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PROVERBS ANSWER KEY

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 254

1 point for each blank

1. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad.
2. the speech pleased the Lord
3. long life, riches, the life of his enemies
4. wise, understanding
5. riches and honor
6. the wisdom of God in him to do judgement
7. all the children of the east country and all the wisdom of Egypt
8. no
9. 3,000
10. all the earth
11. to prove him with hard questions
12. It was a true report.
13. I believed not the words. Thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.
14. Behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

PART I: CHAPTERS 1-9, THE INTRODUCTION

CHAPTER 1

1. to know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgement and equity; to give subtilty to the simple; to give the young man knowledge and discretion
2. a wise man
3. understand, interpretation
4. the fear of the Lord
5. fools
6. consent not with sinners, walk not in the way with them
7. blood, lives
8. without, in the streets, the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates, in the city
9. in all the world
10. I will pour out my spirit unto you. I will make known my words unto you.
11. she will not answer them and they shall not find her
12. they did not choose the fear of the Lord
13. they shall dwell safely and be quiet from fear of evil

CHAPTER 2

1. receive my words, hide my commandments, incline thine ear to wisdom, apply thine heart to understanding, cry after knowledge, lift thy voice for understanding, seek her as silver, and search for her as hid treasures
2. Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.
3. the Lord gives wisdom, out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding, He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous, He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keeps the paths of judgement, and He preserves the way of His saints
4. the way of the evil man, the strange woman
5. destruction
6. life
7. flatters
8. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

CHAPTER 3

1. length of days, long life, peace
2. favor and good understanding
3. trust in the Lord with all of our heart, lean not to our own understanding, and in all our ways acknowledge Him.

4. our barns be filled with plenty, and our presses shall burst out with new wine
5. chastening and correction
6. loves
7. happy
8. the curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked

CHAPTER 4

1. get wisdom
2. wisdom is the principal thing
3. He went and sold all that he had, and bought it.
4. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.
5. forsake her not, love her, exalt her, embrace her
6. an ornament of grace, a crown of glory
7. as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day
8. as darkness
9. any answer from verses 23-27 acceptable

CHAPTER 5

1. lips drop as an honeycomb, mouth smoother than oil
2. any man should beguile you with enticing words
3. philosophy, vain deceit, traditions of men, rudiments of the world
4. to death
5. hated instruction, despised reproof, not obeyed the voice of my teachers, not inclined my ear to them that instructed
6. the fountain of living waters
7. broken cisterns
8. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?
9. in the greatness of his folly

CHAPTER 6

1. deliver thyself
2. Jesus Christ; it cost him His life
3. Save thyself. Come down from the cross.
4. poverty and want
5. a froward mouth
6. discord
7. a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies
8. it shall lead thee, shall keep thee, and shall talk with thee
9. the way of life
10. the evil woman, a strange woman
11. the precious life
12. he steals to satisfy his hunger
13. a wound and dishonor, his reproach

CHAPTER 7

1. that they may keep thee from the strange woman
2. understanding
3. in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night
4. if he walk in the night
5. it was subtil
6. he was more subtil than any beast of the field
7. with her much fair speech and the flattering of her lips
8. straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or a fool to the correction of the stocks
9. that it was for his life

10. Satan's devices
11. it is the way to hell

CHAPTER 8

1. because wisdom cries and understanding puts forth her voice
2. in the top of high places
3. by the way, paths
4. men
5. excellent things, right things, truth
6. by me--wisdom
7. wisdom's fruit and revenue
8. she will cause them to inherit substance and will fill their treasures
9. now therefore hearken unto me
10. one who hears wisdom, watches daily at her gates and waits at the posts of her doors
11. finds life and obtains favor of the Lord
12. death

CHAPTER 9

1. built a house and hewn out her seven pillars
2. her maidens
3. Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.
4. the fear of the Lord
5. knowledge of the Holy One
6. stolen waters are sweet and bread eaten in secret is pleasant
7. in the depths of hell

PART II: CHAPTERS 10-29, THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON

CHILDREN & PARENTING

1. a wise son
2. My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.
3. grief to his father and bitterness to his mother
4. foolishness
5. the rod of correction
6. he brings his mother shame
7. by the rod and reproof
8. rest, delight to their souls
9. hates his son
10. Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it.

