

Message #115

Proverbs 27:11-16

A WISE PERSON IS ONE WHO LEARNS TO MAKE WISE CHOICES IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE AND IN ALL RELATIONSHIPS IN LIFE.

WISE AREA CHOICE #1 – A wise child will choose a wise life for parental purposes. **27:11**

(Result #1) - He gives his parents joy.

(Result #2) - He gives his parents a defense.

WISE AREA CHOICE #2 – A wise child will choose to avoid evil for penalty purposes. **27:12**

Notice that wisdom or folly is determined, in part, by one's movement either away from or toward things evil. The word "hide" means to hide in the sense of guarding yourself defensively from things bad. Notice the simple or naïve person proceeds right into evil and then pays the price by being punished and ending up in trouble.

WISE AREA CHOICE #3 – A wise child will choose to take collateral for pledge purposes.
27:13

The idea of being a surety is the ideal of legally assuming the debt of another person. According to the Law of God, lending to God's people was to be done in a very gracious spirit of leniency (Ex. 22:26-27; Deut. 24:10-13). To agree to financially back a stranger or foreigner was a very foolish thing to do. The point here is that it is very foolish to agree to be a financial backer of a stranger without something tangible as collateral.

WISE AREA CHOICE #4 – A wise child will choose not to offend friends for promotion purposes. **27:14**

It is important in friendships to be sensitive to the needs of others. The word "bless" refers to kneeling down and asking God for His blessings. The point is that if a person does something at a wrong hour that even seems positive, such as bless or pray, instead of the friend appreciating the effort he will despise or think lightly of the one who bothered him. If you want to promote friendship, have some integrity in the timing of when you do things.

WISE AREA CHOICE #5 – A wise child will choose a wise mate for peaceful purposes.
27:15-16

The word "contentious" refers to a woman who loves to argue, one who always promotes strife and contention. This woman is like continual dripping on a rainy day, as Dr. Buzzell said, she is "like water dripping on a rainy day, she is annoying and never stops quarreling." **Verse 16** makes it clear you cannot do anything to restrain her. A contentious woman will never build a close friendship with her husband; in fact, he will desire to get away from her. God says a wise woman is not contentious, but meek and quiet, which in God's sight is of great value (I Pet. 3:4).