



# *The Skillful Life*

*65 Categories in Proverbs*



artisanship  
*and the lifelong pursuit of wisdom*

# Pure

15:26 - The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, But the words of the pure are pleasant.

20:11- Even a child is known by his deeds, Whether what he does is pure and right.

22:11 - He who loves purity of heart And has grace on his lips, The king will be his friend.

30:12 - There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, Yet is not washed from its filthiness.

16:2 - All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the spirits.



# Disciplined

3:11-12 – My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

15:10 - Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes the way, And he who hates correction will die.

10:17 - He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray.

8:33-34 - Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.



# Disciplined

4:23-27 - Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you. Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

9:13 - The woman Folly is loud; she is undisciplined and without knowledge.

1:20-33 – Wisdom calls aloud outside; she raises her voice in the open squares. . . . “How long you simple ones, will you love simplicity . . . Turn at my rebuke . . . But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.”



# Patient

20:21 - An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning Will not be blessed at the end.

13:11 - Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished,  
But he who gathers by labor will increase.

16:32 - He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,  
And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

20:22 - Do not say, "I will recompense evil"; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.



# Patient

25:15 - By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.

15:28 - The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

13:12 – Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.



# Self-Controlled

14:17 - A quick-tempered man acts foolishly,  
And a man of wicked intentions is hated.

14:29 - He who is slow to wrath has great understanding,  
But he who is impulsive exalts folly.

15:18 - A wrathful man stirs up strife,  
But he who is slow to anger allays contention.

16:32 - He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,  
And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

25:28 - Whoever has no rule over his own spirit  
Is like a city broken down, without walls.



# Self-Controlled

15:1 - A soft answer turns away wrath,  
But a harsh word stirs up anger.

29:20 - Do you see a man hasty in his words?  
There is more hope for a fool than for him.

17:27 - He who has knowledge spares his words,  
And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.

19:11 - The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger,  
And his glory is to overlook a transgression.



# Self-Controlled

20:1 - Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

23:21 - For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.

21:19 - Better to dwell in the wilderness,  
Than with a contentious and angry woman.

7:7-8, 21- A young man devoid of understanding, Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house. . . . With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him.



# Self-Controlled

11:24-25 - There is one who scatters, yet increases more;  
And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it  
leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich,  
And he who waters will also be watered himself.



# Summary

The person with godly character has learned to stay on the path of purity, which requires a disciplined lifestyle, a patient demeanor inside and outside, and a self-control over every aspect of the person.

