

TBS DWB 26/52 June 24, 2021

2021 One Year Bible Reading: Selected Psalms and Proverbs 1-4

Looking Back 7:20-7:40

TBS DWB 26/52 July 1, 2021

Reading: selected Psalms based on types (liturgical...enthronement, Zion, temple; wisdom, Torah) + begin the book of Proverbs

Summary of this week's reading ...

This week we finish the Psalms by reading the psalms of God's kingship, the worship liturgy of Zion, the temple, and the wisdom of God's Word. We complete the week by starting the book of Proverbs.

Daily and Chapter Summaries

Friday: June 25th

Psalms 96, 97, 98, 99, 101, 110

Hymns...enthronement psalms #3 (enthronement psalms or royal psalms celebrate events in the life of pre-exilic king as well as look forward to final heir of David's throne, Jesus)

The Lord reigns supreme over all the earth, He is faithful, He is holy, and He judges and will judge the earth in the days to come.

(96) the Lord reign and is to be praised but He also will come to judge the earth

(97) the Lord is king he is powerful and he is to be exalted above every other god and we are to respond in righteousness

(98) the Lord is victorious and He is faithful to His promises, we are to praise His name and He will come to judge the earth

(99) the earth trembles before the Lord, he is forgiving but He judges, Jerusalem is the center of His reign

(101) God will not allow the unrighteous in His midst

(110) the dominion of the Lord or my Lord

Saturday: June 26th

Psalms 46, 48, 76, 84, 87, 122

Liturgical Psalms-Psalms of Zion (liturgical means used for public worship and Zion was the place that David lived just south of the area of the temple but came to refer to all of Jerusalem)

Jerusalem is the epicenter of God presence and for the people of God

(46) the glorious majesty of God is centered around a city Jerusalem

(48) the majesty of God is reflected in the city of Zion=Jerusalem

(76) God strengthen is seen in military terms and again it is centered in Jerusalem.

(84) the best place to be is in the presence of God, God dwells in Jerusalem therefore that is the place to be

(87) Jerusalem becomes the international city

(122) the godly pilgrimage to Jerusalem, pray for the peace of Jerusalem (*this is also a Psalm of Ascent, Psalms 120-134*)

Sunday: June 27th

Psalms 15, 24, 68, 82, 115, 134

Liturgical Psalms...temple liturgy

Contrast the character of those that enter the temple vs. those on the outside.

(15) Description of those that came to worship in the temple

(24) Description of those who can come to the holy place because the King of glory is going there

(68) God deals differently with His enemies than how he treats His godly ones, but He administer His treatment to both from Jerusalem where His sanctuary dwells

(82) Contrast the gods of this world who judged the earth and the Lord God who rules heaven and earth justly

(115) contrast between idols and God, the blessing that comes from the Lord

(134) longing for the presence of God

Monday: 28th

Selah

Tuesday: June 29th

Psalms 1, 36, 37, 49, 73, 112, 127, 128, 133

Wisdom Psalms

These psalms contrast godly living vs the life and consequences of those that are wicked

(1) the path and desires of the godly vs. the wicked

(36) the wicked are contrasted to God's character, then the psalmist ask for protection from the wicked

(37) the wicked vs. the godly and how takes delight in the godly and how the lives of the wicked are short

(49) both the godly and wicked will die, therefore we can not boast of our possessions

(73) the ease of the wicked is envious but coming to his senses the godly renews their perspective

(112) the character of the godly and the jealousy of the wicked

(127) character of the righteous home (*this is also a Psalm of Ascent, Psalms 120-134*)

(128) blessing of a godly home (*this is also a Psalm of Ascent, Psalms 120-134*)

(133) the blessing of harmony (*this is also a Psalm of Ascent, Psalms 120-134*)

Wednesday June 30th

Psalms 1, 19:7-14, 119

Torah Psalms tell of the excellence of God's Word

God's Blessed Word

(1) the blesses man that walks in the way of the Lord vs. the wicked that does not

(19:7-14) the attributes and benefits of the Word of the Lord

(119) the ABC's of the Word of God

Thursday: July 1st **SEE READING GUIDE**

Proverbs 1-4

Pentateuch: Genesis -> Deuteronomy (January 1- February 28th)

Historical Books: Joshua -> Esther (March 1 -> May 15th)

Poetical Books Job -> Song of Songs (May 15th -> July 12th)

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Genesis Exodus	Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel	1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles	Ezra Nehemiah Esther Job	Psalms	Proverb Ecclesiastes Song of Songs Isaiah	Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel	Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum HABAKUK Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Matthew Mark Luke John	Romans 1 Corinthians 1 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians Philemon	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude Revelation

Charts and Maps for June 24th Study

Psalms for Worship Proverbs Topics

Proverbs Reading Guide

Proverbs Summary of Topics

How can I live it? 7:40-7:50

Questions

Is God finished with Israel? Up to now in our reading has he given up on them? We will make our decision on “is he finished with Israel” based on reading of the Word of God. These are important passages and concepts... what is the nature of God, what is the nature of man, why did God enter into Covenant or this holy contract with Israel in the first place, what is that Covenant or contract?

Where does this division of psalms come from? Jim Huddleston

Additional thoughts...

besetting sin...A besetting sin is one to which on account of our constitution, or circumstance or both, we are peculiarly exposed, and into which we most easily and most frequently fall

Reading from Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas , pp. 49, 63

Looking Forward 7:50-8:00

TBS DWB 27/52 July 8th, 2021

Reading: Proverbs 5-29

Speed... Pulpit: xxxx (1 ½ hour speed: xxxx)

Summary of this week's reading ...

This week we will read a majority of the book of Proverbs from 5 to 29

Daily and Chapter Summaries

Friday: July 2nd [SEE READING GUIDE](#)

Proverbs 5-9

Saturday: July 3rd [SEE READING GUIDE](#)

Proverbs 10-13

Sunday: July 4th [SEE READING GUIDE](#)

Proverbs 14-17

Monday: July 5th [SEE READING GUIDE](#)

Proverbs 18-21

Tuesday: July 6th [SEE READING GUIDE](#)

Proverbs 22-24

Wednesday: July 7th

[Selah](#)

Thursday: July 8th [SEE READING GUIDE](#)

Proverbs 25-29

REMEMBER TO LISTEN TO THE BIBLE PROJECT...GOOGLE "Proverbs BIBLE PROJECT"

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PROVERBS
ECCLESIASTES
PSEALMS

SOLOMON
FATHER OF ISRAEL'S
WISDOM TRADITION

WISDEST MAN IN THE
ANCIENT WORLD
(SEE 1 KINGS 4:29-35)

PROVERBS

— A GUIDE FOR LIVING WELL IN GOD'S WORLD —

BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE

- EXPLORING HOW TO LIVE WELL IN GOD'S WORLD
- WISDOM IS NOT...
LACK (THOU SHALT... THOU SHALT NOT...)
- PROPHET (WHO SAYS THE LORD)
- WISDOM IS... THE ACCUMULATED WISDOM OF GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH GENERATIONS

1-9 AN INTRODUCTION TO PROVERBS 1:1-9

PROVERBS OF SOLOMON

FOR GAINING WISDOM
HEBREW: KHOKHMAH
SKILL, APPLIED KNOWLEDGE (SEE TRAVIS 3:1-5)

THE FEAR OF THE LORD
• REVERENCE & AWE
• A MORAL MINDSET
• HUMBLE ONESELF BEFORE GOD

TEN SPEECHES FROM A FATHER TO A SON
LISTEN MY SON TO YOUR FATHER'S INSTRUCTIONS (1:8)

THE MORAL LOGIC OF PROVERBS

WISDOM & FEAR OF THE LORD	VIRTUE, INTEGRITY AND GENEROSITY	SUCCESS & PEACE
FOLLY & EVIL	SELFISHNESS & PRIDE	RUIN & SHAME

APPLY WISDOM IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

FOUR POEMS OF LADY WISDOM 1:20-33 | 3:13-20 | CH 8 | CH 9?

• A POETIC WAY OF CLAIMING THAT CAT LIVE IN A MORAL UNIVERSE
• FEAR OF THE LORD = LIVING ALONG THE BRAIN OF THE UNIVERSE

NOT GUILTY? | REWARDING JUSTICE | COME, LEARN FROM ME! | GENERALITY

**PROVERBS ≠ GOOD ADVICE...
PROVERBS = GODS INVITATION TO LEARN WISDOM FROM PREVIOUS GENERATIONS**

10-29 HUNDREDS OF ANCIENT PROVERBS

MARRIAGE
JUSTICE
SPEECH
CHARACTER
FAMILY
FRIENDSHIP
FORGIVENESS

DEBT
WORK
POVERTY

THE FEAR OF THE LORD PROLONGS YOUR LIFE, BUT THE YEARS OF THE CARDS ARE CUT SHORT (10:27)

TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND WHEN THEY'RE OLD THEY WON'T TURN FROM IT (22:6)

PROVERBS = PROBABILITIES

FEAR OF GOD & WISDOM	NO FEAR OF GOD & FOOLISHNESS
THINGS WILL GO GREAT	THINGS WILL GO POORLY

PROVERBS ≠ PROMISES

NO GUARANTEES

PROVERBS FOCUS ON

THE GENERAL RULE & EXCEPTIONS

LIFE IS TOO COMPLEX FOR FORMULAS, CAT NEED ALL THE WISDOM BOOKS TOGETHER

30 AGUR

I AM A BROVE AND HAVE NO WISDOM (30:2-3)

MODEL READER OF PROVERBS

GOD'S WISDOM

31 LEMUEL

HERE'S WHAT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

• COURAGE FOR LASH LEADERSHIP (31:1-7)
• ALPHABET TONGUE THE WISE WOMAN (31:10-31)

THE PROVERBS

THE CHALLENGE

THE PRAISE

THE FEAR

THE WISDOM

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Psalms for Worship

Thoughts and emotions	Types of Psalms words to identify	Psalms	Examples from the Psalms	Similar thoughts and emotions in current hymns
Individually I feel that all is against me, I feel that God is silent, I am troubled by my enemies	1. Individual Lament I, me, my... how long? Groaning, cry, help	3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61, 64, 70, 71, 77, 86, 89, 120, 139, 141, 142	<i>Psalm 5</i> 1 O LORD, hear me as I pray; pay attention to my groaning. 2 Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you.	“Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come Let this blest assurance control That Christ has regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul”
Our family, our church, or nation feels like trouble is on the horizon, or we are in the midst of it, or we are left in its wake.	2. Community Lament We and our... how long?	12, 44, 58, 60, 74, 79, 80, 83, 85, 89, 90, 94, 123, 126, 129	<i>Psalm 74</i> 1 O God, why have you rejected us so long. Why is your anger so intense against the sheep of your own pasture? 2 Remember that we are the people you chose long ago, the tribe you redeemed as your own special possession! And remember Jerusalem, your home here on earth.	O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home: Beneath the shadow of thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure. Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.
I have blown it. I am suffering the consequence of my sin against those around me, alienation from God, or the heartache of poor choices.	3. Penitential Lament Sin, iniquity, confession, hide, guilt, condemn, anger, wrath	6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143	<i>Psalm 32</i> 1 When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. 4 Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. 5 Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will	Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole I want Thee forever to ransom my soul Break down every idol, cast out every foe Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet By faith for my cleansing, I see Thy blood flow Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow

