

The Proverbs on Wealth, Wisdom, Household,
and Business

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List of Proverbs

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*For more wisdom, pick up a Bible. Read it cover to cover. Crave its wisdom, ask for understanding and insight, apply it thoroughly. Test everything by it.

Wisdom is of utmost importance for our lives. **Man's advice on how to live and order our lives amidst another storm is futile.** But God's wisdom is definitely right and true! It is for this reason that I have included these selections of Proverbs on living, business, and a variety of other topics in this book. My aim is to share God's vision for our lives and how to conduct ourselves in the coming years; for I am fallible, no plan I devise or seek to follow Biblically will ever be perfect. However, the more I and you dear reader ground ourselves in the Word of God: our endeavors, our lifestyle, our preparations—we are building on a solid foundation with God's pillars of wisdom, diligence, and truth and He will honor our obedience.

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; **2** To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; **3** To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; **4** To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. **5** A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: **6** To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction Prov 1:1-7 (KJV)

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction. **8** My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of

thy mother: **9** For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. Prov 1:7-9 (KJV)

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. Prov 1:10 (KJV)

We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: **14** Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: **15** My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path Prov 1:13-15 (KJV)

So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof. Prov 1:19 (KJV)

Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: **21** She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*, **22** How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? **23** Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Prov 1:20-23 (KJV)

Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; **25** But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: **26** I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; **27** When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. **28** Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: **29** For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: **30** They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. **31** Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. **32** For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. **33** But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. Prov 1:24-33 (KJV)

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; **2** So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding; **3** Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding; **4** If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; **5** Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. **6** For **the LORD giveth wisdom**: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding. **7** **He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous**: *he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly*. **8** He keepeth the paths of judgment, and **preserveth the way of his saints**. **9** Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.
Prov 2:1-9 (KJV)

When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; **11** Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: **12** To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things; **13** Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; **14** Who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked; **15** Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths: **16** To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words; **17** Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. **18** For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. **19** None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. **20** That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous. **21** For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. **22** But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it. Prov 2:10-22 (KJV)

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: **2** For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.
Prov 3:1-2 (KJV)

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: **4** So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. **5** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine

own understanding. **6** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov 3:3-6 (KJV)

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. **8** It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. **9** Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: **10** So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. **11** My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: **12** For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth. Prov 3:7-12 (KJV)

Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. **14** For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. **15** She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. **16** Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour. **17** Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace. **18** She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her. **19** The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. **20** By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. Prov 3:13-20 (KJV)

My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: **22** So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. **23** Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. **24** When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. **25** Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. **26** For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. Prov 3:21-26 (KJV)

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*. **28** Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I

will give; when thou hast it by thee. **29** Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. **30** Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. **31** Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. **32** For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous. **33** The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. **34** Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly. **35** The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools. Prov 3:27-35 (KJV)

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life. Prov 4:23 (KJV)

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Prov 4:26 (KJV)
Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. **16** Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets. **17** Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. **18** Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. **19** *Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. **20** And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? **21** For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings. **22** His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. **23** He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray. Prov 5:15-23 (KJV)

My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, **2** Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. **3** Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend. **4** Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. **5** Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand *of the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler. Prov 6:1-5 (KJV)

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: **7** Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, **8** Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food

in the harvest. **9** How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? **10** *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: **11** So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man. Prov 6:6-11 (KJV)

Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. **11** For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. Prov 8:10-11 (KJV)

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. Prov 8:12 (KJV)

The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. **14** Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength. **15** By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. **16** By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth. **17** I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. **18** Riches and honour *are* with me; *yea*, durable riches and righteousness. **19** My fruit *is* better than gold, *yea*, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. **20** I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: **21** That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. Prov 8:13-21 (KJV)

Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways. **33** Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. **34** Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. **35** For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. **36** But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death. Prov 8:32-36 (KJV)

Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning. **10** The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding. **11** For by me thy days shall be

multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased. **12** If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it*. Prov 9:9-12 (KJV)

A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked Prov 10:1-3 (KJV)

He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. **5** He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame. **6** Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. **7** The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot. **8** The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall. Prov 10:4-8 (KJV)

He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known. Prov 10:9 (KJV)

Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins. Prov 10:12 (KJV)

In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod *is* for the back of him that is void of understanding. Prov 10:13 (KJV)

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

16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin. **17** He *is* in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth Prov 10:15-17 (KJV)

In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise. **20** The tongue of the just *is as* choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth. **21** The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom. Prov 10:19-21 (KJV)

The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Prov 10:22 (KJV)

The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted. **25** As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation. Prov 10:24-25 (KJV)

As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to them that send him. Prov 10:26 (KJV)

The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. **28** The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. **29** The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity. **30** The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth. **31** The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out. **32** The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* frowardness. Prov 10:27-32 (KJV)

A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but a just weight *is* his delight. Prov 11:1 (KJV)

When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom. **3** The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. **4** Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. **5** The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. **6** The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness. Prov 11:2-6 (KJV)

