“Who Can Say, ... ‘I Am Pure From My Sin’?”

Intro: What a great and ever present ______________ we have for ______________ and His words of wisdom.

A. The goal of God in expressing His proverbial ______________ is not to beat us down for past mistakes but to help us to recognize them, giving us wisdom so as not to repeat them while also avoiding the pitfalls that lay before us, living then in the victory that ______________ purchased for us on the cross - that victory being past, present and future. These are words of mercy and grace given without condemnation! Let us rejoice and be glad that we have the Father’s wisdom lighting our path and ______________ our feet in the _______ we should go!

I. The proverbs ______________ us to have the mind of Christ, showing us our need for ______________.

A. The mind set on ______________ ______________ us that it is not wise to give ourselves to a mind-altering drug.

B. Here is the life sustaining wisdom of Christ: “Let every person be in ______________ ______ the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of _______; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil” (Rom 13:1-4).

C. By the fallen nature it is very easy to quarrel, as any fool does. We need to be ______________ ______________ for one who wise unto salvation is being conformed the image of Christ and by the indwelling Spirit does what is honorable his God, striving to ______________ ______________.

D. The wisdom of God teaches us to ______________ so we may _______ just as He ordained from the creation of man.

E. In ministry to others the wisdom of God must be applied so we may ______________ _______ what lies hidden in a man’s ______________.

F. The wisdom of Christ teaches us to ______________ the _______ of a man.
G. Those who are wise in ____________, being faithful to God by walking in the integrity taught by Christ through His Word, and in stilled by the indwelling Holy Spirit, are a ____________ to the following generations.

H. The wisdom of Christ commends all who are in authority to judge justly, upholding righteousness by dispersing evil. Let us by the power of the Holy Spirit live such a life of integrity that will be said of us that even by the look of our eyes we do ____________ ____________.

I. The wisdom from above reminds us that we are blood-bought sinners ____________ grace through faith in ____________, and therefore all authority and all we are and do must be exercised in humility and the mindset of repentance!

J. Those who are wise in Christ regularly ________________ themselves to see if they are of the faith. They know that they only need to look at their ____________ to see what kind of a man they are.

K. The wise ________________ their faculties as ____________ from God to be used to the glory of God, carrying out the good will of God, knowing they will give an account.

L. Those who live in the wisdom of Christ understand that the love of ________________ leads to ________________ while opening their eyes to ____________ the Lord’s will is God’s ordained means of ________________ them. Of integrity the wise wake up and work.

M. Those who are wise in Christ carry out their ________________ with the ________________ of Christ.

N. While men seek to amass fame and fortune, accumulating gold and jewels, it is wisdom from above that is ________________ ________________. The wise seek what God values: a cleansed heart made pure by ____________. This is the more precious treasure!

Closing: “Who can say, ‘I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin’?” No one! That we were born in sin was made evident even from our earliest childhood. None of us can cleanse ourselves of our sin. So then, ____________ a Savior! And thanks to God for He sent His Son to be the Savior of the world - the Savior of our soul. Jesus alone can cleanse us of sin purifying our heart. We will not be saved by accumulating riches, and we will not be saved by practicing wisdom, but one is saved by God’s grace shown toward them shown through the sacrificial death of His Son, Jesus ________________, upon the cross. Will you come to Him for the forgiveness of your sin? Will you be made wise unto salvation through faith in ____________?