

## Proverbs 10-29

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### Advice/Counsel/Instruction

12:5	The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.
12:15	The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.
13:10	Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.
15:31	He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise.
13:1	A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.
16:20	Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.
13:13	He who scorns instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command is rewarded.
19:20	Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.
19:27	Stop listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.
23:12	Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.
15:22	Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.
20:18	Make plans by seeking advice; if you wage war, obtain guidance.
27:9	Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.

### Anger (see Patience/Temper)

15:1	A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
29:11	A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.
29:22	An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.
15:18	A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.
19:19	A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty; if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.
<b>22:24-25</b>	Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.
14:17	A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.
21:14	A gift given in secret soothes anger, and a bribe concealed in the cloak pacifies great wrath.
29:8	Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger.
27:4	Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

### Arrogance/Contempt (see Humility/Pride)

18:3	When wickedness comes, so does contempt, and with shame comes disgrace.
19:25	Flog a mocker, and the simple will learn prudence; rebuke a discerning man, and he will gain knowledge.
19:29	Penalties are prepared for mockers, and beatings for the backs of fools.
21:24	The proud and arrogant man--"Mocker" is his name; he behaves with overweening pride.
17:7	Arrogant lips are unsuited to a fool-- how much worse lying lips to a ruler!

27:11	Be wise, my son, and bring joy to my heart; then I can answer anyone who treats me with contempt.
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### Authority/Rulers

14:35	A king delights in a wise servant, but a shameful servant incurs his wrath.
16:14	A king's wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man will appease it.
16:15	When a king's face brightens, it means life; his favor is like a rain cloud in spring.
16:10	The lips of a king speak as an oracle, and his mouth should not betray justice.
17:7	Arrogant lips are unsuited to a fool—how much worse lying lips to a ruler!
19:6	Many curry favor with a ruler, and everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts.
19:12	A king's rage is like the roar of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass.
20:2	A king's wrath is like the roar of a lion; he who angers him forfeits his life.
20:8	When a king sits on his throne to judge, he winnows out all evil with his eyes.
20:26	A wise king winnows out the wicked; he drives the threshing wheel over them.
20:28	Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure.
29:14	If a king judges the poor with fairness, his throne will always be secure.
28:3	A ruler who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no crops.
21:1	The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he please
25:3	As the heavens are high and the earth is deep, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.
25:4-5	Remove the dross from the silver, and out comes material for the silversmith; remove the wicked from the king's presence, and his throne will be established through righteousness.
25:6-7	Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men; it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.
28:2	When a country is rebellious, it has many rulers, but a man of understanding and knowledge maintains order.
28:15	Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked man ruling over a helpless people.
28:16	A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment, but he who hates ill-gotten gain will enjoy a long life.
28:28	When the wicked rise to power, people go into hiding; but when the wicked perish, the righteous thrive.
29:2	When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.
29:12	If a ruler listens to lies, all his officials become wicked.
29:4	By justice a king gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down.
29:26	Many seek an audience with a ruler, but it is from the LORD that man gets justice.

### Bribe/Gifts

15:27	A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hates bribes will live.
29:4	By justice a king gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down.
21:14	A gift given in secret soothes anger, and a bribe concealed in the cloak pacifies great wrath.
17:8	A bribe is a charm to the one who gives it; wherever he turns, he succeeds.
17:23	A wicked man accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the course of justice.
18:16	A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great.
19:6	Many curry favor with a ruler, and everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts.

22:16	He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich--both come to poverty
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### Consequences

10:16	The wages of the righteous bring them life, but the income of the wicked brings them punishment.
11:29	He who brings trouble on his family will inherit only wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise.
22:14	The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit; he who is under the LORD's wrath will fall into it.
<b>23:29-30</b>	Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes? Those who linger over wine, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine.
28:17	A man tormented by the guilt of murder will be a fugitive till death; let no one support him.
29:1	A man who remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed--without remedy.

