

## Message #73

## Proverbs 19:13-18

**GOD'S WISDOM IS CONCERNED WITH ALL DOMESTIC ISSUES OF LIFE AND THOSE WHO ARE WISE, LEARN AND APPLY THAT WISDOM TO LIFE.****CONCERN #1** – God's wisdom is concerned with things that can ruin a man. **19:13**

A foolish son can ruin his father just as a wise son can thrill his father (10:1; 15:20). More than likely, the destructive effect has to do with the emotional well-being of the father. The other thing that can ruin a man is a contentious wife. The word "contention" refers to a wife who is argumentative, one who continually wants to quarrel or dispute with her husband. Nothing positive is ever said about such a woman in Proverbs—she is unbearable to live with (21:9, 19; 25:24) and she is totally depressing (27:15).

**CONCERN #2** – God's wisdom is concerned with the house and the spouse. **19:14**

The point of the proverb is very clear—tangible things such as a house and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from Jehovah. The word "prudent" refers to a woman who is intelligent and has understanding in the things of God.

**CONCERN #3** – God's wisdom is concerned with work habits. **19:15**

Proverbs makes it clear that God detests laziness (6:9-11; 10:4; 20:4, 13; 23:21). This proverb is most interesting because of what it says will happen to one who is lazy and idle, namely, he will be cast into a deep sleep and "his soul" will suffer hunger. The word "lazy" means to leave, neglect and become totally lax in responsibility. The word "idle" means to become slack and let down. The words "deep sleep" refers to a judgment of God in which He permits the lazy person to become so lazy that it is next to impossible for that person to wake-up. The "hunger" concept means that God will cause this person to be destitute both externally and internally, both physically and spiritually.

**CONCERN #4** – God's wisdom is concerned with Biblical obedience. **19:16**

The word "commandment" means that one who is willing to apply the Word of God to his life even when the teachings negatively step all over him, is one who is guarding his soul and life. One who is careless about the Word of God is on a path of death.

**CONCERN #5** – God's wisdom is concerned with the treatment of the poor. **19:17**

The point is one who is graciously giving to the poor and helps the poor is one lending to Jehovah and He will completely recompense or reward the one who does this.

**CONCERN #6** – God's wisdom is concerned with parental discipline. **19:18**

The word "discipline" is one that speaks of corrective discipline given by blows and stripes. Solomon's point is physically discipline your child while there is still hope of correction.

If you want to carefully study a book that deals with domestic issues in life, pick up and read Proverbs.