<p>I am the victim of the unrighteous behavior of others. God has used others to carry out his discipline, judgment, or purpose that I might not understand. May those difficult circumstances come full circle upon the head of those God has used to deal with them.</p>	<p>4. Imprecatory Lament Cursed, humiliated, erase, pile, do to them, die, may the Lord, destroy, pay you back</p>	<p>35, 69, 83, 88, 109, 137, 140</p>	<p>confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone Psalms 69 <u>27</u>Pile their sins up high, and don't let them go free. <u>28</u>Erase their names from the Book of Life; don't let them be counted among the righteous.</p>	<p>O soul, be afraid, thou shalt reckon with God, And pass 'neath the scourge of His wrathful rod; Thy heart torn with anguish shall hear at the last, "The day of His grace is past." Refrain: The day of His grace is past, The day of His grace is past; How sad when He'll say, "Depart ye for aye," When the day of His grace is past. O soul, be afraid, in thy sins thou shalt die If Christ thou reject while He's passing by; Thy doom shall be sealed at the trumpet's loud blast, When the day of His grace is past.</p>
<p>I want to thank God personally for what he has done for me.</p>	<p>5. Individual Thanksgiving I, my, joy, praise, good things, thanks, exalted</p>	<p>18, 21, 30, 32, 34 40:1-11, 66:13-20, 92, 108, 116, 118, 138</p>	<p>Psalms 34 <u>1</u>I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. <u>2</u>I will boast only in the LORD; let all who are helpless take heart. <u>3</u>Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness; let us exalt his name together.</p>	<p>Come Thou fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love</p>
<p>We want to praise God as a family, congregation or group.</p>	<p>6. Community Thanksgiving We, our, praise, sing, thank you, proclaim, give thanks</p>	<p>65, 67, 75, 107, 124, 136</p>	<p>Psalms 65 <u>1</u>What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you in Zion. We will fulfill our vows to you, <u>2</u>for you answer our prayers. All of us must come to you. <u>3</u>Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all. <u>4</u>What joy for those you choose to bring near, those who live in your</p>	<p>We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing; Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;</p>

<p>When I want to praise God for His deliverance in the past.</p>	<p>7. Thanksgiving-Salvation History He performed, you made, He turned, He sent, He spoke</p>	<p>8, 105, 106, <u>135</u>, 136</p>	<p>holy courts. What festivities await us inside your holy Temple.</p> <p>Psalm 135 8He destroyed the firstborn in each Egyptian home, both people and animals. 9He performed miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt against Pharaoh and all his people. 10He struck down great nations and slaughtered mighty kings— 11Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, and all the kings of Canaan. 12He gave their land as an inheritance, a special possession to his people Israel.</p>	<p>So from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine! 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!" Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er; Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more! I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.</p>
<p>When I am afraid or discouraged, I can call on God's help</p>	<p>8. Thanksgiving-Songs of Trust Trust, I shall not want, He will hide me, my victory, my fortress</p>	<p>11, <u>16</u>, 23, 27, 62, 63, <u>91</u>, 121, 125, 131</p>	<p>Psalm 16 7I will bless the LORD who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. 8I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.</p>	<p>What have I to dread, what have I to fear Leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near Leaning on the everlasting arms Leaning, leaning Safe and secure from all alarms Leaning, leaning Leaning on the everlasting arms</p>
<p>My heart wants to adore and praise God.</p>	<p>9. Hymns-Songs of Praise Majesty, glory, perfect, right, shout, great, You made, You sent</p>	<p>8, 19, 33, 66, 67, 95, 100, 104, 111, 113, 114, 117, 145, <u>146</u>, 147, 148, 149, 150</p>	<p>Psalm 100 4Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. 5For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.</p>	<p>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!</p>
<p>When I want to praise God for the salvation He freely gave me.</p>	<p>10. Liturgical-Covenant Psalms my people, covenant, my Father, unfailing</p>	<p><u>50</u>, 78, 81, 89, 132</p>	<p>Psalm 50 7"O my people, listen as I speak. Here are my charges against you, O Israel: I am God, your God! 8I have no complaint about your sacrifices or the burnt offerings you</p>	<p>Jesus sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood</p>

	love, continue, chosen, remember		constantly offer. <u>9</u> But I do not need the bulls from your barns or the goats from your pens.	Oh, that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face Clothed then in blood washed linen How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
When I want to declare that the Lord is King over all.	11. Liturgical-Enthronement Psalms King, royal, Lord, rules, reigns, court, judge, bow, supreme	2, 18, 20, 21, 29, 45, 47, 72, 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 101, 110, 144	Psalm 2 <u>10</u> Now then, you kings, act wisely! Be warned, you rulers of the earth! <u>11</u> Serve the LORD with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. <u>12</u> Submit to God's royal son, or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities—for his anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in him!	Rejoice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king adore; Mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore; Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love; When He had purged our stains He took His seat above; Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n, The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n; Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
I will praise God for the privilege of going to the place of His dwelling.	12. Liturgical-Psalms of Zion City of our God, Zion, Jerusalem, Your house, Your court	46, 48, 76, 84, 87, 122	Psalm 122 <u>6</u> Pray for peace in Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper. <u>7</u> Jerusalem, may there be peace within your walls and prosperity in your palaces.	Come, we that love the Lord, And let Our joys be known, Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne. We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion; We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.
I praise God for coming to a place of worship.	13. Liturgical-Temple Sanctuary, holy hill, mountain, ascend, house of the Lord	15, 24, 68, 82, 115 , 134	Psalm 134 <u>10</u> Oh, praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, you who serve at night in the house of the LORD. <u>2</u> Lift your hands toward the sanctuary, and praise the LORD.	Come, people of the Risen King Who delight to bring Him praise Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in

<p>When I want to know the pathway for right living.</p>	<p>14. Wisdom Psalms Fear, wicked, listen, understood, obey blessed</p>	<p>1. 36, 37, 49, 73, 112, 127, 128, 133</p>	<p>Psalms 49 <u>1</u> Listen to this, all you people! Pay attention, everyone in the world! 2 High and low, rich and poor—listen! 3 For my words are wise, and my thoughts are filled with insight. 4 I listen carefully to many proverbs and solve riddles with inspiration from a harp.</p>	<p>Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!</p> <p>When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.</p>
<p>When I want to reaffirm my love for God's Word and my commitment to obeying it.</p>	<p>15. Torah Psalms Law of the Lord, commandments, instructions, Word, promises</p>	<p>1, 19:7-14, 119</p>	<p>Psalms 119 <u>1</u> Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the LORD. 2 Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. 3 They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths.</p>	<p>Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope Give us strength, help us cope In this world, where e'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home. Ancient words, ever true Changing me, and changing you. We have come with open hearts Oh let the ancient words impart.</p>

Proverb's Topics

Fear of the Lord

GOOD vs. WICKED

Wisdom, Discernment, and Discipline

Economics

Work

Immorality

Justice

Home

Tongue

Associations

Planning

Humility

Anger

Excess

The inner man or the heart

Proverbs...Summary of Topics

Chapter	Fear of the Lord	GOOD vs. WICKED	Wisdom, Discernment, and Discipline	Economics	Work	Immorality	Justice	Home	Tongue	Associations	Planning	Humility	Anger	Excess	Heart
1	7, 29		1-6, 20-28, 30-33					8-9		11-19					
2	5		1-4, 6-7, 10			16-19	8-9			11-15, 20-22	9, 11				
3	7	35	11-20	9-10, 27-28			29	33	5-6, 21-26						1-4
4		18-19	1-13, 20-22						24	14	25-27				23
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6			23-24	1-5	6-11	24-35	17-19	20-22	12, 17		18	17			14-15, 18
7			1-2, 4			5-27									
8	13		1-12, 14, 17-36				13, 15-16		13			13			3
9	10		1-9, 11-12			13-18									
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11		8, 10-11, 20-21, 26-27, 31	14, 22, 28, 30	1, 4, 6-7, 18-19, 24-25				29	9, 11-13		3, 5	2			17
12		2-3, 10, 21	1, 7-8, 23		11-12, 24, 26		17	4, 13-14, 17-19, 22, 25			5, 15, 26, 28	9	16		20
13		5-6, 9, 16, 19, 21, 25	14-15	7-8, 11, 18, 22	4		23	1, 24	2-3, 17	20	13	10			12
14	2, 26-27	1, 11, 14-15, 18-19, 32	6	4, 20, 24	23		5, 9, 21, 25, 28, 31, 34-35		3	7	8, 12, 16, 22		17, 29		10, 13, 30, 33
15	33	3, 7-9, 14, 21, 29	2	6, 16	19		27	5, 17, 20	1, 4, 23, 26, 28, 30	12	10, 22, 24, 31-32	25	18		11, 13, 15

Proverbs 1

1 These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel.

2 The purpose of these proverbs is to teach people **wisdom** and discipline, and to help them understand wise sayings.

3 Through these proverbs, people will receive instruction in discipline, good conduct, and doing what is right, just, and fair.

4 These proverbs will make the simpleminded clever. They will give knowledge and purpose to young people.

5 Let those who are wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. And let those who understand receive guidance

6 by exploring the depth of meaning in these proverbs, parables, wise sayings, and riddles.

7 Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. Only fools despise wisdom and discipline.

8 Listen, my child, to what your **father** teaches you. Don't neglect your **mother's** teaching.

9 What you learn from them will crown you with grace and clothe you with honor.

10 My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them!

11 They may say, "**Come and join us**. Let's hide and kill someone! Let's ambush the innocent!

12 Let's swallow them alive as the grave swallows its victims. Though they are in the prime of life, they will go down into the pit of death.

13 And the loot we'll get! We'll fill our houses with all kinds of things!

14 Come on, throw in your lot with us; we'll split our loot with you."

15 Don't go along with them, my child! Stay far away from their paths.

16 They rush to commit crimes. They hurry to commit murder.

17 When a bird sees a trap being set, it stays away.

18 But not these people! They set an ambush for themselves; they booby-trap their own lives!

19 Such is the fate of all who are greedy for gain. It ends up robbing them of life.

20 **Wisdom** shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square.

21 She calls out to the crowds along the main street, and to those in front of city hall.

22 "You simpletons!" she cries. "How long will you go on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools fight the facts?"

23 Come here and listen to me! I'll pour out the spirit of wisdom upon you and make you wise.

24 "I called you so often, but you didn't come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention.

25 You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered.

26 So I will laugh when you are in trouble! I will mock you when disaster overtakes you

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27 when calamity overcomes you like a storm, when you are engulfed by trouble, and when anguish and distress overwhelm you.

28 "I will not answer when they cry for help. Even though they anxiously search for me, they will not find me.

29 For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the LORD.

30 They rejected my **advice** and paid no attention when I corrected them.

31 That is why they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way. They must experience the full terror of the path they have chosen.

