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**Here is a brief Summary of the Book of PROVERBS:**

The proverbs were written by Solomon.

--**These are the major themes repeated:**

--The Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom.

--Trust God completely--acknowledge God always--and He will direct your paths and ways.

--God corrects and spans his Saints because He Loves them.

--Don't be Lazy--observe the Ant you slacker.

--There are Six Things that God Hates.

--The blessing of God makes rich, and He adds no sorrow or stress to it.

--A wise person Wins Souls for the Kingdom of God.

--In all Labor there is profit, but the talk of the lips only leads to poverty.

--Pride goes before destruction--and a haughty spirit before a fall.

--Don't repay evil with evil--God will Vindicate You.

--Guard your mouth and tongue--don't gossip.

--Give to the poor and needy—and you will be blessed of God.

--You reap what you sow.

--God is Just.

--Don't be like a Fool.

--Don't praise yourself.

--Who can find a virtuous/godly woman?

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# Book of PROVERBS

## PROVERBS 1

1:1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

1:2 To know wisdom and instruction;

To discern the words of understanding;

1:3 To receive instruction in wise dealing,

In righteousness and justice and equity;

1:4 To give prudence to the simple,

To the young man knowledge and discretion:

1:5 That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning;

And that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsels:

1:6 To understand a proverb, and a figure,

The words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

1:7 The Fear of God Almighty is the beginning --of Wisdom/godly knowledge;

*But* the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

1:8 My son, hear the instruction of your father,

And forsake not the law of your mother:

1:9 For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto your head,

And chains about your neck.

1:10 My son, if sinners entice you, Consent you not.

1:11 If they say, Come with us,

Let us lay wait for blood;

Let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause;

1:12 Let us swallow them up alive as Sheol,

And whole, as those that go down into the pit;

1:13 We shall find all precious substance;

We shall fill our houses with spoil;

1:14 you shall cast your lot among us;

We will all have one purse:

1:15 My son, walk not you in the way with them;

Refrain your foot from their path:

1:16 For their feet run to evil,

And they make haste to shed blood.

1:17 For in vain is the net spread

In the sight of any bird:

1:18 And these lay wait for their own blood;

They lurk privily for their own lives.

1:19 So are the ways of every one that is Greedy of gain/profit;

It takes away the life of the owners thereof.

1:20 Wisdom cries aloud in the street;

She utters her voice in the broad places;  
1:21 She cries in the chief place of concourse;  
At the entrance of the gates,  
In the city, she utters her words:  
1:22 How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity?  
And scoffers delight them in scoffing,  
And fools hate knowledge?  
1:23 Turn you at my reproof:  
Behold, I will pour out my spirit upon you;  
I will make known my words unto you.  
1:24 Because I have called, and you have refused;  
I have stretched out my hand, and no man has regarded;  
1:25 But you have set at nought/as nothing all my Counsel/help,  
And would none of my reproof:  
1:26 I also will laugh in *the day of your calamity*;  
I will mock when your fear comes;  
1:27 When your fear comes as a storm,  
And your calamity comes on as a whirlwind;  
When distress and anguish come upon you.  
1:28 Then will they call upon me, but I will not answer;  
They will seek me diligently, but they shall not find me:  
1:29 For that they hated knowledge,  
And did not choose the fear of God:  
1:30 They would none of my counsel;  
They despised all my reproof.  
1:31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way,  
And be filled with their own devices.  
1:32 For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them,  
And the careless ease of fools shall destroy them.  
1:33 But whoso hearkens unto me shall dwell securely,  
And shall be quiet without fear of evil.

## **PROVERBS 2**

2:1 My son, if you will receive my words,  
And lay up my commandments with your;  
  
2:2 So as to incline your ear unto wisdom,  
And apply your heart to understanding;  
2:3 if you cry after discernment,  
And lift up your voice for understanding;  
2:4 If you seek her as silver,  
And search for her as for hid treasures:

2:5 Then shall you understand the fear of God,  
And find the knowledge of God.  
2:6 For God gives wisdom;  
Out of his mouth *comes* knowledge and understanding:  
2:7 He lays up sound wisdom for the upright;  
*He is* a shield to them that walk in integrity;  
2:8 That he may guard the paths of justice,  
And preserve the way of his saints.  
2:9 Then shall you understand righteousness and justice,  
And equity, every good path.  
2:10 For wisdom shall enter into your heart,  
And knowledge shall be pleasant unto your soul;  
2:11 Discretion shall watch over you;  
Understanding shall keep you:  
2:12 To deliver you from the way of evil,  
From the men that speak perverse things;  
2:13 Who forsake the paths of uprightness,  
To walk in the ways of darkness;  
2:14 Who rejoice to do evil,  
And delight in the perverseness of evil;  
2:15 Who are crooked in their ways,  
And wayward in their paths:  
2:16 To deliver you from the strange woman,  
Even from the foreigner that flatters with her words;  
2:17 That forsakes the friend of her youth,  
And forgets the covenant of her God:  
2:18 For her house inclines unto death,  
And her paths unto the dead;  
2:19 None that go unto her return again,  
Neither do they attain unto the paths of life:  
2:20 That you may walk in the way of good men,  
And keep the paths of the righteous.  
2:21 For the upright shall dwell in the land,  
And the perfect shall remain in it.  
2:22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the land,  
And the treacherous shall be rooted out of it.

### **PROVERBS 3**

3:1 My son, forget not my law;  
But let your heart keep my commandments:  
3:2 For length of days, and years of life,  
And peace, will they add to you.

3:3 Let not kindness and truth forsake you:  
Bind them about your neck;  
Write them upon the tablet of your heart:  
3:4 So shall you find favor and good understanding  
In the sight of God and man.  
3:5 Trust in God with all your heart,  
And lean not upon your own understanding:  
3:6 In all your ways acknowledge him,  
And he will direct your paths.  
3:7 Be not wise in your own eyes;  
Fear God, and depart from evil:  
3:8 It will be health to your navel,  
And marrow to your bones.  
3:9 Honor God with your substance,  
And with the first-fruits of all your increase:  
3:10 So shall your barns be filled with plenty,  
And your vats shall overflow with new wine.

3:11 My children, despise Not --the discipline/spankings of God;  
Neither be --weary of His reproof:  
3:12 For whom God Loves He --reproves/Corrects—

Even as a father the son in whom he delights.  
3:13 Happy is the man that finds wisdom,  
And the man that gets understanding.  
3:14 For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver,  
And the profit thereof than fine gold.  
3:15 She is more precious than rubies:  
And none of the things you canst desire are to be compared unto her.  
3:16 Length of days is in her right hand;  
In her left hand are riches and honor.  
3:17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
And all her paths are peace.  
3:18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her:  
And happy is every one that retains her.  
3:19 God by wisdom founded the earth;  
By understanding he established the heavens.  
3:20 By his knowledge the depths were broken up,  
And the skies drop down the dew.  
3:21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes;  
Keep sound wisdom and discretion:  
3:22 So shall they be life unto your soul,

And grace to your neck.

3:23 Then shall you walk in your way securely,  
And your foot shall not stumble.

3:24 When you lies down, you shall not be afraid: you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet.

3:25 Be not afraid of sudden fear,  
Neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes:

3:26 For God will be your confidence,  
And will keep your foot from being taken.

3:27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due,  
When it is in the power of your hand to do it.

3:28 Say not unto your neighbor, Go, and come again,  
And tomorrow I will give;

When you have it --by you to give.

3:29 Devise not evil against your neighbor,  
Seeing he dwells securely by your.

3:30 Strive not with a man without cause,  
If he have done your no harm.

3:31 Envy you not the man of violence,  
And choose none of his ways.

3:32 For the perverse is an abomination to God;  
But his friendship is with the upright.

3:33 The curse of God is in the house of the wicked;  
But he blesses the habitation of the righteous.

3:34 Surely he scoffs at the scoffers;  
But he gives grace unto the lowly.

3:35 The wise shall inherit glory;  
But shame shall be the promotion of fools.

## **PROVERBS 4**

4:1 Hear, *my* sons, the instruction of a father,  
And attend to know understanding:

4:2 For I give you good doctrine;  
Forsake you not my law.

4:3 For I was a son unto my father,  
Tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.

4:4 And he taught me, and said unto me:

Let your heart retain my words;  
Keep my commandments, and live;

4:5 Get wisdom, get understanding;  
Forget not, neither decline from the words of my mouth;

4:6 Forsake her not, and she will preserve you

Love her, and she will keep you--

4:7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom;

And with all your getting get understanding.

4:8 Exalt her, and she will promote you;

She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her.

4:9 She will give to your head a chaplet of grace;

A crown of beauty will she deliver to you.

4:10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings;

And the years of your life shall be many.

4:11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom;

I have led you in paths of uprightness.

4:12 When you go, your steps shall not be in poverty,

And if you run, you shall not stumble.

4:13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go:

Keep her; for she is your life.

4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked,

And walk not in the way of evil men.

4:15 Avoid it, pass not by it;

Turn from it and pass on.

4:16 For they sleep not, except they do evil;

And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

4:17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,

And drink the wine of violence.

4:18 But the **Narrow Path of the Righteous/saints** is as the dawning Light,  
That shines more and more unto the perfect day/being in Heaven.

4:19 The way of the wicked is as Darkness:

They know not at what they stumble.

