

Topical Study of Proverbs Chapters 10-29

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Preeminence of God

Fear of the Lord

- 10:27 The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.
- 14:2 He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, But *he who is* perverse in his ways despises Him.
- 14:26 In the fear of the LORD *there is* strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.
27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, To turn *one* away from the snares of death.
- 15:33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom, And before honor *is* humility.
- 16:6 In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD *one* departs from evil.
- 19:23 The fear of the LORD *leads* to life, And *he who has it* will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.
- 22:4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *Are* riches and honor and life.
- 23:17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, But *be zealous* for the fear of the LORD all the day;
- 24:21 My son, fear the LORD and the king; Do not associate with those given to change;

Trust in God

- 14:12 & 16:25 There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.
- 16:3 Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established.
- 16:20 He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy *is* he.
- 18:4 The words of a man's mouth *are* deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom *is* a flowing brook.
- 18:10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.
- 19:3 The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the LORD.

- 20:24 A man's steps *are* of the LORD; How then can a man understand his own way?
- 21:22 A wise *man* scales the city of the mighty, And brings down the trusted stronghold.
- 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him.
- 28:26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.
- 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

Providence of God

- 15:3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.
- 16:1 The preparations of the heart *belong* to man, But the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD.
- 16:4 The LORD has made all for Himself, Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom.
- 16:9 A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.
- 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision *is* from the LORD.
- 19:21 There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will stand.
- 21:30 *There is* no wisdom or understanding Or counsel against the LORD.
31 The horse *is* prepared for the day of battle, But deliverance *is* of the LORD.
- 22:12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, But He overthrows the words of the faithless.
- 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

Insight & Ignorance

Wisdom and folly

- 13:14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life,
To turn *one* away from the snares of death.
- 14:24 The crown of the wise is their riches,
But the foolishness of fools *is* folly.
- 15:24 The way of life *winds* upward for the wise,
That he may turn away from hell below.
- 16:22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life to him who has it.
But the correction of fools *is* folly.
- 17:12 Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs,
Rather than a fool in his folly.
- 24:7 Wisdom *is* too lofty for a fool;
He does not open his mouth in the gate.
- 24:13 My son, eat honey because *it is* good,
And the honeycomb *which is* sweet to your taste;
14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* to your soul;
If you have found *it*, there is a prospect,
And your hope will not be cut off.

Dealing with fools

- 26:4-11 Do not answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest you also be like him.
5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.
6 He who sends a message by the hand of a fool
Cuts off *his own* feet *and* drinks violence.
7 *Like* the legs of the lame that hang limp
Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
8 *Like* one who binds a stone in a sling
Is he who gives honor to a fool.
9 *Like* a thorn *that* goes into the hand of a drunkard
Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
10 The great *God* who formed everything
Gives the fool *his* hire and the transgressor *his* wages.
11 As a dog returns to his own vomit,
So a fool repeats his folly.
- 27:22 Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain,
Yet his foolishness will not depart from him.

29:9 If a wise man contends with a foolish man,
Whether *the fool* rages or laughs, *there is* no peace.

Discernment and understanding

10:13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding,
But a rod *is* for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.

10:23 To do evil *is* like sport to a fool,
But a man of understanding has wisdom.

13:15 Good understanding gains favor,
But the way of the unfaithful *is* hard.

14:6 A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not *find it*,
But knowledge *is* easy to him who understands.

14:8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way,
But the folly of fools *is* deceit.

14:15 The simple believes every word,
But the prudent considers well his steps.

14:33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding,
But *what is* in the heart of fools is made known.

15:21 Folly *is* joy to *him who is* destitute of discernment,
But a man of understanding walks uprightly.

16:16 How much better to get wisdom than gold!
And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

17:24 Wisdom *is* in the sight of him who has understanding,
But the eyes of a fool *are* on the ends of the earth.

19:8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;
He who keeps understanding will find good.

20:5 Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water,
But a man of understanding will draw it out.

20:12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye,
The LORD has made them both.

Knowledge

10:14 Wise *people* store up knowledge,
But the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

13:16 Every prudent *man* acts with knowledge,

But a fool lays open *his* folly.

14:18 The simple inherit folly,
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

15:14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge,
But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

18:15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge,
And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

19:2 Also it is not good *for* a soul *to be* without knowledge,
And he sins who hastens with *his* feet.

20:15 There is gold and a multitude of rubies,
But the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

21:11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise;
But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

23:12 Apply your heart to instruction,
And your ears to words of knowledge.

24:3 Through wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;
4 By knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.

Giving and Receiving Wisdom

Advice and Rebuke

9:7-9 “He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself,
And he who rebukes a wicked *man only* harms himself.

8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;

Rebuke a wise *man*, and he will love you.

9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be still wiser;

Teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

10:8 The wise in heart will receive commands,
But a prating fool will fall.

12:15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes,
But he who heeds counsel *is* wise.

13:1 A wise son *heeds* his father’s instruction,
But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

13:13 He who despises the word will be destroyed,
But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

15:31 The ear that hears the rebukes of life
Will abide among the wise.

