

Suz's Proverbs 13 Notes

- 10:03/6:33 Welcome and thanks for donations
- 10:05 Giveaway
- 10:07/6:35 Opening Prayer
- 10:08/6:37 Brief Recap
- 10:09/6:38 Wisdom Warm-Up (13 minutes + feedback time)

1. “She who guards her lips guards her soul, but she who speaks rashly comes to ruin” (v3). What is the most difficult part for you about controlling your tongue?
2. As a group, create a proverb about money.
3. “The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life” (v14). What has a wise person said to you that brought you life? Can you form what they said into a proverb to share with us?
4. “A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul” (v19). Tell your people one longing you’ve had that has been fulfilled.

**Sample home-made proverbs from our group

- 10:25/6:55 Our Own Wise Women: Maria Concannon
- 10:30/7:00 Our Chapter: 13

Most proverbs present two clear paths: one that leads to a skillfully-lived, blessed life of reward and integrity, the other to a life of strife, destruction, and consequences.

Today we’re going to talk about the value of correction and instruction.

v	wise path	other path	comments & questions
1	A wise person heeds the instruction of his parents	A mocker [<i>treats with contempt or disdain; to jeer</i>] does not respond to rebukes	Listen, do what those who love you advise; follow their guidance. Whose guidance are you following? — because we all follow someone. What truth are you distancing yourself from, laughing at, or ignoring because you think you’ve got it all figured out? Will you re-think that?
6	Righteousness [doing the right thing] guards the person of integrity	Wickedness overthrows the sinner	Picture yourself in armor. Doing the right thing is your armor. But what guards the sinner? Nothing. In fact wickedness overthrows the sinner. The sinner can’t stand. Vs Ephesians 6: Christians <i>stand</i> .

10	Wisdom is found in those who take advice	Where there is strife, there is pride [Me and Grant getting tiffy this week: I'm always tested on what I teach!!!]	Humility of those willing to take advice vs those who are prideful, who just can't simply listen, but has to prove herself through quarrels. What does it look like to be humble and teachable, even when you disagree? Whose advice are you taking?
13	Whoever respects a command is rewarded	Whoever scorns instruction will pay for it	There is reward with doing what is best, what is right. When you don't, there are consequences. You don't get to choose your consequences.
14	The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death		[We'll talk about this one at the end of class.]
16	All who are prudent act with knowledge/protect themselves through knowledge	Fools expose their folly	Behavior matters because it exposes the heart. Are you protecting yourself through wise choices, or are you stuck in cycles of folly? What does your life show? What would your best friend say: she's prudent or she's foolish?
18	Whoever heeds correction is honored	Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame	Divergent paths here regarding discipline: resulting honor vs poverty and shame. What is steering you onto the path you're on: listening to correction or disregarding it? How do you respond to discipline?
20	Walk with the wise and become wise	A companion of fools suffers harm	You will become like those who are closest to you ... so who is closest to you?
24	The one who loves their children is careful to discipline them	Whoever spares the rod hates their children	Love and life is always connected to discipline. Rules without relationship breed rebellion, so love must anchor all correction to truthful (5), authentic, wise living. Think long-term, think big picture, think who they'll be as an adult. Don't coddle them, don't abuse them in correction. Matthew Henry's comment: <i>He acts as if he hated his child, who, by false indulgence, permits sinful habits to gather strength, which will bring sorrow here, and misery hereafter.</i>

10:55/7:25

-Workable Wisdom-

11:15/7:45

-Quiet-

Read Ephesians 4:22-5:2. Write out a prayer based on our chapter and this Scripture.

11:21/7:51 -Jesus-

Jesus is the wisdom of God, everything we could ever ask for, more than we could ever fathom.

She who walks with the wise grows wise, v20. The Trinity works together to help you increase in wisdom and intimacy. "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better" (Ephesians 1:17). Jesus is the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:30). One of my themes for the past few years = Imagine the Holy Spirit as your Best Friend. What would that look like? One of His jobs is to remind you of all Jesus said: "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (v14), overflowing and replete with abundant life (John 10:10), which is the flow of the Holy Spirit within you (John 7:37-39).

Women who "walked with Jesus"

Woman at the well – She left her encounter with Jesus filled with wonder, and brought back her entire city to experience Jesus for themselves (John 4). Great revival broke out in that area.

Mary Magdalene – She was transformed by following Jesus for years. Delivered and devoted, she was a whole-hearted follower who was the first to speak with Jesus after He rose from the dead. When He gave her a job, she did it. Her love for Him showed up in her actions.

Martha – She reoriented her habits from being distracted and worried to identifying what was best (Luke 10:38-42). She listened to His instruction and found that He was the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25).

Her sister Mary – She grew wise at His feet (Luke 10:39), enthralled with His teaching, unwilling to settle for lesser things when the Greatest One of all was before her (Luke 10:42).

You see, being with Jesus is transformative. We don't remain who we were. We take off our old self like an old jacket (Ephesians 4:22), ready to be enveloped in His arms and changed into a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). He gives us a soft heart to replace our former hard heart (Ezekiel 36:26). That soft heart is teachable, vulnerable to Him.

John 7:46, soldiers sent to capture Him! *No one ever spoke like this Man does.*

Luke 4:22 *All spoke well of Him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from His lips.*

John 8:28 *So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He and that I do nothing on My own but speak just what the Father has taught Me."*

John 18:20 *"I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied.*

Are you open to His instruction? Because if you walk with Him, you will grow wise. A fountain of life will flow from within you as you listen to and do all He says. You'll be blessed and rewarded and settled within.