### Correction/ Discipline

<b>3:11-12</b>	My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.
10:17	He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.
12:1	Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.
13:18	He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.
13:24	He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.
29:15	The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.
22:15	Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.
29:17	Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.
19:18	Discipline your son for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.
15:5	A fool spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.
15:10	Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path; he who hates correction will die.
15:12	A mocker resents correction; he will not consult the wise.
15:32	He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.
20:30	Blows and wounds cleanse away evil, and beatings purge the inmost being.
21:11	When a mocker is punished, the simple gain wisdom; when a wise man is instructed, he gets knowledge.
<b>23:13-14</b>	Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.
29:21	If a man pampers his servant from youth, he will bring grief in the end.
<b>23:23</b>	Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding.

### Disputes/Hatred/Quarrels/Strife

13:10	Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.
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17:14	Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.
10:12	Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.
17:9	He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.
17:19	He who loves a quarrel loves sin; he who builds a high gate invites destruction.
20:3	It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.
22:10	Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.
18:19	An offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel.
26:17	Like one who seizes a dog by the ears is a passer-by who meddles in a quarrel not his own.
15:18	A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.
26:20	Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.
26:21	As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.
18:18	Casting the lot settles disputes and keeps strong opponents apart.

### Evil

13:19	A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.
16:17	The highway of the upright avoids evil; he who guards his way guards his life.
16:30	He who winks with his eye is plotting perversity; he who purses his lips is bent on evil.
17:11	An evil man is bent only on rebellion; a merciless official will be sent against him.
17:13	If a man pays back evil for good, evil will never leave his house.
20:30	Blows and wounds cleanse away evil, and beatings purge the inmost being.
21:10	The wicked man craves evil; his neighbor gets no mercy from him.
21:18	The wicked become a ransom for the righteous, and the unfaithful for the upright.
21:27	The sacrifice of the wicked is detestable-- how much more so when brought with evil intent!
26:24	A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but in his heart he harbors deceit.

### Family (see Friends)

22:6	Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
10:1	A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother.
15:20	A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother.
13:1	A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.
17:21	To have a fool for a son brings grief; there is no joy for the father of a fool.
17:25	A foolish son brings grief to his father and bitterness to the one who bore him.
19:13	A foolish son is his father's ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping.
19:26	He who robs his father and drives out his mother is a son who brings shame and disgrace.
<b>23:24-25</b>	The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. May your father and mother be glad; may she who gave you birth rejoice
17:6	Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.
20:11	Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.
20:7	The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.
20:20	If a man curses his father or mother, his lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness.
12:4	A wife of noble character is her husband's crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.
18:22	He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.

19:14	Houses and riches are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.
21:9,25:24	Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.
21:19	Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and ill-tempered wife.
27:15-16	A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping on a rainy day; restraining her is like restraining the wind or grasping oil with the hand.
<b>23:22</b>	Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.
28:24	He who robs his father or mother and says, "It's not wrong"-- he is partner to him who destroys.

### Fear of the Lord

10:27	The fear of the LORD adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.
14:2	He whose walk is upright fears the LORD, but he whose ways are devious despises him.
14:16	A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.
14:26	He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.
14:27	The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.
15:16	Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil.
15:33	The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.
19:23	The fear of the Lord leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble.
22:4	Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.
<b>23:17-18</b>	Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD. There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.
16:6	Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the LORD a man avoids evil.
18:10	The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.
28:14	Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.
<b>24:21-22</b>	Fear the Lord and the king, my son, and do not join with the rebellious, for those two will send sudden destruction upon them, and who knows what calamities they can bring?
29:25	Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

### Fool

10:23	A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct, but a man of understanding delights in wisdom.
12:15	The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.
12:16	A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.
14:7	Stay away from a foolish man, for you will not find knowledge on his lips.
14:8	The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.
14:9	Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.
17:12	Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool in his folly.
17:21	To have a fool for a son brings grief; there is no joy for the father of a fool.
18:2	A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.
18:7	A fool's mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul.
19:1	Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse.
21:16	A man who strays from the path of understanding comes to rest in the company of the dead.
22:3	A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.

