“The Lord” Pt. II

Intro: This last Lord’s Day as we opened to the 16th chapter of Proverbs we noted that “the Lord” is spoken of some nine times in the first eleven verses. And today as we come to complete our study of the chapter we note that the last verse again speaks of the Lord. With _______ being the first and last subject of the chapter we comprehend Him to be the __________ focal point. All we do is to be done in the name of the Lord, to the praise of the glory of His grace. Therefore, that we might worship Him in word and action, it is imperative that we know what He desires for us.

I. For the __________ of God and the __________ of His people the Lord gives us instruction in wisdom.

A. In ______________ themselves the proud come to ruin while in treasuring _____ the wise are humbled and are granted life. While the proud seek to obtain passing earthly goods, the humble seek God and in Him receive all that is eternally good.

B. The wise deliberately __________ in the Lord by giving their utmost attention to _____ Word, and in this He blesses them with happiness and prosperity.

C. The wise practice biblical discernment and are blessed, and are a ______________ to others and to _____ because of it.

D. The wise __________ with _____________ for the edification of others.

E. Those who have inherited everlasting life desire the same for others, even as Christ laid down His life for them. Those who have been saved by grace through faith in Christ, having tasted of the love of God, desire others to taste of the Lord so as to see that He is good! And so, through their words and life the wise seek to _________ men from their way and its dead end ___ the way of _____________ and His life.

F. The _________ realize that both physical and spiritual hunger is a _____________ by which God moves men to do His will.
G. The wise speak what is right and are persuasive while the evil speak what is wrong and are persuasive. But the end of the wise is life while the end of the evil is death. Will you go the way that seems right to you, or will you submit to Christ and go the way of righteousness? __________

H. The wise comprehend that while the way of righteousness tends toward longevity of life the way of Christ __________ly promises everlasting ________.

I. The wise seek to walk by the Spirit so the Spirit may bear His good and righteous fruit in him, giving him self-control. By this the __________ __ ______ is truly revealed for greater is He who is in us, than he who is in the world. The smallest point of godly wisdom will rule over the mightiest of fallen men.

J. The truly wise do all things in faith for whatever is outside of faith is sin. The wise do all things looking to God as the ____________ who is their Lord, to do with them as it pleases Him. And, as by Father’s grace He has here told us what pleases Him and we of wisdom obey Him, so is His __________ ________________ in us on a daily basis, and even in the length of our days. The wise know and understand that God is over all, therefore they live by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Closing: The wise understand that God has a will and that He is the Sovereign in His decree, and find it their greatest ______ and privilege in life to be wise as He instructs. The wise understand that life is not random but that as God created them and gave them life, and that with great purpose, that they can fulfill ______ glorious _____________ by implementing the instruction of His Word.

For the glory of God and the good of His people the Lord our Father gives us instruction in wisdom – let us now __________ __ ________ in Him.

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