17:10 Rebuke is more effective for a wise *man*
Than a hundred blows on a fool.

19:20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction,
That you may be wise in your latter days.

19:25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary;
Rebuke one who has understanding, *and* he will discern knowledge.

19:27 Cease listening to instruction, my son,
And you will stray from the words of knowledge.

23:9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
For he will despise the wisdom of your words.

25:12 *Like* an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold
Is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

27:5-6 ⁵ Open rebuke *is* better
Than love carefully concealed.

⁶ Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

27:17 *As* iron sharpens iron,
So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

29:1 He who is often rebuked, *and* hardens *his* neck,
Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Value of Advisors

11:14 Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall;
But in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

15:22 Without counsel, plans go awry,
But in the multitude of counselors they are established.

20:18 Plans are established by counsel;
By wise counsel wage war.

24:5-6 A wise man *is* strong,
Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength;
6 For by wise counsel you will wage your own war,
And in a multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

Discipline

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

12:1 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge,
But he who hates correction *is* stupid.

13:18 Poverty and shame *will come* to him who disdains correction,
But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.

13:24 He who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

15:5 A fool despises his father's instruction,
But he who receives correction is prudent.

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

15:12 A scoffer does not love one who corrects him,
Nor will he go to the wise.

15:32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul,
But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.

19:18 Chasten your son while there is hope,
And do not set your heart on his destruction.

20:30 Blows that hurt cleanse away evil,
As *do* stripes the inner depths of the heart.

22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go,

And when he is old he will not depart from it.

22:15 Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

23:13-14 Do not withhold correction from a child,
For *if* you beat him with a rod, he will not die.
¹⁴ You shall beat him with a rod,
And deliver his soul from hell.

29:15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom,
But a child left *to himself* brings shame to his mother.

29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest;
Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

29:19 A servant will not be corrected by mere words;
For though he understands, he will not respond.

29:21 He who pampers his servant from childhood
Will have him as a son in the end.

Lawkeeping

19:16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul,
But he who is careless of his ways will die.

28:4 Those who forsake the law praise the wicked,
But such as keep the law contend with them.

28:7 Whoever keeps the law *is* a discerning son,
But a companion of gluttons shames his father.

28:9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law,
Even his prayer *is* an abomination.

29:18 Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint;
But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

Repentance

14:9 Fools mock at sin,
But among the upright *there is* favor.

28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.

Righteousness & Wickedness

10:6-7 Blessings *are* on the head of the righteous,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
7 The memory of the righteous *is* blessed,
But the name of the wicked will rot.

10:16 The labor of the righteous *leads* to life,
The wages of the wicked to sin.

10:28-30 The hope of the righteous *will be* gladness,
But the expectation of the wicked will perish.
29 The way of the LORD *is* strength for the upright,
But destruction *will come* to the workers of iniquity.
30 The righteous will never be removed,
But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

11:5-10 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright,
But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.
6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,
But the unfaithful will be caught by *their* lust.
7 When a wicked man dies, *his* expectation will perish,
And the hope of the unjust perishes.
8 The righteous is delivered from trouble,
And it comes to the wicked instead.
9 The hypocrite with *his* mouth destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.
10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices;
And when the wicked perish, *there is* jubilation.

11:18-20 The wicked *man* does deceptive work,
But he who sows righteousness *will have* a sure reward.
19 As righteousness *leads* to life,
So he who pursues evil *pursues it* to his own death.
20 Those who are of a perverse heart *are* an abomination to the LORD,
But *the* blameless in their ways *are* His delight.

11:23 The desire of the righteous *is* only good,
But the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

12:2-3 A good *man* obtains favor from the LORD,
But a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.
3 A man is not established by wickedness,
But the root of the righteous cannot be moved.

12:5-8 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right,
But the counsels of the wicked *are* deceitful.
6 The words of the wicked *are*, "Lie in wait for blood,"
But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.
7 The wicked are overthrown and *are* no more,
But the house of the righteous will stand.

⁸ A man will be commended according to his wisdom,
But he who is of a perverse heart will be despised.

12:12 The wicked covet the catch of evil *men*,
But the root of the righteous yields *fruit*.

12:21 No grave trouble will overtake the righteous,
But the wicked shall be filled with evil.

12:28 In the way of righteousness *is* life,
And in *its* pathway *there is* no death.

13:9 The light of the righteous rejoices,
But the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

13:21 Evil pursues sinners,
But to the righteous, good shall be repaid.

13:25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul,
But the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.

14:11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown,
But the tent of the upright will flourish.

14:19 The evil will bow before the good,
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin *is* a reproach to *any* people.

15:6 *In* the house of the righteous *there is* much treasure,
But in the revenue of the wicked is trouble.

15:9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD,
But He loves him who follows righteousness.

20:7 The righteous *man* walks in his integrity;
His children *are* blessed after him.

21:18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous,
And the unfaithful for the upright.

