

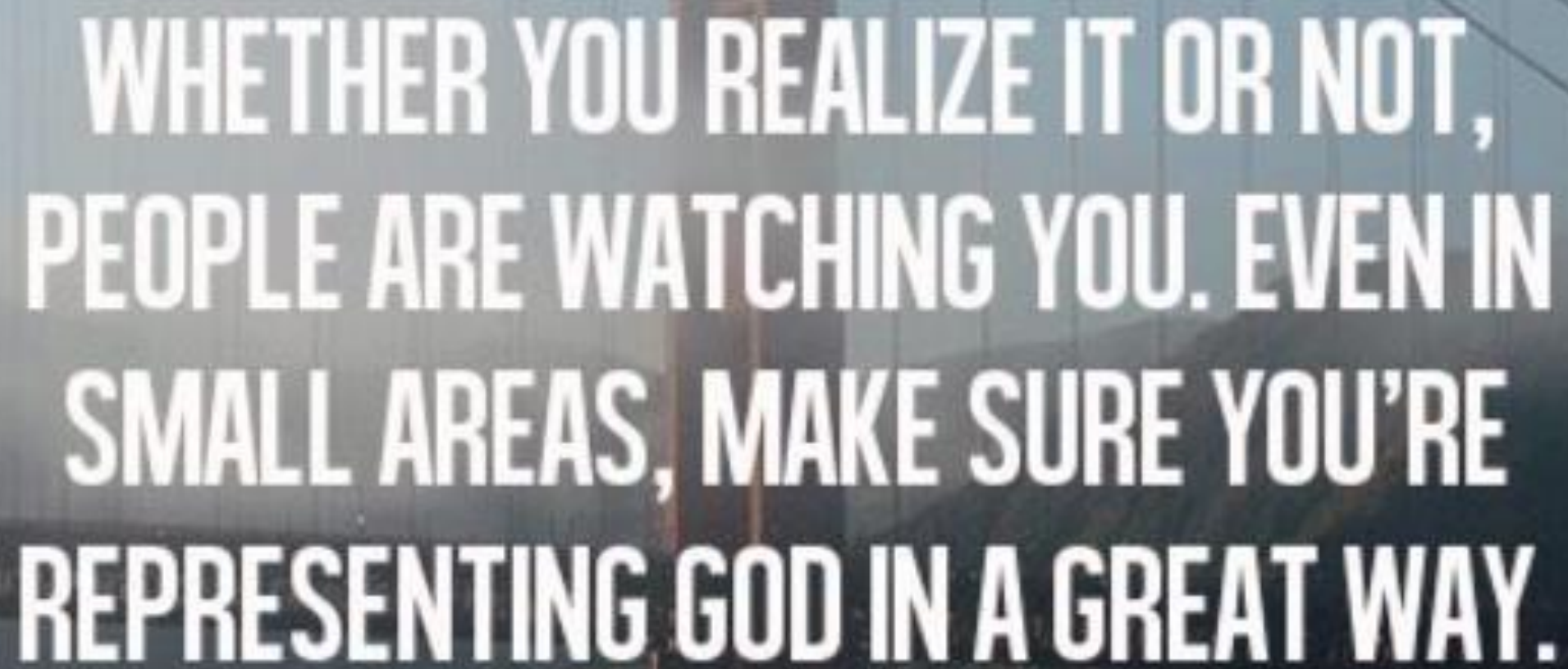
**Detailed Precepts
from
Proverbs:Chapter -14**

THEREFORE,

WE ARE
ambassadors
FOR
Christ,

GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US.
WE IMPLORE YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST,
BE RECONCILED TO GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 ESV



**WHETHER YOU REALIZE IT OR NOT,
PEOPLE ARE WATCHING YOU. EVEN IN
SMALL AREAS, MAKE SURE YOU'RE
REPRESENTING GOD IN A GREAT WAY.**

SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION


Introduction

- General Truths that are given to govern day to day life and conduct.
- Proverbs 14 is a collection of thirty-five sayings, most of which employ **antithetical parallelism**.
- There is no single theme that unifies the chapter,
- Twelve of the thirty-five sayings deal with wisdom and folly.
- Other topics are witnesses, emotions, charity, King etc.,



Wise Vs Foolishness

- **Prov 14:1 The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.**
 - Moses' mother (Exod. 2)
 - Hannah (1 Sam. 1—2).
 - Queen Jezebel fatally wounded Ahab's dynasty (2 Kings 9)
 - Queen Athaliah tore down the house of Judah (2 Kings 11; 2 Chron. 22:2-3).



Prov 14:2 He who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord, but he who is perverse in his ways despises Him.


