**Living Wisely – Pr. 27**

**Focal Truth: The fear of God is listening to His warnings & instructions**

**Observations**

1. **Do not boast about tomorrow – 27: 1-2**
2. **The pressure of the provoker – 27:3**
3. **The power of jealousy – 27:4**

*Passion is rottenness to the bones –* Pr. 14:30

1. **Friendly & unfriendly words – 27:5 -6**
2. **Hunger satisfied – unsatisfied hunger – 27:7**
3. **Wandering away from home – 27:8**

*A man who wanders from the way of understanding will rest in the assembly of the dead*

Pr. 21:16

*I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments* – Ps. 119:176

*He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, but he who ignores reproof goes astray* Pr. 10:17

*All of us like sheep have gone astray* - Is. 53:6

1. **Happiness from good counsel – 27:9**

*Oil and incense gladden the heart, and the sweetness of a friend is better than one’s own counsel – Aramaic*

1. **Faithfulness in friendship – 27:10**
2. **Things that make a parent glad – wise & prudent living – 27:11 – 12**
3. **The danger of trusting a pledge for a stranger – 27:13**

*Seize his garment, for he stood surety for another; take is as a pledge, for he stood surety for an unfamiliar woman – Aramaic*

1. **The curse of loud praise – 27:14**

*He who hates disguises it with his lips, but he lays up deceit in his heart. When he speaks graciously, do not believe him, for there are seven abominations in his heart* Pr. 26:23 -24

1. **The uncontrollable words of a contentious woman – 27:15 – 16**
2. **Relationships that sharpen – 27:17**

*As iron sharpens iron so a man sharpens the wit – the face of his friend – Aramaic*

1. **The blessing of work – 27:18**

*He who tends a fig tree will enjoy its fruit, and he who cares for his master will be honored – Aramaic*

1. **The mind of a man reveals what a man is like – 27:19**

*That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man -*Mk. 20 -23

1. **The unsatisfiable man – 27:20**
2. **Praise tests a person – 27:21**

*A man is tested by His praise – Aramaic*

1. **Foolishness never leaves a fool – 27:22**
2. **Take care of your business – 27:23 – 27**

*Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until evening. O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your possessions…they all wait for You to give them their food in due season. You give to them, they gather it up. You open Your hand they are satisfied with good –* Ps. 104:23 -24 , 27 -28