24:15-16 Do not lie in wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous;
Do not plunder his resting place;
¹⁶ For a righteous *man* may fall seven times
And rise again,
But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

28:12 When the righteous rejoice, *there is* great glory;
But when the wicked arise, men hide themselves.

28:28 When the wicked arise, men hide themselves;
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

29:16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases;
But the righteous will see their fall.

29:27 An unjust man *is* an abomination to the righteous,
And *he who is* upright in the way *is* an abomination to the wicked.

Integrity & Perversion

10:9 He who walks with integrity walks securely,
But he who perverts his ways will become known.

13:6 Righteousness guards *him whose way is* blameless,
But wickedness overthrows the sinner.

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

21:8 The way of a guilty man *is* perverse;
But *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

24:8-9 He who plots to do evil
Will be called a schemer.
9 The devising of foolishness *is* sin,
And the scoffer *is* an abomination to men.

28:18 Whoever walks blamelessly will be saved,
But *he who is* perverse *in his ways* will suddenly fall.

29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the blameless,
But the upright seek his well-being.

Consequences

10:3 The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish,
But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich,
And He adds no sorrow with it.

10:24-25 The fear of the wicked will come upon him,
And the desire of the righteous will be granted.
25 When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked *is no more*,
But the righteous *has* an everlasting foundation.

11:21 *Though they join* forces, the wicked will not go unpunished;
But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered.

11:27 He who earnestly seeks good finds favor,
But trouble will come to him who seeks *evil*.

11:30-31 The fruit of the righteous *is a* tree of life,
And he who wins souls *is* wise.
³¹ If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth,
How much more the ungodly and the sinner.

14:14 The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways,
But a good man *will be satisfied* from above.

14:22 Do they not go astray who devise evil?
But mercy and truth *belong* to those who devise good.

16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD,
He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

17:13 Whoever rewards evil for good,
Evil will not depart from his house.

18:3 When the wicked comes, contempt comes also;
And with dishonor *comes* reproach.

19:29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers,
And beatings for the backs of fools.

21:12 The righteous *God* wisely considers the house of the wicked,
Overthrowing the wicked for *their* wickedness.

21:16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding
Will rest in the assembly of the dead.

21:21 He who follows righteousness and mercy
Finds life, righteousness and honor.

22:8 He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail.

26:1 As snow in summer and rain in harvest,
So honor is not fitting for a fool.

26:3 A whip for the horse,
A bridle for the donkey,
And a rod for the fool's back.

26:27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it,
And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him.

Motives

Motives and the heart

15:11 Hell and Destruction *are* before the LORD;
So how much more the hearts of the sons of men.

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

17:3 The refining pot *is* for silver and the furnace for gold,
But the LORD tests the hearts.

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

20:27 The spirit of a man *is* the lamp of the LORD,
Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

21:2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the hearts.

27:19 As in water face *reflects* face,
So a man's heart *reveals* the man.

False Worship

15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD,
But the prayer of the upright *is* His delight.

15:29 The LORD *is* far from the wicked,
But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

21:3 To do righteousness and justice
Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination;
How much more *when* he brings it with wicked intent!

Duplicity

10:10-11 He who winks with the eye causes trouble,
But a prating fool will fall.
¹¹ The mouth of the righteous *is* a well of life,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

11:3 The integrity of the upright will guide them,
But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.

16:30 He winks his eye to devise perverse things;
He purses his lips *and* brings about evil.

20:14 "*It is good for nothing,*" cries the buyer;
But when he has gone his way, then he boasts.

23:6-8 Do not eat the bread of a miser,
Nor desire his delicacies;
7 For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he.
“Eat and drink!” he says to you,
But his heart is not with you.
8 The morsel you have eaten, you will vomit up,
And waste your pleasant words.

26:23-26 Fervent lips with a wicked heart
Are like earthenware covered with silver dross.
24 He who hates, disguises *it* with his lips,
And lays up deceit within himself;
25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him,
For *there are* seven abominations in his heart;
26 *Though his* hatred is covered by deceit,
His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.

Concern for Others

Love and Faithfulness

16:6 In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity;
And by the fear of the LORD *one* departs from evil.

20:6 Most men will proclaim each his own goodness,
But who can find a faithful man?

25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful *man* in time of trouble
Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

Love, hatred, and compassion

10:12 Hatred stirs up strife,
But love covers all sins.

15:17 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge,
But the heart of the fool *does not do* so.

17:5 He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker;
He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.

24:17-18 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,
And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;
18 Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease Him,
And He turn away His wrath from him.

25:21-22 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat;
And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;
22 For *so* you will heap coals of fire on his head,
And the LORD will reward you.

Kindness and mercy

11:16-17 A gracious woman retains honor,
But ruthless *men* retain riches.
¹⁷ The merciful man does good for his own soul,
But *he who is* cruel troubles his own flesh.

12:10 A righteous *man* regards the life of his animal,
But the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.

12:25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression,
But a good word makes it glad.

