“Iron Sharpens Iron” Pt. I

**Intro:** Having entitled this teaching with the popular phrase of the 17th verse, “Iron Sharpens Iron” we are reminded that these are the proverbial sayings of our Heavenly ____________, who so __________ us that He gave His only begotten Son for us, that whoever believes in Him will not perish in their sin but shall, in Him, have everlasting life. The proverbs are an instrument of our loving Father whereby He sharpens us in His wisdom, that being born of Him we would not only live as His obedient children but also as those who are exceedingly wise, testifying of _____ all-saving ____________.

**I.** As those who trust in ____________ we would be wise to cling to and live by every ________ that proceeds from the mouth of God. The proverbs are a ________ of God to us who believe, the very Word of Life.

**A.** Wisdom teaches us that pride is senselessness and arrogance is foolishness. We act in the wisdom of faith when we acknowledge _______ _________ and throughout. Whoever boasts let Him boast in the Lord!

**B.** In loving care our Heavenly Father teaches us to live in peace by ________ing the sorrows of associating with _________ along with the pains of becoming a fool ourselves by either provoking another to jealousy or by being jealous ourselves. Since we _________ _________ we are to be content in all things, striving to be at peace with all men.

**C.** The wise _________________ who is with them and who is against them. In wisdom they receive the wounds of a friend and reject the kisses of their enemy. These observe the loving sacrificial friendship of _________ (who saves and corrects) and by it gain wisdom in their human relationships.
D. __________ teaches us that the marriage vows are most sacred. The vows are to be faithfully ____________ ____________ so that the home will not be broken. This is the will of God for all mankind and if so, how much more for those who are of His household - the household of faith?

E. The wise ____________ close friendships beyond the immediate family, being a true ____________ who is closer than a brother, having like-minded fellowship one with another, receiving the counsel of those who have years of experience.

F. The children of God are to be wise (which leads to godly living) so as to ________ their loving ____________ ________ while silencing those who would come against Him.

Finally then: As those who are ________ children through faith in Christ let us make our Father glad by receiving and walking in the ____________ He avails to us through the proverbs.

As our Father has sharpened us by His Word let us put off the foolishness of pride and self-reliance by wisely entrusting ourselves and all our ways to the Lord. ________ put off the foolishness of the sorrow that comes from associating with fools, and being foolish ourselves, by wisely being at peace with all men. Let us put off the foolishness of receiving kisses from our enemies by wisely cultivating friendships while receiving the rebukes of the true friends God sends our way. Let us put off the foolishness of neglecting our marriage vows by wisely fulfilling our vow to the fullest, in every sense. For in all these things we will ____________ ________ ________ who is in Heaven.

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