23:9	Do not speak to a fool, for he will scorn the wisdom of your words.
26:3	A whip for the horse, a halter for the donkey, and a rod for the backs of fools!
26:4-5	Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself. Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.
26:6	Like cutting off one's feet or drinking violence is the sending of a message by the hand of a fool.
26:7	Like a lame man's legs that hang limp is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.
26:9	Like a thornbush in a drunkard's hand is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.
26:8	Like tying a stone in a sling is the giving of honor to a fool.
26:10	Like an archer who wounds at random is he who hires a fool or any passer-by.
26:11	As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.
27:22	Though you grind a fool in a mortar, grinding him like grain with a pestle, you will not remove his folly from him.
28:26	He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.

### Friends

17:17	A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
18:24	A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
27:6	Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.
27:9	Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.
27:17	As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.
16:28	A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.
17:9	He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.
27:10	Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father, and do not go to your brother's house when disaster strikes you-- better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

### Generosity (see Prosperity/Wealth)

11:24-25	One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.
22:9	A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.
11:26	People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.
19:6	Many curry favor with a ruler, and everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts.
19:17	He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.
21:13	If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.
28:27	He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.
28:22	A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him.
23:6-8	Do not eat the food of a stingy man, do not crave his delicacies; for he is the kind of man who is always thinking about the cost. "Eat and drink," he says to you, but his heart is not with you. You will vomit up the little you have eaten and will have wasted your compliments.

## God

15:3	The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.
15:11	Death and Destruction lie open before the LORD-- how much more the hearts of men!
15:29	The LORD is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous.
16:4	The LORD works out everything for his own ends-- even the wicked for a day of disaster.
16:9	In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.
20:27	The lamp of the LORD searches the spirit of a man; it searches out his inmost being.
21:2	All a man's ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart.
21:12	The Righteous One takes note of the house of the wicked and brings the wicked to ruin.
22:2	Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all.
22:12	The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge, but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.
<b>23:10-11</b>	Do not move an ancient boundary stone or encroach on the fields of the fatherless, for their Defender is strong; he will take up their case against you.
<b>24:11-12</b>	Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

## Greed

15:27	A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hates bribes will live.
28:25	A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.
<b>23:1-3</b>	When you sit to dine with a ruler, note well what is before you, and put a knife to your throat if you are given to gluttony. Do not crave his delicacies, for that food is deceptive.
<b>23:4-5</b>	Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.
25:16	If you find honey, eat just enough-- too much of it, and you will vomit.
27:20	Death and Destruction are never satisfied, and neither are the eyes of man.
28:8	He who increases his wealth by exorbitant interest amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor.

## Honor/Praise

11:16	A kindhearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth.
29:23	A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor.
18:12	Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.
15:33	The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.
22:1	A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.
21:21	He who pursues righteousness and love find life, prosperity and honor.
22:4	Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.
22:11	He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.
26:1	Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, honor is not fitting for a fool.
26:8	Like tying a stone in a sling is the giving of honor to a fool.
12:8	A man is praised according to his wisdom, but men with warped minds are despised.

25:27	It is not good to eat too much honey, nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor.
27:2	Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.
27:21	The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise he receives.

### **Honesty/Truthfulness** (see Integrity)

12:17	A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies.
14:25	A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.
14:5	A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.
16:13	Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.
<b>24:26</b>	An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.
19:5	A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free.
21:28	A false witness will perish, and whoever listens to him will be destroyed forever.
<b>24:28</b>	Do not testify against your neighbor without cause, or use your lips to deceive.
25:18	Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor.
11:1	The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are his delight.
16:11	Honest scales and balances are from the LORD; all the weights in the bag are of his making.
20:10	Differing weights and differing measures-- the LORD detests them both.
20:23	The LORD detests differing weights, and dishonest scales do not please him.
17:4	A wicked man listens to evil lips; a liar pays attention to a malicious tongue.
17:15	Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent-- the LORD detests them both.
20:14	"It's no good, it's no good!" says the buyer; then off he goes and boasts about his purchase.
25:13	Like the coolness of snow at harvest time is a trustworthy messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the spirit of his masters.
25:14	Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of gifts he does not give
26:18-19	Like a madman shooting firebrands or deadly arrows is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I was only joking!"
29:24	The accomplice of a thief is his own enemy; he is put under oath and dare not testify.