4:20 My son, attend to my words;

Incline your ear unto my sayings.

4:21 Let them not depart from your eyes;

Keep them in the midst of your heart.

4:22 For they are life unto those that find them,

And health to all their flesh.

4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence;

For out of it are the issues of life.

4:24 Put away from you a wayward mouth,

And perverse lips put far from you.

4:25 Let your eyes look right on,

And let your eyelids look straight before you.

4:26 Make level the path of your feet,

And let all your ways be established.

4:27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left:

Remove your foot from evil.

## **PROVERBS 5**

5:1 My son, attend unto my wisdom;  
Incline your ear to my understanding:  
5:2 That you may preserve discretion,  
And that your lips may keep knowledge.  
5:3 For the lips of a strange woman drop honey,  
And her mouth is smoother than oil:  
5:4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood,  
Sharp as a two-edged sword.  
5:5 Her feet go down to death;  
Her steps take hold on Sheol;  
5:6 So that she finds not the level path of life:  
Her ways are unstable, *and* she knows *it* not.  
5:7 Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me,  
And depart not from the words of my mouth.  
5:8 Remove your way far from her,  
And come not nigh the door of her house;  
5:9 Lest you give your honor unto others,  
And your years unto the cruel;  
5:10 Lest strangers be filled with your strength,  
And your labors *be* in the house of an alien,  
5:11 And you mourn at your latter end,  
When your flesh and your body are consumed,  
5:12 And say, How have I hated instruction,  
And my heart despised reproof/corrections;  
5:13 Neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers,  
Nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!  
5:14 I was well-nigh in all evil  
In the midst of the assembly and congregation.  
5:15 Drink waters out of your own cistern,  
And running waters out of your own well.  
5:16 Should your springs be dispersed abroad,  
And streams of water in the streets?  
5:17 Let them be for yourself alone,  
And not for strangers with your.  
5:18 Let your fountain be blessed;  
And rejoice in the wife of your youth.  
5:19 As a loving hind and a pleasant doe,  
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;  
And be you ravished always with her love.



5:20 For why should you, my son, be ravished with a strange woman,  
And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

5:21 For the ways of people are before the eyes of God;  
And he makes level all their paths.

5:22 Their own iniquities --shall take the Wicked,  
And they shall be trapped with the cords of their sins.

5:23 They shall die for lack of taking instruction.  
And in the greatness of their folly/stupidity --they shall go astray.

## **PROVERBS 6**

6:1 My son, if you are become surety for your neighbor,  
If you has stricken your hands for a stranger;

6:2 you are snared with the words of your mouth,  
you are taken with the words of your mouth.

6:3 Do this now, my son, and deliver yourself,  
Seeing you are come into the hand of your neighbor:  
Go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor;

6:4 Give not sleep to your eyes,  
Nor slumber to your eyelids;

6:5 Deliver yourself as a roe from the hand *of the hunter*,  
And as a bird from the hand of the fowler/trapper.

6:6 Go to the ant, --you sluggard/Slacker;  
Consider its ways, --and be wise:

6:7 Which having no chief,  
Overseer, or ruler,

6:8 Provides their food in the summer,  
And gathers their food in the harvest.

6:9 How long will you sleep, O sluggard?  
When will you arise out of your sleep?

6:10 *yet* a little sleep, a little slumber,  
A little folding of the hands to sleep:

6:11 So shall your Poverty--come as a robber,  
And your want as an armed man.

6:12 A worthless person, a man of iniquity,  
Is he that walks with a perverse mouth;

6:13 That winks with his eyes, that speaks with his feet,  
That makes signs with his fingers;

6:14 In whose heart is perverseness,  
Who devises evil continually,  
Who sows discord.

6:15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly;  
On a sudden shall he be broken, and that without remedy.

6:16 **There are six things --which God Hates;**  
seven which are an abomination unto Him:

6:17 Haughty eyes,  
a Lying tongue,

And hands that shed innocent blood;

6:18 A heart that --devises wicked purposes,  
Feet that are swift in running to mischief,

6:19 A false witness --that utters Lies,  
And whoever sows --discord among brethren/friends/families.

6:20 My son, keep the commandment of your father,  
And forsake not the law of your mother:

6:21 Bind them continually upon your heart;  
Tie them about your neck.

6:22 When you awake, it shall lead you;  
When you sleep, it shall watch over you;  
And when you awake, it shall talk with you.

6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light;  
And reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

6:24 To keep you from the evil woman,  
From the flattery of the foreigner's tongue.

6:25 Lust not after her beauty in your heart;  
Neither let her take you with her eyelids.

6:26 For on account of a Whore a man is brought to a piece of bread;  
And the adulteress hunts for the precious life.

6:27 Can a man take fire in his bosom,  
And his clothes not be burned?

6:28 Or can one walk upon hot coals,  
And his feet not be scorched?

6:29 So he that goes into his neighbor's wife;  
Whosoever touches her shall not be unpunished.

6:30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal  
To satisfy himself when he is hungry:

6:31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold;  
He shall give all the substance of his house.

6:32 He that commits adultery with a woman is void of understanding:  
He does it who would destroy his own soul.

6:33 Wounds and dishonor shall he get;  
And his reproach shall not be wiped away.

6:34 For jealousy is the rage of a man;

And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.  
6:35 He will not regard any ransom;  
Neither will he rest content, though you give many gifts.

## **PROVERBS 7**

7:1 My son, keep my words,  
And lay up my commandments with you.  
7:2 Keep my commandments and live;  
And my law as the apple of your eye.  
7:3 Bind them upon your fingers;  
Write them upon the tablet of your heart.  
7:4 Say unto wisdom, you are my sister;  
And call understanding *your* kinswoman:  
7:5 That they may keep you from the strange woman,  
From the foreigner that flatters with her words.  
7:6 For at the window of my house  
I looked forth through my lattice.  
7:7 And I beheld among the simple ones,  
I discerned among the youths,  
A young man void of understanding,  
7:8 Passing through the street near her corner;  
And he went the way to her house,  
7:9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day,  
In the middle of the night and in the darkness.  
7:10 And, behold, there met him a woman  
With the attire of a harlot, and wily of heart.  
7:11 She is clamorous and deceitful;  
Her feet abide not in her house:  
7:12 Now she is in the streets, now in the broad places,  
And lies in wait at every corner.  
7:13 So she caught him, and kissed him,  
*And* with an impudent face she said unto him:  
7:14 Sacrifices of peace-offerings are with me;  
This day have I paid my vows.  
7:15 Therefore came I forth to meet your,  
Diligently to seek your face, and I have found you.  
7:16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry,  
With striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.  
7:17 I have perfumed my bed  
With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.  
7:18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning;  
Let us solace ourselves with loves.

7:19 For the man is not at home;  
He is gone a long journey:  
7:20 He has taken a bag of money with him;  
He will come home at the full moon.  
7:21 With her much fair speech she causes him to yield;  
With the flattering of her lips she forces him along.  
7:22 He goes after her straightway,  
As an ox goes to the slaughter,  
Or as *one in* fetters to the correction of the fool;  
7:23 Till an arrow strike through his liver;  
As a bird hastes to the snare,  
And knows not that it is for his life.  
7:24 Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me,  
And attend to the words of my mouth.  
7:25 Let not your heart decline to her ways;  
Go not astray in her paths.  
7:26 For she has cast down many wounded:  
all her slain are a mighty host.  
7:27 Her house is the way to Sheol,  
Going down to the chambers of death.

## **PROVERBS 8**

8:1 Does not wisdom cry,  
And understanding put forth her voice?  
8:2 On the top of high places by the way,  
Where the paths meet, she stands;  
8:3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city,  
At the coming in at the doors, she cries aloud:  
8:4 Unto you, O men, I call;  
And my voice is to the sons of men.  
8:5 O you simple, understand prudence;  
And, you fools, be of an understanding heart.  
8:6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things;  
And the opening of my lips shall be right things.  
8:7 For my mouth shall utter truth;  
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.  
8:8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness;  
There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.  
8:9 They are all plain to him that understands,  
And right to them that find knowledge.  
8:10 Receive my instruction, and not silver;  
And knowledge rather than choice gold.

8:11 For Wisdom is --Better than rubies/diamonds/gold/Money.  
And all the things that may be desired are not to be compared unto it.

8:12 I wisdom have made prudence my dwelling,  
And find out knowledge *and* discretion.

8:13 The Fear of God is --to Hate Evil,  
And Pride, and Arrogance, and the evil way,

And the perverse mouth, do I hate.

8:14 Counsel is mine, and sound knowledge:  
I am understanding; I have might.

8:15 By me kings reign,  
And princes decree justice.

8:16 By me princes rule,  
And nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.

8:17 I love them--that love me;  
And those that seek me diligently shall find me.

8:18 Riches and honor are with me;  
durable wealth and righteousness.

8:19 My fruit is better than gold, than fine gold;  
And my revenue than choice silver.

8:20 I walk in the way of righteousness,  
In the midst of the paths of justice;

8:21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance,  
And that I may fill their treasuries.

8:22 God possessed me in the beginning of his way,  
Before his works of old.

8:23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning,  
Before the earth was.

8:24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth,  
When there were no fountains abounding with water.

8:25 Before the mountains were settled,  
Before the hills was I brought forth;

8:26 While He had not made the earth, nor the fields,  
Nor the beginning of the dust of the world.

