**PROVERBS 24 WISDOM APPLIED**

**Pro 24:1** Don't be envious of evil MEN, and don't try to make friends with them.

Pro 24:2 Causing trouble is all these MEN ever think about; every time they open their mouth a young Baptist believer is going to be hurt.

Pro 24:3 Homes are built on the foundation of holy wisdom and Biblical understanding.

Pro 24:4 Where there is Godly Bible knowledge, the rooms are furnished with valuable, beautiful things received from the Throne of God.

Pro 24:5 Being divinely wise is better than being physically strong; yes, deep Bible knowledge is more important than bodily strength.

Pro 24:6 After all, you must make careful spiritual plans before you fight a church planting battle, and the more good Holy Spirit advice you get, the more likely you are to win against the evil forces.

Pro 24:7 Wise sayings are too deep for stupid MEN to understand. They have nothing to say when important ministry matters are being discussed.

Pro 24:8 If you are always negative, planning criticism and fault-finding, you will earn a reputation as a troublemaker.

Pro 24:9 Any scheme a fool thinks up is sinful. People hate a young Baptist who has nothing but scorn for others.

Pro 24:10 If you are weak in a crisis young, Baptist worker, you are weak indeed.

Pro 24:11 Don't hesitate to rescue a MAN who is about to be ridiculed and rejected unjustly.

Pro 24:12 You may say that it is none of your business, but God the Almighty Heavenly Judge knows and judges your deepest motives. He keeps watch on you; he knows the inward musings of your soul. And he will reward you according to what you do and the souls you bring to Him.

Pro 24:13 My young Baptist church planter, eat honey; it is good. And just as honey from the comb is sweet on your tongue,

Pro 24:14 you may be sure that Holy Spirit wisdom is good for the soul. Get Godly wisdom and you have a bright future.

Pro 24:15 Don't be like the rotten MEN who scheme to rob honest folks or to take away their homes.

Pro 24:16 No matter how often honest young Baptist church planters fall, they always get up again; but disaster destroys the ones with improper motives.

Pro 24:17 Don't be glad when your opposing Baptist brothers meet disaster, and don't rejoice when they stumble.

Pro 24:18 Our Omniscient LORD Jesus will know if you are gloating, and he will not like it; and then maybe he won't reprimand them.

Pro 24:19 Don't let evil MEN worry you; don't be envious of them.

Pro 24:20 A wicked MAN has no future---nothing but hell to look forward to.

Pro 24:21 Have reverence for the omnipotent, gracious and merciful LORD Jesus, my young Baptist worker, and honor government leaders. Have nothing to do with MEN who rebel against them;

Pro 24:22 such people could be ruined in a moment. Do you realize the disaster that Almighty God or government leaders can cause?

Pro 24:23 The wise have also said these things: It is wrong for judges to be prejudiced.

Pro 24:24 If they pronounce a guilty person innocent, they will be cursed and hated by everyone.

Pro 24:25 Judges who punish the guilty, however, will be prosperous and enjoy a good reputation.

Pro 24:26 A gentle honest answer, young Baptist worker, is a sign of true friendship.

Pro 24:27 Don't build your house and establish an office until your church planting fields are ready, and you are sure that you can produce spiritual results and earn a living in that area.

Pro 24:28 Don't give evidence against any MEN without good reason, or say misleading things about them, ever.

Pro 24:29 Don't say, "I'll do to them just what they did to me! I'll get even with them!"

Pro 24:30 I walked through the fields and vegetable gardens of a lazy, stupid MAN.

Pro 24:31 They were full of thorn bushes and overgrown with weeds. The fences around them had fallen down.

Pro 24:32 I looked at this, thought about it, and learned a spiritual lesson from it:

Pro 24:33 Go ahead young Baptist evangelist and take your nap; go ahead and sleep. Fold your hands and rest awhile, church planter,

Pro 24:34 but while you are asleep, spiritual poverty will attack you like an armed robber. You will have a life without fruit and be ashamed before the White Throne.