21:10 The soul of the wicked desires evil;
His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

Overstaying welcome

25:16-17 Have you found honey?
Eat only as much as you need,
Lest you be filled with it and vomit.
¹⁷ Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house,
Lest he become weary of you and hate you.

Concern for Self**Pride and humility**

11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame;
But with the humble *is* wisdom.

12:9 Better *is the one* who is slighted but has a servant,
Than he who honors himself but lacks bread.

13:7 There is one who makes himself rich, yet *has* nothing;
And one who makes himself poor, yet *has* great riches.

13:10 By pride comes nothing but strife,
But with the well-advised *is* wisdom.

15:25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud,
But He will establish the boundary of the widow.

16:5 Everyone proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD;
Though they join forces, none will go unpunished.

16:18-19 Pride *goes* before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.
¹⁹ Better *to be* of a humble spirit with the lowly,
Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

18:12 Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty,
And before honor *is* humility.

19:10 Luxury is not fitting for a fool,
Much less for a servant to rule over princes.

20:9 Who can say, “I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin”?

21:4 A haughty look, a proud heart,
And the plowing of the wicked *are* sin.

21:24 A proud *and* haughty *man*—“Scoffer” *is* his name;
He acts with arrogant pride.

22:4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD
Are riches and honor and life.

25:27 *It is* not good to eat much honey;
So to seek one’s own glory *is not* glory.

26:16 The lazy *man is* wiser in his own eyes
Than seven men who can answer sensibly.

27:2 Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips.

27:21 The refining pot *is* for silver and the furnace for gold,
And a man *is valued* by what others say of him.

29:23 A man’s pride will bring him low,
But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

Selfishness

18:1 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire;
He rages against all wise judgment.

Jealousy

27:4 Wrath *is* cruel and anger a torrent,
But who *is* able to stand before jealousy?

Envy

14:30 A sound heart *is* life to the body,
But envy *is* rottenness to the bones.

24:19-20 Do not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the wicked;
²⁰ For there will be no prospect for the evil *man*;
The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

Greed

28:25 He who is of a proud heart (NIV=greedy) stirs up strife,

But he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered

Control of Self

Self-control

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

29:11 A fool vents all his feelings,
But a wise *man* holds them back.

Rashness

20:25 *It is* a snare for a man to devote rashly *something as* holy,
And afterward to reconsider *his* vows.

21:5 The plans of the diligent *lead* surely to plenty,
But *those of* everyone *who is* hasty, surely to poverty.

25:8 Do not go hastily to court;
For what will you do in the end,
When your neighbor has put you to shame?

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

Temper and Patience

12:16 A fool's wrath is known at once,
But a prudent *man* covers shame.

14:16-17 A wise *man* fears and departs from evil,
But a fool rages and is self-confident.
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.

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

19:19 *A man of* great wrath will suffer punishment;
For if you rescue *him*, you will have to do it again.

22:24-25 Make no friendship with an angry man,
And with a furious man do not go,

²⁵ Lest you learn his ways
And set a snare for your soul.

29:8 Scoffers set a city aflame,
But wise *men* turn away wrath.

29:22 An angry man stirs up strife,
And a furious man abounds in transgression.

Drunkenness and Gluttony

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

23:19-21 Hear, my son, and be wise;
And guide your heart in the way.
²⁰ Do not mix with winebibbers,
Or with gluttonous eaters of meat;
²¹ For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,
And drowsiness will clothe *a man* with rags.

23:29-35 Who has woe?
Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions?
Who has complaints?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who has redness of eyes?
³⁰ Those who linger long at the wine,
Those who go in search of mixed wine.
³¹ Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it sparkles in the cup,
When it swirls around smoothly;
³² At the last it bites like a serpent,
And stings like a viper.
³³ Your eyes will see strange things,
And your heart will utter perverse things.
³⁴ Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea,
Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, *saying*:
³⁵ “They have struck me, *but* I was not hurt;
They have beaten me, but I did not feel *it*.
When shall I awake, that I may seek another *drink*?”

Adultery

22:14 The mouth of an immoral woman *is* a deep pit;
He who is abhorred by the LORD will fall there.

Prostitution

23:26-28 My son, give me your heart,
And let your eyes observe my ways.

²⁷ For a harlot *is* a deep pit,
And a seductress *is* a narrow well.

²⁸ She also lies in wait as *for* a victim,
And increases the unfaithful among men.

29:3 Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice,
But a companion of harlots wastes *his* wealth.

Control of the Tongue

Wise and foolish talk

14:3 In the mouth of a fool *is* a rod of pride,
But the lips of the wise will preserve them.

15:2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge,
But the heart of the fool *does* not *do* so.

16:23 The heart of the wise teaches his mouth,
And adds learning to his lips.

18:6-7 A fool's lips enter into contention,
And his mouth calls for blows.
⁷ A fool's mouth *is* his destruction,
And his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

19:1 Better *is* the poor who walks in his integrity
Than *one who is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

23:15-16 My son, if your heart is wise,
My heart will rejoice—indeed, I myself;
¹⁶ Yes, my inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak right things.

