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Proverbs 1:20-33 (NIV)

Wisdom's Rebuke

²⁰ Out in the open wisdom calls aloud,
she raises her voice in the public square;
²¹ on top of the wall she cries out,
at the city gate she makes her speech:
²² "How long will you who are simple love your simple
ways?
How long will mockers delight in mockery
and fools hate knowledge?
²³ Repent at my rebuke!
Then I will pour out my thoughts to you,
I will make known to you my teachings.
²⁴ But since you refuse to listen when I call
and no one pays attention when I stretch out my
hand,
²⁵ since you disregard all my advice
and do not accept my rebuke,
²⁶ I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;
I will mock when calamity overtakes you—
²⁷ when calamity overtakes you like a storm,
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.
²⁸ "Then they will call to me but I will not answer;
they will look for me but will not find me,
²⁹ since they hated knowledge
and did not choose to fear the LORD.
³⁰ Since they would not accept my advice
and spurned my rebuke,
³¹ they will eat the fruit of their ways
and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.
³² For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;
³³ but whoever listens to me will live in safety
and be at ease, without fear of harm."

James 3:1-12 (NIV)

Taming the Tongue

³ Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow
believers, because you know that we who teach will be
judged more strictly.
² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at
fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole
body in check.
³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make
them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.
⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so
large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered
by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.
⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it
makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set
on fire by a small spark.
⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the
parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the
whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire
by hell.
⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures
are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but
no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless
evil, full of deadly poison.
⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and
with it we curse human beings, who have been made in
God's likeness.
¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My
brothers and sisters, this should not be.
¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the
same spring?
¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a
grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce
fresh water.

Interesting internet Bible trivia

- Less than half of all Australians own a Bible (census)
- Sydney is Australia's Bible reading capital
- "The Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 6) is Australia's most accessed Bible passage
- John 3:16 is Australia's most searched Bible verse
- Love; faith and joy are the most searched Bible words
- Online reading exceeds hard-copy reading. If each of the Bibles Australian's personally own were read even 6 times per year, there would still be more Bible reading conducted online (almost 50 million times).

A bar of iron costs \$5, made into horseshoes its worth is \$12, made into needles its worth is \$3500, made into balance springs for watches, its worth is \$300, 000. Your own value is determined also by what you are able to make of yourself. ~ unknown

Notices: We are blessed to have Reverend Mark Faulkner with us this morning and thank him for leading the service. I know he will want to meet as many of the congregation as possible. We pray for Mark and his work in Scattered Communities.

Memory Lane this coming Tuesday (18th September) we start packing the shoe boxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. The collection date is fast approaching, and we need to get a move on if we are to reach Beulah's target of **50 boxes** this year!! Thanks to everyone involved for your generosity.



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray and give thanks for all of our congregation; especially those who could not be with us today due to illness and we pray that the warmer weather will help them regain strength and vitality.
- We pray for all farmers and their communities and give thanks for the recent rain.
- We pray for Meg as she regains her strength. And we pray for a safe journey home for Mark.

Psalm 19 (NIV)

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
- 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.
- 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
- 6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.
- 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.
- 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
- 14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy

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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Mark 8:22-38 (NIV)

Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida

- 22 They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him.
- 23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"
- 24 He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."
- 25 Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.
- 26 Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into ^[a] the village."

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

- 27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"
- 28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."
- 29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Predicts His Death

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

The Way of the Cross

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

From Evelyn - Trust the Promise of Christ

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew 16:18

The greatest encouragement we have as we strive to renew and strengthen our congregation, is found in this passage.

Jesus is the One who promised to build His Church. We can visualise what we want our church to look like, we can meet and talk and plan, but we "are but a tool in the hand of the Master Builder".

Stay alert and be ready! Rely on the rock-solid promise of Jesus.

Trust the Lord's Will, Ways, Words – and our church will be blessed by Him.

Blessings from Evelyn