32 For they are simpletons who turn away from me -- to death. They are fools, and their own complacency will destroy them.

33 But all who listen to me will live in peace and safety, unafraid of harm."

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Proverbs 2

- 1 My child, listen to me and treasure my **instructions**.
- 2 Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding.
- 3 Cry out for insight and understanding.
- 4 Search for them as you would for lost money or hidden treasure.
- 5 Then you will understand what it means to fear the LORD, and you will gain knowledge of God.
- 6 For the LORD grants **wisdom**! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- 7 He grants a treasure of good sense to the godly. He is their shield, protecting those who walk with integrity.
- 8 He guards the paths of **justice** and protects those who are faithful to him.
- 9 Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will know how to find the **right course** of action every time.
- 10 For **wisdom** will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy.
- 11 Wise **planning** will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.
- 12 Wisdom will save you from **evil people**, from those whose speech is corrupt.
- 13 These people turn from right ways to walk down dark and evil paths.
- 14 They rejoice in doing wrong, and they enjoy evil as it turns things upside down.
- 15 What they do is crooked, and their ways are wrong.
- 16 Wisdom will save you from the **immoral** woman, from the flattery of the adulterous woman.
- 17 She has abandoned her husband and ignores the covenant she made before God.
- 18 Entering her house leads to death; it is the road to hell.
- 19 The man who visits her is doomed. He will never reach the paths of life.
- 20 Follow the steps of **good men** instead, and stay on the paths of the righteous.
- 21 For only the upright will live in the land, and those who have integrity will remain in it.
- 22 But the wicked will be removed from the land, and the treacherous will be destroyed.

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Proverbs 3

- 1 My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your **heart**,
- 2 for they will give you a long and satisfying life.
- 3 Never let loyalty and kindness get away from you! Wear them like a necklace; write them deep within your heart.
- 4 Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will gain a good reputation.
- 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
- 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will **direct your paths**.
- 7 Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn your back on evil.
- 8 Then you will gain renewed health and vitality.
- 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything your land produces.
- 10 Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with the finest wine.
- 11 My child, don't ignore it when the LORD disciplines you, and don't be discouraged when he corrects you.

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12 For the LORD corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights. 13 Happy is the person who finds wisdom and gains understanding.

14 For the profit of wisdom is better than silver, and her wages are better than gold.

15 Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.

16 She offers you life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left.

17 She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying.

18 Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly.

19 By wisdom the LORD founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge the deep fountains of the earth burst forth, and the clouds poured down rain.

21 My child, don't lose sight of good planning and insight. Hang on to them,

22 for they fill you with life and bring you honor and respect.

23 They keep you safe on your way and keep your feet from stumbling.

24 You can lie down without fear and enjoy pleasant dreams.

25 You need not be afraid of disaster or the destruction that comes upon the wicked,

26 for the LORD is your security. He will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.

27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them.

28 If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."

29 Do not plot against your neighbors, for they trust you.

30 Don't make accusations against someone who hasn't wronged you.

31 Do not envy violent people; don't copy their ways.

32 Such wicked people are an abomination to the LORD, but he offers his friendship to the godly.

33 The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, but his blessing is on the home of the upright.

34 The LORD mocks at mockers, but he shows favor to the humble.

35 The wise inherit honor, but fools are put to shame!

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Proverbs 4

1 My children, listen to me. Listen to your father's instruction. Pay attention and grow wise,

2 for I am giving you good guidance. Don't turn away from my teaching.

3 For I, too, was once my father's son, tenderly loved by my mother as an only child.

4 My father told me, "Take my words to heart. Follow my instructions and you will live.

5 Learn to be wise, and develop good judgment. Don't forget or turn away from my words.

6 Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you.

7 Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do! And whatever else you do, get good judgment.

8 If you prize wisdom, she will exalt you. Embrace her and she will honor you.

9 She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown."

10 My child, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life.

11 I will teach you wisdom's ways and lead you in straight paths.

12 If you live a life guided by wisdom, you won't limp or stumble as you run.

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13 Carry out my instructions; don't forsake them. Guard them, for they will lead you to a fulfilled life.

Wisdom

14 Do not do as the wicked do or **follow the path** of evildoers.

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15 Avoid their haunts. Turn away and go somewhere else,

16 for evil people cannot sleep until they have done their evil deed for the day. They cannot rest unless they have caused someone to stumble.

17 They eat wickedness and drink violence!

18 The way of the **RIGHTEOUS** is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day.

19 But the way of the **WICKED** is like complete darkness. Those who follow it have no idea what they are stumbling over.

20 Pay attention, my child, to what I say. Listen carefully.

21 Don't lose sight of my **words**. Let them penetrate deep within your heart,

22 for they bring life and radiant health to anyone who discovers their meaning.

23 Above all else, guard your **heart**, for it affects everything you do.

24 Avoid all perverse **talk**; stay far from corrupt speech.

25 Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what **lies before** you.

26 Mark out a straight path for your feet; then stick to the path and stay safe.

27 Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

Proverbs 5

1 My son, pay attention to my **wisdom**; listen carefully to my wise counsel.

2 Then you will learn to be discreet and will store up knowledge.

3 The lips of an **immoral** woman are as sweet as honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil.

4 But the result is as bitter as poison, sharp as a double-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

6 For she does not care about the path to life. She staggers down a crooked trail and doesn't even realize where it leads.

7 So now, my sons, listen to me. Never stray from what I am about to say:

8 Run from her! Don't go near the door of her house!

9 If you do, you will lose your honor and hand over to merciless people everything you have achieved in life.

10 Strangers will obtain your wealth, and someone else will enjoy the fruit of your labor.

11 Afterward you will groan in anguish when disease consumes your body,

12 and you will say, "How I hated discipline! If only I had not demanded my own way!

13 Oh, why didn't I listen to my teachers? Why didn't I pay attention to those who gave me instruction?

14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin, and now I must face public disgrace."

15 Drink water from your own well -- share your love only with your wife.

16 Why spill the water of your springs in public, having sex with just anyone?

17 You should reserve it for yourselves. Don't share it with strangers.

18 Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

19 She is a loving doe, a graceful deer. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love.

20 Why be captivated, my son, with an immoral woman, or embrace the breasts of an adulterous woman?

21 For the LORD sees clearly what a man does, examining every path he takes.

22 An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him.

23 He will die for lack of self-control; he will be lost because of his incredible folly.

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Justice, heart

Proverbs 6

- 1 My child, if you **co-sign a loan** for a friend or guarantee the debt of someone you hardly know
- 2 if you have trapped yourself by your agreement and are caught by what you said --
- 3 quick, get out of it if you possibly can! You have placed yourself at your friend's mercy. Now swallow your pride; go and beg to have your name erased.
- 4 Don't put it off. Do it now! Don't rest until you do.
- 5 Save yourself like a deer escaping from a hunter, like a bird fleeing from a net.
- 6 Take a lesson from the ants, you **lazybones**. Learn from their ways and be wise!
- 7 Even though they have no prince, governor, or ruler to make them work,
- 8 they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter.
- 9 But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up? I want you to learn this lesson:
- 10 A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest --
- 11 and poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.
- 12 Here is a description of worthless and wicked people: They are constant **liars**,
- 13 signaling their true intentions to their friends by making signs with their eyes and feet and fingers.
- 14 Their perverted **hearts** plot evil. They stir up trouble constantly.
- 15 But they will be destroyed suddenly, broken beyond all hope of healing.
- 16 There are six things the LORD hates -- no, seven things he detests:
- 17 **haughty eyes**, a lying **tongue**, hands that kill the **innocent**,
- 18 a **heart** that **plots** evil, feet that race to do **wrong**,
- 19 a **false witness** who pours out lies, a person who sows discord among **brothers**.
- 20 My son, obey your **father's** commands, and don't neglect your mother's teaching.
- 21 Keep their words always in your heart. Tie them around your neck.
- 22 Wherever you walk, their counsel can lead you. When you sleep, they will protect you. When you wake up in the morning, they will advise you.
- 23 For these commands and this teaching are a lamp to light the way ahead of you. The correction of **discipline** is the way to life.
- 24 These commands and this teaching will keep you from the **immoral** woman, from the smooth tongue of an adulterous woman.
- 25 Don't lust for her beauty. Don't let her coyness seduce you.
- 26 For a prostitute will bring you to poverty, and sleeping with another man's wife may cost you your very life.
- 27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap and not be burned?
- 28 Can he walk on hot coals and not blister his feet?
- 29 So it is with the man who sleeps with another man's wife. He who embraces her will not go unpunished.
- 30 Excuses might be found for a thief who steals because he is starving.
- 31 But if he is caught, he will be fined seven times as much as he stole, even if it means selling everything in his house to pay it back.
- 32 But the man who commits adultery is an utter fool, for he destroys his own soul.
- 33 Wounds and constant disgrace are his lot. His shame will never be erased.
- 34 For the woman's husband will be furious in his jealousy, and he will have no mercy in his day of vengeance.
- 35 There is no compensation or bribe that will satisfy him.

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Proverbs 7

- 1 Follow my **advice**, my son; always treasure my commands.
- 2 Obey them and live! Guard my teachings as your most precious possession.
- 3 Tie them on your fingers as a reminder. Write them deep within your **heart**.
- 4 Love **wisdom** like a sister; make insight a beloved member of your family.
- 5 Let them hold you back from an affair with an **immoral** woman, from listening to the flattery of an adulterous woman.
- 6 I was looking out the window of my house one day
- 7 and saw a simpleminded young man who lacked common sense.
- 8 He was crossing the street near the house of an immoral woman. He was strolling down the path by her house
- 9 at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in.
- 10 The woman approached him, dressed seductively and sly of heart.
- 11 She was the brash, rebellious type who never stays at home.
- 12 She is often seen in the streets and markets, soliciting at every corner.
- 13 She threw her arms around him and kissed him, and with a brazen look she said,
- 14 "I've offered my sacrifices and just finished my vows.
- 15 It's you I was looking for! I came out to find you, and here you are!
- 16 My bed is spread with colored sheets of finest linen imported from Egypt.
- 17 I've perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
- 18 Come, let's drink our fill of love until morning. Let's enjoy each other's caresses,
- 19 for my husband is not home. He's away on a long trip.
- 20 He has taken a wallet full of money with him, and he won't return until later in the month."
- 21 So she seduced him with her pretty speech. With her flattery she enticed him.
- 22 He followed her at once, like an ox going to the slaughter or like a trapped stag,
- 23 awaiting the arrow that would pierce its heart. He was like a bird flying into a snare, little knowing it would cost him his life.
- 24 Listen to me, my sons, and pay attention to my words.
- 25 Don't let your hearts stray away toward her. Don't wander down her wayward path.
- 26 For she has been the ruin of many; numerous men have been her victims.
- 27 Her house is the road to the grave. Her bedroom is the den of death.

