

Proverbs of Solomon - Proverbs 23:1-35

Topics: Character, Children, Choices, Consequences, Discipline, Drinking, Evil, Foolishness, Friendship, God, Guidance, Ignorance, Instructions, Life, Life-style, Money, Parents, Possessions, Priorities, Punishment, Rewards, Righteousness, Selfishness, Sin, Understanding, Wealth, Wisdom

Open It

1. What methods of punishment (for example, spanking or time out) did your parents use when you were growing up?
- * 2. What foods do you (sometimes) crave?
3. Why do you think most people drink alcoholic beverages?

Explore It

- * 4. What is deceptive? (23:1-3)
5. What themes are developed in these sayings of the wise? (23:1-35)
6. How did the author characterize riches? (23:4-5)
- * 7. What did the author say about the food of the stingy person? (23:6-8)
8. Why should we not withhold discipline from children? (23:13-14)
9. What did the author encourage the reader to do? (23:17-18)
10. What advice did the author have for our associations with people? (23:19-21)
11. How should we treat our parents? Why? (23:22-25)
12. How did the author warn men about prostitutes? (23:26-28)
- * 13. What was the author's advice concerning alcohol? Why? (23:29-35)

Get It

- * 14. How can food be deceptive?
- * 15. In what way should we be careful about the way we enjoy delicacies or comforts in life, including food?
16. If riches are fleeting, why do people strive so hard to acquire them?
17. How would you describe your attitude toward the acquisition and importance of wealth?
18. How is being stingy with respect to your possessions as bad as wearing yourself out pursuing riches?
19. Why would a parent withhold discipline from his or her child?
20. How could disciplining a child save him or her from death?
21. When and why have you been envious of a sinner?
22. How would you describe the author's attitude toward alcohol?
23. Why should we be wary of alcohol?
24. How would you describe your attitude toward wine and alcohol in general?
25. What precautions or "survival tactics" should we practice with regard to alcohol?

Apply It

- * 26. In what way can you change your behavior to honor God with your eating habits?
27. How can you be generous rather than stingy with your possessions today?
28. What do you want to change or improve about the way you discipline your children?