### **Humility/Pride** (see Trials/Testing, Arrogance/Contempt)

11:2	When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.
13:10	Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.
15:25	The LORD tears down the proud man's house but he keeps the widow's boundaries intact.
15:33	The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.
16:5	The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.
16:19	Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.
18:12	Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.
16:18	Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.
<b>24:17-18</b>	Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when he stumbles, do not let your heart rejoice, or the LORD will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from him.
21:4	Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin!
21:24	The proud and arrogant man--"Mocker" is his name; he behaves with overweening pride.

22:4	Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.
27:1	Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

### **Integrity/Faithfulness** (see Honesty)

10:9	The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.
28:21	To show partiality is not good-- yet a man will do wrong for a piece of bread.
20:6	Many a man claims to have unfailing love, but a faithful man who can find?
10:10	He who winks maliciously causes grief, and a chattering fool comes to ruin.
11:3	The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.
11:20	The LORD detests men of perverse heart but he delights in those whose ways are blameless.
11:22	Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.
20:11	Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.
13:6	Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
13:17	A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy brings healing.
14:11	The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.
21:6	A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.
<b>22:28</b>	Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your forefathers.
<b>23:10-11</b>	Do not move an ancient boundary stone or encroach on the fields of the fatherless, for their Defender is strong; he will take up their case against you.
25:9-10	If you argue your case with a neighbor, do not betray another man's confidence, or he who hears it may shame you and you will never lose your bad reputation.
28:10	He who leads the upright along an evil path will fall into his own trap, but the blameless will receive a good inheritance.
29:10	Bloodthirsty men hate a man of integrity and seek to kill the upright.

### **Joy**

10:28	The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing.
14:10	Each heart knows its own bitterness, and no one else can share its joy.
14:13	Even in laughter the heart may ache, and joy may end in grief.
15:13	A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.
15:15	All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast.
15:23	A man finds joy in giving an apt reply-- and how good is a timely word!
15:30	A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.
17:22	A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
18:14	A man's spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?

### **Justice**

11:31	If the righteous receive their due on earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner!
13:23	A poor man's field may produce abundant food, but injustice sweeps it away.
16:8	Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice.
17:15	Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent-- the LORD detests them both.
17:26	It is not good to punish an innocent man, or to flog officials for their integrity.
18:5	It is not good to be partial to the wicked or to deprive the innocent of justice.
18:23	A poor man pleads for mercy, but a rich man answers harshly.
14:31	He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker,

	but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.
19:28	A corrupt witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.
21:15	When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.
<b>24:23-25</b>	These also are sayings of the wise: To show partiality in judging is not good: Whoever says to the guilty, "You are innocent"-- peoples will curse him and nations denounce him. But it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and rich blessing will come upon them.
28:5	Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the LORD understand it fully.
29:26	Many seek an audience with a ruler, but it is from the LORD that man gets justice.
28:9	If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.
29:7	The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.

### Kindness

11:16-17	A kindhearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth. A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.
12:10	A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.
12:25	An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.
14:21	He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.
19:17	He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.
<b>24:11-12</b>	Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

### Lend; Security for Others (see Prosperity/Wealth)

20:16	Take the garment of one who puts up security for a stranger;
27:13	hold it in pledge if he does it for a wayward woman.
<b>22:26-27</b>	Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you.
11:15	He who puts up security for another will surely suffer, but whoever refuses to strike hands in pledge is safe.
17:18	A man lacking in judgment strikes hands in pledge and puts up security for his neighbor.

### Life: Observations & Conduct (see Long Life, Ultimate Destiny, Wisdom)

25:2	It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.
27:17	As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.
12:25	An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.
19:2	It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way.
11:27	He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it.
<b>3:18</b>	She [Wisdom] is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed.
11:30	The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.
13:12	Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