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Proverbs 8

- 1 Listen as **wisdom** calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice!
- 2 She stands on the hilltop and at the crossroads.
- 3 At the entrance to the city, at the city gates, she cries aloud,
- 4 "I call to you, to all of you! I am raising my voice to all people.
- 5 How naive you are! Let me give you common sense. O foolish ones, let me give you understanding.
- 6 Listen to me! For I have excellent things to tell you. Everything I say is right,
- 7 for I speak the truth and hate every kind of deception.
- 8 My advice is wholesome and good. There is nothing crooked or twisted in it.
- 9 My words are plain to anyone with understanding, clear to those who want to learn."
- 10 "Choose my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge over pure gold.
- 11 For wisdom is far more valuable than rubies. Nothing you desire can be compared with it."
- 12 "I, Wisdom, live together with good judgment. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment.
- 13 All who **fear the LORD** will hate evil. That is why I hate **pride, arrogance, corruption,** and perverted **speech**.

14 Good **advice** and success belong to me. Insight and strength are mine.
 15 Because of me, kings reign, and rulers make **just laws**.
 16 Rulers lead with my help, and nobles make righteous judgments."
 17 "I love all who love **me**. Those who search for me will surely find me.
 18 Unending riches, honor, wealth, and justice are mine to distribute.
 19 My gifts are better than the purest gold, my wages better than sterling silver!
 20 I walk in righteousness, in paths of justice.
 21 Those who love me inherit wealth, for I fill their treasuries."
 22 "The LORD formed me from the beginning, before he created anything else.
 23 I was appointed in ages past, at the very first, before the earth began.
 24 I was born before the oceans were created, before the springs bubbled forth their waters.
 25 Before the mountains and the hills were formed, I was born --
 26 before he had made the earth and fields and the first handfuls of soil."
 27 "I was there when he established the heavens, when he drew the horizon on the oceans.
 28 I was there when he set the clouds above, when he established the deep fountains of the earth.
 29 I was there when he set the limits of the seas, so they would not spread beyond their boundaries. And when he marked off the earth's foundations,
 30 I was the architect at his side. I was his constant delight, rejoicing always in his presence.
 31 And how happy I was with what he created -- his wide world and all the human family!"
 32 "And so, my children, listen to me, for happy are all who follow my ways.
 33 Listen to my counsel and be wise. Don't ignore it."
 34 "Happy are those who listen to me, watching for me daily at my gates, waiting for me outside my home!
 35 For whoever finds me finds life and wins approval from the LORD.
 36 But those who miss me have injured themselves. All who hate me love death."

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Proverbs 9

1 **Wisdom** has built her spacious house with seven pillars.
 2 She has prepared a great banquet, mixed the wines, and set the table.
 3 She has sent her servants to invite everyone to come. She calls out from the heights overlooking the city.
 4 "Come home with me," she urges the simple. To those without good judgment, she says,
 5 "Come, eat my food, and drink the wine I have mixed.
 6 Leave your foolish ways behind, and begin to live; learn how to be wise."
 7 Anyone who rebukes a mocker will get a smart retort. Anyone who rebukes the wicked will get hurt.
 8 So don't bother rebuking mockers; they will only hate you. But the wise, when rebuked, will love you all the more.
 9 Teach the wise, and they will be wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn more.
 10 **Fear of the LORD** is the beginning of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in understanding.
 11 **Wisdom** will multiply your days and add years to your life.
 12 If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.

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13 The woman named **Folly** is loud and brash. She is ignorant and doesn't even know it.

14 She sits in her doorway on the heights overlooking the city.

15 She calls out to men going by who are minding their own business.

16 "Come home with me," she urges the simple. To those without good judgment, she says,

17 "Stolen water is refreshing; food eaten in secret tastes the best!"

18 But the men don't realize that her former guests are now in the grave.

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Proverbs 10

1 The proverbs of Solomon: A wise **child** brings joy to a father; a foolish child brings grief to a mother.

2 Ill-gotten **gain** has no lasting value, but right living can save your life.

3 The LORD will not let the godly starve to death, but he refuses to satisfy the craving of the wicked.

4 **Lazy** people are soon poor; hard workers get rich.

5 A wise youth works hard all summer; a youth who sleeps away the hour of opportunity brings shame.

6 The **GODLY** are showered with blessings; **EVIL** people cover up their harmful intentions.

7 We all have happy memories of the godly, but the name of a wicked person rots away.

8 The wise are glad to be instructed, but **babbling** fools fall flat on their faces.

9 People with **INTEGRITY** have firm footing, but those who follow **CROOKED** paths will slip and fall.

10 People who wink at wrong cause trouble, but a bold **reproof** promotes peace.

11 The words of the **GODLY** lead to life; **EVIL** people cover up their harmful intentions.

12 Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love covers all offenses.

13 Wise words come from the **lips** of people with understanding, but fools will be punished with a rod.

14 Wise people treasure knowledge, but the babbling of a fool invites trouble.

15 The **wealth** of the rich is their fortress; the poverty of the poor is their calamity.

16 The earnings of the **GODLY** enhance their lives, but **EVIL** people squander their money on sin.

17 People who accept correction are on the pathway to life, but those who ignore it will lead others astray.

18 To hide hatred is to be a **liar**; to slander is to be a fool.

19 Don't talk too much, for it fosters sin. Be sensible and turn off the flow!

20 The words of the godly are like sterling silver; the heart of a fool is worthless.

21 The godly give good advice, but fools are destroyed by their lack of common sense.

22 The blessing of the LORD makes a person **rich**, and he adds no sorrow with it.

23 Doing wrong is fun for a fool, while wise conduct is a pleasure to the wise.

24 The fears of the **WICKED** will all come true; so will the hopes of the **GODLY**.

25 Disaster strikes like a cyclone, whirling the wicked away, but the godly have a lasting foundation.

26 **Lazy** people are a pain to their employer. They are like smoke in the eyes or vinegar that sets the teeth on edge.

27 **Fear of the LORD** lengthens one's life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.

28 The hopes of the **GODLY** result in happiness, but the expectations of the **WICKED** are all in vain.

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- 29 The LORD protects the upright but destroys the wicked.
- 30 The godly will never be disturbed, but the wicked will be removed from the land.
- 31 The **GODLY** person gives wise **advice**, but the tongue that deceives will be cut off.
- 32 The godly speak **words** that are helpful, but the **WICKED** speak only what is corrupt.

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Proverbs 11

- 1 The LORD hates **cheating**, but he delights in honesty.
- 2 Pride leads to disgrace, but with **humility** comes wisdom.
- 3 Good people are **guided** by their honesty; treacherous people are destroyed by their dishonesty.
- 4 **Riches** won't help on the day of judgment, but **right living** is a safeguard against death.
- 5 The godly are directed by their **honesty**; the wicked fall beneath their load of sin.
- 6 The godliness of good people rescues them; the ambition of treacherous people traps them.
- 7 When the wicked die, their hopes all perish, for they rely on their own feeble strength.
- 8 God rescues the **GODLY** from danger, but he lets the **WICKED** fall into trouble.
- 9 Evil **words** destroy one's friends; wise discernment rescues the godly.
- 10 The whole city celebrates when the **GODLY** succeed; they shout for joy when the **GODLESS** die.
- 11 Upright citizens bless a city and make it prosper, but the **talk** of the wicked tears it apart.
- 12 It is foolish to belittle a neighbor; a person with good sense remains silent.
- 13 A gossip goes around revealing secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence.
- 14 Without **wise** leadership, a nation falls; with many counselors, there is safety.
- 15 **Guaranteeing** a loan for a stranger is dangerous; it is better to refuse than to suffer later.
- 16 Beautiful women obtain wealth, and violent men get rich.
- 17 Your own **soul** is nourished when you are kind, but you destroy yourself when you are cruel.
- 18 **EVIL** people get **rich** for the moment, but the reward of the **GODLY** will last.
- 19 Godly people find life; evil people find death.
- 20 The LORD hates people with twisted hearts, but he delights in those who have integrity.
- 21 You can be sure that evil people will be punished, but the children of the godly will go free.
- 22 A woman who is beautiful but lacks **discretion** is like a gold ring in a pig's snout.
- 23 The godly can look forward to happiness, while the wicked can expect only wrath.
- 24 It is possible to give freely and become **more wealthy**, but those who are stingy will lose everything.
- 25 The generous prosper and are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.
- 26 People **CURSE** those who hold their grain for higher prices, but they **BLESS** the one who sells to them in their time of need.
- 27 If you search for good, you will find favor; but if you search for evil, it will find you!
- 28 Trust in your **money** and down you go! But the godly flourish like leaves in spring.
- 29 Those who bring trouble on their **families** inherit only the wind. The fool will be a servant to the wise.

30 The godly are like trees that bear life-giving fruit, and those who save lives are wise.

31 If the RIGHTEOUS are rewarded here on earth, how much more true that the WICKED and the sinner will get what they deserve!

Proverbs 12

1 To learn, you must love discipline; it is stupid to hate correction.

2 The LORD approves of those who are GOOD, but he condemns those who plan WICKEDNESS.

3 Wickedness never brings stability; only the godly have deep roots.

4 A worthy wife is her husband's joy and crown; a shameful wife saps his strength.

5 The plans of the godly are just; the advice of the wicked is treacherous.

6 The words of the wicked are like a murderous ambush, but the words of the godly save lives.

7 The WICKED perish and are gone, but the children of the GODLY stand firm.

8 Everyone admires a person with good sense, but a warped mind is despised.

9 It is better to be a nobody with a servant than to be self-important but have no food.

10 The GODLY are concerned for the welfare of their animals, but even the kindness of the WICKED is cruel.

11 Hard work means prosperity; only fools idle away their time.

12 Thieves are jealous of each other's loot, while the godly bear their own fruit.

13 The wicked are trapped by their own words, but the godly escape such trouble.

14 People can get many good things by the words they say; the work of their hands also gives them many benefits.

15 Fools think they need no advice, but the wise listen to others.

16 A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted.

17 An honest witness tells the truth; a false witness tells lies.

18 Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.

19 Truth stands the test of time; lies are soon exposed.

20 Deceit fills hearts that are plotting evil; joy fills hearts that are planning peace!

21 No real harm befalls the GODLY, but the WICKED have their fill of trouble.

22 The LORD hates those who don't keep their word, but he delights in those who do.

23 WISE people don't make a show of their knowledge, but FOOLS broadcast their folly.

24 Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave.

25 Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.

26 The godly give good advice to their friends; the wicked lead them astray.

27 Lazy people don't even cook the game they catch, but the diligent make use of everything they find.

28 The way of the godly leads to life; their path does not lead to death.

Proverbs 13

1 A wise child accepts a parent's discipline; a young mocker refuses to listen

2 Good people enjoy the positive results of their words, but those who are treacherous crave violence.

3 Those who control their tongue will have a long life; a quick retort can ruin everything.

4 Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied.