8:27 When he established the heavens, I was there:  
When he set a circle upon the face of the deep,

8:28 When he made firm the skies above,  
When the fountains of the deep became strong,

8:29 When he gave to the sea its bound,  
That the waters should not transgress his commandment,

When he marked out the foundations of the earth;  
8:30 Then I was by him, *as* a master workman;

And I was daily *his* delight,  
Rejoicing always before him,  
8:31 Rejoicing in his habitable earth;  
And my delight was with the sons of men.  
8:32 Now therefore, *my* sons, hearken unto me;  
For blessed are they that keep my ways.  
8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise,  
And refuse it not.  
8:34 Blessed is the man that hears me,  
Watching daily at my gates,  
Waiting at the posts of my doors.  
8:35 For whoso finds me finds life,  
And shall obtain favor of God.  
8:36 But whoever that sins against me wrongs their own soul:  
All they that hate me love death.

## **PROVERBS 9**

9:1 Wisdom has built her house;  
She has hewn/cut out her seven pillars:  
9:2 She has killed her beasts;  
She has mingled her wine;  
She has also furnished her table:  
9:3 She has sent forth her maidens;  
She cries upon the highest places of the city:  
9:4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither:  
As for him that is void of understanding, she says to him,  
9:5 Come, eat you of my bread,  
And drink of the wine which I have mingled.  
9:6 Leave off, you simple ones, and live;  
And walk in the way of understanding.  
9:7 He that corrects a scoffer gets to himself reviling;  
And he that reproves a wicked man *gets* himself a blot.  
9:8 Reprove not a scoffer, lest he hate your:  
Reprove a wise man, and he will love your.  
9:9 Give *instruction* to a wise man, and he will be more wiser:  
Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.  
9:10 The Fear of God--is the beginning of wisdom;  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.  
9:11 For by me your days shall be multiplied,  
And the years of your life shall be increased.  
9:12 If you are wise, you art wise for yourself;  
And if you scoff, you alone shall bear it.

9:13 The foolish woman is clamorous/loud;  
*She is* simple, and knows nothing.  
9:14 And she sits at the door of her house,  
On a seat in the high places of the city,  
9:15 To call to them that pass by,  
Who go right on their ways:  
9:16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in there;  
And as for him that is void of understanding, she says to him,  
9:17 Stolen waters are sweet,  
And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.  
9:18 But he knows not that the dead are there;  
That her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

## **PROVERBS 10**

10:1 The proverbs of Solomon.

A wise son makes a glad father;  
But a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.  
10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing;  
But righteousness delivers from death.  
10:3 God will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish;  
But he thrusts away the desire of the wicked.  
10:4 He becomes poor that works with a slack hand;  
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.  
10:5 He that gathers in summer is a wise son;  
*But* he that sleeps in harvest is a son that causes shame.  
10:6 Blessings are upon the head of the righteous;  
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.  
10:7 The memory of the righteous is blessed;  
But the name of the wicked shall rot.  
10:8 The wise in heart will receive commandments;  
But a prating fool shall fall.  
10:9 He that walks uprightly walks surely;  
But he that perverts his ways shall be known.  
10:10 He that winks with the eyes causes sorrow;  
But a prating fool shall fall.  
10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life;  
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.  
10:12 Hatred stirs --up Fights.  
But Love covers --all transgressions.  
10:13 In the lips of him that has discernment wisdom is found;  
But a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

10:14 Wise men lay up knowledge;  
But the mouth of the foolish is a present destruction.  
10:15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city:  
The destruction of the poor is their poverty.  
10:16 The labor of the righteous *tends* to life;  
The increase of the wicked, to sin.  
10:17 He is in the way of life that heeds correction;  
But he that forsakes reproof errs.  
10:18 He that hides hatred is of lying lips;  
And he that utters a slander is a fool.  
10:19 In the multitude of words --there wants not transgression/sinning.  
But whoever refrains their lips/from Speaking --does wisely.  
10:20 The tongue of the righteous is *as* choice silver:  
The heart of the wicked is little worth.  
10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many;  
But the foolish die for lack of understanding.  
10:22 The Blessing of God, --it makes Rich;  
And He adds --no sorrow with it.  
10:23 It is as sport to a Fool to do wickedness;  
And *so is* wisdom to a man of understanding.  
10:24 The Fear of the Wicked, it shall come upon them;  
And the desire of the righteous shall be granted.  
10:25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more;  
But the righteous is an everlasting foundation.  
10:26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes,  
So is the sluggard/slacker to them that send them.  
10:27 The Fear of God --prolongs days;  
But the years of the wicked shall be shortened.  
10:28 The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness;  
But the expectation of the wicked shall perish.  
10:29 The way of God is a stronghold to the upright;  
But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.  
10:30 The righteous shall never be removed;  
But the wicked shall not dwell in the land.  
10:31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom;  
But the perverse tongue shall be cut off.  
10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable;  
But the mouth of the wicked *speaks* perverseness.

## **PROVERBS 11**

11:1 A false balance is an abomination to God;  
But a just weight is his delight.



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

11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them;  
But the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.

11:4 Riches profit Not --in the day of God's wrath;  
But Righteousness delivers from death.

11:5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way;  
But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

11:6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them;  
But the wicked shall be taken in their own iniquity.

11:7 When a wicked person Dies, their expectation shall perish;  
And the hope of iniquity perishes.

11:8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble,  
And the wicked comes in his stead.

11:9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor;  
But through knowledge shall the righteous be delivered.

11:10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices;  
And when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

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

11:12 He that despises his neighbor is void of wisdom;  
But a man of understanding holds his peace.

11:13 He that goes about as a tale-bearer/gossip reveals secrets;  
But whoever is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

11:14 Where no wise guidance is, the people falls;  
But in the multitude of counselors --there is safety.

11:15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it;  
But he that hates surety is secure.

11:16 A gracious woman obtains honor;  
And violent men obtain riches.

11:17 The merciful man does good to his own soul;  
But he that is cruel troubles his own flesh.

11:18 The wicked earns deceitful wages;  
But whoever that sows righteousness *has* a sure Reward.

11:19 Whoever is steadfast in righteousness *shall attain* unto life;  
And he that pursues evil *does it* to his own death.

11:20 They that are perverse in heart are an abomination to God;  
But such as are perfect in *their* way are his delight.

11:21 *though* hand *join* in hand, the evil man shall not be unpunished;  
But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

11:22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout,  
So is a fair woman that is --without discretion/a whore.

11:23 The desire of the righteous is only good;  
*But* the expectation of the wicked is wrath.  
11:24 There is that scatters, and increases yet more;  
And there is that withholds more than is meet, but *it tends* only to want.  
11:25 The liberal soul shall be made fat;  
And he that waters shall be watered also himself.  
11:26 He that withholds grain, the people shall curse him;  
But blessing shall be upon the head of him that sells it.  
11:27 He that diligently seeks good seeks favor;  
But he that searches after evil, it shall come unto him.  
11:28 Whoever Trusts --in their riches --shall fall;  
But the Righteous --shall flourish as the green leaf.  
11:29 Whoever troubles their own house shall inherit the wind;  
And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.  
11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;  
And whoever is wise --wins souls.  
11:31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth:  
How much more the wicked and the sinner--

## **PROVERBS 12**

12:1 Whoso loves correction loves knowledge;  
But he that hates reproof is brutish/stupid.  
12:2 A good man shall obtain favor of God;  
But a man of wicked devices will he condemn.  
12:3 A man shall not be established by wickedness;  
But the root of the righteous shall not be moved.  
12:4 A virtuous woman is --the crown of her husband;  
But she that makes ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.  
12:5 The thoughts of the righteous are just;  
*But* the counsels of the wicked are deceit.  
12:6 The words of the wicked are of lying in wait for blood;  
But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.  
12:7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not;  
But the house of the righteous shall stand.  
12:8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom;  
But he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.  
12:9 Better is he that is lightly esteemed, and has a servant,  
Than he that honors himself, and lacks bread.  
12:10 A righteous man regards the life of his beast;  
But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.  
12:11 He that tills his land shall have plenty of bread;  
But he that follows after vain *persons* is void of understanding.

12:12 The wicked desires the net of evil men;  
But the root of the righteous yields *fruit*.  
12:13 In the transgression of the lips is a snare to the evil man;  
But the righteous shall come out of trouble.  
12:14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth;  
And the doings of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.  
12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes;  
But he that is wise hearkens unto counsel.  
12:16 A fool's vexation is presently known;  
But a prudent man conceals shame.  
12:17 He that utters truth shows forth righteousness;  
But a false witness, deceit.  
12:18 There is that speaks rashly like the piercings of a sword;  
But the tongue of the wise is health.  
12:19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever.  
But a Lying Tongue --is but for a Moment.  
12:20 Deceit is in the heart of them that devise evil;  
But to the counselors of peace is joy.  
12:21 There shall no mischief happen to the righteous;  
But the wicked shall be filled with evil.  
12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to God;  
But they that deal truly are his delight.  
12:23 A prudent man conceals knowledge;  
But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.  
12:24 The hand of the Diligent/workers shall bear Rule.  
But the slothful/Lazy shall be --put under forced labor.  
12:25 Heaviness in the heart of a man makes it stoop;  
But a good word makes it glad.  
12:26 The righteous is a guide to his neighbor;  
But the way of the wicked causes them to err.  
12:27 The slothful man roasts not that which he took in hunting;  
But the precious substance of men *is to* the diligent.  
12:28 In the way of righteousness is life;  
And in the pathway thereof there is no death.

