

“Insights into Glorifying God in Every Detail of Life”
Proverbs 13:5-12

1. Hate Falsehood – 5

“falsehood” – loving God is a mark of a regenerated person. It involves hating what God hates. This isn’t saying that a righteous person never lies – David, Peter
But David prayed Psalm 119:29
Peter remembered his sin and showed great happiness at his deliverance from it – 1 Peter 3:10
Compare Paul – Romans 7:15, 19

“shame” – literally “stench”

2. Grow in Sanctification – 6

“righteousness” – referring to our sanctification (the work of God that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in the way we think and act)

“guards” – our righteousness (sanctification) is like a sentry standing guard over our life to keep out sin and disobedience

“way is blameless” – not moral perfection but walking in the direction of conformity to God’s ways
Some of the things that sidetrack us from the way of righteousness are:

- The fear of man
- The deceptive allure of sin
- Wanting something that doesn’t glorify God

“sin overthrows the wicked” – sin brings ruin and ultimately eternal judgment

3. Don’t Pretend to Be Something You’re Not – 7

Some deceive by making themselves look better off than they are
Some deceive by making themselves look poor, when in fact they are rich

4. Be Content with What God Has Provided – 8

Trust the Lord in your present circumstances and trust him as you take advantage of opportunities that He puts in your path

5. Rejoice in the Light of Christ – 9

“light” – Hebrew word is used of the sun, stars, moon & daylight
“lamp” – has much less light than a “light”

“righteous” – the light of the righteous is Jesus Christ - 2 Cor. 4:6; John 8:12; Matthew 5:14

“rejoices” – those who pursue a life of righteousness experience a vitality of life that our Lord referred to as having life “abundantly” – John 10:10

- They experience great joy
- Joy characterizes the beginning of the Christian life – Matthew 13:44
- Joy characterizes the end of the Christian’s life on earth – Matthew 25:21
- Joy characterizes everything in between – 1 Peter 1:8

“lamp of the wicked” – good works, dead religion, philosophy, secular worldview

6. Humbly Seek the Advice of Others – 10

“insolence” – arrogance

An arrogant demand that your view of things is the correct view and it needs no input from others

7. Learn An Important Secret of Material Wealth – 11

“hastily” – literally “from vanity” – word means vapor, breath, vanity

“little by little” – that which is gained through diligent hard work and then consistent saving. For the wise person, the hard way is the better way.

8. Cling to the Blessed Hope – 12

“heart sick” – when a long anticipated desire doesn’t come about, it can have a huge effect on people. We call it “heart ache”

- Thoughts may become confused
- Emotions may tend toward discouragement and depression
- The Will becomes weak and exhausted

We have a hope in the midst of it all that makes all the difference in the world. We know that God brings trials into our life to accomplish His purposes and sometimes we have to wait a long time for relief from the trial but we never have reason to despair.

Examples: Paul, Abraham and Sarah, The disciples

The Christian hope is called “Our Blessed Hope” – Titus 1:13

“Tree of Life” – Revelation 22:14

In the midst of the trials of this life we wait for the fulfillment of God’s promise that the trials of life will soon be over and we will experience God’s glory.

- We know that we will see our Lord face to face – 1 John 3:2
- We know that after the Lord comes we will enter the Heavenly Jerusalem and we will have access to the Tree of Life

The lesson for us is to set our hope on what God has promised, especially the promise of our future glory – Romans 8:19-25