**Living Wisely – Proverbs 19**

**Focal Truth: The fear of the Lord leads to life**

*The fear of the Lord leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil*

*He who fears the Lord earns life; He shall abide in contentment free from misfortune - Aramaic*

**Observations**

1. **Life truths – living in this world**
2. Poverty & Integrity

Pr. 19:1 -3

Integrity = blamelessness, innocence, simplicity

*19:2 - Hurry causes blunders* – Aramaic

19:3 – *foolishness of man ruins his way, his heart rages against the Lord*

Ruins = twists, perverts, distorts, subverts

Rages = frets, enraged, angered, saddened

1. Riches & friendship

19:4 – 7

*Wealth makes many friends* – Aramaic

19:5 - …*he who tells lies will not escape*

Lk. 12:3 – *whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops*

1. Foolish living

19:9 -10

19:9 – *a false witness will not go unpunished, and he who tells lies will perish*

*He who testifies falsely is doomed – Aramaic*

Luxury = pleasantness, delight, luxuriousness

1. Discretion, anger & kindness

19:11 – 13

Discretion = insight, prudence, understanding, good sense

1. Wealth & Inheritance

19:14 -17,19,22

Prudent = wisely understanding, insightful, acts wisely

19:22 – *what is desirable in a man is his kindness…*

Kindness = goodness, faithfulness,

1. Man’s plans – God’s purposes

19:21

*Many designs are in a man’s mind, but it is the Lord’s plan that is accomplished*

Counsel = purpose, advice

1. Laziness, fights & false witnesses

19:24 -29

*Punishments are in store for scoffers and blows for the backs of dullards – Aramaic*

1. **Life Conduct – Living in the fear of the Lord**
2. Get Wisdom – Hold on to understanding – 19:8

*He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding will find good*

*He who acquires wisdom is his own best friend; he preserves understanding and attains happiness – Aramaic*

1. Obey the commands of God – 19:16

*He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is careless of conduct will die*

*He who has regard for his life pays regard to commandments; He who is heedless of his ways will die – Aramaic*

1. Discipline your children – 19:18

*Discipline your son while there is hope, and do not desire his death*

*Discipline your son will there is still hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction*

*Aramaic*

1. Listen to wise counsel – 19:20

*Listen to counsel and accept discipline, that you may be wise the rest of your days*

*Listen to advice and accept discipline in order that you may be wise in the end Aramaic*

1. Learn - don’t be unteachable – 19:27

*Cease listening, my son, to discipline, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.*

*My son cease to stray from words of knowledge and receive discipline – Aramaic*

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**