CHOOSING THE RIGHT THINGS.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: Pro. 24:1-6.

B. Regarding the text:

1. 3,000 proverbs and 1005 songs spoken by Solomon. (**1 Kings 4:32**)
2. Known as the wisest of men. Sought understanding.
    1) **1 Kings 3:9** "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad…"
3. Lessons from Proverbs are great tools in helping us make right choices.
    1) Each person must choose what God chose for us!
    2) That requires making right choices (**Joshua 25:15**).

C. In our lesson today, let us realize…

1. There is a good way and a bad way (2 roads).
2. The choices we make will determine our eternal home.

DISCUSSION: PROVERBS ENCOURAGES US TO CHOOSE…

I. GOOD FRIENDSHIP (VS. 1-2).

A. Do not envy evil men, and do not desire to be with them!

1. Unfaithfulness comes from **discontentment**.
    1) Desiring to have what others have. (Money, fame, position, etc.)
        a. The idea of "the grass is always greener…"
        b. Many lose everything because of this mindset! (Homes, family, ---- everything!)
    2) Don't look up to people who live by the world's rules. (Too many admire and look up to ungodly people. Sports heroes, etc.)
    3) **Matt. 19:21-22**.
    4) Many are envious of men like the rich farmer! (**Luke 12:15**).
2. Who are our close companions?
    1) Who is it that we like to be with? (Tells a lot about me!!!)
        a. **Pro. 13:20**.
        b. Lot took his family into bad surroundings (**Gen. 13:13**).
        c. And **he took his family** into those surroundings!
    2) **The clear warning** (**Eph. 5:11**).
    3) Our companions can affect our families.
3. WRONG CHOICE!

B. Who are those that God rewards?

1. Those who seek Him, not riches or fame!
    1) **Heb. 11:6**.
    2) **Col. 3:1** Seek things above.
2. Good companions can help us remain faithful (**Psalm 1:1-2**).
    1) Good companions help us to stay on the right road.
    2) They are helpers in the rearing of our children.

II. CHOOSE KNOWLEDGE (VS. 5).

A. Biblical strength is not always physical!

1. Samson was strong… yet he was weak (**Judges Ch. 14-16**)!
    1) One can be strong physically --- weak spiritually.
    2) One can be physically weak yet spiritually strong.
2. ASV "A wise man is strong; Yea, a man of knowledge increaseth might."

B. Who is a wise man? (James 3:13).

1) Notice some traits of the wise man.

a. One who "rightly divides the word."
(a) **2 Tim. 2:15.**
(b) **Heb. 5:11-14**. "To discern."
b. One who seeks to understand (**Pro. 14:8**).

2. What did Jesus say about the wise man? **Matt. 7:21-27**. He builds his life upon the rock.
3. The truly strong man is the one strengthened in the Lord (**Eph. 6:10; 2 Tim. 2:1**).
4. And **remember Eph. 6:4** "And ye fathers…"

C. Choosing NOT to study God's Word is a WRONG CHOICE!

III. CHOOSE WISE COUNSEL (VS. 6).

A. We all need advice from time to time.

1. To whom do we turn? Never be ashamed to say, "I need some help." **SEEK ADVICE FROM GODLY people** (**Pro. 11:14**).
2. Go to the right person. (**John 6:68** "To whom shall we go…?)

B. Make the right choice when seeking advice.

IV. CONCLUSION.

A. God chose to save mankind. He gave the plan of salvation: Hear the gospel (Rom. 10:17); Believe the gospel (Rom. 1:16); Repent of sins (Acts 3:19); Confess Christ before men (Rom. 1:9-10); Be baptized (Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16); Then be faithful unto the end (Rev. 2:10; 1 Pet. 5:4).

B. We must choose to obey Him.