



Eternal PERSPECTIVE Proverbs

BIBLE TEXT | PROVERBS 24:13-22

13 My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste.

14 Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

15 Lie not in wait as a wicked man against the dwelling of the righteous; do no violence to his home;

16 for the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.

17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles,

18 lest the LORD see it and be displeased, and turn away his anger from him.

19 Fret not yourself because of evildoers, and be not envious of the wicked,

20 for the evil man has no future; the lamp of the wicked will be put out.


21 My son, fear the LORD and the king, and do not join with those who do otherwise,

22 for disaster will arise suddenly from them, and who knows the ruin that will come from them both?

DEVOTIONAL FOR PROVERBS 24:13-22

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Are you one of those who overprocesses? I am the one asking all the questions. Will this decision I make affect other people, and if so, how? What am I sacrificing because of my decision? Am I acting in a responsible manner? Could there be consequences? How will I be viewed? I can go on. But you get the point. In the past, I would run to all my close peeps and seek their advice. I wanted a quick fix. I desired to overanalyze, and then, once I found what I "wanted" to hear, I would move right along. But the more I chased this pattern, the more I realized I had God nowhere in it. As I read through Proverbs 24, I am reminded of how to seek wisdom and find the beauty in it, even when it isn't on my "time" clock.



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Verses 13 and 14 are such a beautiful picture of the reward of wisdom, that it is sweet to your taste. This reminded me that we should feed upon wisdom and appreciate the good instructions of it. Those who have tasted honey need no other proof that it is sweet, and no one can argue any different. So, everyone who has experienced the power of truth and godliness is abundantly satisfied with the pleasure of having tasted the sweetness, which is a gift from the Lord through His Spirit (Isaiah 11:2). This is when we see God truly at work in our lives and in the world. This is seeing the whole image of God through the matters of judgement about the truth. It is a continual pursuit of discernment and appreciating the sweetness of wisdom. Once we get to this point, our hope is secure. Once we embrace the struggles of this life and trust Him in the process, our struggles don't just go away, but we begin to rest in the valleys. We are reminded that fear can overtake us, but God is all-powerful and will offer us strength when we need it (Isaiah 41:10).

As I reflect just within the past year of my life, I can see the wisdom He continues to bless me with. As I dig into His word and rest in it, He reminds me He overcame it all (John 16:33), and I am responsible for how I respond when life throws me curveballs. It is all about perspective, to have the desire to do what is good but remember we cannot carry it out apart from Him. "So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

Questions:

1. Who gives you hope for the future?
2. How can we build, establish, and furnish our families with God's wisdom?
3. What can you do this week to build, establish or furnish your family with wisdom, understanding or knowledge?