

PROVERBS

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1 The one who loves discipline loves knowledge,  
but the one who hates reproof is stupid.

2 A good person obtains favor from the LORD,  
but the LORD condemns a person with wicked schemes.

3 No one can be established through wickedness,  
but a righteous root cannot be moved.

4 A noble wife is the crown of her husband,  
but the wife who acts shamefully is like rottenness in his  
bones.

5 The plans of the righteous are just;  
the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

6 The words of the wicked lie in wait  
to shed innocent blood,  
but the words of the upright will deliver them.



7 The wicked are overthrown and perish,  
but the righteous household will stand.

8 A person is praised in accordance with his wisdom,  
but the one who has a twisted mind is despised.

9 Better is a person of humble standing  
who nevertheless has a servant,  
than one who pretends to be somebody important  
yet has no food.

10 A righteous person cares for the life of his animal,  
but even the most compassionate acts of the wicked  
are cruel.

11 The one who works his field will have plenty of food,  
but whoever chases daydreams lacks wisdom.

12 The wicked person desires a stronghold,  
but the righteous root endures.

13 The evil person is ensnared  
by the transgression of his speech,  
but the righteous person escapes out of trouble.

14 A person will be satisfied with good  
from the fruit of his words,  
and the work of his hands will be rendered to him.



15 The way of a fool is right in his own opinion,  
but the one who listens to advice is wise.

16 A fool's annoyance is known at once,  
but the prudent overlooks an insult.

17 The faithful witness tells what is right,  
but a false witness speaks deceit.

18 Speaking recklessly is like the thrusts of a sword,  
but the words of the wise bring healing.

19 The one who tells the truth will endure forever,  
but the one who lies will last only for a moment.

20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil,  
but those who promote peace have joy.

21 The righteous do not encounter any harm,  
but the wicked are filled with calamity.

22 The LORD abhors a person who lies,  
but those who deal truthfully are his delight.



23 The shrewd person conceals knowledge,  
but foolish people publicize folly.

24 The diligent person will rule,  
but the slothful will become a slave.

25 Anxiety in a person's heart weighs him down,  
but an encouraging word brings him joy.

26 The righteous person is cautious in his friendship,  
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

27 The lazy person does not roast his prey,  
but personal possessions are precious to the diligent.

28 In the path of righteousness there is life,  
but another path leads to death.