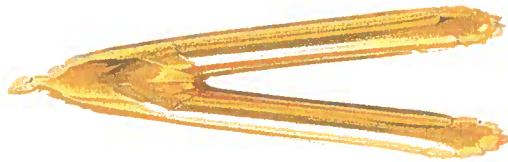


Proverbs 18

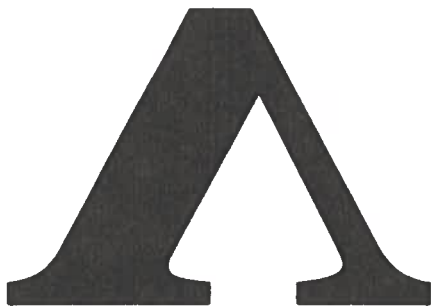
Directions: Identify the verses as Deep Water, Questionable or Positive Wisdom.



Deep Waters



Questionable



Positive Wisdom

Proverbs 18: This is a collection of wisdom emphasizing wise speech, the dangers of isolation/folly, the value of true friendship, and the importance of justice, highlighting that isolated individuals seek selfish desires, fools speak rashly leading to strife, but wise people use words like deep water to refresh others, and fair judgment requires hearing both sides before deciding, contrasting selfish quarreling with God-designed community. Key verse: (18:10, 1, 21 and 24)

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits". (18:21)

"The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe". (18:10)

"Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment." (18:1)

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: And there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (18:24)

Proverbs 19: Focuses on contrasting wisdom and foolishness, emphasizing integrity, knowledge, and diligence over rash actions, wealth, or blaming God. Key themes include integrity (better poor and honest than rich and foolish), the danger of haste and ignorance (rushing into sin or making hasty decisions), family dynamics (a quarrelsome wife, foolish son), the value of generosity (kindness to the poor is lending to the Lord), and the certainty of consequences (anger leads to punishment, but discipline brings wisdom. Ultimately, it teaches that God's purpose stands and listening to counsel leads to life.

Proverbs 20: Proverbs 20 covers themes of wisdom vs. foolishness, emphasizing seeking good counsel (plans

succeed through it), avoiding drunkenness (wine mocks), the danger of rulers (king's anger is like a lion), and laziness (sluggard's hunger). It highlights the value of integrity, faithfulness, and true insight, contrasting them with deceit, while also noting that true wisdom often requires effort to draw out, much like water from a deep well, and that even the young and old have distinct wisdom to offer.

Proverbs 21: Emphasizes God's ultimate control over all things, even kings' hearts (v. 1), contrasting human self-justification with God's heart-searching judgment (v.2). It stresses that genuine righteousness, justice, and mercy are more valuable to God than mere religious rituals (vv. 3, 21), contrasting diligent, honest work with lazy, deceitful shortcuts (vv. 5, 12). Key themes include the importance of a humble, generous heart, guarding one's speech, the folly of pride, and the certainty that God's wisdom triumphs over human planning and power (vv. 4, 9, 10, 20).

Proverbs 22: The main message of Proverbs 22 is a collection of wisdom emphasizing character over wealth, the importance of honesty, fairness to the poor, careful choices in companionship, and the lasting value of a good name, all rooted in fearing the Lord, guiding life toward righteousness, and avoiding the pitfalls of laziness, anger, and oppression.

Proverbs 23: A comprehensive guide to living wisely by prioritizing truth, self-control, and godly instruction over fleeting pleasures, worldly wealth, and foolish company, emphasizing that genuine fulfillment comes from fearing the Lord and embracing wisdom, with a focus on righteous