5 Those who are GODLY hate lies; the WICKED come to shame and disgrace.

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- 6 Godliness helps people all through life, while the evil are destroyed by their wickedness.
- 7 Some who are **poor** pretend to be rich; others who are rich pretend to be poor.
- 8 The rich can pay a ransom, but the poor won't even get threatened.
- 9 The life of the **GODLY** is full of light and joy, but the **SINNER'S** light is snuffed out.
- 10 **Pride** leads to arguments; those who take advice are wise.
- 11 **Wealth** from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows.
- 12 Hope deferred makes the **heart** sick, but when dreams come true, there is life and joy.
- 13 People who **despise advice** will find themselves in trouble; those who respect it will succeed.
- 14 The advice of the **wise** is like a life-giving fountain; those who accept it avoid the snares of death.
- 15 A person with good sense is respected; a treacherous person walks a rocky road.
- 16 **WISE** people think before they act; **FOOLS** don't and even brag about it!
- 17 An unreliable **messenger** stumbles into trouble, but a reliable messenger brings healing.
- 18 If you ignore criticism, you will end in **poverty** and disgrace; if you accept criticism, you will be honored.
- 19 It is pleasant to see dreams come true, but **FOOLS** will not turn from evil to attain them.
- 20 Whoever **walks with the wise** will become wise; whoever walks with fools will suffer harm.
- 21 Trouble chases **SINNERS**, while blessings chase the **RIGHTEOUS!**
- 22 Good people leave an **inheritance** to their grandchildren, but the sinner's wealth passes to the godly.
- 23 A poor person's farm may produce much food, but **injustice** sweeps it all away.
- 24 If you refuse to discipline your **children**, it proves you don't love them; if you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them.
- 25 The **GODLY** eat to their hearts' content, but the belly of the **WICKED** goes hungry.

Proverbs 14

- 1 A **WISE** woman builds her house; a **FOOLISH** woman tears hers down with her own hands.
- 2 Those who follow the right path **fear the LORD**; those who take the wrong path despise him.
- 3 The **talk** of fools is a rod for their backs, but the words of the wise keep them out of trouble. 4 An empty stable stays clean, but no **income** comes from an empty stable.
- 5 A truthful **witness** does not lie; a false witness breathes lies.
- 6 A mocker seeks **wisdom** and never finds it, but knowledge comes easily to those with understanding.
- 7 **Stay away** from fools, for you won't find knowledge there.
- 8 The wise **look ahead** to see what is coming, but fools deceive themselves.
- 9 Fools make fun of **guilt**, but the godly acknowledge it and seek reconciliation.
- 10 Each **heart** knows its own bitterness, and no one else can fully share its joy.
- 11 The house of the **WICKED** will perish, but the tent of the **GODLY** will flourish.
- 12 There is a **path** before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.
- 13 Laughter can conceal a heavy **heart**; when the laughter ends, the grief remains.
- 14 **BACKSLIDERS** get what they deserve; **GOOD PEOPLE** receive their reward.

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15 Only simpletons believe everything they are told! The prudent carefully consider their steps.

Planning

16 The wise are cautious and **avoid danger**; fools plunge ahead with great confidence.

Fear

17 Those who are **short-tempered** do foolish things, and schemers are hated.

18 The **SIMPLETON** is clothed with folly, but the **WISE PERSON** is crowned with knowledge.

Planning

19 Evil people will bow before **GOOD PEOPLE**; the **WICKED** will bow at the gates of the godly.

20 The **poor** are despised even by their neighbors, while the rich have many "friends."

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21 It is sin to **despise one's neighbors**; blessed are those who help the poor.

Humility

22 If you **plot** evil, you will be lost; but if you plan good, you will be granted unfailing love and faithfulness.

Fear

Planning

23 **Work** brings profit, but mere talk leads to poverty!

24 **Wealth** is a crown for the wise; the effort of fools yields only folly.

Economics

25 A truthful **witness** saves lives, but a false witness is a traitor.

Planning

26 Those who **fear the LORD** are secure; he will be a place of refuge for their children.

Justice

27 **Fear of the LORD** is a life-giving fountain; it offers escape from the snares of death.

Economics

28 A growing population is a king's glory; a dwindling nation is his doom.

Justice

29 Those who control their **anger** have great understanding; those with a hasty temper will make mistakes.

Tongue

30 A relaxed **attitude** lengthens life; **jealousy** rots it away.

Justice

Justice

31 Those who **oppress** the poor insult their Maker, but those who help the poor honor him.

Wisdom

32 The **WICKED** are crushed by their sins, but the **GODLY** have a refuge when they die.

Planning

Humility

33 Wisdom is enshrined in an understanding **heart**; wisdom is not found among fools.

Associations

34 Godliness exalts a nation, but sin is a **disgrace** to any people.

Wisdom

35 A king rejoices in servants who know what they are doing; he is angry with those who cause trouble.

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Proverbs 15

1 A gentle **answer** turns away wrath, but harsh words stir up anger.

Planning

2 The wise person makes learning a joy; fools spout only foolishness.

Economics

3 The LORD is watching everywhere, keeping his eye on both the **EVIL** and the **GOOD**.

Tongue

4 Gentle **words** bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

Associations

5 Only a fool despises a **parent's discipline**; whoever learns from correction is wise.

6 There is **treasure** in the house of the godly, but the earnings of the wicked bring trouble.

Wisdom

7 Only the **WISE** can give good advice; **FOOLS** cannot do so.

Excess

8 The LORD hates the sacrifice of the wicked, but he delights in the prayers of the upright.

Planning

9 The LORD despises the way of the **WICKED**, but he loves **THOSE WHO PURSUE GODLINESS**.

10 Whoever abandons the **right path** will be severely punished; whoever hates correction will die.

11 Even the depths of Death and Destruction are known by the LORD. How much more does he know the human **heart**!

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Economics

12 Mockers don't love those who rebuke them, so they **stay away** from the wise.

Heart

13 A glad **heart** makes a happy face; a broken heart crushes the spirit.

Tongue

14 A **WISE** person is hungry for truth, while the **FOOL** feeds on trash.

Justice

15 For the poor, every day brings trouble; for the happy **heart**, life is a continual feast.

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Tongue

- 16 It is better to have **little** with fear for the LORD than to have great treasure with turmoil.
- 17 A bowl of soup **with someone** you love is better than steak with someone you hate.
- 18 A **hothead** starts fights; a cool-tempered person tries to stop them.
- 19 A **lazy** person has trouble all through life; the path of the upright is easy!
- 20 Sensible **children** bring joy to their father; foolish children despise their mother.
- 21 **FOOLISHNESS** brings joy to those who have no sense; a **SENSIBLE PERSON** stays on the right path.
- 22 **Plans** go wrong for lack of advice; many counselors bring success.
- 23 Everyone enjoys a fitting **reply**; it is wonderful to say the right thing at the right time!
- 24 The **path** of the wise leads to life above; they leave the grave behind.
- 25 The LORD destroys the house of the **proud**, but he protects the property of widows.
- 26 The LORD despises the thoughts of the wicked, but he delights in pure **words**.
- 27 **Dishonest** money brings grief to the whole family, but those who hate bribes will live.
- 28 The godly think before **speaking**; the wicked spout evil words.
- 29 The LORD is far from the **WICKED**, but he hears the prayers of the **RIGHTEOUS**.
- 30 A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; **good news** makes for good health.
- 31 If you listen to **constructive criticism**, you will be at home among the wise.
- 32 If you reject criticism, you only harm yourself; but if you listen to correction, you **grow in understanding**.
- 33 **Fear of the LORD** teaches a person to be wise; humility precedes honor.

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Proverbs 16

- 1 We can gather **our thoughts**, but the LORD gives the right answer.
- 2 People may be pure in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their motives.
- 3 Commit your work to the LORD, and then your **plans** will succeed.
- 4 The LORD has made everything for his own purposes, even the **WICKED** for punishment.
- 5 The LORD despises pride; be assured that the **proud** will be punished.
- 6 Unfailing love and faithfulness cover sin; evil is avoided by **fear of the LORD**.
- 7 When the ways of **people please the LORD**, he makes even their enemies live at peace with them.
- 8 It is better to be **poor** and godly than rich and dishonest.
- 9 We can make our **plans**, but the LORD determines our steps.
- 10 The **king** speaks with divine wisdom; he must never judge unfairly.
- 11 The LORD demands fairness in every **business deal**; he sets the standard.
- 12 A **king** despises wrongdoing, for his rule depends on his justice.
- 13 The king is pleased with **righteous lips**; he loves those who speak honestly.
- 14 The anger of the king is a deadly threat; the wise do what they can to appease it.
- 15 When the king smiles, there is life; his favor refreshes like a gentle rain.
- 16 How much better to get **wisdom** than gold, and understanding than silver!
- 17 The path of the upright leads away from evil; whoever **follows that path** is safe.
- 18 **Pride** goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.
- 19 It is better to **live humbly** with the poor than to share plunder with the proud.
- 20 Those who listen to **instruction** will prosper; those who trust the LORD will be happy.
- 21 The wise are known for their understanding, and instruction is appreciated if it's well presented.

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22 Discretion is a life-giving fountain to **THOSE WHO POSSESS IT**, but discipline is wasted on **FOOLS**.

23 From a wise mind comes wise **speech**; the words of the wise are persuasive.

24 Kind **words** are like honey – sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.

25 There is a **path** before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

26 It is good for **workers** to have an appetite; an empty stomach drives them on.

27 Scoundrels hunt for scandal; their **words** are a destructive blaze.

28 A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

29 Violent people deceive their **companions**, leading them down a harmful path.

30 With narrowed eyes, they plot evil; without a word, they plan their mischief.

31 Gray hair is a crown of **glory**; it is gained by living a godly life.

32 It is better to be patient than powerful; it is better to have **self-control** than to conquer a city.

33 We may throw the dice, but the LORD **determines** how they fall.

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Proverbs 17

1 A dry crust **eaten in peace** is better than a great feast with strife.

2 A wise **slave** will rule over the master's shameful sons and will share their inheritance.

3 Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but the LORD tests the **heart**.

4 Wrongdoers listen to wicked **talk**; liars pay attention to destructive words.

5 Those who **mock** the poor insult their Maker; those who rejoice at the misfortune of others will be punished.

6 **Grandchildren** are the crowning glory of the aged; parents are the pride of their children.

7 Eloquent **speech** is not fitting for a fool; even less are lies fitting for a ruler.

8 A **bribe** seems to work like magic for those who give it; they succeed in all they do.

9 Disregarding another person's faults preserves love; **telling** about them separates close friends.

10 A single rebuke does more for a **PERSON** of understanding than a hundred lashes on the back of a **FOOL**.

11 Evil **people seek** rebellion, but they will be severely punished.

12 It is safer to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than to confront a fool caught in **folly**.

13 If you repay **evil for good**, evil will never leave your house.

14 Beginning a **quarrel** is like opening a floodgate, so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

15 The LORD despises those who **acquit** the guilty and condemn the innocent.

16 It is senseless to pay tuition to educate a fool who has no heart for **wisdom**.

17 A **friend** is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

18 It is poor judgment to **co-sign** a friend's note, to become responsible for a neighbor's debts.

19 Anyone who loves to **quarrel** loves sin; anyone who speaks boastfully invites disaster.

20 The crooked **heart** will not prosper; the twisted **tongue** tumbles into trouble.

21 It is painful to be the **parent** of a fool; there is no joy for the father of a rebel.

22 A cheerful **heart** is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.

23 The wicked accept secret bribes to **pervert justice**.

24 **SENSIBLE PEOPLE** keep their eyes glued on wisdom, but a **FOOL'S** eyes wander to the ends of the earth.

