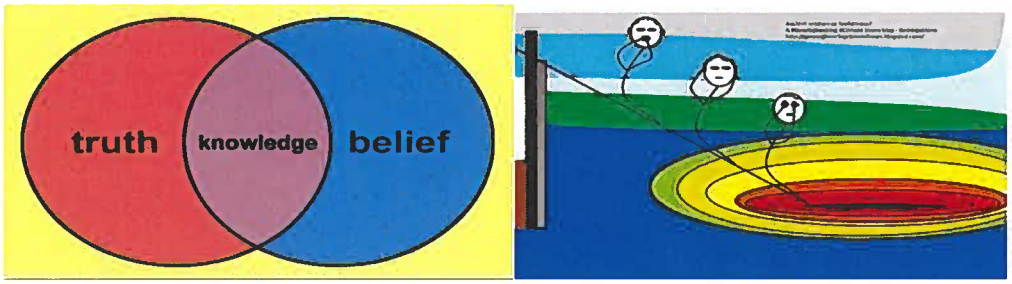
Proverbs 20



Main Message: 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, that even the young and old have distinct wisdom to offer.

Key Themes and Meanings

- **Counsel and Planning (vv. 18, 22):** Success comes from many advisors; don't go to war or make big decisions alone, seek wise input.
- **Drunkenness and Authority (v. 1):** Wine leads to trouble (mocking, brawling); aa ruler's anger is dangerous; ending quarrels brings honor, not starting them.
- **Laziness and Diligence (vv.** 4,9): Lazy people miss opportunities (plowing) and end up poor; diligence in small tasks leads to provision.
- **Integrity and faithfulness (vv.** 7, 10): The godly leave a blessed legacy; true faithfulness is rare and not self-proclaimed; God hates dishonest business (false weights).
- **Wisdom's Depth (v.**5): Good counsel is hidden deep within a person, requiring understanding to draw it out; practical wisdom is key.
- **Youth and Age (v.** 29): Youth's strength is admirable, but gray hair (age) signifies wisdom and experience, a value often lost in cultures chasing only youth.

- **Justice and Purity (vv.** 8,9): Kings discern evil from good; no one is truly sinless, but we should strive for purity.
- **Financial Prudence (v.** 16): Don't co-sign for strangers; it's risky.
- **Rebuke and Discipline (v.** 30): Wounds from a friend can heal internal evil, even if the rebuke is harsh.
- **Honor and Disgrace (vv.** 20, 21): Cursing parents brings darkness (a profound loss of light/life): ill-gotten wealth won't last.

In essence, Proverbs 20 encourages discernment, diligence, honesty, and honoring wise counsel, warning against the pitfalls of laziness, excess, and superficiality, while valuing both youthful vitality and aged wisdom.

Sound Judgment is passed down from Generation to Generation.

Great Grandparents, Grandparents, Parents, Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren to Great Great Grandchildren (etc).

Sound Judgment

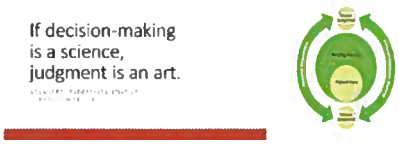
Wisdom comes from the Father

Knowledge comes from the Mother

Understanding given to the children

Discernment is used to handle problem situations in daily walk (action)

Prudence is used in daily **decision making** based on the Word of God



According to the teaching of the Bible and the experience of believers, the human spirit can be said to comprise three parts or has three main functions. These are conscience, intuition and communion. Rom. 1:9, Rom. 8: 15-16, I Cor. 6:17, Rom. 7:6, I Cor. 14:16, Rev. 21:10 and John 4:23 Spiritual Man by Watchman Nee