When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, *there is* shouting. **11** By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. **12** He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace. Prov 11:10-12 (KJV)

Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety. **15** He that is surety for a stranger shall smart *for it*: and he that hateth suretiship is sure. **16** A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches. **17** The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own flesh. Prov 11:14-17 (KJV)

The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure reward. **19** As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pursueth it* to his own death. Prov 11:18-19 (KJV)

Though hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. Prov 11:21 (KJV)

The desire of the righteous *is* only good: *but* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath. **24** There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty. **25** The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. **26** He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it*. **27** He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him. **28** He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. **29** He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart. **30** The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise. **31** Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner. Prov 11:23-31 (KJV)

Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* brutish. **2** A good *man* obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn. **3** A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. **4** A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones. **5** The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit. Prov 12:1-5 (KJV)

He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread. 10 A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel. **11** He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain *persons* *is* void of understanding. **12** The wicked desireth the net of evil *men*: but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*. **13** The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble. **14** A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him. Prov 12:9-14 (KJV)

There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* health. **19** The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment. Prov 12:18-19 (KJV)

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute. Prov 12:24 (KJV)

The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious. Prov 12:27 (KJV)

The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat. **5** A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame. Prov 13:4-5 (KJV)

There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches. **8** The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke. Prov 13:7-8 (KJV)

Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase. **12** Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life. **13** Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded. Prov 13:11-13 (KJV)

Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard. **16** Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open *his* folly. **17** A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador *is* health. Prov 13:15-17 (KJV)

Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured. Prov 13:18 (KJV)

A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just. **23** Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment. **24** He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. **25** The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want. Prov 13:22-25 (KJV)

Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands. Prov 14:1 (KJV)

Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox. Prov 14:4 (KJV)

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death. Prov 14:12 (KJV)

In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury. **24** The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly. Prov 14:23-24 (KJV)

In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge. **27** The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. Prov 14:26-27 (KJV)

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people. Prov 14:34 (KJV)

Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.
17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
Prov 15:16-17 (KJV)

The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain. Prov 15:19 (KJV)

He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.
28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things. Prov 15:27-28 (KJV)

The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.
Prov 15:33 (KJV)

All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.
3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established. Prov 16:2-3 (KJV)

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil. **7** When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Prov 16:6-7 (KJV)

Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. Prov 16:8 (KJV)

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps. Prov 16:9 (KJV)
A just weight and balance *are* the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag *are* his work.
Prov 16:11 (KJV)

How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver! Prov 16:16 (KJV)

He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he. **21** The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the

lips increaseth learning. **22** Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly. **23** The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. Prov 16:20-23 (KJV)

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death. **26** He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him. Prov 16:25-26 (KJV)

Better *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices *with* strife. **2** A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren. Prov 17:1-2 (KJV)

Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers. Prov 17:6 (KJV)

A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend. Prov 17:17-18 (KJV)

Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom. **2** A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself. Prov 18:1-2 (KJV)

He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster. Prov 18:9 (KJV)

The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. **11** The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit. **12** Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility. Prov 18:10-12 (KJV)

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Prov 18:20 (KJV)

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD. **23** The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly. Prov 18:22-23 (KJV)

Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool. Prov 19:1 (KJV)

Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour. Prov 19:4 (KJV)

Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts. **7** All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, yet they *are* wanting to him. Prov 19:6-7 (KJV)

House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD. Prov 19:14 (KJV)

Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger. Prov 19:15 (KJV)

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. Prov 19:17 (KJV)

There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand. **22** The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man *is* better than a liar. **23** The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil. **24** A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again. **25** Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge. **26** He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach. Prov 19:21-26 (KJV)

Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Prov 20:1 (KJV)

The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing. Prov 20:4 (KJV)

Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out. **6** Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? **7** The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.

Prov 20:5-7 (KJV)

Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD. **11** Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right. Prov 20:10-11 (KJV)

Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread. Prov 20:13 (KJV)

It is naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth. **15** There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel. **16** Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman. **17** Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. Prov 20:14-17 (KJV)

An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee. Prov 20:21-22 (KJV)

The glory of young men *is* their strength: and the beauty of old men *is* the gray head. Prov 20:29 (KJV)

The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want. Prov 21:5 (KJV)

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death. **7** The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment. Prov 21:6-7 (KJV)

Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard. Prov 21:13 (KJV)

He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich. Prov 21:17 (KJV)

There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up. Prov 21:20 (KJV)

The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour. **26** He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not. Prov 21:25-26 (KJV)

There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD. **31** The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD. Prov 21:30-31 (KJV)

A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold. **2** The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all. Prov 22:1-2 (KJV)

A prudent *man* foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished. **4** By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life. Prov 22:3-4 (KJV)

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov 22:6 (KJV)

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender. **8** He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail. **9** He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor. Prov 22:7-9 (KJV)

