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.

ALL SINS weigh EQUALLY

ROMANS
3:23

for ALL have
sinned & fall short
of the glory of God...



- ↳ I Am reminded not to compare myself with others when it comes to righteousness. I will never be better than the others when it comes to the sins that I have committed.
- ↳ It reminded me to **BE HUMBLE** because I, too, needed **JESUS** to save me.
- ↳ **I CANNOT SAVE MYSELF ALONE** and I desperately need the LORD in order to keep myself from enjoying too much freedom.
- ↳ While I cannot control other people, I can however control who gets inside my inner circle. Choosing friends is crucial & I should be more vigilant of what would they influence me with should I decide to spend time with them.
- ↳ It is a perfect reminder of God's intentionality to me as I continuously face my **EGO PROBLEM**.

PROVERBS 21

ver 2. Every man's way is right in his own eyes,
but the **LORD** weighs the heart

ver 3. to do righteousness & justice
is desired by the **LORD** more than sacrifice

ver 21. He who pursues righteousness & loyalty
finds life, righteousness and honor

ver 30. There is no wisdom & no understanding
and no counsel against the **LORD**.

Living with **INTEGRITY**

→ I sometimes decide without consulting
God's heart & I sometimes reminded to

ALIGN with God's heart before doing
anything.

→ I am reminded that if I enter myself into
a partnership or deals, I should live to the
expectations & I should deliver my work
with integrity.

→ My decision & plans may sound or look
good for my own **CONVENIENCE** but I
always pray that I may never be too far
from what God intended to for me.

GOD knows the motives
of our hearts

WE CAN
NEVER
out-give
GOD

→ let's
do what is
RIGHT & not
just convenient.

PROVERBS 22

- v4. Humility is the fear of the LORD;
its wages are riches and honor in life.
- v7. The rich rule over the poor,
and the borrower is slave to the lender
- v17. Pay attention and turn your ear to the
sayings of the wise; apply your heart to
what I teach;

LESSONS OF THE WISE

now that I am about
to enter a new phase
in life; much more
that I need to heed
these instructions

→ I must learn the
discipline of money
because it's not
mine to begin with.

→ why is it
so DIFFICULT
to be wise? 😞

→ I should
no longer fall
to the same
mistake again
"Getting caught
into huge debt"

→ must live
a humble life

→ Aim to
be wise
with the
LORD.



PROVERBS 23

- v 4. Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness
- v 12. Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge
- v 15. My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad indeed;
- v 16. my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right.

GOD, our heavenly Father, **DESIRE**
The Best for us. → ME & YOU!!!

- ↳ We are reminded that His instructions are the best for us. God wanted us to abide & remain in His words
- ↳ despite the financial challenges and ordeals in life, the Lord never fails to remind us not to lose & ruin ourselves because of money.

↳ it pleases the Lord

↳ for the love of money is the root of all evil. (1Ti 6:10)

↳ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;
Never will I forsake you."

(Heb 13:5)

- ↳ It is only by Grace that we are still here, surviving the world daily.
- ↳ But if all instructions are already there to have a full life, then why do I keep falling short?
→ This is me being a sinful woman in need of God's mercy & grace day by day.

ABIDE
and
REMAIN

PROVERBS 24

- V3. By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established
- V4. Through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.
- V29. Do not say, "I'll do them as they have done me; I'll pay them back for what they did."

FAMILY is my first MINISTRY



→ The fundamentals of our faith must be from the bible, studied and applied to our home.

→ As a newly married woman, I know I have to support & help my husband as his kingdom partner. I am still adjusting but by God's grace, we are sustained.

→ I do pray to have a consistent quiet time together with my husband without breaking my own quiet time with the LORD.

→ my greatest prayer for now, to build a household with a prayerful culture.

stick to the GOLDEN RULE

as it is also mentioned in **MT. 7:12**

→ never entertain the spirit of revenge

→ use what you have to build others up and God's kingdom

→ should my husband falls short on our spiritual disciplines, KEEP GOING. KEEP PRAYING. DO NOT LOSE HEART.

PROVERBS 25

- ✓ 16. if you find honey, eat just enough - too much of it will make you vomit.
- ✓ 17. seldom set foot in your neighbor's house - too much of you, and they will hate you.
- ✓ 18. Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is one who gives false testimony against a neighbor.
- ✓ 28. Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

LIVE IN moderation

- ↳ everything I have and soon to have is from the LORD and to the LORD.
- ↳ I should live in moderation on how I consume things, and on how I spend my time and treasures.
- ↳ always keep something for yourself.

AND BE reliable

- ↳ NEVER bear false witness! not to family, friends, workmates, and others!
- ↳ Always choose PEACE and preserve a GENTLE & QUIET SPIRIT.

