“Victory Belongs to the Lord”

Intro: ________________ and faith in Christ cannot be separated. Therefore, Proverbs is not to be approached as a formula for successful living but that to which our Father commends us, to be lived out as we trust ___ ________________.

A. We ________________ to our Father and put the proverbs to practice by faith in Christ because the ________________ of righteousness and the righteous living that follows belongs to the Lord!

B. Thanks to God for the saving power of ________________ has broken the bonds of sin and we are ________________ to live by faith in Christ according to the truth of Proverbs.

I. Through the Proverbs our Heavenly Father teaches us what makes for the ruin of the foolish and the victory of the wise. Let us hear and apply the wisdom of our Father for _____ victory and success belongs _____ ____________.

A. Learning from the error of the foolish the wise children of God ________________ Him and will be found in the land of the living, experiencing the endless victories of ________________.

B. Those who follow after _____________ seek _____________ His kingdom and His righteousness knowing that He will supply all their need, blessing the work of their hands as they trust in Him.

C. Those who follow after ________________ recall that He also suffered for them, leaving them an ________________ for them to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously (cf. 1 Peter 2:21-23), and in entrusting themselves to the Lord they leave it to Him to justly measure out retribution.

D. The wise children of God marry in the Lord (are ___________ and yoke ________________) and in their marriage experience the peace and joy that reflects the Christ-church relationship.

E. The wise children of God ________________ wise ________________, gathering in a biblical manner rather than spending in a frivolous foolish manner.

F. By faith in ________________ the wise pursue His righteousness and loving-kindness and in it He ________________ them with victories such as life, righteousness and honor.

G. Those who are wise unto salvation understand that the wisdom of God prevails over all. Therefore we do not trust in our own devises but wholly ________________ the ________________ for His wisdom, which always leads to victory.
H. At the will of God the wise children of God guard their words so as to guard themselves from the innumerable difficulties that would otherwise plague them; thus, they live in peace. These understand that when blessings and cursing coming from the same mouth it indicates a spiritual problem and inconsistency, and thus they quickly _________ ________ and trusting in Him they confess their sin and follow again after Him, speaking the truth in love.

I. In seeking to honor God the wise view themselves in ____________ which results in their speaking and acting in humility. These will find life, righteousness and ___________ (v. 21) rather than being named “Proud”, “Haughty” and “Scoffer” as will those fools who act in high arrogance.

J. The wise followers of Christ ____________, performing with their own hands what is ________, in order that they may have something to ____________ with him who has need.

K. In ________________ in Christ the wise know the sacrifices that are pleasing to God are a broken spirit and a contrite heart, and they depend upon ____________ to work such in them.

L. The wise know that he who ________ __________, therefore they give themselves to the truth of Christ and live forever.

M. The wise people of God humble themselves before the Lord, seeking only to ____________ ________ in His way.

N. The wise trust in the __________ with all their heart, leaning not on their own understanding, nor depending on anti-biblical counsel, nor applying to their heart any non-biblical wisdom saying. These trust in God alone because He is the ___________ __ ______!

O. Those who trust ____________ trust in God alone, and no other. As He is the Victorious One so are all who are in Christ given the _____________.

**Conclusion:** Victory in life and over sin and death is found ____________ alone. As God through the Proverbs means to turn us to Christ so does He mean to point us to ____________: in life to victorious living and in death to the victory of the resurrection.

Since victory belongs to the Lord alone, and we can ________ to the Lord by no means except __ ________ in Christ, we do not suppose then that the simple application of the proverbs brings success in life, but rather that as we believe __ __________ and by that same faith apply the truth of the proverbs to the living of our life He will provide for our victory and success.

Remember this good word: 1 John 5:4-5, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. 5 And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that ____________ __ the Son of _______?”

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