Righteous and wicked talk

10:20-21 The tongue of the righteous *is* choice silver;
The heart of the wicked *is* *worth* little.
²¹ The lips of the righteous feed many,
But fools die for lack of wisdom.

10:31-32 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,
But the perverse tongue will be cut out.
³² The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable,
But the mouth of the wicked *what is* perverse.

11:11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted,
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12:13-14 The wicked is ensnared by the transgression of *his* lips,
But the righteous will come through trouble.

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A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth,
And the recompense of a man's hands will be rendered to him.

13:2 A man shall eat well by the fruit of *his* mouth,
But the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence.

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

17:4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips;
A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

Appropriate Speech

15:23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth,
And a word *spoken* in due season, how good *it is!*

16:21 The wise in heart will be called prudent,
And sweetness of the lips increases learning.

16:24 Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

25:11 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold
In settings of silver.

27:14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning,
It will be counted a curse to him.

Maintaining Silence

10:19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking,
But he who restrains his lips *is* wise.

12:23 A prudent man conceals knowledge,
But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

13:3 He who guards his mouth preserves his life,
But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

17:28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace;
When he shuts his lips, *he is considered* perceptive.

18:13 He who answers a matter before he hears *it*,
It *is* folly and shame to him.

21:23 Whoever guards his mouth and tongue
Keeps his soul from troubles.

Controlled Speech

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

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

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

Flattery

26:28 A lying tongue hates *those who are* crushed by it,
And a flattering mouth works ruin.

28:23 He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward
Than he who flatters with the tongue.

29:5 A man who flatters his neighbor
Spreads a net for his feet.

Slander and Gossip

10:18 Whoever hides hatred *has* lying lips,
And whoever spreads slander *is* a fool.

11:13 A talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

16:28 A perverse man sows strife,
And a whisperer separates the best of friends.

17:9 He who covers a transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter separates friends.

18:8 The words of a talebearer *are* like tasty trifles,
And they go down into the inmost body.

20:19 He who goes about *as* a talebearer reveals secrets;
Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.

26:20 Where *there is* no wood, the fire goes out;
And where *there is* no talebearer, strife ceases.

Hurtful talk

11:12 He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor,
But a man of understanding holds his peace.

12:18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword,
But the tongue of the wise *promotes* health.

15:4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life,
But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

16:27 An ungodly man digs up evil,
And *it is* on his lips like a burning fire.

25:23 The north wind brings forth rain,
And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

26:2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow,
So a curse without cause shall not alight.

Quarreling

17:14 The beginning of strife *is like* releasing water;
Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.

17:19 He who loves transgression loves strife,
And he who exalts his gate seeks destruction.

20:3 *It is* honorable for a man to stop striving,
Since any fool can start a quarrel.

22:10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave;
Yes, strife and reproach will cease.

26:21 *As* charcoal *is* to burning coals, and wood to fire,
So *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

Lying

12:19 The truthful lip shall be established forever,
But a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.

12:22 Lying lips *are* an abomination to the LORD,
But those who deal truthfully *are* His delight.

17:20 He who has a deceitful heart finds no good,
And he who has a perverse tongue falls into evil.

19:5 A false witness will not go unpunished,
And *he who* speaks lies will not escape.

19:22 What is desired in a man is kindness,
And a poor man is better than a liar.

21:6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue
Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.

Power of the tongue

18:20-21 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth,
From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Honesty

Truthfulness

12:20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil,
But counselors of peace have joy.

13:5 A righteous *man* hates lying,
But a wicked *man* is loathsome and comes to shame.

24:26 He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.

26:18-19 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,
¹⁹ *Is* the man *who* deceives his neighbor,
And says, "I was only joking!"

Accurate Weights

11:1 Dishonest scales *are* an abomination to the LORD,
But a just weight *is* His delight.

16:11 Honest weights and scales *are* the LORD's;
All the weights in the bag *are* His work.

20:10 Diverse weights *and* diverse measures,
They *are* both alike, an abomination to the LORD.

20:23 Diverse weights *are* an abomination to the LORD,
And dishonest scales *are* not good.

Boundary Stones

22:28 Do not remove the ancient landmark
Which your fathers have set.

23:10-11 Do not remove the ancient landmark,
Nor enter the fields of the fatherless;
¹¹ For their Redeemer *is* mighty;
He will plead their cause against you.

Wrongfully Attained Gains

10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,
But righteousness delivers from death.

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

20:17 Bread gained by deceit *is* sweet to a man,
But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

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

Bribery

15:27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house,
But he who hates bribes will live.

17:8 A present *is* a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor;
Wherever he turns, he prospers.

17:23 A wicked *man* accepts a bribe behind the back
To pervert the ways of justice.

21:14 A gift in secret pacifies anger,
And a bribe behind the back, strong wrath.

Justice**False Witnesses**

12:17 He *who* speaks truth declares righteousness,
But a false witness, deceit.

