“The Lord Will Reward”

Intro: In opening to the 25th chapter of Proverbs we come to the fourth section of the Book which contains additional _________ of ______________ attributed to Solomon.

A. Although it was some 275 years after Solomon breathed his last that these proverbs were added to the Book we here, half a world away, some 2700 years later, find this wisdom to be _________ _____________ and timeless with its principles fully applicable and spiritually beneficial to us today. We are here taught to live a ____________-glorifying life.

I. Through the Written Word which was spoken by wise men of long ago _______ ________________, reproves, corrects and trains _____ in righteousness, that we who are of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work which He prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A. While it is the glory of God to conceal a matter it is our glory, as priests and kings to God, to study to show ourselves approved to God as a workman who needs not to be ashamed. (cf. 2 Tim 2:15). This is our first and foremost duty: to know and __________ the Lord our _________ with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

B. Wisdom tells us that if we would be vessels of honor for the Lord we must come out from among the wicked, ___ing a separate people ________ unto God, washed by the blood of Christ. And the Lord promises us that He will welcome us and be a father to us, making us sons and daughter of the Lord Almighty. (cf. 2 Cor 6:17-18)

C. Self-aggrandizement (promotion) leads to shame while self-abasement (_______________) opens the door for _________ exaltation of us.

D. In regard to others the wisdom of our _______ _________________ us to act prudently, patiently, without prejudice, and privately.

E. Wisdom speaks the truth and _________ and loves when the truth spoken, even if it is a pointed word of _______________.

F. The wisdom of God _________________ us to be _______________ doers of His Word while by that same wisdom He condemns that dead non-saving faith that is all talk but no action.

G. God through wisdom teaches us how to endure and win the favor of difficult authority figures. _______ _________ forbearingly (patiently) applied tenderize even the toughest hombre. It was by the kind forbearance of God and the appeal of the gospel of Jesus Christ that He brought us hard-hearted people to repentance – and so must we minister to others.

H. The wise children of God injure no one by bearing false witness, nor are they like a nagging toothache or a weak ankle that pains and causes the man who depends upon them to stumble. Those who _________________ after _____________ speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15) and are a faithful friend in the time of trouble (cf. Ps. 9:9, 46:1, 91:15).
I. Those who love Christ and follow after Him are to “rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” (Rom 12:15). This is what the wise children of God do so as to _______________ appropriately and _______________ one to another.

J. From of old our Father has instructed us in the wisdom of _______________ our enemies, doing good to those who hate us and in this He has promised us great _______________. Those who abound in the work of the Lord know that their toil is not in vain in the Lord.

K. Wise Christians _______________ to evoke the _______________ of others by refusing to speak of others negatively. They employ their tongue for the service of the Lord, _______________ the gospel for the _______________ of others rather than as the expression of their own misery.

L. The wise know and understand that God has called us to peace. Let us marry in the Lord so our _______________ will be a reflection of His _______________.

M. Those who wisely follow after Christ _______________ the _______________ of heaven to the weary souls on earth. And so it is true: He who wins souls is wise.

N. Wisdom teaches us that it is ruinous to live a selfish life of uncontrolled desire for food and fame. The wise believer has come to know that there is but one way to have control over their spirit, and it is to be indwelt by the Holy Spirit whose fruit of love is manifested in self-control. Indeed, we gain control over our spirit by relinquishing _______________ saying in our heart, “Not my will but Thy will be done.”

Closing statement: Referencing Revelation 22 the Lord Jesus says, “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.” Dear one, what have you done? Have you said, “____ _____! What I want is what I will do!” Have you humbled yourself and in prayer said, “Lord, I surrender to you. I must not do as I willed but as one who believes in Jesus, I will now do my _______________ will”?

And what is the will of the Lord? _______________ exhorted us that we should be washed by His sin forgiving, _______________ blood. For those who have come to Him in faith believing may enter the gates of heaven, while those who do not believe and follow after Him will be set outside to suffer the second death.

Let those who hunger and thirst after God come to Him through _______________ t, and their hunger for God will be satisfied and thirst for the salvation of Christ quenched. Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost – simply by trusting in Jesus, that He is the Christ of God. _______________, let us _______________ after Him!

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