### **PROVERBS 13**

13:1 A wise son *hears* his father's instruction;  
But a scoffer hears not rebuke.  
13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth;  
But the soul of the treacherous *shall eat* violence.  
13:3 He that guards his mouth keeps his life;  
*But* he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

13:4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing;  
But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

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

13:6 Righteousness guards him that is upright in the way;  
But wickedness overthrows the sinner.

13:7 There are those that make themselves Rich, --yet have nothing/eternally.  
There are those that make themselves Poor/for the Kingdom of God, --yet have great riches in Heaven.

13:8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches;  
But the poor hears no threatening.

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

13:10 By pride comes only contention;  
But with the well-advised is wisdom.

13:11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished;  
But he that gathers by labor shall have increase.

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

13:13 Whoso despises the word brings destruction on himself;  
But he that fears the commandment shall be rewarded.

13:14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life,  
That one may depart from the snares of death.

13:15 Good understanding gives favor;  
But the way of the transgressor is hard.

13:16 Every prudent man works with knowledge;  
But a fool flaunts *their* folly.

13:17 A wicked messenger falls into evil;  
But a faithful ambassador is health.

13:18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuses correction;  
But he that regards reproof shall be honored.

13:19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul;  
But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.

13:20 Walk with wise men, and you shall be wise;  
But the companion of fools shall smart for it.

13:21 Evil pursues sinners;  
But the righteous shall be recompensed with good.

13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children;  
And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.

13:23 Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor;  
But there is that is destroyed by reason of injustice.

13:24 He that spares his rod hates his son;

But he that loves him chastens him betimes.  
13:25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul;  
But the belly of the wicked shall want.

## PROVERBS 14

14:1 Every wise woman builds her house;  
But the foolish plucks it down with her own hands.  
14:2 He that walks in his uprightness fears God;  
But he that is perverse in his ways despises him.  
14:3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod for *his* pride;  
But the lips of the wise shall preserve them.  
14:4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean;  
But much increase is by the strength of the ox.  
14:5 A faithful witness will not lie;  
But a false witness utters lies.  
14:6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and *finds it* not;  
But knowledge is easy unto him that has understanding.  
14:7 Go into the presence of a foolish man,  
And you shall not perceive *in him* the lips of knowledge.  
14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way;  
But the folly of fools is deceit.  
14:9 A trespass-offering mocks fools;  
But among the upright there is good will.  
14:10 The heart knows its own bitterness;  
And a stranger doth not intermeddle with its joy.  
14:11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown;  
But the tent of the upright shall flourish.  
14:12 There is a way which seems right unto a man;  
But the end thereof are the ways of death.  
14:13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful;  
And the end of mirth is heaviness.  
14:14 The Backslider in heart shall be filled/judged by their own evil ways,  
And a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.  
14:15 The simple believes every word;  
But the prudent man looks well to his going.  
14:16 A wise person Fears, --and departs from evil;  
But the Fool rages on in sinning, --and is confident.  
14:17 He that is soon angry will deal foolishly;  
And a man of wicked devices is hated.  
14:18 The simple inherit folly;

But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.  
14:19 The evil bow down before the good;  
And the wicked, at the gates of the righteous.  
14:20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbor;  
But the rich has many friends.  
14:21 He that despises his neighbor sins;  
But whoever has pity on the poor, happy they are.  
14:22 Do they not err that devise evil?  
But mercy and truth *shall be to* them that devise good.  
14:23 In all Labor there --is Profit;  
But the Talk of the Lips tends --only to penury/poverty.  
14:24 The crown of the wise is their riches;  
*But* the folly of fools is *only* folly.  
14:25 A true witness delivers souls;  
But he that utters lies *causes* deceit.  
14:26 In the fear of God is strong confidence;  
And his children shall have a place of refuge.  
14:27 The Fear of God --is a fountain of life,  
That one may depart from the snares of death.  
14:28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory;  
But in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.  
14:29 He that is slow to anger is of great understanding;  
But he that is hasty of spirit exalts folly.  
14:30 A tranquil/Peaceful Heart --is the life of the flesh.  
But Envy is the --rottenness of the bones.  
14:31 Whoever oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker;  
But he that has mercy on the needy honors him.  
14:32 The wicked is thrust down in his evil-doing;  
But the righteous has a refuge in his death.  
14:33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him that has understanding;  
But *that which is* in the inward part of fools is made known.  
14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation;  
But sin is a reproach to any people.  
14:35 The king's favor is toward a servant that deals wisely;  
But his wrath will be *against* them that causes shame.

## **PROVERBS 15**

15:1 A Soft Answer --turns away wrath.  
But a grievous word stirs up anger.  
15:2 The tongue of the wise utters knowledge aright;  
But the mouth of fools pours out folly.  
15:3 The eyes of God are in every place,

Keeping watch upon the evil and the good.  
15:4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life;  
But perverseness therein is a breaking of the spirit.  
15:5 A fool despises their father's Correction;  
But he that regards reproof gets prudence.  
15:6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure;  
But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.  
15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge;  
But the heart of the foolish *does* not so.  
15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to God;  
But the prayer of the upright is his delight.  
15:9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to God;  
But he loves him that follows after righteousness.  
15:10 There is grievous correction for him that forsakes the way;  
*And* he that hates reproof shall die.  
15:11 Sheol and Abaddon are before God:  
How much more then the hearts of the children of men!  
15:12 A scoffer loves not to be reprov'd;  
He will not go unto the wise.  
15:13 A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance;  
But by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.  
15:14 The heart of him that has understanding seeks knowledge;  
But the mouth of fools feeds on folly.  
15:15 All the days of the afflicted are evil;  
But whoever is of a cheerful/merry heart --has a Continual Feast.  
15:16 Better is little, with the fear of God,  
Than great treasure and trouble therewith.  
15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs, --where Love is,  
Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.  
15:18 A wrathful person stirs up contention;  
But he that is slow to anger appeases strife.  
15:19 The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns;  
But the path of the upright is made a highway.  
15:20 A wise son makes a glad father;  
But a foolish man despises his mother.  
15:21 Folly is joy to him that is void of wisdom;  
But a man of understanding makes straight his going.  
15:22 Where there is no counsel, purposes are disappointed.  
But in the multitude of counselors --there is safety.  
15:23 A person has joy in the answer of their mouth;  
And a word in due season, how good is it!  
15:24 To the wise the way of life *goes* upward,

That he may depart from Sheol beneath.

15:25 God will root up the house of the proud;

But he will establish the border of the widow.

15:26 Evil devices are an abomination to God;

But pleasant words *are* pure.

15:27 He that is greedy of gain troubles his own house;

But he that hates bribes shall live.

15:28 The heart of the righteous studies to answer;

But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

15:29 God is far from the wicked;

But he hears the prayers of the righteous.

15:30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart;

*And* good tidings make the bones fat.

15:31 The ear that hearkens to the reproof of life

Shall abide among the wise.

15:32 He that refuses correction despises his own soul;

But he that hearkens to reproof gets understanding.

15:33 The fear of God is the instruction of wisdom;

And before honor *goes* humility.

## **PROVERBS 16**

16:1 The plans of the heart belong to man;

But the answer of the tongue is from God.

16:2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes;

But God weighs the spirits.

16:3 Commit --your works/plans unto God,

And your purposes shall be established.

16:4 God has made everything --for Himself--

Yes, --even the wicked-- for the day of evil.

16:5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to God:

*though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for;

And by the fear of God men depart from evil.

16:7 When a man's ways please God,

He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

16:8 Better is a little, with righteousness,

Than great revenues with injustice.

16:9 A man's heart devises his way;

But God directs his steps.

16:10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king;

His mouth shall not transgress in judgment.

16:11 A just balance and scales are God's;



All the weights of the bag are his work.  
16:12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness;  
For the throne is established by righteousness.  
16:13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings;  
And they love him that speaks right.  
16:14 The wrath of a king is *as* messengers of death;  
But a wise man will pacify it.  
16:15 In the light of the king's countenance is life;  
And his favor is as a cloud of the latter rain.  
16:16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold!  
to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver.  
16:17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil:  
He that keeps his way preserves his soul.  
16:18 Pride goes --before Destruction,  
And a Haughty Spirit --before a Fall.  
16:19 Better it is to be of a lowly spirit with the poor,  
Than to divide the spoil with the proud.  
16:20 He that gives heed unto the word shall find good;  
And whoso trusts in God, happy is he.  
16:21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent;  
And the sweetness of the lips increases learning.  
16:22 Understanding is a well-spring of life unto him that has it;  
But the correction of fools is *their* folly.  
16:23 The heart of the wise instructs his mouth,  
And adds learning to his lips.  
16:24 Pleasant words are *as* a honeycomb,  
Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.  
16:25 There is a Way/religion --which seems right unto a person,  
But the ways/end thereof-- are the ways of Death/hell.  
16:26 The appetite of the laboring man labors for him;  
For his mouth urges him *thereto*.  
16:27 A worthless man devises mischief;  
And in his lips there is as a scorching fire.  
16:28 A perverse man scatters abroad strife;  
And a whisperer separates chief friends.  
16:29 A man of violence entices his neighbor,  
And leads him in a way that is not good.  
16:30 He that shuts his eyes, *it is* to devise perverse things:  
He that compresses his lips brings evil to pass.  
16:31 The hoary head is a crown of glory;  
It shall be found in the way of righteousness.  
16:32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty;

And he that rules his spirit, than he that takes a city.  
16:33 The lot is cast into the lap;  
But the whole disposing thereof is of God.