14:5 A faithful witness does not lie,
But a false witness will utter lies.

14:25 A true witness delivers souls,
But a deceitful *witness* speaks lies.

19:9 A false witness will not go unpunished,
And *he who* speaks lies shall perish.

19:28 A disreputable witness scorns justice,
And the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.

21:28 A false witness shall perish,
But the man who hears *him* will speak endlessly.

25:18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor
Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

Open-mindedness

18:17 The first one to plead his cause seems right,
Until his neighbor comes and examines him

Judicial Justice

17:15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just,
Both of them alike *are* an abomination to the LORD.

17:26 Also, to punish the righteous *is* not good,
Nor to strike princes for *their* uprightness.

18:5 *It is* not good to show partiality to the wicked,
Or to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

18:17 The first *one* to plead his cause *seems* right,
Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

21:15 *It is* a joy for the just to do justice,
But destruction *will come* to the workers of iniquity.

24:11-12 Deliver *those who* are drawn toward death,
And hold back *those* stumbling to the slaughter.
12 If you say, “Surely we did not know this,”
Does not He who weighs the hearts consider *it*?
He who keeps your soul, does He *not* know *it*?
And will He *not* render to *each* man according to his deeds?

24:23-25 These *things* also *belong* to the wise:
 It is not good to show partiality in judgment.
24 He who says to the wicked, “You *are* righteous,”
Him the people will curse;
Nations will abhor him.
25 But those who rebuke *the wicked* will have delight,
And a good blessing will come upon them.

28:5 Evil men do not understand justice,
But those who seek the LORD understand all.

29:26 Many seek the ruler’s favor,
But justice for man *comes* from the LORD.

Economic Well Being

Wealth and poverty

10:15 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city;
The destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.

11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But righteousness delivers from death.

11:28 He who trusts in his riches will fall,
But the righteous will flourish like foliage.

13:8 The ransom of a man's life *is* his riches,
But the poor does not hear rebuke.

14:20 The poor *man* is hated even by his own neighbor,
But the rich *has* many friends.

15:16 Better *is* a little with the fear of the LORD,
Than great treasure with trouble.

17:16 Why *is there* in the hand of a fool the purchase price of wisdom,
Since *he has* no heart *for it*?

18:11 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city,
And like a high wall in his own esteem.

18:23 The poor *man* uses entreaties,
But the rich answers roughly.

19:4 Wealth makes many friends,
But the poor is separated from his friend.

19:6,7 Many entreat the favor of the nobility,
And every man *is* a friend to one who gives gifts.
7 All the brothers of the poor hate him;
How much more do his friends go far from him!
He may pursue *them with* words, *yet* they abandon *him*.

22:2 The rich and the poor have this in common,
The LORD *is* the maker of them all.

22:7 The rich rules over the poor,
And the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

23:4-5 Do not overwork to be rich;
Because of your own understanding, cease!
5 Will you set your eyes on that which is not?
For *riches* certainly make themselves wings;
They fly away like an eagle *toward* heaven.

27:7 A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb,
But to a hungry soul every bitter thing *is* sweet.

28:6 Better *is* the poor who walks in his integrity
Than one perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.

28:8 One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion
Gathers it for him who will pity the poor.

28:11 The rich man *is* wise in his own eyes,
But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

28:20-22 A faithful man will abound with blessings,
But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.
21 To show partiality *is* not good,
Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.
22 A man with an evil eye hastens after riches,
And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

Benevolence and generosity

11:24-26 There is *one* who scatters, yet increases more;
And there is *one* who withholds more than is right,
But it *leads* to poverty.
25 The generous soul will be made rich,
And he who waters will also be watered himself.
26 The people will curse him who withholds grain,
But blessing *will be* on the head of him who sells *it*.

13:22 A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

14:21 He who despises his neighbor sins;
But he who has mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

18:16 A man's gift makes room for him,
And brings him before great men.

19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD,
And He will pay back what he has given.

21:13 Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor
Will also cry himself and not be heard.

22:9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.

25:14 Whoever falsely boasts of giving
Is like clouds and wind without rain.

Oppression of the poor

13:23 Much food *is in* the fallow *ground* of the poor,
And for lack of justice there is waste.

14:31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker,
But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.

15:15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil,
But he who is of a merry heart *has* a continual feast.

16:8 Better *is* a little with righteousness,
Than vast revenues without justice.

22:16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his *riches*,
And he who gives to the rich, *will* surely *come* to poverty.

22:22-23 Do not rob the poor because he *is* poor,
Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate;
²³ For the LORD will plead their cause,
And plunder the soul of those who plunder them.

29:7 The righteous considers the cause of the poor,
But the wicked does not understand *such* knowledge.

29:13 The poor *man* and the oppressor have this in common:
The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

Industriousness

10:4-5 He who has a slack hand becomes poor,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
⁵ He who gathers in summer *is* a wise son;
He who sleeps in harvest *is* a son who causes shame.

10:26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
So *is* the lazy *man* to those who send him.

