

Proverbs 17

Opening Prayer: Father God, As I read your Word today please give me Your wisdom and understanding. Help me to apply what I learn today to my life so that I can be more like you and less like the world. I ask this in Jesus Precious Name, Amen.

Comments/Insights: The part of this passage that got my attention was acquiring knowledge. The bible says that a man that has knowledge will spare his words and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. It didn't say he *had* an excellent spirit but he *was of* an excellent spirit. It goes on to say that even a fool when he holds his peace is counted as wise. What does that say about us? Do we have the desire to acquire knowledge? Are we a person of understanding? If we have that "excellent" spirit in us then we will be given knowledge and understanding. How do we get that spirit? We have to come to the table everyday and be fed the Word by the Master Himself. It is that important that we take the time to study and pray everyday. If we don't, then we will be like dry bones and we will wither away because of a broken spirit.

Basic Scripture Truth: If we have a merry heart it is like medicine, but a broken spirit will cause your bones or your inner being to dry up and wither away.

Application to my Life: As I study and pray everyday I realize more and more that I have to control my tongue. I have to wait a moment and gather my thoughts when I speak because when dealing with people, I can't just say what pops into my head. I must be able to discern between good and evil. As I have learned, thoughts are not my own. They can be either good or bad. Good thoughts are of Christ and would not wound anyone. On the other hand hurtful thoughts are of Satan. I will never intentionally hurt someone so I can't allow my emotion to take over my conversation with others and hurt them. If I have that merry heart I will not hurt others. This is the beginning of acquiring knowledge.

Closing Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for the time that I have had with you this morning and I thank you for speaking to me. I want to have knowledge and wisdom, the knowledge and wisdom that only you can give. I ask you to invade my body this morning filling me with you and purging me of me. Lord, allow me to be your ambassador today and help me to represent you in such a way that it blesses you! I thank you for what you have done for me and I love you and praise you for saving me. Please direct every step that I take today. I ask this in Jesus name, Amen.

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