## **PROVERBS 17**

17:1 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith,  
Than a house full of feasting with strife.

17:2 A servant that deals wisely shall have rule over a son that causes shame,  
And shall have part in the inheritance among the brethren.

17:3 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold;  
But God tries/Tests the hearts.

17:4 An evil-doer gives heed to wicked lips;  
*And* a liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.

17:5 Whoso mocks the poor reproaches his Maker;  
*And* he that is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.

17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men;  
And the glory of children are their fathers.

17:7 Excellent speech becomes not a fool;  
Much less do lying lips a prince.

17:8 A bribe is *as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that has it;  
Whithersoever it turns, it prospers.

17:9 He that covers a transgression seeks love;  
But he that harps on a matter separates chief friends.

17:10 A rebuke enters deeper into one that has understanding  
Than a hundred stripes into a fool.

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

17:12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man,  
Rather than a fool in his folly.

17:13 Whoso rewards evil for good,  
Evil shall not depart from his house.

17:14 The beginning of strife is *as* when one lets out water:  
Therefore leave off contention, before there is quarreling.

17:15 He that justifies the wicked, and he that condemns the righteous,  
Both of them alike are an abomination to God.

17:16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom,  
Seeing he has no understanding?

17:17 A real Friend Loves --at All Times;  
And a brother is born for adversity.

17:18 A man void of understanding strikes hands,

And becomes surety in the presence of his neighbor.  
17:19 He loves transgression that loves strife:  
He that raises high his gate seeks destruction.  
17:20 He that has a wayward heart finds no good;  
And he that has a perverse tongue falls into mischief.  
17:21 He that begets a fool *does it* to his sorrow;  
And the father of a fool has no joy.  
17:22 A Cheerful/merry Heart is a --good medicine.  
But a broken spirit dries up the bones.  
17:23 A wicked person receives a Bribe out of the bosom,  
To pervert the ways of justice.  
17:24 Wisdom is before the face of him that has understanding;  
But the eyes of a fool are at the ends of the earth.  
17:25 A foolish son is a grief to his father,  
And bitterness to her that bare him.  
17:26 Also to punish the righteous is not good,  
*Nor* to smite the noble for *their* uprightness.  
17:27 He that spares his words has knowledge;  
And he that is of a cool spirit is a man of understanding.  
17:28 Even fools, when they hold their peace/don't talk, --are counted wise;  
When they shut their lips--they are *esteemed as* prudent.

## **PROVERBS 18**

18:1 He that separates himself seeks *his own* desire,  
And rages against all sound wisdom.  
18:2 A fool has no delight in understanding,  
But only that their heart may reveal itself.  
18:3 When the wicked comes, there comes also contempt,  
And with ignominy *comes* reproach.  
18:4 The words of a man's mouth are *as* deep waters;  
The wellspring of wisdom is *as* a flowing brook.  
18:5 To respect the person of the wicked is not good,  
*Nor* to turn aside the righteous in judgment.  
18:6 A fool's lips enter into contention,  
And his mouth calls for stripes.  
18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction,  
And his lips are the snare of his soul.  
18:8 The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels,  
And they go down into the innermost parts.  
18:9 He also that is slack in his work  
Is brother to him that is a destroyer.

18:10 The Name of God is a strong tower;

The righteous runs into it--and are Safe.

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

18:12 Before destruction the heart of people are haughty;  
And before honor *goes* humility.

18:13 Whoever gives an Answer --Before they finish hearing about a matter,  
--It is folly and shame --unto them.

18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity;  
But a broken spirit who can bear?

18:15 The heart of the prudent gets knowledge;  
And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

18:16 A person's gift/Talents makes room for them,  
And brings them before great people.

18:17 He that pleads his cause first *seems* just;  
But his neighbor comes and searches him out.

18:18 The lot causes contentions to cease,  
And parts between the mighty.

18:19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city;  
And *such* contentions are like the bars of a castle.

18:20 A man's belly shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth;  
With the increase of his lips shall he be satisfied.

18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue;  
And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

18:22 Whoso finds a wife finds a good thing,  
And obtains favor of God.

18:23 The poor uses entreaties;  
But the rich answers roughly.

18:24 He that makes many friends *does it* to his own destruction;  
But there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.

## **PROVERBS 19**

19:1 Better is the poor that walks in his integrity.  
Than he that is perverse in his lips and is a fool.

19:2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge is not good;  
And he that runs to do evil with his feet sins.

19:3 The foolishness of man subverts his way;  
And his heart frets against God.

19:4 Wealth adds many friends;  
But the poor is separated from his friend.

19:5 A false witness shall not be unpunished;  
And he that utters lies shall not escape.

19:6 Many will entreat the favor of the liberal man;  
And every man is a friend to him that gives gifts.

19:7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him:  
How much more do his friends go far from him!  
He pursues *them with* words, *but* they are gone.

19:8 He that gets wisdom loves his own soul:  
He that keeps understanding shall find good.

19:9 A false witness shall not be unpunished;  
And he that utters lies shall perish.

19:10 Delicate living is not seemly for a fool;  
Much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

19:11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger;  
And it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

19:12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion;  
But his favor is as dew upon the grass.

19:13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father;  
And the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

19:14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers;  
But a prudent wife is from God.

19:15 Slothfulness/laziness --casts into a deep sleep.  
And the Idle soul shall --suffer hunger/poverty.

19:16 He that keeps the commandment keeps his soul;  
*But* he that is careless of his ways shall die.

19:17 He that has pity upon the poor lends unto God,  
And his good deed will he pay him again.

19:18 Chasten/spank your children, seeing there is still hope for them;  
and set not your heart on their destruction.

19:19 A man of great wrath shall bear the penalty;  
For if you deliver *him*, you must do it yet again.

19:20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction,  
That you may be wise in your latter end.

19:21 There are many devices in a man's heart;  
But the counsel of God, that shall stand.

19:22 That which makes a man to be desired is his kindness;  
And a poor man is better than a liar.

19:23 The fear of God *tends* to life;  
And he *that has it* shall abide satisfied;  
He shall not be visited with evil.

19:24 The sluggard/slacker buries his hand in the dish,  
And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

19:25 Smite a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence;  
And reprove one that has understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.  
19:26 He that does violence to his father, and chases away his mother,  
Is a son that causes shame and brings reproach.  
19:27 Cease, my son, to hear instruction  
*Only* to err from the words of knowledge.  
19:28 A worthless witness mocks at justice;  
And the mouth of the wicked swallows iniquity.  
19:29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers,  
And stripes for the back of fools.

## **PROVERBS 20**

20:1 To much wine/beer is a mocker, strong drink/booze a brawler/fights;  
And whosoever errs thereby is not wise.  
20:2 The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion:  
He that provokes him to anger sins *against* his own life.  
20:3 It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife;  
But every fool will be quarreling.  
20:4 The sluggard/lazy person --will not plow by reason of the winter/elements.  
Therefore, they shall beg --in harvest, and have nothing.  
20:5 Counsel in the heart of man is *like* deep water;  
But a man of understanding will draw it out.  
20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own kindness;  
But a faithful man who can find?  
20:7 A righteous man that walks in his integrity,  
Blessed are his children after him.  
20:8 A king that sits on the throne of judgment  
Scatters away all evil with his eyes.  
20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean,  
I am pure from my sin?  
20:10 Diverse weights, and diverse measures,  
Both of them alike are an abomination to God.  
20:11 Even a child makes himself known by his doings,  
Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.  
20:12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye,  
God has made even both of them.  
20:13 Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty;  
Open your eyes, *and* you shall be satisfied with bread.  
20:14 It is bad, it is bad, says the buyer;  
But when he is gone his way, then he boasts.  
20:15 There is gold, and abundance of rubies;  
But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

20:16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger;  
And hold him in pledge *that is surety* for foreigners.  
20:17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man;  
But afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.  
20:18 Every purpose is established by counsel;  
And by wise guidance make you war.  
20:19 He that goes about as a tale-bearer/gossiper reveals secrets;  
Therefore, company not with him that opens wide his lips.  
20:20 Whoso curses their father or his mother,  
Their lamp shall be put out in blackness of darkness.  
20:21 An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning;  
But the end thereof shall not be blessed.  
20:22 Say not you, I will recompense evil:  
Wait for God, and he will save your.  
20:23 Diverse weights are an abomination to God;  
And a false balance is not good.  
20:24 A man's goings are of God;  
How then can man understand his way?  
20:25 It is a snare to a man rashly to say, *It is holy*,  
And after vows to make inquiry.  
20:26 A wise king winnows the wicked,  
And brings the *threshing* -wheel over them.  
20:27 The spirit of man is the lamp of God,  
Searching all his innermost parts.  
20:28 Kindness and truth preserve the king;  
And his throne is upheld by kindness.  
20:29 The glory of young men is their strength;  
And the beauty of old men is the hoary head.  
20:30 Stripes that wound cleanse away evil;  
And strokes *reach* the innermost parts.