25 A foolish **child** brings grief to a father and bitterness to a mother.

26 It is wrong to **fine** the godly for being good or to punish nobles for being honest!

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27 A truly wise person uses few **words**; a person with understanding is even-tempered.

28 Even fools are thought to be wise when they keep silent; when they keep their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.

Proverbs 18

1 A recluse is **self-indulgent**, snarling at every sound principle of conduct.

2 Fools have no interest in **understanding**; they only want to air their own opinions.

3 When the wicked arrive, contempt, shame, and disgrace are sure to follow.

4 A person's **words** can be life-giving water; words of true wisdom are as refreshing as a bubbling brook.

5 It is wrong for a **judge** to favor the guilty or condemn the innocent.

6 Fools get into constant **quarrels**; they are asking for a beating.

7 The mouths of fools are their ruin; their lips get them into trouble.

8 What dainty morsels rumors are -- but they sink deep into one's heart.

9 A **lazy** person is as bad as someone who destroys things.

10 The name of the LORD is a strong fortress; the **GODLY** run to him and are safe.

11 The **rich** think of their wealth as an impregnable defense; they imagine it is a high wall of safety.

12 **Haughtiness** goes before destruction; humility precedes honor.

13 What a shame, what folly, to give **advice** before listening to the facts!

14 The human **spirit** can endure a sick body, but who can bear it if the spirit is crushed?

15 Intelligent people are always open to **new ideas**. In fact, they look for them.

16 **Giving** a gift works wonders; it may bring you before important people!

17 Any story sounds true until someone sets the **record** straight.

18 **Casting lots** can end arguments and settle disputes between powerful opponents.

19 It's harder to make amends with an offended **friend** than to capture a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with iron bars.

20 **Words** satisfy the soul as food satisfies the stomach; the right words on a person's lips bring satisfaction.

21 Those who love to talk will experience the consequences, for the tongue can kill or nourish life.

22 The man who finds a **wife** finds a treasure and receives favor from the LORD.

23 The poor plead for mercy; the rich **answer** with insults.

24 There are "**friends**" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 19

1 It is better to be **poor** and honest than to be a fool and dishonest.

2 Zeal without knowledge is not good; a person who **moves too quickly** may go the wrong way.

3 People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the LORD.

4 Wealth makes many "**friends**"; poverty drives them away.

5 A **false witness** will not go unpunished, nor will a liar escape.

6 Many beg favors from a prince; everyone is the **friend** of a person who gives gifts!

7 If the relatives of the poor despise them, how much more will their friends avoid them. The poor call after them, but they are gone.

8 To acquire **wisdom** is to love oneself; people who cherish understanding will prosper.

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- 9 A false witness will not go unpunished, and a liar will be destroyed.
- 10 It isn't right for a fool to live in luxury or for a slave to rule over princes!
- 11 People with good sense restrain their anger; they earn esteem by overlooking wrongs.
- 12 The king's anger is like a lion's roar, but his favor is like dew on the grass.
- 13 A foolish child is a calamity to a father; a nagging wife annoys like a constant dripping.
- 14 Parents can provide their sons with an inheritance of houses and wealth, but only the LORD can give an understanding wife.
- 15 A lazy person sleeps soundly – and goes hungry.
- 16 Keep the commandments and keep your life; despising them leads to death.
- 17 If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD – and he will repay you!
- 18 Discipline your children while there is hope. If you don't, you will ruin their lives.
- 19 Short-tempered people must pay their own penalty. If you rescue them once, you will have to do it again.
- 20 Get all the advice and instruction you can, and be wise the rest of your life.
- 21 You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail.
- 22 Loyalty makes a person attractive. And it is better to be poor than dishonest.
- 23 Fear of the LORD gives life, security, and protection from harm.
- 24 Some people are so lazy that they won't even lift a finger to feed themselves.
- 25 If you punish a mocker, the simpleminded will learn a lesson; if you reprove the wise, they will be all the wiser.
- 26 Children who mistreat their father or chase away their mother are a public disgrace and an embarrassment.
- 27 If you stop listening to instruction, my child, you have turned your back on knowledge.
- 28 A corrupt witness makes a mockery of justice; the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.
- 29 Mockers will be punished, and the backs of fools will be beaten.

Proverbs 20

- 1 Wine produces mockers; liquor leads to brawls. Whoever is led astray by drink cannot be wise.
- 2 The king's fury is like a lion's roar; to rouse his anger is to risk your life.
- 3 Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor; only fools insist on quarreling.
- 4 If you are too lazy to plow in the right season, you will have no food at the harvest.
- 5 Though good advice lies deep within a person's heart, the wise will draw it out.
- 6 Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is really faithful?
- 7 The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children after them.
- 8 When a king judges, he carefully weighs all the evidence, distinguishing the bad from the good.
- 9 Who can say, "I have cleansed my heart; I am pure and free from sin"?
- 10 The LORD despises double standards of every kind.
- 11 Even children are known by the way they act, whether their conduct is pure and right.
- 12 Ears to hear and eyes to see – both are gifts from the LORD.
- 13 If you love sleep, you will end in poverty. Keep your eyes open, and there will be plenty to eat!
- 14 The buyer haggles over the price, saying, "It's worthless," then brags about getting a bargain!
- 15 Wise speech is rarer and more valuable than gold and rubies.

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- 16 Be sure to get **collateral** from anyone who guarantees the debt of a stranger. Get a deposit if someone guarantees the debt of a foreigner. **Associations**
- 17 Stolen bread tastes sweet, but it turns to gravel in the mouth.
- 18 **Plans succeed** through good counsel; don't go to war without the advice of others. **Economics**
- 19 A **gossip** tells secrets, so don't hang around with someone who talks too much.
- 20 If you curse your **father** or mother, the lamp of your life will be snuffed out. **Justice**
- 21 An **inheritance** obtained early in life is not a blessing in the end.
- 22 Don't say, "I will get even for this **wrong**." Wait for the LORD to handle the matter. **Economics**
- 23 The LORD despises **double standards**; he is not pleased by dishonest scales.
- 24 How can we understand **the road we travel**? It is the LORD who directs our steps.
- 25 It is dangerous to make a rash promise to God before counting the cost.
- 26 A wise **king** finds the wicked, lays them out like wheat, then runs the crushing wheel over them. **Justice**
- 27 The LORD's searchlight penetrates the **human spirit**, exposing every hidden motive.
- 28 Unfailing love and faithfulness protect the **king**; his throne is made secure through love. **Economics**
- 29 The glory of the young is their strength; the gray hair of **experience** is the splendor of the old. **Associations**
- 30 **Physical punishment** cleanses away evil; such discipline purifies the heart.

Proverbs 21

- 1 The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he turns it wherever he pleases. **Wisdom**
Justice
- 2 People may think they are doing what is right, but the LORD examines the **heart**. **Wisdom**
- 3 The LORD is more pleased when we do what is **just and right** than when we give him sacrifices. **Home**
- 4 Haughty eyes, a **proud** heart, and evil actions are all sin.
- 5 Good planning and **hard work** lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. **Tongue**
- 6 **Wealth** created by lying is a vanishing mist and a deadly trap. **Fear**
- 7 Because the wicked refuse to do what is **just**, their violence boomerangs and destroys them. **Planning**
Heart
- 8 The **guilty** walk a crooked path; the innocent travel a straight road. **Associations**
- 9 It is better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a contentious wife in a lovely **home**. **Work**
Home
- 10 Evil people love to **harm others**; their neighbors get no mercy from them.
- 11 A simpleton can learn only by seeing mockers **punished**; a wise person learns from instruction. **Wisdom**
Home
- 12 The Righteous One knows what is going on in the **homes** of the wicked; he will bring the wicked to disaster. **Heart**
- 13 Those who **shut their ears** to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need. **Immortality**
- 14 A secret gift calms anger; a secret **bribe** pacifies fury.
- 15 **Justice** is a joy to the godly, but it causes dismay among evildoers. **Excess**
- 16 The person who strays from **common sense** will end up in the company of the dead.
- 17 Those who love **pleasure** become poor; wine and luxury are not the way to riches.
- 18 Sometimes the **WICKED** are punished to save the godly, and the treacherous for the **UPRIGHT**.
- 19 It is better to live alone in the desert than with a crabby, complaining **wife**.
- 20 The wise have **wealth and luxury**, but fools spend whatever they get.

- 21 Whoever pursues **godliness** and unfailing love will find life, godliness, and honor.
- 22 The wise conquer the city of the strong and level the fortress in which they trust.
- 23 If you keep your **mouth shut**, you will stay out of trouble.
- 24 Mockers are **proud and haughty**; they act with boundless arrogance.
- 25 The desires of **lazy** people will be their ruin, for their hands refuse to work.
- 26 They are always **greedy** for more, while the godly love to give!
- 27 God loathes the sacrifice of an **EVIL PERSON**, especially when it is brought with ulterior motives.
- 28 A false witness will be cut off, but an attentive witness will be allowed to speak.
- 29 The wicked put up a bold front, but the upright **proceed** with care.
- 30 **Human plans**, no matter how wise or well advised, cannot stand against the LORD.
- 31 The horses are prepared for battle, but the **victory** belongs to the LORD.

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Proverbs 22

- 1 Choose a good reputation over great **riches**, for being held in high esteem is better than having silver or gold.
- 2 The rich and the poor have this in common: The LORD made them both.
- 3 A prudent person **foresees** the danger ahead and takes precautions; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.
- 4 True humility and **fear of the LORD** lead to riches, honor, and long life.
- 5 The **deceitful walk** a thorny, treacherous road; whoever values life will stay away.
- 6 Teach your **children** to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.
- 7 Just as the **rich** rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.
- 8 Those who plant seeds of **injustice** will harvest disaster, and their reign of terror will end.
- 9 Blessed are those who are **generous**, because they feed the poor.
- 10 Throw out the mocker, and fighting, **quarrels**, and insults will disappear.
- 11 Anyone who loves a pure heart and gracious speech is the **king's friend**.
- 12 The LORD preserves knowledge, but he ruins the **plans** of the deceitful.
- 13 The **lazy** person is full of excuses, saying, "If I go outside, I might meet a lion in the street and be killed!"
- 14 The mouth of an **immoral woman** is a deep pit; those living under the LORD's displeasure will fall into it.
- 15 A **youngster's heart** is filled with foolishness, but discipline will drive it away.
- 16 A person who **gets ahead** by oppressing the poor or by showering gifts on the rich will end in poverty.
- 17 Listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my **instruction**.
- 18 For it is good to keep these sayings deep within yourself, always ready on your lips.
- 19 I am teaching you today – yes, you – so you will trust in the LORD.
- 20 I have written thirty sayings for you, filled with advice and knowledge.
- 21 In this way, you may know the truth and bring an accurate report to those who sent you.
- 22 Do not **rob** the poor because they are poor or exploit the needy in court.
- 23 For the LORD is their defender. He will injure anyone who injures them.
- 24 **Keep away from** angry, short-tempered people,
- 25 or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul.
- 26 Do not **co-sign** another person's note or put up a guarantee for someone else's loan.
- 27 If you can't pay it, even your bed will be snatched from under you.

