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PROVERBS 22:1-6

THE GOLDEN GODLY VIRTUE

What are your virtues? Virtue is the quality of being morally good. Virtue is priceless. The Bible mentions these golden Godly virtues: having a great character and reputation. Both character and reputation are so important that both are more valuable than gold or silver. You are who you are based on your character and reputation.

Since young, let's start training ourselves consistently with all diligence to live in accordance to God's words.

The bigger and older you are, the harder the process of the training might be. However, as long as you do not give up and as long as you keep your faith to our loving Father in heaven, there will be a beautiful result. A properly trained child will fear God and live with golden Godly virtues as an adult.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 22:6
Train a child how to live the right way. Then even when he is old, he will still live that way.*

Prayer

Dear God, let me grow with the Godly characters for the glory of Your name. Amen.





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PROVERBS 23:22-25

I WANT TO MAKE YOU HAPPY, DAD & MUM!

Your dad and mum's desire is to raise you to be a person with Godly characters.

Your dad works hard because he wants to provide you with a comfortable house, good school, delicious food, beautiful clothes and new toys.

Your mum has sacrificed lots of things for you too. She had you in her tummy for nine months. She always puts her best effort in caring for you and she tirelessly provides food, clothing, bedding, and countless other comforts for you.

You dad and mum deserve your respect. Obey them and treat them with respect. That will definitely make them happy!

Key verse:

*Proverbs 23:25
Make your
father and
mother happy.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
You for my
parents. They
have sacrificed
so much for
me. Help me to
be as loving to
them as they
have been to me.
Amen.*





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PROVERBS 24:30-34

OBSERVE LIFE WELL

This Proverbs writes about someone who saw someone's field that was messy and full of weeds. That field belonged to a lazy man. The writer was so observant and concluded that laziness was the cause of this. He had witnessed the consequences of being lazy and he could actually learn from that lazy man. Whenever he sensed that he himself was being lazy, this lesson would be there in the back of his mind to remind and correct him.

You and I can actually learn wisdom from other people's mistakes. When we see someone's mistakes, it should be a warning for us so that we won't make the same mistake. If we pay attention to the little things that we observe in life and meditate upon the significance of them, we can actually learn great lessons and gain wisdom.

Your life is more than just your social media or your mobile phone. Keep your eyes open and observe life wisely. There are plenty of good things that can be learned from everyday life.

Key verse:

*Psalm 106:3
Blessed are those who observe justice, who practice righteousness at all times.*

Prayer

Dear God, I open my eyes to observe the things around me. I am eager to keep learning and gain more wisdom every single day. Amen.





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PROVERBS 25:18-22

OVERCOME EVIL WITH KINDNESS

When you have been hurt by someone, you naturally will want to hurt that person back. It is the beginning of a conflict and tends to be bound in the endless cycle of conflicts if it is not stopped.

The Bible tells us not to repay evil for evil but instead repay good for evil. It's hard, but God promised at least four blessings when you do so, such as:

1. Our life will be happier.
2. Our life will be transformed to be more like Jesus.
3. We can help our enemies to know God.
4. It pleases the Lord and He promised to reward us.

Since we are going to leave 2020 soon, let's leave behind all the hurtful memories and forgive your enemies. Let's start a new year with a new cleansed heart. If you respond with kindness, you will be regarded as the hero. It's very difficult to do so, but God will reward you for it.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 25:21
If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink.*

Prayer

Dear God, I forgive _____ and clean my heart from all the hatred and anger towards him/her. Give me strength to show kindness to him/her. Amen.





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PROVERBS 27:17-21

SHARPENING ONE ANOTHER

How many friends do you have on Facebook? How many are your followers and how many are you following in your Instagram? How many of them are actually your real friends?

This Proverbs says that real friendship is like iron sharpening iron. Iron sharpening iron obviously implies at least two pieces of iron helping each other to be sharp. It would be impossible for one tool to become sharper without the presence of the other.

Just like the two blades sharpening each other, if you have a true best friend, both of you will help each other to grow stronger and be a better person. Both of you will encourage and correct each other sincerely, and build each other to become better and more mature. Both of you will be praying for one another.

You are blessed indeed if you have at least one true friend. Pray to God so that He will place some people around you who will be your true friends.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 27:17
As iron
sharpens iron,
so one person
sharpens
another.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus, let
me be a true
friend to my
best friends, a
friend that gives
a positive impact
on their lives.
Amen.*





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PROVERBS 28:1-7

BE BRAVE LIKE LIONS!

Entering a new year might instill a small amount of fear into your heart. You might be a little bit scared about entering a new school or class and meet new faces.

These Proverbs remind you and me to be bold and brave lions! Lions have famously acquired the title of 'King of the Jungle'. Lions fear no other animals.

In the new year, 2021, a new list of blessings is waiting for us, and at the same time, the devil, our enemy, is also waiting for a chance to attack us. Be as bold as a lion because God will be with you throughout the year.

Praise God for the blessings He has stored for you and me in 2021. Do not run away from problems. They are nothing compared to God's power in your life. You will find that there is nothing to be scared of as long as you walk with God.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 28:1
The wicked are afraid of everything, but those who live right are as brave as lions.*

Prayer

Dear God, I am not scared to face 2021 because You hold my future and I can securely face tomorrow. Amen.





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PROVERBS 29:1-9

SINCERE PRAISE

Who doesn't like to be praised? I bet, no one! Everyone feels happy each time they are complimented. Compliment is a positive thing while flattery is the opposite. Flattery is excessive and insincere praise, given especially to further one's own interests.

The difference between flattery and compliment is flattery has an insincere motivation while compliment is a sincere acknowledgement of admiration to praise someone else.

Flattery is not sincere and a praise that is given without sincereness is basically a lie. That is why we should avoid giving flattery. Flattery is harmful both to the giver and receiver. It is dangerous to the giver, because God will judge him for it as he is telling lies. It is dangerous to the receiver because it can lead him to do what he should not.

Be like Jesus who always speaks in love and always speaks only the truth, but He never resorted to flattery for personal gain. Jesus is always full of wisdom in choosing words to compliment, remind and correct His children.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 29:5
Those who
flatter their
neighbors are
spreading nets
for their feet.*

Prayer

*Dear God, may
I be like Jesus
to only speak
the truth with
love. May all the
compliments and
praise coming
from my mouth
be sincere from
my heart. Amen.*

