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• A book consisting of a compilation of proverbs or wise sayings from a number of other collections. The book itself sets forth its objective;

• For one to know wisdom and discipline, to discern the sayings of understanding. (**Proverbs 1:2**)

• To receive the discipline that gives insight, righteousness and judgment and uprightness. (**Proverbs 1:3**)

• To give to the inexperienced ones shrewdness, to a young man knowledge and thinking ability. (**Proverbs 1:4**)

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- The introductions to three of the books sections attribute the proverbs contained in them to Solomon.
- The **proverbs** of Solomon the son of David, the king of Israel. (**Proverbs 1:1**)
- A wise son is the one that makes a father rejoice, and a stupid son is the grief of his mother. (**Proverbs 10:1**)
- These also are the **proverbs** of Solomon that the men of Hezekiah the king of Judah transcribed. (**Proverbs 25:1**)
- This agrees with the fact that Solomon could speak three thousand **proverbs**.
- And he could speak three thousand **proverbs**, and his songs came to be a thousand and five. (**1 Kings 4:32**)
- There can be little question that many, if not all, of the **proverbs** in these sections were recorded during Solomon's reign. With reference to himself, Solomon stated:
  - And besides the fact that the congregator had become wise, he also taught the people knowledge continually, and he pondered and made a thorough search, that he might arrange many **proverbs** in order. (**Ecclesiastes 12:9**)
  - The congregator sought to find the delightful words and the writing of correct words of truth. (**Ecclesiastes 12:10**)
  - However, various arguments have been advanced against crediting most of the proverbs to Solomon. Certain **proverbs**;
    - The rage of a king means messengers of death, but the wise man is one that averts it. (**Proverbs 16:14**)
    - The raging of a king is a growling like that of a maned young lion, but his goodwill is like the dew upon the vegetation. (**Proverbs 19:12**)
    - The frightfulness of a king is a growling like that of a maned

- young lion. Anyone drawing his fury against himself is sinning against his own soul. (**Proverbs 20:2**)
- The heavens for height and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings, that is unsearchable. (**Proverbs 25:3**)
  - Have been cited as being derogatory to monarchs and therefore not from the time of Solomon. Upon closer examination, though, it is found that, instead of being derogatory, these **proverbs** exalt kings, showing that they should be accorded due fear because of their power.
  - My son, fear Yehowah and the king. With those who are for a change, do not intermeddle. (**Proverbs 24:21**)
  - Those who claim that a polygamist like Solomon would not have spoken of husband-wife relationships in such a way as to imply monogamy
  - Drink water out of your own cistern, and tricklings out of the midst of your own well. (**Proverbs 5:15**)
  - Should your springs be scattered out of doors, your streams of water in the public squares themselves? (**Proverbs 5:16**)
  - Let them prove to be for you alone, and not for strangers with you. (**Proverbs 5:17**)
  - Let your water source prove to be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. (**Proverbs 5:18**)
  - A lovable hind and a charming mountain goat. Let her own breasts intoxicate you at all times. With her love may you be in an ecstasy constantly. (**Proverbs 5:19**)
  - Such a way as to imply monogamy,
  - Has one found a good wife? One has found a good thing, and one gets goodwill from Yehowah. (**Proverbs 18:22**)
  - A stupid son means adversities to his father, and the contentions of a wife are as a leaking roof that drives one away. (**Proverbs 19:13**)
  - The inheritance from father's is a house and wealth, but a

discreet wife is from Yehowah. ([Proverbs 19:14](#))