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- 28 Do not **steal** your neighbor's property by moving the ancient boundary markers set up by your ancestors.
- 29 Do you see any truly **competent** workers? They will serve kings rather than ordinary people.

Proverbs 23

- 1 When dining with a **ruler**, pay attention to what is put before you.
- 2 If you are a big eater, put a knife to your throat, **Justice**
- 3 and don't desire all the delicacies – deception may be involved.
- 4 Don't weary yourself trying to get **rich**. Why waste your time?
- 5 For riches can disappear as though they had the wings of a bird!
- 6 **Don't eat with people** who are stingy; don't desire their delicacies. **Tongue**
- 7 "Eat and drink," they say, but they don't mean it. They are always thinking about how much it costs.
- 8 You will vomit up the delicious food they serve, and you will have to take back your words of appreciation for their "kindness." **Justice**
- 9 Don't waste your breath on fools, for they will despise the **wisest advice**. **Justice**
- 10 Don't steal the land of **defenseless** orphans by moving the ancient boundary markers, **Excess**
- 11 for their Redeemer is strong. He himself will bring their charges against you. **Associations**
- 12 Commit yourself to instruction; attune your ears to hear **words of knowledge**. **Tongue**
- 13 Don't fail to correct your **children**. They won't die if you spank them. **Associations**
- 14 Physical discipline may well save them from death.
- 15 My child, how I will rejoice if you become wise. **Tongue**
- 16 Yes, my heart will thrill when you **speak** what is right and just.
- 17 Don't envy sinners, but always continue to **fear the LORD**. **Justice**
- 18 For surely you have a **future** ahead of you; your hope will not be disappointed.
- 19 My child, listen and be wise. Keep your **heart** on the right course
- 20 **Do not carouse with** drunkards and gluttons, **Tongue**
- 21 for they are on their way to poverty. **Too much sleep** clothes a person with rags. **Home**
- 22 Listen to your **father**, who gave you life, and don't despise your mother's experience when she is old. **Tongue**
- 23 Get the truth and don't ever sell it; also get **wisdom**, discipline, and discernment. **Justice**
- 24 The father of godly **children** has cause for joy. What a pleasure it is to have wise children. **Humility**
- 25 So give your parents joy! May she who gave you birth be happy.
- 26 O my son, give me your **heart**. May your eyes delight in my ways of wisdom. **Excess**
- 27 A prostitute is a deep pit; an **adulterous woman** is treacherous.
- 28 She hides and waits like a robber, looking for another victim who will be unfaithful to his wife.
- 29 Who has anguish? Who has sorrow? Who is always fighting? Who is always complaining? Who has unnecessary bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes? **Wisdom**
- 30 It is the one who spends **long hours in the taverns**, trying out new drinks. **Tongue**
- 31 Don't let the sparkle and smooth taste of wine deceive you. **Wisdom**
- 32 For in the end it bites like a poisonous serpent; it stings like a viper. **Tongue**
- 33 You will see hallucinations, and you will say crazy things.
- 34 You will stagger like a sailor tossed at sea, clinging to a swaying mast.
- 35 And you will say, "They hit me, but I didn't feel it. I didn't even know it when they beat me up. When will I wake up so I can have another drink?" **Tongue**

Proverbs 24

- 1 Don't envy evil people; don't desire their **company**.
- 2 For they spend their days plotting violence, and their words are always stirring up trouble.
- 3 A **house** is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense.
- 4 Through knowledge its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables.
- 5 A wise man is mightier than a strong man, and a man of **knowledge** is more powerful than a strong man.
- 6 So don't go to war without **wise guidance**; victory depends on having many counselors.
- 7 **Wisdom** is too much for a fool. When the leaders gather, the fool has nothing to say.
- 8 A person who **plans** evil will get a reputation as a troublemaker.
- 9 The schemes of a fool are sinful; everyone despises a mocker.
- 10 If you **fail under pressure**, your strength is not very great.
- 11 Rescue those who are **unjustly** sentenced to death; don't stand back and let them die.
- 12 Don't try to avoid responsibility by saying you didn't know about it. For God knows all hearts, and he sees you. He keeps watch over your soul, and he knows you knew! And he will judge all people according to what they have done.
- 13 My child, eat honey, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to the taste.
- 14 In the same way, **wisdom** is sweet to your soul. If you find it, you will have a bright future, and your hopes will not be cut short.
- 15 Do not lie in wait like an **OUTLAW** at the home of the godly. And don't raid the house where the godly live.
- 16 They may trip seven times, but each time they will rise again. But one calamity is enough to lay the wicked low.
- 17 Do not rejoice when **your enemies** fall into trouble. Don't be happy when they stumble.
- 18 For the LORD will be displeased with you and will turn his anger away from them.
- 19 Do not fret because of evildoers; don't envy the wicked.
- 20 For the evil have no future; their light will be snuffed out.
- 21 My child, **fear the LORD** and the king, and don't associate with rebels.
- 22 For you will go **down with them** to sudden disaster. Who knows where the punishment from the LORD and the king will end?
- 23 Here are some further sayings of the wise: It is wrong to show **favoritism** when passing judgment.
- 24 A judge who says to the wicked, "You are innocent," will be cursed by many people and denounced by the nations.
- 25 But blessings are showered on those who convict the guilty.
- 26 It is an honor to receive an honest **reply**.
- 27 Develop your **business** first before building your house.
- 28 Do not testify spitefully against innocent neighbors; don't lie about them.
- 29 And don't say, "Now I can **pay them back** for all their meanness to me! I'll get even!"
- 30 I walked by the field of a **lazy** person, the vineyard of one lacking sense.
- 31 I saw that it was overgrown with thorns. It was covered with weeds, and its walls were broken down.
- 32 Then, as I looked and thought about it, I learned this lesson:
- 33 A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest --
- 34 and poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.

GOOD VS. WICKED

Tongue

GOOD VS. WICKED

Work

Tongue

Heart

Justice

Tongue

Planning

Humility

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Proverbs 25

1 These are more proverbs of Solomon, collected by the advisers of King Hezekiah of Judah.

2 It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them.

3 No one can discover the height of heaven, the depth of the earth, or all that goes on in the king's mind!

4 Remove the dross from silver, and the sterling will be ready for the silversmith.

5 Remove the wicked from the king's court, and his reign will be made secure by justice.

6 Don't demand an audience with the king or push for a place among the great.

7 It is better to wait for an invitation than to be sent to the end of the line, publicly disgraced! Just because you see something,

8 don't be in a hurry to go to court. You might go down before your neighbors in shameful defeat.

9 So discuss the matter with them privately. Don't tell anyone else,

10 or others may accuse you of gossip. Then you will never regain your good reputation.

11 **Timely advice** is as lovely as golden apples in a silver basket.

12 Valid criticism is as treasured by the one who heeds it as jewelry made from finest gold.

13 Faithful messengers are as refreshing as snow in the heat of summer. They revive the spirit of their employer.

14 A person who doesn't give a promised gift is like clouds and wind that don't bring rain.

15 Patience can persuade a prince, and soft speech can crush strong opposition.

16 Do you like honey? Don't eat **too much** of it, or it will make you sick!

17 Don't visit your neighbors too often, or you will wear out your welcome.

18 Telling **lies** about others is as harmful as hitting them with an ax, wounding them with a sword, or shooting them with a sharp arrow.

19 Putting confidence in an **unreliable person** is like chewing with a toothache or walking on a broken foot.

20 Singing **cheerful songs** to a person whose heart is heavy is as bad as stealing someone's jacket in cold weather or rubbing salt in a wound.

21 If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink.

22 You will heap burning coals on their heads, and the LORD will reward you.

23 As surely as a wind from the north brings rain, so a **gossiping** tongue causes anger!

24 It is better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a **contentious wife** in a lovely home.

25 **Good news** from far away is like cold water to the thirsty.

26 If the godly **compromise** with the wicked, it is like polluting a fountain or muddying a spring.

27 Just as it is not good to eat too much honey, it is not good for people to think about all the **honors** they deserve.

28 A person without **self-control** is as defenseless as a city with broken-down walls.

Heart

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Proverbs 26

1 **Honor** doesn't go with fools any more than snow with summer or rain with harvest.

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Wisdom

- 2 Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an unfair **curse** will not land on its intended victim.
- 3 Guide a horse with a whip, a donkey with a bridle, and a fool with a rod to his back!
- 4 When arguing with fools, don't answer their foolish **arguments**, or you will become as foolish as they are.
- 5 When arguing with fools, be sure to answer their foolish arguments, or they will become wise in their own estimation.
- 6 Trusting a fool to convey a **message** is as foolish as cutting off one's feet or drinking poison!
- 7 In the **mouth** of a fool, a proverb becomes as limp as a paralyzed leg.
- 8 Honoring a **FOOL** is as foolish as tying a stone to a slingshot.
- 9 A proverb in a fool's **mouth** is as dangerous as a thornbush brandished by a drunkard.
- 10 An employer who hires a fool or a bystander is like an archer who shoots recklessly.
- 11 As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.
- 12 There is more hope for fools than for people who think they are wise.
- 13 The **lazy** person is full of excuses, saying, "I can't go outside because there might be a lion on the road! Yes, I'm sure there's a lion out there!"
- 14 As a door turns back and forth on its hinges, so the lazy person turns over in bed.
- 15 Some people are so lazy that they won't lift a finger to feed themselves.
- 16 Lazy people consider themselves smarter than seven wise counselors.
- 17 Yanking a dog's ears is as foolish as interfering in someone else's **argument**.
- 18 Just as damaging as a mad man shooting a lethal weapon
- 19 is someone who lies to a friend and then says, "I was only joking."
- 20 Fire goes out for lack of fuel, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops.
- 21 A quarrelsome person starts fights as easily as hot embers light charcoal or fire lights wood.
- 22 What dainty morsels rumors are – but they sink deep into one's **heart**.
- 23 Smooth words may hide a wicked heart, just as a pretty glaze covers a common clay pot.
- 24 People with hate in their hearts may sound pleasant enough, but don't believe them.
- 25 Though they pretend to be kind, their hearts are full of all kinds of evil.
- 26 While their hatred may be concealed by trickery, it will finally come to light for all to see.
- 27 If you set a **trap** for others, you will get caught in it yourself. If you roll a boulder down on others, it will roll back and crush you.
- 28 A lying **tongue** hates its victims, and flattery causes ruin.

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Justice

Wisdom

Justice

Home

Justice

Good vs. Evil

Justice

Associations

Anger

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Proverbs 27

- 1 Don't brag about **tomorrow**, since you don't know what the day will bring.
- 2 Don't **praise yourself**; let others do it!
- 3 A stone is heavy and sand is weighty, but the resentment caused by a **FOOL** is heavier than both.
- 4 Anger is cruel, and wrath is like a flood, but who can survive the destructiveness of jealousy?
- 5 An open **rebuke** is better than hidden love!
- 6 Wounds from a **friend** are better than many kisses from an enemy.
- 7 Honey seems tasteless to a person who is full, but even bitter food tastes sweet to the hungry.