Prov 14:3 A fool's mouth lashes out with pride, but the lips of the wise protect them.

Prov 14:4 Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox come abundant harvests.



**Prov 14:5 - An honest witness does not deceive,
but a false witness pours out lies.**

- Paul before Festus and Agrippa illustrates "a faithful (trustworthy) witness" (Acts 26:25)
- Peter in the high priest's courtyard illustrates a "false witness" (Luke 22:55-62).



⁶ The mocker seeks wisdom and finds none,
but knowledge comes easily to the discerning.

⁷ Stay away from a fool,
for you will not find knowledge on their lips.

⁸ The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways,
but the folly of fools is deception.

⁹ Fools mock at making amends for sin,
but goodwill is found among the upright.

¹⁰ Each heart knows its own bitterness,
and no one else can share its joy.

¹¹ The house of the wicked will be destroyed,
but the tent of the upright will flourish.



**10 Each heart knows its own bitterness,
and no one else can share its joy.**

- Hannah is outstanding for her deep personal sorrow (1 Sam. 1).
- Our Lord is another example (Luke 22:39-46; Isa. 53:3).

**11 The house of the wicked will be destroyed,
but the tent of the upright will flourish.**




**Prov 14:12 -There is a way that appears to be right,
but in the end it leads to death.**

- This verse is repeated in Proverbs 16:25. God is giving second time.
- What appears right to our eyes not necessarily God's way. My ways are not you're your ways (Isaiah 55:8)
- Judas Iscariot discovered, too late, that what appeared to him to be an easy way to collect a few extra pieces of silver was, in fact, a road of no return (Matt. 27:5)
- Salvation by works- Following this path will lead to eternal "death."




**Prov 14:13 -Even in laughter the heart may ache,
and rejoicing may end in grief.**


- A person may laugh but be hurting inside.
- Likewise, a person may think he is having a good time, but his "joy" (sensual, worldly joy) may bring him grief eventually ("the end of joy," both its ending in grief, and its ending in duration).
- Appearances are often deceiving.
- Queen Esther participated in a festive banquet, but her heart was breaking over the fate of her people (Esth. 5:4-8; 7:1-4).
- Haman was having a good time, until he learned that his hatred for the Jews was going to kill him (Esth. 7:5-9).



14 The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways, and the good rewarded for theirs.

15 The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.

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- 16 The wise fear the LORD and shun evil,
but a fool is hotheaded and yet feels secure.
- 17 A quick-tempered person does foolish things,
and the one who devises evil schemes is hated.
- 18 The simple inherit folly,
but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 Evildoers will bow down in the presence of the
good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The poor are shunned even by their neighbors,
but the rich have many friends.




21 It is a sin to despise one's neighbor,
but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.


22 Do not those who plot evil go astray?
But those who plan what is good find love and
faithfulness.

**23 All hard work brings a profit,
but mere talk leads only to poverty.**

24 The wealth of the wise is their crown,
but the folly of fools yields folly.

25 A truthful witness saves lives,
but a false witness is deceitful.

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- 26 Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress,
and for their children it will be a refuge.
- 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
turning a person from the snares of death.
- 28 A large population is a king's glory,
but without subjects a prince is ruined.
- 29 Whoever is patient has great understanding,
but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.
- 30 A heart at peace gives life to the body,
but envy rots the bones.**



31Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their **Maker**, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

32 **When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down,**
but even in death the righteous seek refuge in God.


33 Wisdom reposes in the heart of the discerning
and even among fools she lets herself be known.

34 **Righteousness exalts a nation,**
but sin condemns any people.



**Prov 14:31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker,
But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.**

- To deal hardly with those in poverty is to reproach God who made both rich and poor and whose inscrutable wisdom permits some to be in affliction, while others have more than heart can wish.
- Jezebel dishonored God in the way that she treated Naboth (1 Kings 21:1-10).
- But David honored God in the way that he treated Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 9).



**Prov 14:35 -The king's favor *is* toward a wise servant,
But his wrath is against him who causes shame.**

- People who serve those over them by behaving "wisely" obtain the "favor" of their masters, which often takes the form of rewards of various kinds.
- Joseph and Daniel are outstanding examples.
- Haman was such an unfaithful servant of King Artaxerxes.



Summary and Conclusion

- Proverbs 14 deals with the subjects of Wiseness, foolishness, laziness, hard work, telling lies, speaking truth, fear of the Lord etc.,
- Covers many areas of our daily life on this earth.
- Must study each verse and treasure them in our hearts.

in **Whom**
are hidden all the

TREASURES of
Wisdom

and

Knowledge

Colossians 2:3

JESUS SAID...

Take My yoke upon you and **learn from Me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.**

Matthew 11.29