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(#113) The Proverbs of Solomon 16:20- Work With Faith

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 16:20:

He who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.

A "people will be oppressed" when they remove the wise from leadership (**Isaiah 3:1-5**).

An internship, or a minimum-wage job, or some other entry-level work, is designed for someone to learn a work ethic, while receiving lower wages, because these are to help the worker gain experience and learn to progress from that point! "Heeding" in that job becomes a stepping-stone to further oneself beyond that job. Whatever we earn, we have in our possession; whatever we give to God, He has treasured for us in Heaven. Jesus said:

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
(**Matthew 6:19-21**)

Trusting in the LORD, or "faith," is the theme of the Word of God, which shows that God is completely dependable and capable of guiding us in the best way to go, here and in the hereafter.

Christians with jobs are admonished:

Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive



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the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.
([Colossians 3:22-24](#))

Applying “Wisdom” to all that we do produces “good,” and to do it with “trust in the LORD” completes a soul’s satisfaction. Paul wrote to Christians:

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. ([Philippians 2:12](#))

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