12:9	Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant than pretend to be somebody and have no food.
19:10	It is not fitting for a fool to live in luxury- how much worse for a slave to rule over princes
12:10	A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.
12:16	A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.
12:26	A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
19:3	A man's own folly ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the LORD.
15:21	Folly delights a man who lacks judgment, but a man of understanding keeps a straight course.
16:7	When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.
16:17	The highway of the upright avoids evil; he who guards his way guards his life.
16:25	There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
29:18	Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.
16:29	A violent man entices his neighbor and leads him down a path that is not good.
20:28	Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure.
18:17	The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him.
18:18	Casting the lot settles disputes and keeps strong opponents apart.
<b>23:19</b>	Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path.
21:20	In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.
25:8	What you have seen with your eyes do not bring hastily to court, for what will you do in the end if your neighbor puts you to shame?
25:28	Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.
27:8	Like a bird that strays from its nest is a man who strays from his home.
27:12	The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.
22:11	He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.
25:17	Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house-- too much of you, and he will hate you.
27:14	If a man loudly blesses his neighbor early in the morning, it will be taken as a curse.
25:25	Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land.
26:2	Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest.
28:18	He whose walk is blameless is kept safe, but he whose ways are perverse will suddenly fall.
13:15	Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard
13:16	Every prudent man acts out of knowledge, but a fool exposes his folly.
14:13	Even in laughter the heart may ache, and joy may end in grief.
14:28	A large population is a king's glory, but without subjects a prince is ruined.
<b>24:3-4</b>	By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

### Long Life

10:27	The fear of the LORD adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.
14:12	There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

14:30	A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones
15:24	The path of life leads upward for the wise to keep him from going down to the grave.
16:31	Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life.
20:29	The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old.
28:16	A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment, but he who hates ill-gotten gain will enjoy a long life.

### **Patience/Temper** (see Anger)

19:11	A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.
16:32	Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.
14:29	A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.
25:15	Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.
14:17	A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.
15:18	A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.
19:19	A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty; if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

### **Planning**

11:14	For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure.
12:5	The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.
12:20	There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil, but joy for those who promote peace.
14:22	Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.
15:22	Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.
16:3	Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
16:1	To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue.
16:9	In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.
20:24	A man's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand his own way?
19:21	Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.
16:33	The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.
20:18	Make plans by seeking advice; if you wage war, obtain guidance.
21:5	The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.
21:29	A wicked man puts up a bold front but an upright man gives thought to his ways.
21:31	The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD.
22:5	In the paths of the wicked lie thorns and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them.
<b>24:27</b>	Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that, build your house.

### **Poor/Poverty** (see Prosperity/Wealth)

18:11	The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it an unscalable wall.
10:15	The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor.
11:24	One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty
22:9	A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.
28:22	A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him.
28:8	He who increases his wealth by exorbitant interest amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor.

22:16	He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich--both come to poverty
28:19	He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.
13:8	A man's riches may ransom his life, but a poor man hears no threat.
28:11	A rich man may be wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has discernment sees through him
19:22	What a man desires is unfailing love; better to be poor than a liar.
28:6	Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse.
27:7	He who is full loathes honey, but to the hungry even what is bitter tastes sweet.
22:2	Rich and poor have this in common; The LORD is the Maker of them all.
14:31	He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.
17:5	He who mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished.
19:17	He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.
28:27	He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.
28:3	A ruler who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no crops.
22:7	The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.
18:23	A poor man pleads for mercy, but a rich man answers harshly.
<b>22:22-23</b>	Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the LORD will take up their case and will plunder those who plunder them.
<b>24:33-34</b> <b>6:10-11</b>	A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-- and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.
13:18	He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.
14:23	All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.
21:5	The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.
14:20-21	The poor are shunned even by their neighbors, but the rich have many friends. He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.
19:4	Wealth brings many friends, but a poor man's friend deserts him.
19:7	A poor man is shunned by all his relatives-- how much more do his friends avoid him! Though he pursues them with pleading, they are nowhere to be found.
<b>30:8-9</b>	Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?'

### **Prosperity/Wealth** (see Generosity, Greed, Poor, Lend)

10:2	Ill-gotten treasures are of no value, but righteousness delivers from death.
20:17	Food gained by fraud tastes sweet to a man, but he ends up with a mouth full of gravel.
10:15	The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor.
10:22	The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it
14:24	The wealth of the wise is their crown, but the folly of fools yields folly.