PRACTICE self-control

- ↳ instead of meddling in other people's affairs & issues, I should practice self-control.
- ↳ NO ONE can master it, but I must be in constant reach with the HOLY SPIRIT.
- ↳ Others will clearly see how I am living my life

PROVERBS 26

v24. Enemies disguise themselves with their lips,
but in their hearts they harbor deceit.

v25. Though their speech is charming, do not believe
them, for seven abominations fill their hearts.

v28. A lying tongue hates those it hurts,
a flattering mouth works ruin.

→ don't waste time on
sweet-talkers

→ do not sweet-talk
as well and not
deliver as promised

→ not everyone is
after your good.

→ but always think
good for others

→ do not easily trust
others
but be trustworthy

→ Do not join gossip
an unentertained
gossip dies easily.

BE CAREFUL

→ if you lie to someone,
you do not care of
his/her well-being.

→ there is no such thing
as a white lie. All lies
are lies - no big, no small.

→ never allow others
to deceive you.
→ never deceive others.

→ Always build others up.
Affirmations are for
FREE but the feeling you
have is PRICELESS!

→ Always seek for the
Holy Spirit's wisdom to discern.

→ Lean not on your own understanding.
Our hearts is easiest to fool.

PROVERBS 27

- v 5. Better is open rebuke than hidden love
- v 17. As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
- v 19. As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart.

SPIRITUAL MIRRORS and CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

- ↳ Becoming a wife should not stop me from allowing myself to grow emotionally and spiritually!
- ↳ I am continuously praying for my husband to lead our marriage, but I should not forget that Jesus is also with me in this marriage. I should not be disheartened.
- ↳ Praying that I may be the salt & light in our marriage and that I may openly communicate my heart & mind with my husband
- ↳ May I always convey my words with LOVE!
- ↳ Becoming a wife should not stop me from being accountable to my leaders and to my husband — my ultimate accountability partner.
- ↳ I should allow myself to be corrected for my personal development.
- ↳ There are a lot of things about myself that I will never see or notice — unless others would say it to me. BE OPEN.
- ↳ I am consistently praying for my life to be a living testament of God's goodness and grace
- ↳ May I always seek for God's will in my life especially in this new life phase I am in.

PROVERBS 28

- v 9. If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even their prayers are detestable.
- v 13. Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
- v 14. Blessed is the one who always trembles before God, but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.

Sin less, and less.

HEART CHECK

- Always do a heart check !!!
- There could be some times that I am doing what I want, but not God wants for me.
- I pray for my ears not to go deaf for God's words, my eyes not to go blind for God's misdeeds. As my life and my heart not to go hardened for God's love and grace.
- May I be reminded ALWAYS to be a living witness to God's glory & a living testimony of God's love.

Am I still aligned with God's
HEART?

PROVERBS 29

- ✓ 1. whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed - without remedy.
- ✓ 12. If a ruler listen to lies, all his officials become wicked.
- ✓ 27. The righteous detest the dishonest; the wicked detest the upright

- ↳ A reminder not to get calloused faith. Constant bible-reading is not enough if not applied.
- ↳ Not all God's instructions are easy and sometimes my heart gets burdened and hardened. I know that all instructions are for my good - for my attitude & character. Only by the help of the Holy Spirit.
- ↳ In my work, as I lead my team and become an example to the younger workforce, I should exercise good & sound judgment and discernment.
- ↳ I should not allow distractions to derail sound decision-making.
- ↳ Not all people can really understand each other. Each is to its own.
- ↳ All these instructions and reminders are set for my good and for my future.
- ↳ I pray that I could continue my role as a wife, a daughter and a sister in Christ without any apprehensions and distractions.

PROVERBS 30

- v 5. Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who took refuge in Him.
- v 6. Do not add to His words, or He will rebuke you and prove you a liar.
- v 12. Those who are pure in their eyes and yet are not cleansed of their filth.

- A timely reminder to carefully read and follow everything in the Bible.
- Always ask for the Holy Spirit when interpreting the Bible.
- A reminder to look after oneself first before checking other people's lives.
- God's words will always help me relieve my anxieties and worries in the world.
 - Always take refuge in God.
- May I not live like a hypocrite & praise of the modern world.
- may I continue to live imperfectly perfect by God's Grace, mercy, and love.

PROVERBS 31

- ✓ 25. She is clothed with dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.
- ✓ 26. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- ✓ 27. She watches the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

MY ULTIMATE PRAYER as a wife.

- ↳ Still on our adjustment phase, I pray for wisdom & understanding as a newly wed.
- ↳ May I continue and NEVER STOP glorifying the LORD through upkeeping the household and through consistent quiet time.
- ↳ to never get distracted with other things and forget to upkeep the household.
- ↳ May the Lord sustain me in domesticated setup and provide excellence in what I do both at work and at home.
- ↳ May I truly fulfill the role of a wife who is submissive and a reliable helper to my husband. May I be a salt & light to our family and to whoever visiting us at home.