## **PROVERBS 21**

21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of God as the watercourses:  
He turns it whithersoever he will.  
21:2 Every way of a person is right in their own eyes;  
But God weighs the hearts.  
21:3 To do righteousness and justice  
Is more acceptable to God than sacrifice.  
21:4 A high look, and a proud heart,  
*Even* the lamp of the wicked, is sin.  
21:5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenty;  
But every one that is hasty only to want.

21:6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue  
Is a vapor driven to and fro by them that seek death.  
21:7 The violence of the wicked shall sweep them away,  
Because they refuse to do justice.  
21:8 The way of him that is laden with guilt is exceeding crooked;  
But as for the pure, his work is right.  
21:9 It is better to dwell in the --corner of the housetop,  
Then --with a contentious/unforgiving woman in a wide house.  
21:10 The soul of the wicked desires evil:  
His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.  
21:11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise;  
And when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.  
21:12 The righteous man considers the house of the wicked,  
*How* the wicked are overthrown to *their* ruin.  
21:13 Whoso stops his ears at the cry of the poor,  
He also shall cry, but shall not be heard.  
21:14 A gift in secret pacifies anger;  
And a present in the bosom, strong wrath.  
21:15 It is joy to the righteous to do justice;  
But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.  
21:16 The man that wanders out of the way of understanding  
Shall rest in the assembly of the dead.  
21:17 Whoever loves pleasure shall be a poor person:  
Whoever loves wine and oil shall not be rich.  
21:18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous;  
And the treacherous *comes* in the stead of the upright.  
21:19 It is better to dwell in a desert land,  
Than with a contentious and fretful woman.  
21:20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise;  
But a foolish man swallows it up.  
21:21 He that follows after righteousness and kindness  
Finds life, righteousness, and honor.  
21:22 A wise man scales the city of the mighty,  
And brings down the strength of the confidence thereof.  
21:23 Whoso keeps/controls their mouth and their tongue,  
keeps their soul from troubles.  
21:24 The proud and haughty man, scoffer is his name;  
He works in the arrogance of pride.  
21:25 The desire of the sluggard kills him;  
For his hands refuse to labor.  
21:26 There are those people that covets greedily all the day long;  
But the righteous gives and withholds not.



21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination:  
How much more, when he brings it with a wicked mind!  
21:28 A false witness shall perish;  
But the man that hears shall speak so as to endure.  
21:29 A wicked man hardens his face;  
But as for the upright, he establishes his ways.  
21:30 There is No wisdom nor understanding  
Nor counsel --against God.  
21:31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle;  
But victory is of God.

## **PROVERBS 22**

22:1 A Good Name is rather to be chosen than great riches,  
*And* loving favor rather than silver and gold.  
22:2 The rich and the poor meet together:  
God is the maker of them all.  
22:3 A prudent man sees the evil, and hides himself;  
But the simple pass on and suffer for it.  
22:4 The reward of humility *and* the fear of God  
*Is* riches, and honor, and life.  
22:5 Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the perverse:  
He that keeps his soul shall be far from them.  
22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go,  
And even when he is old he will not depart from it.  
22:7 The rich rules over the poor;  
And the Borrower --is Servant to the Lender.  
22:8 He that sows iniquity shall reap calamity;  
And the rod of his wrath shall fail.  
22:9 Whoever has a bountiful eye/heart shall be blessed;  
For they give of their food/clothes to the poor.  
22:10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will go out;  
strife and ignominy will cease.  
22:11 He that loves pureness of heart,  
*For* the grace of his lips the king will be his friend.  
22:12 The eyes of God preserve *him that has* knowledge;  
But he overthrows the words of the treacherous man.  
22:13 The sluggard/Slacker says --There is a lion without--  
I shall be slain in the streets.  
22:14 The mouth of strange/whore women is a deep pit:  
He that is abhorred of God shall fall therein.  
22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;  
*But* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

22:16 He that oppresses the poor to increase his *gain*,  
And he that gives to the rich, *shall come* only to want.  
22:17 Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise,  
And apply your heart unto my knowledge.  
22:18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within your,  
If they be established together upon your lips.  
22:19 That your Trust may be in God,  
I have made *them* known to you this day, even to you.  
22:20 Have not I written unto your excellent things  
Of counsels and knowledge,  
22:21 To make you know the certainty of the words of truth,  
That you may carry back words of truth to them that send you?  
22:22 Rob not the poor, because they are poor;  
Neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:  
22:23 For God will plead their cause,  
And despoil of life those that despoil them.  
22:24 Make No Friendship --with a person that is given to Anger;  
And with a wrathful person --you shall not go:  
22:25 Lest you --learn their ways,  
And get a --snare to your soul.  
22:26 Be you not one of them that strike hands,  
*Or* of them that are sureties for debts.  
22:27 If you have not the means to pay,  
Why should he take away your bed from under you?  
22:28 Remove not the ancient landmark,  
Which your fathers have set.  
22:29 See you a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings;  
He shall not stand before mean/common men.

## **PROVERBS 23**

23:1 When you sit to eat with a ruler,  
Consider diligently him that is before you;  
23:2 And put a knife to your throat,  
If you be a person given to appetite/gluttony.  
23:3 Be not desirous of his dainties/sweets;  
Seeing they are deceitful food.  
23:4 Weary not yourself to be rich;  
Cease from your own wisdom.  
23:5 Wilt you set your eyes upon that which is not?  
For *riches* certainly make themselves wings,  
Like an eagle that flies toward heaven.  
23:6 Eat you not the bread of him that has an evil eye,

Neither desire you his dainties:

23:7 For as he thinks within himself, so is he:

Eat and drink, says he to you;

But his heart is not with you.

23:8 The morsel which you have eaten shall you vomit up,

And lose your sweet words.

23:9 Speak not in the hearing of a fool;

For he will despise the wisdom of your words.

23:10 Remove not the ancient landmark;

And enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

23:11 For their Redeemer is strong;

He will plead their cause against you.

23:12 Apply your heart unto instruction,

And your ears to the words of knowledge.

23:13 Withhold not correction from the child;

*For* if you beat him with the rod, he will not die.

23:14 you shall beat him with the rod,

And shall deliver his soul from Sheol.

23:15 My son, if your heart be wise,

My heart will be glad, even mine:

23:16 my heart will rejoice,

When your lips speak right things.

23:17 Let not your heart envy sinners;

But *be you* in the Fear of God --all the day long:

23:18 For surely there is a Reward;

And your hope shall not be cut off.

23:19 Hear you, my son, and be wise,

And guide your heart in the way.

23:20 Be not among drunkards/drug addicts,

Among gluttonous eaters of flesh/Gluttons:

23:21 --For the Drunkard and the --Glutton shall both --come to Poverty.

And drowsiness will clothe *a person* with rags.

23:22 Hearken unto your father,

And despise not your mother when she is old.

23:23 Buy the truth, and sell it not;

wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

23:24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;

And he that has a wise child will have joy of him.

23:25 Let your father and your mother be glad,

And let her that bare you rejoice.

23:26 My son, give me your heart;

And let your eyes delight in my ways.

23:27 For Whores/adulterers, fornicators/sexual sins --are Deep Ditches.

And a foreign woman is a narrow pit.

23:28 she lies in wait as a robber,

And increases the treacherous among men.

23:29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? who has contentions?

Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause?

Who has redness of eyes?

23:30 They that tarry --Long at the wine;

They that go to seek out --fortified wines/hard alcohol/booze.

23:31 Look not you upon the wine when it is red,

When it sparkles in the cup,

When it goes down smoothly:

23:32 At the last it bites like a serpent,

And stings like an adder.

23:33 your eyes shall behold strange things,

And your heart shall utter perverse things.

23:34 you shall be as he that lies down in the midst of the sea,

Or as he that lies upon the top of a mast.

23:35 They have stricken me, *shall you say*, and I was not hurt;

They have beaten me, and I felt it not:

When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

## **PROVERBS 24**

24:1 Be not you envious against evil people;

Neither desire to be with them:

24:2 For their heart studies oppression,

And their lips talk of mischief.

24:3 Through wisdom is a house built;

And by understanding it is established;

24:4 And by knowledge are the chambers filled

With all precious and pleasant riches.

24:5 A wise man is strong;

a man of knowledge increases might

24:6 For by wise guidance you shall make your war;

And in the multitude of counselors --there is safety.

24:7 Wisdom is too high for a fool:

He opens not his mouth in the gate.

24:8 He that devises to do evil,

Men shall call him a mischief-maker.

24:9 The thought of foolishness is sin;  
And the scoffer is an abomination to men.  
24:10 If you faint in the day of adversity,  
your strength is small.  
24:11 Deliver them that are carried away unto death,  
And those that are ready to be slain see that you hold back.  
24:12 If you says, Behold, we knew not this;  
Doth not he that weighs the hearts consider it?  
And he that keeps your soul, doth not he know it?  
And shall not he render to every man according to his work?  
24:13 My son, eat you honey, for it is good;  
And the droppings of the honeycomb, which are sweet to your taste:  
24:14 So shall you know wisdom to be unto your soul;  
If you have found it, then shall there be a reward,  
And your hope shall not be cut off.  
24:15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the habitation of the righteous;  
Destroy not his resting-place:  
24:16 For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises up again;  
But the wicked are overthrown by calamity.  
24:17 Rejoice not when your enemy falls,  
And let not your heart be glad when he is overthrown;  
24:18 Lest God see it, and it displease him,  
And he turn away his wrath from him.  
24:19 Fret not yourself because of evil-doers;  
Neither be you envious at the wicked:  
24:20 For there shall be no reward to the evil person;  
The lamp of the wicked shall be put out.  
24:21 My son, fear you God and the king;  
*And* company not with them that are given to change:  
24:22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly;  
And the destruction from them both, who knows it?  
  