11:4	Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
11:28	Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.
11:10	When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy
11:11	Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed.
17:16	Of what use is money in the hand of a fool, since he has no desire to get wisdom?
11:16	A kindhearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth.
21:21	He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.
22:4	Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.
13:7	One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.
13:11	Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.
17:20	A man of perverse heart does not prosper; he whose tongue is deceitful falls into trouble.
13:21	Misfortune pursues the sinner, but prosperity is the reward of the righteous.
13:22	A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.
15:6	The house of the righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings them trouble.
15:16	Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil.
16:8	Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice.
17:1	Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting with strife.
15:17	Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred.
19:4	Wealth brings many friends, but a poor man's friend deserts him.
<b>23:4-5</b>	Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.
27:23-27	Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. When the hay is removed and new growth appears and the grass from the hills is gathered in, the lambs will provide you with clothing, and the goats with the price of a field. You will have plenty of goats' milk to feed you and your family
28:20	A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.
28:22	A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him.
18:11	The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it an unscalable wall.
28:24	He who robs his father or mother and says, "It's not wrong"-- he is partner to him who destroys
29:3	A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth
13:8	A man's riches may ransom his life, but a poor man hears no threat.

### Rebuke/Reproof

<b>9:8-9</b>	Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.
13:1	A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

15:31	He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise.
17:10	A rebuke impresses a man of discernment more than a hundred lashes a fool.
19:25	Flog a mocker, and the simple will learn prudence; rebuke a discerning man and he will gain knowledge.
25:12	Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.
27:5	Better is open rebuke than hidden love.
28:23	He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue.
28:27	He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.

### **Retribution/Vengeance** (see Reward/Provision)

24:29	Do not say, "I'll do to him as he has done to me; I'll pay that man back for what he did."
20:22	Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" Wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.
11:8	The righteous man is rescued from trouble, and it comes on the wicked instead.
21:7	The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do what is right.
14:14	The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways, and the good man rewarded for his.
11:21	Be sure of this: The wicked will not go unpunished, but those who are righteous will go free.
11:31	If the righteous receive their due on earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner!
17:11	An evil man is bent only on rebellion; a merciless official will be sent against him.
19:29	Penalties are prepared for mockers, and beatings for the backs of fools.
26:26	His [a malicious man's] malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.
26:27	If a man digs a pit, he will fall into it; if a man rolls a stone, it will roll back on him.
16:4	The LORD works out everything for his own ends-- even the wicked for a day of disaster.

### **Reward/Provision** (see Retribution/Vengeance)

10:3	The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
11:18	The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.
11:26	People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.
13:13	He who scorns instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command is rewarded.
14:14	The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways, and the good man rewarded for his.
19:17	He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.
25:21-22 (Rom 12:20)	If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.
28:23	He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue.

### **Righteousness, Benefit vs. Wicked**

28:13	He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
20:9	Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?

10:2	Ill-gotten treasures are of no value, but righteousness delivers from death.
10:6	Blessings crown the head of the righteous, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked
10:24	What the wicked dreads will overtake him; what the righteous desire will be granted.
10:25	When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever.
21:8	The way of the guilty is devious, but the conduct of the innocent is upright.
14:34	Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.
10:7	The memory of the righteous will be a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.
10:16	The wages of the righteous bring them life, but the income of the wicked brings them punishment.
10:29	The way of the LORD is a refuge for the righteous, but it is the ruin of those who do evil.
10:30	The righteous will never be uprooted, but the wicked will not remain in the land.
12:5	The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.
11:4-8	Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them, but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the unfaithful are trapped by evil desires. When a wicked man dies, his hope perishes; all he expected from his power comes to nothing. The righteous man is rescued from trouble, and it comes on the wicked instead.
14:9	Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.
11:19	The truly righteous man attains life, but he who pursues evil goes to his death.
11:21	Be sure of this: The wicked will not go unpunished, but those who are righteous will go free.
29:16	When the wicked thrive, so does sin, but the righteous will see their downfall.
11:23	The desire of the righteous ends only in good, but the hope of the wicked only in wrath
10:28	The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing.
12:2	A good man obtains favor from the LORD, but the LORD condemns a crafty man.
12:3	A man cannot be established through wickedness, but the righteous cannot be uprooted.
12:7	Wicked men are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous stands firm.
12:12	The wicked desire the plunder of evil men, but the root of the righteous flourishes.
12:21	No harm befalls the righteous, but the wicked have their fill of trouble.
13:5	The righteous hate what is false, but the wicked bring shame and disgrace.
13:6	Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
13:9	The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.
13:25	The righteous eat to their hearts' content, but the stomach of the wicked goes hungry.
14:32	When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down, but even in death the righteous have a refuge.
15:8	The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.
15:9	The LORD detests the way of the wicked but he loves those who pursue righteousness.
15:19	The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway.
15:26	The LORD detests the thoughts of the wicked, but those of the pure are pleasing to him.
16:12	Kings detest wrongdoing, for a throne is established through righteousness.
19:28	A corrupt witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.
21:12	The Righteous One takes note of the house of the wicked and brings the wicked to ruin.
21:21	He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

