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The Proverbs Series

Integrity Pointers

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Proverbs 20:1-10 ¹Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by them is not wise. ²The terror of a king is like the roar of a lion; whoever provokes him forfeits his own life. ³It is honorable for a man to resolve a dispute, but any fool will quarrel. ⁴The slacker does not plow in season; at harvest time he looks, but nothing is there. ⁵The intentions of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out. ⁶Many a man proclaims his loving devotion, but who can find a trustworthy man? ⁷The righteous man walks with integrity; blessed are his children after him. ⁸A king who sits on a throne to judge sifts out all evil with his eyes. ⁹Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am cleansed from my sin"? ¹⁰Differing weights and unequal measures— both are detestable to the LORD. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. A wise person shows wisdom in what they **choose** to allow into their life. V. 1
- B. God has given us our leaders. A wise person **submits** to them within their realm of delegated authority. V. 2, 8
- C. We must seek **resolution** to conflicts in a godly manner. V. 3
- D. We must continue to work to develop a **strong** work ethic. V. 4
- E. We must seek a **pure heart** in our relationships. V. 5
- F. Our words must **match** our actions. V. 6, 7
- G. We must be **honest** about who we really are. V. 9
- H. We must seek to be people dedicated to **equality**. V. 10

II. How can we put these truths into practice?

- A. We must put into practice the **truths** that we know about disputable matters in regard to our freedoms in Christ.
- B. Make it a goal to develop a **reputation** of being someone who submits to the authorities in their life.
- C. Implement **Matthew 18** as a way to resolve conflicts in our life.
- D. Continue to develop a **healthy** work ethic.
- E. We must be consistent in our **character**, even when no one is watching.
- F. We must strive to be **fair** in all of our dealings.