- **Lose sight of the fact that polygamy was not advocated, but simply tolerated, and regulated by the Law.**
- **And it may well be that the Jews generally practiced monogamy. Likewise such critics forget that **Proverbs** is inspired of God and is not simply the opinions of Solomon.**
- **Nevertheless, from his observations and his own experiences Solomon may very well have come to appreciate the wisdom of God's original standard for marriage, monogamy.**
- **I accumulated also silver and gold for myself, and property peculiar to kings and the jurisdictional districts. I made male singers and female singers for myself and the exquisite delights of the sons of mankind, a lady, even ladies. ([Ecclesiastes 2:8](#))**
- **See! This I have found, said the congregator, one thing taken after another, to find out the sum-up. ([Ecclesiastes 7:27](#))**
- **Which my soul has continuously sought, but I have not found. One man out of a thousand I have found, but a woman among all these I have not found. ([Ecclesiastes 7:28](#))**
- **See! This only I have found, that the true God made mankind upright, but they themselves have sought out many plans. ([Ecclesiastes 7:29](#))**
- **The **proverbs** not attributed to Solomon had their origin in the sayings of other wise men and one woman.**
- **Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise ones, that you may apply your very heart to my knowledge. ([Proverbs 22:17](#))**
- **The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the weighty message. The utterance of the able-bodied man to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal. ([Proverbs 30:1](#))**
- **The words of Lemuel the king, the weighty message that his mother gave to him in correction. ([Proverbs 31:1](#))**

- **Just when all these proverbs were put into final form is not precisely known. The last time indicator appearing in the book itself is a reference to Hezekiah's reign.**
- **These also are the **proverbs** of Solomon that the men of Hezekiah the king of Judah transcribed. (**Proverbs 25:1**)**
- **So there is a basis for believing that the proverbs were compiled in book form by the time of that ruler's death, circa **717 B.C.E.** The repetition of certain **proverbs** suggests that the book was compiled from various separate collections.**
- **A wise son is the one that makes a father rejoice, and a stupid son is the grief of his mother. (**Proverbs 10:1**)**
- **A wise son is the one that makes a father rejoice, but a stupid man is despising his mother. (**Proverbs 15:20**)**
- **A wise son is the one that makes a father rejoice, and a stupid son is the grief of his mother. (**Proverbs 10:1**)**
- **The treasures of the wicked one will be of no benefit, but righteousness is what will deliver from death. (**Proverbs 10:2**)**
- **Valuable things will be of no benefit on the day of fury, but righteousness itself will deliver from death. (**Proverbs 11:4**)**
- **A wise son is the one that makes a father rejoice, and a stupid son is the grief of his mother. (**Proverbs 10:1**)**
- **The treasures of the wicked one will be of no benefit, but righteousness is what will deliver from death. (**Proverbs 10:2**)**
- **Even to his fellowman one who is of little means is an object of hatred, but many are the friends of the rich person. (**Proverbs 14:20**)**
- **Wealth is what adds many companions, but one that is lowly gets separated even from his companion. (**Proverbs 19:4**)**
- **A false witness will not be free from punishment, and he that launches forth lies will not escape. (**Proverbs 19:5**)**
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- All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but Yehowah is making an estimate of spirits. (**Proverbs 16:2**)
- Every way of a man is upright in his own eyes, but Yehowah is making an estimate of hearts. (**Proverbs 21:2**)

**See Also AGUR**

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### · · **Style And Arrangement**

- The book of **Proverbs** is written in **Hebrew** poetic style, which consists of thought rhythm, employing parallelisms, the ideas of which are either similar.
- The generous soul will itself be made fat, and the one freely watering others will himself also be freely watered. (**Proverbs 11:25**)
- Pride is before a crash, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. (**Proverbs 16:18**)
- The heart of the understanding one acquires knowledge, and the ear of wise ones seeks to find knowledge. (**Proverbs 18:15**)
- **Or contrasting.**
- The remembrance of the righteous one is due for a blessing, but the very name of the wicked ones will rot. (**Proverbs 10:7**)
- As for the righteous one, to time indefinite he will not be caused to stagger, but as for the wicked ones, they will not keep residing on the earth. (**Proverbs 10:30**)
- The heart of the understanding one acquires knowledge, and the ear of wise ones seeks to find knowledge. (**Proverbs 18:15**)
- **Or contrasting**
- Anxious care in the heart of a man is what will cause it to bow down, but the good word is what makes it rejoice. (**Proverbs**

