

**Proverbs 27 through 31**

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Proverbs 28:13

**Icebreaker:**

Have you ever received a jury summons?

How did you feel when you opened the envelope?

**Study Guide:**

1. What lesson do we find in 27:1?
2. Read 27:5,6,9,10 &17. Describe what it means to be a friend according to Proverbs.
3. Rewrite your own words 27:19.
4. What does 27:23-27 mean in the context of today's society? What does it mean personally?
5. How would you define justice? Read 28:5 and explain why evil men do not understand justice.
6. Read 28:12 &28. What do you observe about these two Proverbs? Why do you think it was edited and repeated?
7. Define the terms: righteous, the people, wicked and groan as used in 29:2.
8. What does Proverb 29:12 assume?
9. Read 29:18. What is the meaning of revelation and restraint?
10. Rewrite 29:27 in your own words.
11. How did Agur describe his level of understanding in 30:1-4? What changed in 30:5-8?
12. What two things would you ask God to grant you as Agur did in 30:7-8?
13. Name four things in God's creation that astound you? (30:18-19)
14. What lesson do ants, coneys, locusts and lizards teach? (30:25-28)
15. List the accomplishments of the virtuous wife found in 31:10-31. What reward has she earned? (31:31a)

16. Rewrite in your own words 31:25.
17. What is the significance of the order of the blessings in 31:28?
18. What is the significance of the city gate? (31:23 &31)
19. What have you learned about:
  - a) Wisdom
  - b) Fools
  - c) Justice
  - d) Friendship
  - e) Integrity
  - f) The fear of the Lord
20. How do you define “Noisy Streets?”

**Sermon Questions:**

If you had... Proverbs 1:23-26, 15:31, 25:12

1. Define rebuke.
2. What is the fool's response to rebuke? (9:7-8)
3. Read Proverbs 6:23 and II Timothy 3:16.
  - a) What is the lamp?
  - b) What is teaching?
  - c) What four things does scripture do?
4. Wisdom ignored has consequences. God's word declares “If you had...I would have...”  
what consequences have you endured for lack of acceptance of a rebuke?