

WISE LIVING

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Introduction:

The book of Proverbs offers us wisdom to live in today's times. Listed below are a few proverbs and a brief word about their meaning.

Proverbs 4:23 Living Bible (TLB)

²³ Above all else, guard your affections. For they influence everything else in your life.

Point #1 Watch your heart and what you allow yourself to become involved in or who you allow yourself to become involved with

Proverbs 11:25 Living Bible (TLB)

²⁴⁻²⁵ It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes, the liberal man shall be rich! By watering others, he waters himself.

Point #2 Even when times are tight, God is still calling us to be generous. Remember, God is our provider – all that we have comes from him.

Proverbs 26:27 Living Bible (TLB)

²⁷ The man who sets a trap for others will get caught in it himself. Roll a boulder down on someone, and it will roll back and crush you.

Point #3 Avoid schemes to get others back for what they've done to you. It isn't worth it.

Proverbs 15:16 Living Bible (TLB)

¹⁶ Better a little with reverence for God than great treasure and trouble with it.

Point #4 We must avoid the temptation to make a "quick buck" or a "fast dollar" if what we must do is against the will of God or illegal. When we step outside of the will of God, there is only trouble. When we remain in His will, we can be assured of His protection.