12:11 He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread,
But he who follows frivolity *is* devoid of understanding.

12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule,
But the lazy *man* will be put to forced labor.

12:27 The lazy *man* does not roast what he took in hunting,
But diligence *is* man's precious possession.

13:4 The soul of a lazy *man* desires, and *has* nothing;
But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

14:4 Where no oxen *are*, the trough *is* clean;
But much increase *comes* by the strength of an ox.

14:23 In all labor there is profit,
But idle chatter *leads* only to poverty.

15:19 The way of the lazy *man is* like a hedge of thorns,
But the way of the upright *is* a highway.

16:26 The person who labors, labors for himself,
For his *hungry* mouth drives him *on*.

18:9 He who is slothful in his work
Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

19:15 Laziness casts *one* into a deep sleep,
And an idle person will suffer hunger.

19:24 A lazy *man* buries his hand in the bowl,
And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

20:4 The lazy *man* will not plow because of winter;
He will beg during harvest and *have* nothing.

20:13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty;
Open your eyes, *and* you will be satisfied with bread.

21:17 He who loves pleasure *will be* a poor man;
He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

21:25-26 The desire of the lazy *man* kills him,
For his hands refuse to labor.
²⁶ He covets greedily all day long,
But the righteous gives and does not spare.

22:29 He who has a generous eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.

24:27 Prepare your outside work,
Make it fit for yourself in the field;
And afterward build your house.

24:30-34 I went by the field of the lazy *man*,
And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;
³¹ And there it was, all overgrown with thorns;
Its surface was covered with nettles;
Its stone wall was broken down.
³² When I saw *it*, I considered *it* well;
I looked on *it and* received instruction:

33 A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest;

34 So shall your poverty come *like* a prowler,
And your need like an armed man.

26:14 *As* a door turns on its hinges,
So *does* the lazy *man* on his bed.

27:18 Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its fruit;
So he who waits on his master will be honored.

27:23-27 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks,
And attend to your herds;

24 For riches *are* not forever,
Nor does a crown *endure* to all generations.

25 *When* the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself,
And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in,

26 The lambs *will provide* your clothing,

And the goats the price of a field;

27 *You shall have* enough goats' milk for your food,
For the food of your household,

And the nourishment of your maidservants.

28:19 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!

Conservation

21:20 *There is* desirable treasure,
And oil in the dwelling of the wise,
But a foolish man squanders it.

Surety for another

11:15 He who is surety for a stranger will suffer,
But one who hates being surety is secure.

17:18 A man devoid of understanding shakes hands in a pledge,
And becomes surety for his friend.

20:16 Take the garment of one who is surety *for* a stranger,
And hold it as a pledge *when it* is for a seductress.

22:26-27 Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge,
One of those who is surety for debts;

27 If you have nothing *with which* to pay,
Why should he take away your bed from under you?

Persons & Attributes

Parents and children

10:1 The Proverbs of Solomon:

A wise son makes a glad father,
But a foolish son *is* the grief of his mother.

11:29 He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind,
And the fool *will be* servant to the wise of heart.

15:20 A wise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man despises his mother.

17:2 A wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame,
And will share an inheritance among the brothers.

17:6 Children's children *are* the crown of old men,
And the glory of children *is* their father.

17:21 He who begets a scoffer *does so* to his sorrow,
And the father of a fool has no joy.

17:25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father,
And bitterness to her who bore him.

19:26 He who mistreats *his* father *and* chases away *his* mother
Is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

20:20 Whoever curses his father or his mother,
His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

23:22-25 Listen to your father who begot you,
And do not despise your mother when she is old.
23 Buy the truth, and do not sell *it*,
Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.
24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
And he who begets a wise *child* will delight in him.
25 Let your father and your mother be glad,
And let her who bore you rejoice.

The Elderly

16:31 The silver-haired head *is* a crown of glory,
If it is found in the way of righteousness.

20:29 The glory of young men *is* their strength,
And the splendor of old men *is* their gray head.

Women and wives

11:22 *As* a ring of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

12:4 An excellent wife *is* the crown of her husband,
But she who causes shame *is* like rottenness in his bones.

14:1 The wise woman builds her house,
But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

18:22 *He who* finds a wife finds a good *thing*,
And obtains favor from the LORD.

19:13-14 A foolish son *is* the ruin of his father,
And the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dripping.
14 Houses and riches *are* an inheritance from fathers,
But a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

21:9 Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop,
Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

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

27:15-16 A continual dripping on a very rainy day
And a contentious woman are alike;
16 Whoever restrains her restrains the wind,
And grasps oil with his right hand.

Kings and rulers

14:28 In a multitude of people *is* a king's honor,
But in the lack of people *is* the downfall of a prince.

14:35 The king's favor *is* toward a wise servant,
But his wrath *is against* him who causes shame.

16:10 Divination *is* on the lips of the king;
His mouth must not transgress in judgment.