24:23 These also are *sayings* of the wise.  
To have respect of persons in judgment is not good.  
24:24 He that says unto the wicked, you art righteous;  
Peoples shall curse him, nations shall abhor him:  
24:25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight,  
And a good blessing shall come upon them.  
24:26 He kisses the lips  
Who gives a right answer.  
24:27 Prepare your work outside,

And make it ready for your in the field;  
And afterwards build your house.  
24:28 Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause;  
And deceive not with your lips.  
24:29 Say not, I will do so to them as they have done to me;  
I will render to that person according to their evil work done to me.

24:30 I went by the field of the sluggard,  
And by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;  
24:31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns,  
The face thereof was covered with nettles,  
And the stone wall thereof was broken down.  
24:32 Then I beheld, and considered it well;  
I saw, and received instruction:  
24:33 a little sleep, a little slumber,  
A little folding of the hands to sleep;  
24:34 So shall your Poverty --come as a robber,  
And your want --as an armed man/that steals from you.

## **PROVERBS 25**

25:1 These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing--  
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.  
25:3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
So the heart of kings is unsearchable.  
25:4 Take away the dross from the silver,  
And there comes forth a vessel for the refiner:  
25:5 Take away the wicked *from* before the king,  
And his throne shall be established in righteousness.  
25:6 Put not yourself forward in the presence of the king,  
And stand not in the place of great men:  
25:7 For better is it that it be said unto you, Come up hither,  
Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince,  
Whom your eyes have seen.  
25:8 Go not forth quickly/think first to strive,  
Lest *you know not* what to do in the end thereof,  
When your neighbor has put you to shame.  
25:9 Debate your cause with your neighbor themselves,  
And disclose not the secret of another.  
25:10 Lest your neighbor that hears it revile/get mad at you,

And your infamy turn not away.

25:11 A wise Word fitly spoken

Is like --apples of gold in a picture of silver.

25:12 *As* an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold,

*So is* a wise correction/discipline upon an obedient ear.

25:13 *As* the cold of snow in the time of harvest,

*So is* a faithful messenger to them that send them;

For he refreshes the soul of his masters.

25:14 *As* clouds and wind without rain,

*So is* he that boasts himself of his gifts falsely.

25:15 By long forbearing is a ruler persuaded,

And a soft tongue breaks the bone.

25:16 *has* you found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for your,

Lest you be filled therewith, and vomit it.

25:17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house,

Lest he be weary of you, and hate you.

25:18 A man that bears false witness against his neighbor

Is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble

Is *like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

25:20 *As* one that takes off a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon soda,

*So is* the person that sings songs to a heavy heart.

25:21 If your Enemy be hungry, --give them bread to eat;

And if they be thirsty, --give them water to drink:

25:22 For you will heap coals of fire upon their head,

And God will --Reward You.

25:23 The north wind brings forth rain:

*So doth* a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

25:24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,

Then with a contentious woman in a wide house.

25:25 *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul,

*So is* good news from a far country.

25:26 *As* a troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring,

*So is* a righteous man that gives way before the wicked.

25:27 It is not good to eat much honey:

And-- *for men* to search out their own glory is grievous.

25:28 Whoever's Spirit is without restraint

Is like a city --that is broken down and without walls.

## **PROVERBS 26**

26:1 *As* snow in summer, and as rain in harvest,

*So* honor is not seemly for a fool.

26:2 As the sparrow in her wandering, as the swallow in her flying,  
So the curse that is causeless alights not.

26:3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass,  
And a rod for the back of fools.

26:4 Answer not a Fool according --to their folly/stupidity,  
Lest you also --be like unto them.

26:5 Answer a fool according to their folly,  
Lest they be wise in their own conceit.

26:6 He that sends a message by the hand of a fool  
cuts off *his own* feet, *and* drinks in damage.

26:7 The legs of the lame hang loose:  
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.

26:8 As one that binds a stone in a sling,  
So is he that gives honor to a fool.

26:9 As a thorn that goes up into the hand of a drunkard,  
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.

26:10 As an archer that wounds all,  
So is he that hires a fool and he that hires them that pass by.

26:11 As a dog that returns --to their vomit,  
So is a fool that repeats --their folly/sinning.

26:12 See you a man wise in their own conceit?  
There is more hope of a fool than of them.

26:13 The Sluggard says, There is a lion in the way;  
A lion is in the streets.

26:14 As the door turns upon its hinges,  
So doth the sluggard upon their bed.

26:15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;  
It wearies him to bring it again to his mouth.

26:16 The sluggard/lazy person --is wiser in their own conceit  
Then seven wise people --that can render a reason.

26:17 Whoever that passes by, *and* vexes themselves with strife that is belonging not to  
them/it's none of their business,

Is *like* a person --that takes a dog by the ears/and --tries to pick it up.

26:18 As a madman who casts firebrands,  
Arrows, and death,

26:19 So is the man that deceives his neighbor,  
And says, Am not I in sport?

26:20 For lack of wood the fire goes out;  
And where there is no whisperer/Gossiper, --the contention ceases.

26:21 As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire,



So is a contentious person to inflame strife.  
26:22 The Words of a whisperer/Gossip are as dainty morsels,  
And they go down into the innermost parts.  
26:23 Fervent lips and a wicked heart  
Are *like* an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross.  
26:24 He that hates dissembles with his lips;  
But he lays up deceit within him:  
26:25 When he speaks fair, believe him not;  
For there are seven abominations in his heart:  
26:26 though *his* hatred cover itself with guile,  
His wickedness shall be openly showed before the assembly.  
26:27 Whoso digs a pit shall fall therein;  
And whoever that rolls a stone, it shall return upon them.  
26:28 A Lying Tongue --hates those whom it has deceived;  
And a flattering mouth works ruin.

## **PROVERBS 27**

27:1 Boast not --yourself of Tomorrow;  
For you know not --what a Day may bring forth.

27:2 Let another person Praise You, and --Not your own mouth;  
A stranger, --and Not your own lips.

27:3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty;  
But a fool's vexation is heavier than they both.

27:4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is overwhelming;  
But who is able to stand before --Jealousy/envy?

27:5 Better is open rebuke/correction  
Than love that is hidden.

27:6 Faithful are --the wounds of a friend;  
But the kisses of an enemy are profuse.

27:7 The full soul loathes a honeycomb;  
But to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

27:8 As a bird that wanders from her nest,  
So is a man that wanders from his place.

27:9 Oil and perfume rejoice the heart;  
So doth the sweetness of a man's friend *that comes* of hearty counsel.

27:10 your own friend, and your father's friend, forsake not;  
And go not to your brother's house in the day of your calamity:  
Better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off.

27:11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad,  
That I may answer him that reproaches me.  
27:12 A prudent man sees the evil, *and* hides himself;  
*But* the simple pass on, *and* suffer for it.  
27:13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger;  
And hold him in pledge *that is surety* for a foreign woman.  
27:14 He that blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning,  
It shall be counted a curse to him.  
27:15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day  
And a contentious woman are alike:  
27:16 He that would restrain her restrains the wind;  
And his right hand encounters oil.  
27:17 Iron sharpens iron;  
So a person sharpens the --countenance of their friend.  
27:18 Whoso keeps the fig-tree shall eat the fruit thereof;  
And he that regards his master shall be honored.  
27:19 As in water face *answers* to face,  
So the heart of man to man.  
27:20 Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied;  
And the eyes of man are never satisfied.  
27:21 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold;  
And a man is *tried* by his praise.  
27:22 though you should bray a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with bruised grain,  
yet will not his foolishness depart from him.  
27:23 Be you diligent to know the state of your flocks,  
*And* look well to your herds:  
27:24 For riches are not for ever:  
And does the crown endure unto all generations?  
27:25 The hay is carried, and the tender grass shows itself,  
And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in.  
27:26 The lambs are for your clothing,  
And the goats are the price of the field;  
27:27 And *there will be* goats' milk enough for your food, for the food of your  
household,  
And maintenance for your maidens.

## **PROVERBS 28**

28:1 The Wicked flee --when nobody pursues/chases them.  
But the Righteous are Bold --as a Lion.

28:2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof;  
But by men of understanding *and* knowledge the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.

28:3 A needy man that oppresses the poor  
Is *like* a sweeping rain which leaves no food.  
28:4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked;  
But such as keep the law contend with them.  
28:5 Evil men understand not justice;  
But they that seek God understand all things.  
28:6 Better is the Poor that walks in their integrity,  
Than those that are perverse in their ways, though they be rich.