22:5	In the paths of the wicked lie thorns and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them.
22:8	He who sows wickedness reaps trouble, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.
<b>23:17-18</b>	Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD. There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.
<b>24:1-2</b>	Do not envy wicked men, do not desire their company; for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about making trouble.
26:24-26	A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but in his heart he harbors deceit. Though his speech is charming, do not believe him, for seven abominations fill his heart. His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.
28:1	The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.
28:4	Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but those who keep the law resist them.
28:12	When the righteous triumph, there is great elation; but when the wicked rise to power, men go into hiding.
28:15	Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked man ruling over a helpless people.
29:6	An evil man is snared by his own sin, but a righteous one can sing and be glad.
29:10	Bloodthirsty men hate a man of integrity and seek to kill the upright.
29:27	The righteous detest the dishonest; the wicked detest the upright.

### Tongue/Speech/Words

10:11	The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.
10:13	Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment.
10:18	He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.
10:19	When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.
10:20	The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.
10:21	The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment.
10:31	The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but a perverse tongue will be cut out.
10:32	The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.
15:2	The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.
10:14	Wise men store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.
11:9	With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape.
11:12	A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue.
11:13	A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.
12:6	The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them.
12:13	An evil man is trapped by his sinful talk, but a righteous man escapes trouble
12:14	From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the work of his hands rewards him.
12:16	A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.
12:18	Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
12:19	Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.
12:22	The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

14:5	A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.
12:23	A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools blurts out folly.
13:3	He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin
10:8	The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.
14:3	A fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.
14:23	All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.
15:1	A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
15:4	The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.
17:20	A man of perverse heart does not prosper; he whose tongue is deceitful falls into trouble.
15:7	The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.
15:23	A man finds joy in giving an apt reply-- and how good is a timely word!
15:28	The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.
22:11	He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.
16:13	Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.
16:21	The wise in heart are called discerning, and pleasant words promote instruction.
16:23	A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction.
16:24	Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.
20:15	Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.
16:27	A scoundrel plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire.
16:28	A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.
17:7	Arrogant lips are unsuited to a fool-- how much worse lying lips to a ruler!
17:10	A rebuke impresses a man of discernment more than a hundred lashes a fool.
17:27	A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.
17:28	Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.
18:4	The words of a man's mouth are deep waters, but the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.
18:7	A fool's mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul.
29:20	Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
18:8	The words of a gossip are like choice morsels;
26:22	they go down to a man's inmost parts.
20:19	A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.
18:13	He who answers before listening-- that is his folly and his shame.
13:2	From the fruit of his lips a man enjoys good things, but the unfaithful have a craving for violence.
18:20-21	From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
19:9	A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish.
20:20	If a man curses his father or mother, his lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness.
20:25	It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows.
21:23	He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.
22:10	Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.
<b>24:28-29</b>	Do not testify against your neighbor without cause, or use your lips to deceive. Do not say, "I'll do to him as he has done to me; I'll pay that man back for what he did."
25:11	A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

25:14	Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of gifts he does not give.
25:15	Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.
25:23	As a north wind brings rain, so a sly tongue brings angry looks.
26:23	Like a coating of glaze over earthenware are fervent lips with an evil heart.
26:24	A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but in his heart he harbors deceit.
26:28	A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin.
25:20	Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.
28:23	He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue.
29:5	Whoever flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet.
29:19	A servant cannot be corrected by mere words; though he understands, he will not respond.