The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor. **13** The slothful *man* saith, *There is a lion without*, I shall be slain in the streets. **14** The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein. **15** Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. **16** He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*, and he that giveth to the rich, *shall surely come* to want. Prov 22:12-16 (KJV)

Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: **23** For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: **25** Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

26 Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are sureties for debts. **27** If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men*. Prov 22:22-29 (KJV)

Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. **5** Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. Prov 23:4-5 (KJV)

Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless: **11** For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee. Prov 23:10-11 (KJV)

Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long. **18** For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off. **19** Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. **20** Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: **21** For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags. **22** Hearken unto thy father

that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. **23** Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. Prov 23:17-23 (KJV)

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: **4** And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. **5** A wise man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. **6** For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety. Prov 24:3-6 (KJV)

For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief. **17** Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: **18** Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him. Prov 24:16-18 (KJV)

Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house. **28** Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips. **29** Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work. **30** I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; **31** And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. **32** Then I saw, *and* considered *it* well: I looked upon *it*, *and* received instruction. **33** *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: **34** So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man. Prov 24:27-34 (KJV)

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter. Prov 25:2 (KJV)

Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it. Prov 25:16 (KJV)

If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: **22** For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee. Prov 25:21-22 (KJV)

As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so *is* good news from a far country. **26** A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is as* a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring. **27** *It is* not good to eat much honey: so *for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory. **28** He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city *that is* broken down, and without walls. Prov 25:25-28 (KJV)

The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets. **14** As the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his bed. **15** The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth. **16** The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason. Prov 26:13-16 (KJV)

Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. **2** Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips. Prov 27:1-2 (KJV)

Open rebuke *is* better than secret love. **6** Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful. Prov 27:5-6 (KJV)

The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. Prov 27:7 (KJV)

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: *for better is* a neighbour *that is* near than a brother far off. Prov 27:10 (KJV)

A prudent *man* foreseeeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; *but* the simple pass on, *and* are punished. **13** Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman. Prov 27:12-13 (KJV)

Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured. Prov 27:18 (KJV)

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. Prov 27:20 (KJV)

Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, *and* look well to thy herds. **24** For riches *are* not for ever: and doth the crown *endure* to every generation? **25** The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered. **26** The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field. **27** And *thou shalt have* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and *for* the maintenance for thy maidens. Prov 27:23-27 (KJV)

A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaveth no food. **4** They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them. **5** Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*. **6** Better *is* the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than *he that is* perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich. **7** Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men* shameth his father. **8** He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor. **9** He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination. **10** Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good *things* in possession. **11** The rich man *is* wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out. **12** When righteous *men* do rejoice, *there is* great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden. **13** He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy. **14** Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he

that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. **15** As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor people. **16** The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor: *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days. **17** A man that doeth violence to the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him. **18** Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but *he that is* perverse *in his* ways shall fall at once.

Of wealth and poverty

19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough. **20** A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. **21** To have respect of persons *is* not good: for for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress. **22** He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him. **23** He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue. **24** Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of a destroyer. **25** He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat. **26** He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered. **27** He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. **28** When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase. Prov 28:3-28 (KJV)

He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. Prov 29:1 (KJV)

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. Prov 29:2 (KJV)

Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise *men* turn away wrath. Prov 29:8 (KJV)

The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever. Prov 29:14 (KJV)

When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall. **17** Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul. **18** Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he. Prov 29:16-18 (KJV)

A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. Prov 29:23 (KJV)

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe. Prov 29:25 (KJV)

Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him. **6** Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Prov 30:5-6 (KJV)

Two *things* have I required of thee; deny me *them* not before I die: **8** Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: **9** Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*. Prov 30:7-9 (KJV)

There is a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness. Prov 30:12 (KJV)

There be four *things which are* little upon the earth, but they *are* exceeding wise: **25** The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; **26** The conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; **27** The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; **28** The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces. Prov 30:24-28 (KJV)

If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth. **33** Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the

wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife. Prov 30:32-33 (KJV)

The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him. **2** What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows? **3** Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings. **4** *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: **5** Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. **6** Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. **7** Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. **8** Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. **9** Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Prov 31:1-9 (KJV)

The praise and characteristics of a virtuous woman

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies. **11** The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. **12** She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. **13** She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. **14** She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. **15** She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. **16** She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. **17** She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. **18** She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night. **19** She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. **20** She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. **21** She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet. **22** She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple. **23** Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. **24** She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. **25** Strength and honour *are*

her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. **26** She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness. **27** She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. **28** Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her. **29** Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. **30** Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. **31** Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. Prov 31:10-31 (KJV)

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain. **2** *It is* vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved sleep. **3** Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is* his reward. **4** As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth. **5** Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. Psalms 127:1-5 (KJV)

Blessed *is* every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. **2** For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou *be*, and *it shall be* well with thee. **3** Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. **4** Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD. **5** The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. **6** Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* peace upon Israel. Psalms 128:1-6 (KJV)

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