

Are you just Too Stupid?

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1. Listen to this advice or admit that you are a dumb brute, animal
12:1 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge:
But he that hateth reproof is brutish.
 - a. If you are smart you will listen and learn
 - b. If you don't like being corrected, if you are going to get defensive then you are a brute, stupid, animal

2. The good man has obtained favor 2 A **good man** obtaineth favour of the Lord: But a man of **wicked devices will he condemn.**
 - a. You do not do good to get favor or grace
 - i. You are good because you have obtained favor
 - ii. So as you read the chapter bear in mind that God isn't looking us over to see how good we are
 - iii. He has already categorized us as wicked and sinful people

- b. When you are righteous then there is life and no death
28 In the way of **righteousness** is life; And in the pathway thereof there is no death.
- c. After salvation though your actions can please or displease God
- d. God will not bless you when you knowingly do what displeases Him 3 A man shall not be established by **wickedness**: But the root of the **righteous** shall not be moved.
- i. No matter how many times it seems that unbelievers and wicked people win they never do
 - ii. Being right with God is worth more than any apparent success that lost people might have
 - iii. Doing wrong never works out, never works right
- e. Even the thoughts of God's people are right 5 The thoughts of the **righteous** are right: But the counsels of the **wicked** are deceit.
- 7 The **wicked** are overthrown, and are not: But the house of the **righteous** shall stand.

3. Choose the right woman 4 *A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: But she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.*

- a. She was a crown to her husband because
 - i. Being virtuous referred to her physical strength
 - ii. She was qualified for the job
 - iii. It referred to having strong and noble character
- b. The other woman was shameful and brought embarrassment
 - i. Doing wrong
 - ii. Bringing disapproval
 - iii. Cause frustration
- c. You would be wise to think long and hard as you choose your wife if you are still single

4. Your choosing to listen, learn, and grow will determine how people view you 8 *A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: But he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised. 9 He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better Than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.*

- a. If you have grown in wisdom people will think highly of you, they will speak well of you
- b. If you have the dirty heart of the wicked they will not respect you
- c. Who you are will soon be found out
- d. Trying to fact your own honor never works either
- e. Trying to talk like you are the man and have it together will not hide the facts that we can see when we look at you

5. Work hard

- a. Work what God has given you to work **11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: But he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.**
 - i. Work what you have, his land
 - ii. Tilleth is keep on working it.
 - iii. It is not something you do and get done
 - iv. You just keep at it
 - v. Be careful to stay away from talkers
 - vi. Those that appear to understand but never do will always have a way to get out of work

- vii. Listen to your dad, work what you have and you will be successful
- b. Take care of your workers, your tractor, your tools, your people **10 A righteous man** regardeth the life of his beast: But the tender mercies of the **wicked are cruel.**
- i. The good man, the man of God, takes care of his animal, his beast, beast of burden
- ii. If you mistreat your ox or your mule then you will actually hurt yourself
- iii. You will get production out of your beast according to how you treat him
- iv. The wicked uses and abuses his animal
- v. If God gives you people, tools, animals why not use them wisely
- vi. Be grateful for what God has placed in your hands, take care of them and they will take care of you
- vii. Do you express the grace you have received to those that work under you or for you
- c. The wicked always want what others have. They seek it but they never get it and it comes to nothing **12 The**

wicked desireth the net of evil *men*: But the root of the **righteous** yieldeth *fruit*.

- d. Be happy and satisfied with what you have and where God has put you 14 A man shall be satisfied with **good** by the fruit of *his mouth*: And the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.
- i. You will get what what you work for
 - ii. Learn to speak correctly and see how it satisfies you
 - iii. When we say the right things the right way it brings great satisfaction
 - iv. The problem is that as you talk with others you will learn about not working, making excuses.
 - v. You will be tempted to talk the same way and that will bring dissatisfaction with everything in your life
- e. Be diligent 24 The hand of the **diligent** shall bear rule: But the **slothful** shall be under tribute.
- i. Being diligent means being sharp, industrious so work hard and be sharp about it

- ii. Being diligent means being decisive which means that you will know what to do and when to do it
 - iii. Diligence is the idea of being energetic, stay at it. Get the job done, get up early, stay up late, be focused but get the job done
 - iv. Diligence is the idea of being painstaking, taking great care, showing great effort, the idea of spending and being spent
 - v. It is being constant in the effort to accomplish something, persistent
 - vi. Lazy, excuse makers will always lose and pay the price for losing
 - vii. The slothful people will never be in charge
- f. Finish what you start **27 The slothful man** roasteth not that which he took in hunting: But the substance of a **diligent man** is precious.
- i. The bum will start out and do good. He will get the job but not finish it
 - ii. He will kill the animal then not do the work to eat it
 - iii. The lazy, excuse making man doesn't think what he has is good enough

- iv. The diligent man is very happy with what he has.
- v. So when you are given a job get it done. Start and finish it

6. Get your mouth under control

- a. How are you using your words
- b. The wicked tries to hurt others **6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.**
 - i. God's people desire to help people and get them out of trouble
 - ii. The wicked want to see others other
 - iii. The wicked plot and scheme to take advantage of others even to the point of killing them
- c. Your speech reveals who you are **17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: But a false witness deceit.**
 - i. Truth speakers show that they are righteous
 - ii. Those that lie show that they only want to deceive

- d. You can use your tongue to hurt or help **18** *There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: But the **tongue** of the wise is health.*
- i. Your tongue can cut deep and hard
 - ii. The tongue of God's people should give health
 - iii. Your words can encourage others **25** *Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: But a **good** word maketh it glad.*
- e. Your speech shows your destiny **19** *The **lip** of truth shall be established for ever: But a lying **tongue** is but for a moment.*
- i. You speak truth because you are truth
 - ii. Your truth speaking shows that God has done something in you
 - iii. If you lie you might be okay for the moment but not for eternity
 - iv. Lying will not help in the long run
 - v. You will get caught

- f. God hates lying and loves truth telling **22 Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: But they that deal truly are his delight.**
 - i. It pleases God when we tell the truth and treat people truly
 - ii. God hates it when we lie
 - g. The lips of the wicked get them in trouble **13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: But the just shall come out of trouble.**
7. Are you the brute fool or the wise? **15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.**
- a. The fool always thing that he is right
 - b. The wise learns to listen, really listen, pay attention
 - i. Most people never really want advice they want permission
 - ii. Most people that ask for counsel are really only giving counsel
 - iii. They don't come to learn but to feel better about themselves

- c. The fool can't keep his mouth shut but the wise man will not embarrass himself **16** *A fool's wrath is presently known: But a prudent man covereth shame. 23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.*
- d. The brute is always practicing a lie. He lies so much that he deceives himself **20** *Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: But to the counsellors of peace is joy.*
- e. The wise one, listens, learns, and succeeds. His way is more excellent **26** *The **righteous** is more excellent than his neighbour: But the way of the **wicked** seduceth them.*
 - i. The wicked spends time with people and in places that continue to lead him down the wrong path
 - ii. It is like the slippery slope that he can't get off of
- f. Things just turn out right for God's people **21** *There shall no evil happen to the just: But the **wicked** shall be filled with mischief.*
 - i. I hope you see the proverb here

- ii. If you are God's people, the just then nothing evil happens
- iii. If you are the bad guy then everything bad happens to you
- iv. In the long run this proverb is very true
- v. if you try to understand it in the short run you will have very bad doctrine and a hard time explaining yourself