SLOTHFULNESS & DILIGENCE

1. he that gathers in summer
2. he that sleeps in harvest
3. as vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes
4. the hand of the diligent
5. the hand of the diligent
6. great waster
7. roast that which he took in hunting
8. because his hands refuse to labor
9. the way of the slothful is as an hedge of thorns, the way of the righteous is made plain
10. by reason of the cold
11. he will beg and have nothing
12. There is a lion without; I shall be slain in the streets.
13. lest it bring us to poverty
14. open our eyes
15. he shall stand before kings

SPEECH

1. death and life
2. piercings of a sword, health

3. feed many
4. 3,000
5. a well of life
6. a rod of pride
7. his mouth is his destruction and his lips are the snare of his soul
8. a burning fire
9. tree of life
10. due season
11. Young man, I say unto thee, arise.
12. sweet to the soul, health to the bones
13. he that speaks truth
14. the lip of truth
15. lying lips
16. speaketh lies
17. the Holy Ghost, God
18. his mouth will be filled with gravel
19. in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone
20. refrains his lips
21. whoever keeps his mouth
22. fool utters all his mind, wise man keeps it in till afterward
23. when he holds his peace
24. studies to answer
25. a talebearer
26. faithful, conceals
27. whisperer
28. they are as wounds
29. defiles
30. talebearer
31. an angry countenance
32. as a maul, a sword, and a sharp arrow
33. by being a true witness

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS

1. love
2. a friend
3. Jesus
4. ointment, perfume
5. a good word
6. as he that takes away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre
7. a brother offended
8. sharpen the countenance of his friend
9. our own friend and our father's friend
10. a dinner of herbs where love is
11. he gives of his bread to the poor
12. mercy
13. he that despises his neighbor
14. he that is slow to wrath
15. a soft answer
16. he that is slow to anger, he that rules his spirit
17. an angry man, because we might learn his ways and get a snare to our souls
18. he that walks with wise men
19. by long forbearing
20. a faithful messenger
21. a broken tooth, a foot out of joint
22. envy
23. rejoice not, let not thine heart be glad
24. give him bread to eat and water to drink
25. we will heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord will reward us

BUILDING GODLY CHARACTER

1. riches, righteousness
2. great treasure and trouble therewith
3. humility
4. it is better to be called up than to be put lower
5. pride, the humble in spirit
6. hides
7. by the fear of the Lord
8. the fear of the Lord
9. our thoughts will be established
10. to give Him our heart and let our eyes observe His ways
11. a reproof
12. he who confesses and forsakes his sins
13. prayer of the upright
14. to do justice and judgement
15. bold as a lion
16. even his enemies will be at peace with him

PART III: CHAPTERS 30 & 31, THE WORDS OF AGUR AND LEMUEL

CHAPTER 30

1. Ithiel and Ucal
2. I am more brutish than any man, I have not the understanding of a man, I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy
3. What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if thou canst tell?
4. every word of God is pure; He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him
5. remove far from me vanity and lies, give me neither poverty nor riches
6. lest he be full and deny God, and lest he be poor and steal, taking God's name in vain
7. the grave, the barren womb, the earth not filled with water, fire
8. the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it
9. way of an eagle in the air, way of a serpent on a rock, way of a ship in the midst of the sea, way of a man with a maid
10. ants, conies, locusts, spider
11. a lion, a greyhound, a he goat, a king

CHAPTER 31

1. the prophecy that his mother taught him
2. lest they forget the law and pervert judgement
3. judge righteously, plead the cause of the poor and needy
4. rubies
5. the blood of Christ
6. she is trustworthy
7. she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life
8. she works willingly
9. that it is good
10. the poor, the needy
11. Any three: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, take in strangers, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit those in prison
12. in time to come
13. she opens her mouth with wisdom, in her tongue is the law of kindness
14. the bread of idleness
15. her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praises her
16. Favor, beauty
17. a woman that fears the Lord
18. her own works