Wisdom

- 8 A person who strays from **home** is like a bird that strays from its nest.
- 9 The heartfelt counsel of a **friend** is as sweet as perfume and incense.
- 10 Never abandon a friend – either yours or your father's. Then in your time of need, you won't have to ask your relatives for assistance. It is better to go to a neighbor than to a relative who lives far away.
- 11 My child, how happy I will be if you turn out to be **WISE**! Then I will be able to answer my critics
- 12 A prudent person **foresees** the danger ahead and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.
- 13 Be sure to get **collateral** from anyone who guarantees the debt of a stranger. Get a deposit if someone guarantees the debt of an adulterous woman.
- 14 If you **shout** a pleasant greeting to your neighbor too early in the morning, it will be counted as a curse!
- 15 A nagging **wife** is as annoying as the constant dripping on a rainy day.
- 16 Trying to stop her complaints is like trying to stop the wind or hold something with greased hands.
- 17 As iron sharpens iron, a friend sharpens a **friend**.
- 18 Workers who **tend a fig tree** are allowed to eat its fruit. In the same way, workers who protect their employer's interests will be rewarded.
- 19 As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the person.
- 20 Just as Death and Destruction are never satisfied, so **human desire** is never satisfied.
- 21 Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but a person is tested by being **praised**.
- 22 You cannot separate **FOOLS** from their foolishness, even though you grind them like grain with mortar and pestle.
- 23 Know the **state of your flocks**, and put your heart into caring for your herds,
- 24 for riches don't last forever, and the crown might not be secure for the next generation.
- 25 After the hay is harvested, the new crop appears, and the mountain grasses are gathered in,
- 26 your sheep will provide wool for clothing, and your goats will be sold for the price of a field.
- 27 And you will have enough goats' milk for you, your family, and your servants.

Tongue,
Economics

Economics

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Home
Humility
Justice

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Justice, Economics

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Proverbs 28

- 1 The **WICKED** run away when no one is chasing them, but the **GODLY** are as bold as lions.
- 2 When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily. But with wise and knowledgeable **leaders**, there is stability.
- 3 A poor person who oppresses the poor is like a pounding rain that destroys the crops.
- 4 To reject the law is to praise the wicked; to obey the law is to fight them.
- 5 **EVIL PEOPLE** don't understand justice, but **THOSE WHO FOLLOW** the LORD understand completely.
- 6 It is better to be poor and **honest** than rich and crooked.
- 7 Young people who obey the law are wise; those who seek out worthless **companions** bring shame to their parents.
- 8 A person who makes money by **charging interest** will lose it. It will end up in the hands of someone who is kind to the poor.
- 9 The prayers of a person who ignores the **law** are despised.

Humility, Planning

Anger

Immorality
Excess

Justice

10 Those who **lead the upright into sin** will fall into their own trap, but the honest will inherit good things.

11 **Rich** people picture themselves as wise, but their real poverty is evident to the poor.

12 When the **GODLY** succeed, everyone is glad. When the **WICKED** take charge, people go into hiding.

13 People who cover over their sins will not prosper. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy.

14 Blessed are those who have a tender conscience, but the stubborn are headed for serious trouble.

15 A wicked **ruler** is as dangerous to the poor as a lion or bear attacking them.

16 Only a stupid prince will oppress his people, but a king will have a long reign if he hates dishonesty and bribes.

17 A murderer's tormented conscience will drive him into the grave. Don't protect him!

18 The honest will be rescued from harm, but those who are crooked will be destroyed.

19 **Hard workers** have plenty of food; playing around brings poverty.

20 The trustworthy will get a rich reward. But the person who wants to get rich quick will only get into trouble.

21 Showing **partiality** is never good, yet some will do wrong for something as small as a piece of bread.

22 A **greedy** person tries to get rich quick, but it only leads to poverty.

23 In the end, people appreciate frankness more than **flattery**.

24 Robbing your **parents** and then saying, "What's wrong with that?" is as serious as committing murder.

25 **Greed** causes fighting; trusting the LORD leads to prosperity.

26 Trusting oneself is foolish, but those who walk in **wisdom** are safe.

27 Whoever **gives to the poor** will lack nothing. But a curse will come upon those who close their eyes to poverty.

28 When the wicked **take charge**, people hide. When the wicked meet disaster, the godly multiply.

Proverbs 29

1 Whoever stubbornly refuses to accept **criticism** will suddenly be broken beyond repair.

2 When the godly are in **authority**, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan.

3 The man who loves wisdom brings joy to his **father**, but if he hangs around with prostitutes, his wealth is wasted.

4 A **just king** gives stability to his nation, but one who demands bribes destroys it.

5 To flatter people is to lay a trap for their feet.

6 Evil people are trapped by sin, but the righteous escape, shouting for joy.

7 The godly know the rights of the poor; the wicked don't care to know.

8 Mockers can get a **whole town** agitated, but those who are wise will calm anger.

9 If a wise person takes a fool to court, there will be ranting and ridicule but no satisfaction.

10 The bloodthirsty hate the honest, but the upright **seek out** the honest.

11 A fool gives full vent to **anger**, but a wise person quietly holds it back.

12 If a ruler honors liars, all his advisers will be wicked.

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

Home

Economics

Justice

Home

Economics

Justice

Economics

Planning

Tongue

Work

Home

Fear

Justice

- 14 A king who is fair to the poor will have a long reign.
- 15 To discipline and reprimand a **child** produces wisdom, but a mother is disgraced by an undisciplined child.
- 16 When the wicked are in **authority**, sin increases. But the godly will live to see the tyrant's downfall.
- 17 Discipline your **children**, and they will give you happiness and peace of mind.
- 18 When people do not accept **divine guidance**, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is happy.
- 19 For a servant, mere words are not enough – **discipline** is needed. For the words may be understood, but they are not heeded.
- 20 There is more hope for a fool than for someone who **speaks** without thinking.
- 21 A **servant** who is pampered from childhood will later become a rebel.
- 22 A **hot-tempered** person starts fights and gets into all kinds of sin.
- 23 **Pride** ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor.
- 24 If you **assist a thief**, you are only hurting yourself. You will be punished if you report the crime, but you will be cursed if you don't.
- 25 Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but to trust the LORD means safety.
- 26 Many seek the ruler's favor, but justice comes from the LORD.
- 27 The godly despise the wicked; the wicked despise the godly.

Proverbs 30

- 1 The **message** of Agur son of Jakeh. An oracle. I am weary, O God; I am weary and worn out, O God.
- 2 I am too ignorant to be human, and I lack **common sense**.
- 3 I have not mastered human **wisdom**, nor do I know the Holy One.
- 4 Who but God goes up to heaven and comes back down? Who holds the wind in his fists? Who wraps up the oceans in his cloak? Who has created the whole wide world? What is his name – and his son's name? Tell me if you know!
- 5 Every word of God proves true. He defends all who come to him for protection.
- 6 Do not add to his words, or he may rebuke you, and you will be found a liar.
- 7 O God, I beg two favors from you before I die.
- 8 First, help me never to tell a **lie**. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs.
- 9 For if I grow **rich**, I may deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name.
- 10 Never **slander** a person to his employer. If you do, the person will curse you, and you will pay for it.
- 11 Some people curse their **father** and do not thank their mother.
- 12 They feel pure, but they are filthy and unwashed.
- 13 They are **proud** beyond description and disdainful.
- 14 They **devour the poor** with teeth as sharp as swords or knives. They destroy the needy from the face of the earth.
- 15 The leech has two suckers that cry out, "More, more!" There are three other things - - no, four! – that are **never satisfied**:
- 16 the grave, the barren womb, the thirsty desert, the blazing fire.
- 17 The eye that mocks a **father** and despises a mother will be plucked out by ravens of the valley and eaten by vultures.
- 18 There are three things that amaze me – no, four things I do not understand:
- 19 how an eagle glides through the sky, how a snake slithers on a rock, how a ship navigates the ocean, how a man loves a woman.

- 20 Equally amazing is how an adulterous woman can satisfy her **sexual appetite**, shrug her shoulders, and then say, "What's wrong with that?"
- 21 There are three things that make the earth tremble – no, four it cannot endure:
- 22 a slave who becomes a **king**, an overbearing fool who **prosper**s,
- 23 a bitter woman who finally gets a **husband**, a **servant** girl who supplants her mistress.
- 24 There are four things on earth that are small but unusually wise:
- 25 Ants – they aren't strong, but they **store up** food for the winter.
- 26 Rock badgers – they aren't powerful, but they make their homes among the rocky cliffs.
- 27 Locusts – they have no **king**, but they march like an army in ranks.
- 28 Lizards – they are easy to catch, but they are found even in **kings'** palaces.
- 29 There are three stately **monarchs** on the earth – no, four:
- 30 the lion, king of animals, who won't turn aside for anything,
- 31 the strutting rooster, the male goat, a king as he leads his army.
- 32 If you have been a fool by being **proud** or **plotting evil**, don't brag about it – cover your mouth with your hand in shame.
- 33 As the beating of cream yields butter, and a blow to the nose causes bleeding, so **anger** causes quarrels.

Proverbs 31

- 1 These are the sayings of King Lemuel, an oracle that his mother taught him.
- 2 O my son, O son of my womb, O son of my promises,
- 3 do not spend your **strength on women**, on those who ruin kings.
- 4 And it is not for kings, O Lemuel, to **guzzle** wine. Rulers should not crave liquor.
- 5 For if they drink, they may forget their duties and be unable to give justice to those who are oppressed.
- 6 Liquor is for the dying, and wine for those in deep depression.
- 7 Let them drink to forget their poverty and remember their troubles no more.
- 8 Speak up for those who **cannot speak for themselves**; ensure justice for those who are perishing.
- 9 Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.
- 10 Who can find a virtuous and capable **wife**? She is worth more than precious rubies.
- 11 Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life.
- 12 She will not hinder him but help him all her life.
- 13 She **finds wool** and flax and busily spins it.
- 14 She is like a merchant's ship; she brings her food from afar.
- 15 She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls.
- 16 She goes out to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She is energetic and strong, a hard worker.
- 18 She watches for bargains; her lights burn late into the night.
- 19 Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber.
- 20 She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the **needy**.
- 21 She has no fear of winter for her **household** because all of them have warm clothes.
- 22 She **quilts** her own bedspreads. She dresses like royalty in gowns of finest cloth.
- 23 Her husband is well known, for he sits in the council meeting with the other **civic leaders**.
- 24 She **makes** belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants.
- 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs with no fear of the **future**.

- 26** When she **S**, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule when she gives instructions.
- 27** She carefully watches all that goes on in her household and does not have to bear the consequences of **laziness**.
- 28** Her **children** stand and bless her. Her husband praises her:
- 29** "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!"
- 30** Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who **fears the LORD** will be greatly praised.
- 31** Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds **publicly** declare her praise.