### **Trials/Testing**

17:3	The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the heart.
27:21	The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise he receives.
27:3	Stone is heavy and sand a burden, but provocation by a fool is heavier than both.

### **Trust in the LORD**

<b>3:5-6</b>	Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
28:25	A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.
29:25	Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.
16:20	Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.

### **Ultimate Destiny**

12:28	In the way of righteousness there is life; along that path is immortality.
14:19	Evil men will bow down in the presence of the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
16:4	The LORD works out everything for his own ends-- even the wicked for a day of disaster.
21:12	The Righteous One takes note of the house of the wicked and brings the wicked to ruin.
<b>24:11-12</b>	Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?
<b>24:19-20</b>	Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of the wicked, for the evil man has no future hope, and the lamp of the wicked will be snuffed out.

### **Wisdom**

10:8	The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.
10:14	Wise men store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.
10:19	When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.
10:13	Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment.
20:5	The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters,

	but a man of understanding draws them out.
27:19	As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man.
29:9	If a wise man goes to court with a fool, the fool rages and scoffs, and there is no peace
10:23	A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct, but a man of understanding delights in wisdom.
13:1	A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.
13:13	He who scorns instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command is rewarded.
13:14	The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.
13:20	He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.
14:1	The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.
14:6	The mocker seeks wisdom and finds none, but knowledge comes easily to the discerning.
14:15	A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps.
14:18	The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge
14:33	Wisdom reposes in the heart of the discerning and even among fools she lets herself be known.
15:24	The path of life leads upward for the wise to keep him from going down to the grave.
15:33	The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.
15:14	The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.
16:2	All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.
16:16	How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!
16:20	Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.
16:22	Understanding is a fountain of life to those who have it, but folly brings punishment to fools.
17:24	A discerning man keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth.
18:15	The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out.
19:8	He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who cherishes understanding prospers.
19:16	He who obeys instructions guards his life, but he who is contemptuous of his ways will die.
19:20	Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.
19:27	Stop listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.
20:12	Ears that hear and eyes that see-- the LORD has made them both.
<b>23:12</b>	Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.
<b>23:15-16</b>	My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad; my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right.
<b>23:23</b>	Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding.
<b>24:3-4</b>	By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.
<b>24:5-6</b>	A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength; for waging war you need guidance, and for victory many advisors.
<b>24:12</b>	If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?
<b>24:13-14</b>	Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your taste. Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.
25:19	Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.

25:26	Like a muddied spring or a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way to the wicked.
26:12	Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
26:16	The sluggard is wiser in his own eye than seven men who answer discreetly.
28:7	He who keeps the law is a discerning son, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father.
28:26	He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.
29:3	A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.
29:13	The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives sight to the eyes of both.

## Work

12:14	From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the work of his hands rewards him.
18:9	One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.
<b>22:29</b>	Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.
10:5	He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.
12:11	He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment.
28:19	He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.
27:18	He who tends a fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who looks after his master will be honored.
14:4	Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest
14:23	All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.
18:20	From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied.
20:13	Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare.
21:17	He who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich.
16:26	The laborer's appetite works for him; his hunger drives him on.
10:4	Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.
12:24	Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.
12:27	The lazy man does not roast his game, but the diligent man prizes his possessions.
22:13	The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside!" or, "I will be murdered in the streets!"
26:13	The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road, a fierce lion roaming the streets!"
20:4	A sluggard does not plow in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing.
19:24	The sluggard buries his hand in the dish, he will not even bring it back to his mouth.
26:15	The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.
10:26	As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is a sluggard to those who send him.
13:4	The sluggard craves and gets nothing but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.
21:25-26	The sluggard's craving will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work. All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing.

<b>24:30-34</b>	I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard of the man who lacks judgment; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-- and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.
<b>6:9-11</b>	How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-- and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.
26:14	As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed.
26:16	The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly.
<b>23:20-21</b>	Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.
19:15	Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless man goes hungry.