28:7 Whoso keeps the law is a wise son;  
But he that is a companion of gluttons shames his father.  
28:8 He that makes his substance by interest and increase,  
gathers it for him that has pity on the poor.  
28:9 He that turns away his ear from hearing the law,  
Even his prayer is an abomination.  
28:10 Whoso causes the upright to go astray in an evil way,  
He shall fall himself into his own pit;  
But the perfect shall inherit good.  
28:11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit;  
But the poor that has understanding searches him out.  
28:12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory;  
But when the wicked rise, men hide themselves.  
28:13 He that covers his transgressions shall not prosper:  
But whoso confesses and forsakes them shall obtain mercy.  
28:14 Happy is the man that fears always;  
But he that hardens his heart shall fall into mischief.  
28:15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear,  
*So is* a wicked ruler over a poor people.  
28:16 The prince that lacks understanding is also a great oppressor;  
*But* he that hates covetousness shall prolong his days.  
28:17 A man that is laden with the blood of any person  
Shall flee unto the pit; let no man stay him.  
28:18 Whoso walks uprightly shall be delivered;  
But he that is perverse in *his* ways shall fall at once.  
28:19 He that tills his land --shall have plenty of bread;  
But he that follows after vain *persons* --shall have poverty enough.  
28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings;  
But he that makes haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.  
28:21 To have respect of persons is not good;  
Neither that a man should transgress for a piece of bread.  
28:22 Whoever has an evil heart --chases after riches,  
And knows not that want shall come upon him.

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

28:24 Whoso robs his father or his mother, and says, It is no transgression,  
The same is the companion of a destroyer.

28:25 He that is of a greedy spirit stirs up strife;  
But he that puts his trust in God shall be made fat.

28:26 He that trusts in his own heart is a fool;  
But whoso walks wisely, he shall be delivered.

28:27 Whoever gives unto the Poor --shall not lack.

But whoever hides their eyes/from the poor and needy --shall have many a Curse.

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

## **PROVERBS 29**

29:1 They that being often reprov'd/disciplin'd harden their neck/won't quit sinning  
Shall suddenly be destroyed/cut off, --and that without remedy.

29:2 When the righteous are increased, the people rejoice;  
But when a wicked man bears rule, the people sigh.

29:3 Whoso loves wisdom rejoices his father;  
But he that keeps company with harlots wastes *his* substance.

29:4 The king by justice establishes the land;  
But he that exacts gifts overthrows it.

29:5 A man that flatters his neighbor  
Spreads a net for his steps.

29:6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare;  
But the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

29:7 The righteous takes knowledge of the cause of the poor;  
The wicked has not understanding to know *it*.

29:8 Scoffers set a city in a flame;  
But wise men turn away wrath.

29:9 If a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man,  
Whether he be angry or laugh, there will be no rest.

29:10 The bloodthirsty hate him that is perfect;  
And as for the upright, they seek his life.

29:11 A fool utters all his anger;  
But a wise man keeps it back and stills it.

29:12 If a ruler hearkens to falsehood,  
All his servants are wicked.

29:13 The poor man and the oppressor meet together;  
God lightens the eyes of them both.

29:14 The king that faithfully judges the poor,

His throne shall be established for ever.

29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom;

But a child left to himself causes shame to his mother.

29:16 When the wicked are increased, transgression increases;

But the righteous shall look upon their fall.

29:17 Correct your child, and they will give your rest;

they will give delight unto your soul.

29:18 Where there is No Vision, the people perish/and cast off restraint;

But he that keeps the law, happy is he.

29:19 A servant will not be corrected by words;

For though he understand, he will not give heed.

29:20 See you a man that is hasty in his words?

There is more hope of a fool than of him.

29:21 He that delicately brings up his servant from a child

Shall have him become a son at the last.

29:22 An angry man stirs up strife,

And a wrathful man abounds in transgression.

29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low;

But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor.

29:24 Whoso is partner with a thief hates his own soul;

He hears the adjuration and utters nothing.

29:25 The fear of people brings a snare/bondage;

But whosoever puts their Trust in God --shall be Safe/peaceful.

29:26 Many seek the ruler's favor;

But a person's Judgment *comes* from God.

29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous;

And he that is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.

## **PROVERBS 30**

30:1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh; The oracle

30:2 Surely I am more brutish than any man,

And have not the understanding of a man;

30:3 And I have not learned wisdom,

Neither have I the knowledge of the Holy One.

30:4 Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended?

Who has gathered the wind in his fists?

Who has bound the waters in his garment?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is his name, and what is his son's name, if you knows?

30:5 Every word of God is tried:

He is a shield unto them that take refuge in him.  
30:6 Add you not unto his words,  
Lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar.  
30:7 Two things have I asked of you;  
Deny me *them* not before I die:  
30:8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies;  
Give me neither poverty nor riches;  
Feed me with the food that is needful for me:  
30:9 Lest I be full, and deny *your*, and say, Who is God?  
Or lest I be poor, and steal,  
And use profanely the name of my God.  
30:10 Slander not a servant unto his master,  
Lest he curse your, and you be held guilty.  
30:11 There is a generation that curse their father,  
And bless not their mother.  
30:12 There is a generation that are pure in their own sight,  
And *yet* are not washed from their filthiness  
30:13 There is a generation, oh how lofty are their eyes.  
And their eyelids are lifted up.  
30:14 There is a generation whose teeth are *as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives,  
To devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.  
30:15 The horse leach has two daughters, *crying*, Give, give.  
There are three things that are never satisfied,  
four that say not, Enough:  
30:16 Sheol; and the barren womb;  
The earth that is not satisfied with water;  
And the fire that says not, Enough.  
30:17 The eyes that mocks at his father,  
And despises to obey his mother,  
The ravens of the valley shall pick it out,  
And the young eagles shall eat it.  
30:18 There are three things which are too wonderful for me,  
four which I know not:  
30:19 The way of an eagle in the air;  
The way of a serpent upon a rock;  
The way of a ship in the midst of the sea;  
And the way of a man with a maiden.  
30:20 So is the way of an adulterous woman;  
She eats, and wipes her mouth,  
And says, I have done no wickedness.  
30:21 For three things the earth doth tremble,  
And for four, *which* it cannot bear:

30:22 For a servant when he is king;  
And a fool when he is filled with food;  
30:23 For an odious woman when she is married;  
And a handmaid that is heir to her mistress.  
30:24 There are four things which are little upon the earth,  
But they are exceeding wise:  
30:25 The ants are a people not strong,  
yet they provide their food in the summer;  
30:26 The conies are but a feeble folk,  
that make their houses in the rocks;  
30:27 The locusts have no king,  
yet go they forth all of them by bands;  
30:28 The Spider takes hold with her legs,  
And is in kings' palaces.  
30:29 There are three things which are stately in their march,  
four which are stately in going:  
30:30 The lion, which is mightiest among beasts,  
And turns not away for any;  
30:31 The greyhound; the he-goat also;  
And the king against whom there is no rising up.  
30:32 If you have done foolishly in lifting up yourself,  
Or if you have thought evil,  
*Lay* your hand upon your mouth.  
30:33 For the churning of milk brings forth butter,  
And the wringing of the nose brings forth blood;  
So the forcing of wrath brings forth strife.

## **PROVERBS 31**

31:1 The words of king Lemuel; the oracle which his mother taught him.  
31:2 What, my son? and what, O son of my womb?  
And what, O son of my vows?  
31:3 Give not your strength unto women,  
Nor your ways to that which destroys kings.  
31:4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink too much alcohol;  
Nor for princes *to say*, Where is strong drink/booze?  
31:5 Lest they drink, and forget the law,  
And pervert the justice *due* to any that is afflicted.  
31:6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish,  
And wine unto the bitter in soul:  
31:7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty,  
And remember his misery no more.

31:8 Open your mouth for the dumb,  
In the cause of all such as are left desolate.  
31:9 Open your mouth, judge righteously,  
And minister justice to the poor and needy.  
31:10 A Virtuous/Godly Woman --who can find?  
For her price/value is --far above rubies.

31:11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
And he shall have no lack of gain.  
31:12 She does him good and not evil  
All the days of her life.  
31:13 She seeks wool and flax,  
And works willingly with her hands.  
31:14 She is like the merchant-ships;  
She brings her bread from afar.  
31:15 She rises also while it is still night,  
And gives food to her household,  
And their task to her maidens.  
31:16 She considers a field, and buys it;  
With the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
31:17 She girds her loins with strength,  
And makes strong her arms.  
31:18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable:  
Her lamp goes not out by night.  
31:19 She lays her hands to the distaff,  
And her hands hold the spindle.  
31:20 She stretches out her hand to the poor;  
she reaches forth her hands to the needy.  
31:21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household;  
For all her household are clothed with scarlet.  
31:22 She makes for herself carpets of tapestry;  
Her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
31:23 Her husband is known in the gates,  
When he sits among the elders of the land.  
31:24 She makes linen garments and sells them,  
And delivers girdles unto the merchant.  
31:25 Strength and dignity are her clothing;  
And she laughs at the time to come.  
31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom;



And the law of kindness is on her tongue.

31:27 She looks well to the ways of her household,

And eats Not the --bread of Idleness.

31:28 Her children rise up, and call her blessed;

Her husband *also*, and he praises her, *saying*:

31:29 Many daughters have done worthily,

But you excel them all.

31:30 Grace is deceitful, and Beauty is Vain.

But a Woman/lady --that Fears God, --she shall be Praised/honored.

31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands;

And let her works praise her in the gates.

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