“The Lord is the Maker”

Intro: With the book of Proverbs being a collection of _______________ sayings we come today to the closing verses of the second section.

A. As all truth, the _______________ of God is straightforward, always applicable, ever strong while ever meek, forever humble, kind to the learner, and a blessed means by which God pours fresh grace upon all who cherish her. Never can the wise get enough of lady wisdom for she is ___________ ____________, coming down from the Father of lights.

I. The wise people of God always _______________ the wise sayings of _______ for they love their Heavenly Father.

A. The wise children of God _______________ a good _______________ far and above precious metals. These know that whatever earthly wealth might buy it does not begin to compare to the true treasure the favor of God brings upon them.

B. In their diversity the wise rich as well as the wise poor recognize their greater common bond: they all belong to God because they ____ were __________ ____ God and through Christ are born again into the family of _______. This brings unity where there would be division. Peace where there would be turmoil. Joy where there would be hatred.

C. The wise who _______ _______ more than their own soul, who seek a good reputation above silver and gold abstain from every form of evil, and this finds favor with God!

D. The wise _______ the Lord and as they are true to the Word of _______ the Lord exalts them at the proper time pouring out blessing of riches, honor and life. Remember Joseph!

E. Wisdom dictates that we train up our children from the _______________ age so that they may be indoctrinated in the true knowledge of the Lord, His paths of righteousness and that they may be wise unto salvation. The wise comprehend the value of such _______________ knowing that early training will bear an influence upon the child for life.

F. The wise who understand that they are not their own but belong to Christ avoid _______ by which they enslave themselves to the service of an _______________ master. The measure of one’s freedom depends upon the measure of one’s debt.

G. The wise understand that their Heavenly _______________ is generous and even more generous to the _______________.
H. The wise understand that the peace of _______ _________ when scoffing, strife, dishonor and contention are put out.

I. In coming to Christ and being made wise unto salvation the _______ in heart are gracious of ____________, and while this generally finds favor among men it always finds favor before God!

J. The wise children of God give themselves to the knowledge of God knowing that He preserves ______ _______ and will not allow for the smallest detail to go unfulfilled. His Word is truth and His promises are “______ and ______!”

K. The wise children of God are busy doing the good works of God which He prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. This includes ___________ in a quiet fashion so we can eat our own bread (cf. 2 Thess 3:11-12), and also working ______ our own _______ so we may have to give to those in need (cf. Eph 4:28).

L. The wise _______ from the appearance of _______ while the foolish are cursed of the Lord and will die in their sin.

M. The wise so _______ their _______ _______ that they of good stewardship before God (understanding that our children are most precious gifts granted us from God)
____________________ them so they may be trained in the way of the Lord and His righteousness. This is wisdom and love!

N. The wise children of _____ treat the poor and rich alike with respect as those who are created by God in the image of God, never looking to take selfish advantage of them. The wise know that God will ___________ _______ workers in their plan and though they do all for financial gain, they will come to poverty.

Closing encouragement: While all the words of wisdom are applicable, please _______________ what applies most to you today. What proverb stood out to you most? What words of ___________ most desperately need to be applied in your life?

Here opportunity is granted you by God, your Maker! The wisdom of God is before you. Seize the moment, redeem the day! Put the wisdom of God to practice. Observe His wisdom and be blessed in it. What grace of ______ _______ _______ here in His Written Words of Wisdom!

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