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# MORNING READING

## A wealthy man was dying, and the Proverbs 15:1-13 In-Context

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

**2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.**

**3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.**

**4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But  
perverseness in it breaks the spirit.**

**5 A fool despises his father's instruction,  
But he who receives correction is prudent.**

**6 In the house of the righteous there is  
much treasure, But in the revenue of the  
wicked is trouble. 7 The lips of the wise**

**disperse knowledge, But the heart of the  
fool does not do so. 8 The sacrifice of the**

**wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But  
the prayer of the upright is His delight.**

**9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But He loves him who follows righteousness.**

**10 Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes the way, And he who hates correction will die. 11 Hell and Destruction are before the Lord; So how much more the hearts of the sons of men.**

**12 A scoffer does not love one who corrects him, Nor will he go to the wise.**

**13 A merry heart makes a cheerful  
countenance, But by sorrow of the heart  
the spirit is broken.**

# Main Reading

## The Gospel Exalted

### Romans 1 (verse 1-7 & 14-32) NIV

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life[a] was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of

**holiness was appointed the Son of God in power[b] by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from[c] faith for his name's sake. 6 And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. 7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:**

**Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.**

**15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.**

**Key Verse 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.**



**17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,[e] just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.**

## **God’s Wrath Against Sinful Humanity**

**18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,**

**19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish**

hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

**25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.**

**26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.**

**Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.**

**28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.**

**They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.**

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