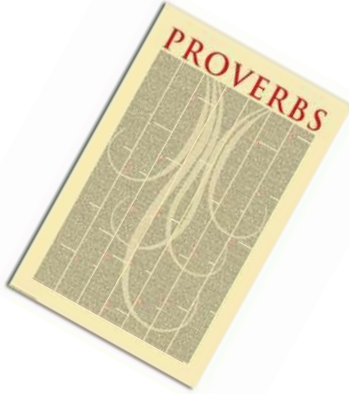


REFLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER – BOOK OF PROVERBS



To continue our reflections on Scripture, we offer some Wisdom from the Book of Proverbs. The following introduction from Proverbs itself speaks for itself:

*“These are the proverbs and parables of Solomon, son of David, King of Israel.
A guide to insight, understanding and spiritual discipline
to help you become generous, honest and balanced.
They are offered to the simple that they may gain knowledge;
To the young that they may find direction;
To the learned that they might peer behind the words and attain
Wisdom, for I speak in riddles both simple and profound,
wise words that hide deeper meaning.” (Proverbs 1:1-7)*

(Read one or two passages a day – read over and over. Wisdom demands repetition.)

1. “A serious mind seeks understanding, but a fool is satisfied with folly.” (Pro. 15:14)
2. “Anger incites more anger. Patience leads to tranquility.” (15:18)
3. “Blessed are those who give bread to the poor, seeing past their poverty to their divinity.” (22:9)
4. “Put an end to sarcasm and ridicule and judgment and shame will also end.” (22:10)
5. “If you are tied to the illusion of words, only silence can separate you from it.” (22:15)
6. “Know that profit and loss come to all who labor. Sometimes the mountains bloom, sometimes the hills are barren.” (27:25)
7. “Wealthy people who become self-satisfied are poorer than those who only possess self-knowledge” (28:11)
8. “The greedy the poor and the broken, pretending their fate is the will of God.” (28:15)

9. "The innocent are saved by their simplicity. The devious are entrapped by their own cunning." (28:18)
10. "A life of integrity is its own blessing; those impatient for success will end up with nothing." (28:20)
11. "Deeds are lamps and wisdom the flame that lights them." (6:23)
12. "Learn from your mistakes. There is no shame in error." (6:24)
13. "Tip the balance by lying and your life is impoverished. Uphold honesty and there result is prosperity." (10:4)
14. "The wise heart listens to others; a foolish tongue wears out its audience." (10:8)
15. "Straight talk is a wellspring of life; deception is a mask for violence." (10:11)
16. "The more you talk, the more you risk offense; the wise purse their lips in silence." (10:19)
17. "Share in another's joy and your own joy is kindled; fill the bellies of the hungry and your own stomach is filled.
(11:25)
18. "The mind of the wise is uncluttered and open; the mind of the wicked is crowded with schemes." (12:5)
19. "The wicked are driven by jealousy; in the end they have nothing. The root of the wise is grounded in integrity."(12:12)
20. "The wise overlook the foibles of others; the wicked obsess about them." (12:26)
21. "Do not give in to worry; do good and overwhelm worry with joy." (12:25)
22. "Pretending to knowledge reveals your lack of it; admitting ignorance is the beginning of genius." (13:7)
23. "Guard your tongue and you guard your soul; speak without reflection and you invite disaster." (13:3)
24. "A closed mind causes strife; an open mind cultivates wisdom." (13:10)
25. "The poor can labor hard and bring in the harvest, but without justice they will reap no benefit." (13:23)
26. "A strong fortress will fall if built on deceit; a flimsy tent will hold if pitched on justice." (14:11)
27. "Even good-natured teasing may cause distress; be sure that laughter does not end in tears." (14:13)
28. "The ignorant believe every rationalization; the wise consider every word. (14:15)
29. "The wise recognize their anger and hold it in check. The ignorant use anger to justify their actions." (14:16)
30. "A short temper enslaves you; those who procrastinate are disliked." (14:17)
31. "Death has two insatiable daughters; Give Me and Give Me." (30:15a)

