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The Proverbs Series

A Good Name

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Proverbs 22:1-10 ¹A good name is more desirable than great riches; favor is better than silver and gold. ²The rich and the poor have this in common: The LORD is Maker of them all. ³The prudent see danger and take cover, but the simple keep going and suffer the consequences. ⁴The rewards of humility and the fear of the LORD are wealth and honor and life. ⁵Thorns and snares lie on the path of the perverse; he who guards his soul stays far from them. ⁶Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. ⁷The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender. ⁸He who sows injustice will reap disaster, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed. ⁹A generous man will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. ¹⁰Drive out the mocker, and conflict will depart; even quarreling and insults will cease. (BSB)

I. What are the key details of this passage?

- A. A good **reputation** is better than wealth. V. 1
- B. God created rich and poor **alike**. V. 2, 8
- C. A prudent person will not **ignore** the circumstances around them. V. 3, 5
- D. A proper **perspective** of ourselves and who God is will have a profound impact on our life here on earth. V. 4
- E. Good **parenting** will lead the child to the path that they will take. V. 6
- F. Being **debt free** should be the goal of the righteous. V. 7
- G. We should desire to be people committed to **justice** for all. V. 8
- H. A mocker is often at the **core** of relational strife. V. 9

II. How can we apply these truths to our life?

- A. We need to make being a **godly** person our goal in our relationships with others.
- B. We should be people who **model** the truth from Galatians 3:26-28 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (BSB)

- C. We should be people who have contingency plans for when **bad** things happen. This should include realistic insurance policies, savings, and a desire to be debt free now.
- D. We need to be **intentional** in raising our children.
- E. Justice issues should be a priority for us, but God should be **included** in all of our dealings with others.
- F. **Divisiveness** cannot be ignored in a local church. This will destroy a local church. Pride is often at the core of this.