16:12-15 *It is* an abomination for kings to commit wickedness,
For a throne is established by righteousness.
13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings,
And they love him who speaks *what is* right.
14 As messengers of death *is* the king's wrath,
But a wise man will appease it.
15 In the light of the king's face *is* life,
And his favor *is* like a cloud of the latter rain.

17:7 Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool,
Much less lying lips to a prince.

19:12 The king's wrath *is* like the roaring of a lion,
But his favor *is* like dew on the grass.

20:2 The wrath of a king *is* like the roaring of a lion;
Whoever provokes him to anger sins *against* his own life.

20:8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment
Scatters all evil with his eyes.

20:26 A wise king sifts out the wicked,
And brings the threshing wheel over them.

20:28 Mercy and truth preserve the king,
And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

21:1 The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD,
Like the rivers of water;
He turns it wherever He wishes.

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

23:1-3 When you sit down to eat with a ruler,
Consider carefully what *is* before you;
2 And put a knife to your throat
If you *are* a man given to appetite.
3 Do not desire his delicacies,
For they *are* deceptive food.

24:21-22 My son, fear the LORD and the king;
Do not associate with those given to change;
22 For their calamity will rise suddenly,
And who knows the ruin those two can bring?

25:2-7 *It is* the glory of God to conceal a matter,
But the glory of kings *is* to search out a matter.
3 *As* the heavens for height and the earth for depth,
So the heart of kings *is* unsearchable.
4 Take away the dross from silver,
And it will go to the silversmith *for* jewelry.
5 Take away the wicked from before the king,
And his throne will be established in righteousness.
6 Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king,
And do not stand in the place of the great;
7 For *it is* better that he say to you,
"Come up here,"
Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince,
Whom your eyes have seen.

28:2 Because of the transgression of a land, many *are* its princes;
But by a man of understanding *and* knowledge Right will be prolonged.

28:15-16 *Like* a roaring lion and a charging bear
Is a wicked ruler over poor people.

¹⁶ A ruler who lacks understanding *is* a great oppressor,
But he who hates covetousness will prolong *his* days.

29:4 The king establishes the land by justice,
But he who receives bribes overthrows it.

29:12 If a ruler pays attention to lies,
All his servants *become* wicked.

29:14 The king who judges the poor with truth,
His throne will be established forever.

Messengers

13:17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble,
But a faithful ambassador *brings* health.

17:11 An evil *man* seeks only rebellion;
Therefore a cruel messenger will be sent against him.

25:13 Like the cold of snow in time of harvest
Is a faithful messenger to those who send him,
For he refreshes the soul of his masters.

Companions

12:26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully,
For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

13:20 He who walks with wise *men* will be wise,
But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man,
When you do not perceive *in him* the lips of knowledge.

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

18:24 A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly,
But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

24:1-2 Do not be envious of evil men,
Nor desire to be with them;
² For their heart devises violence,
And their lips talk of troublemaking.

27:8-10 Like a bird that wanders from its nest
Is a man who wanders from his place.
⁹ Ointment and perfume delight the heart,

And the sweetness of a man's friend *gives delight* by hearty counsel.

¹⁰ Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend,

Nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity;

Better *is* a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

29:24 Whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life;
He swears to tell the truth, but reveals nothing.

Various Observations

Caution

22:3 A prudent *man* foresees evil and hides himself,
But the simple pass on and are punished.

22:5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the perverse;
He who guards his soul will be far from them.

Reputation

22:1 A *good* name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

25:9,10 Debate your case with your neighbor,
And do not disclose the secret to another;
¹⁰ Lest he who hears *it* expose your shame,
And your reputation be ruined.

Courage

14:32 The wicked is banished in his wickedness,
But the righteous has a refuge in his death.

22:13 The lazy *man* says, “*There is* a lion outside!
I shall be slain in the streets!”

24:10 *If* you faint in the day of adversity,
Your strength *is* small.

26:13 The lazy *man* says, “*There is* a lion in the road!
A fierce lion *is* in the streets!”

28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous are bold as a lion.

Hope

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

13:19 A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul,
But *it is* an abomination to fools to depart from evil.

23:17,18 Do not let your heart envy sinners,
But *be zealous* for the fear of the LORD all the day;
¹⁸ For surely there is a hereafter,
And your hope will not be cut off.

Joy and grief

14:10 The heart knows its own bitterness,
And a stranger does not share its joy.

14:13 Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,
And the end of mirth *may be* grief.

15:13 A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance,
But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

17:22 A merry heart does good, *like* medicine,
But a broken spirit dries the bones.

18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness,
But who can bear a broken spirit?

25:20 *Like* one who takes away a garment in cold weather,
And like vinegar on soda,
Is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

27:11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad,
That I may answer him who reproaches me.

29:6 By transgression an evil man is snared,
But the righteous sings and rejoices.

Good News

15:30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
And a good report makes the bones healthy.

25:25 *As* cold water to a weary soul,
So *is* good news from a far country.

Curiosity

27:20 Hell and Destruction are never full;
So the eyes of man are never satisfied.