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- The heart of the understanding one acquires knowledge, and the ear of wise ones seeks to find knowledge. (**Proverbs 18:15**)
- The righteous is eating to the satisfaction of his soul, but the belly of the wicked ones will be empty. (**Proverbs 13:25**)
- The heart of the understanding one acquires knowledge, and the ear of wise ones seeks to find knowledge. (**Proverbs 18:15**)
- The sacrifice of the wicked ones is something detestable to Yehowah, but the prayer of the upright ones is a pleasure to him. (**Proverbs 15:8**)
- **Its first section**
- The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, the king of Israel. (**Proverbs 1:1**)
- But he has not come to know that those impotent in death are there, that those called in by her are in the low places of Sheol. (**Proverbs 9:18**)
- **Consists of short discourses addressed by a father to a son or sons. This serves as an introduction to the short, pithy sayings found in the remaining sections of the book.**
- The last 22 verses of the book are written in acrostic, or alphabetic, style, a form of composition also employed by David for a number of his psalms. (**Psalms Chapters 9,10,25,34,37,145**)

### **.. Inspired Of God**

- The writers of the **Christian Greek Scriptures** testify to the fact that the book of **Proverbs** is part of God's inspired Word. The apostle Peter **LXX**
- And if the righteous man is being saved with difficulty, where will the ungodly man and the sinner make a showing? (**1 Peter 4:18**)
- The saying of the true **proverb** has happened to them. The dog has returned to its own vomit, and the sow that was bathed to rolling in the mire. (**2 Peter 2:22**)

- **Look! The righteous one, in the earth he will be rewarded. How much more should the wicked one and the sinner be! (Proverbs 11:31)**
- **Just like a dog returning to its vomit, the stupid one is repeating his foolishness. (Proverbs 26:11)**
- **And the disciple James**
- **However, the undeserved kindness which he gives is greater. Hence it says; God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones. (James 4:6)**
- **If it has to do with ridiculers, he himself will deride, but to the meek ones he will show favor. (Proverbs 3:34)**
- **Referred to it, as did the apostle Paul when writing to the Corinthians**
- **For we make honest provision, not only in the sight of Yehowah, but also in the sight of men. (2 Corinthians 8:21)**
- **And so find favor and good insight in the eyes of God and of earthling man. (Proverbs 3:4)**
- **The Romans,**
- **Be minded the same way toward others as to yourselves, do not be minding lofty things, but be led along with the lowly things. Do not become discreet in your own eyes. (Romans 12:16)**
- **But, if your enemy is hungry, feed him, if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. for by doing this you will heap fiery coals upon his head. (Romans 12:20)**
- **Do not become wise in your own eyes. Fear Yehowah and turn away from bad. (Proverbs 3:7)**
- **If the one hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. (Proverbs 25:21)**
- **For coals are what you are raking together upon his head, and Yehowah himself will reward you. (Proverbs 25:22)**



- **The Hebrews**
- **But you have entirely forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons; My son, do not belittle the discipline from Yehowah, neither give out when you are corrected by him. ([Hebrews 12:5](#))**
- **For whom Yehowah loves he disciplines, in fact, he scourges every one whom he receives as a son. ([Hebrews 12:6](#))**
- **The discipline of Yehowah, O my son, do not reject, and do not abhor his reproof. ([Proverbs 3:11](#))**
- **Because the one whom Yehowah loves he reproves, even as a father does a son in whom he finds pleasure. ([Proverbs 3:12](#))**
- **Additionally, numerous parallel thoughts may be found in the [Christian Greek Scriptures](#).**
- **Do not become wise in your own eyes. Fear Yehowah and turn away from bad. ([Proverbs 3:7](#))**
- **Be minded the same way toward others as to yourselves, do not be minding lofty things, but be led along with the lowly things. Do not become discreet in your own eyes. ([Romans 12:16](#))**
- **Because the one whom Yehowah loves he reproves, even as a father does a son in whom he finds pleasure. ([Proverbs 3:12](#))**
- **All those for whom I have affection I reprove and discipline. Therefore be zealous and repent. ([Revelation 3:19](#))**
- **My son, fear Yehowah and the king. With those who are for a change, do not intermeddle. ([Proverbs 24:21](#))**
- **Honor men of all sorts, have love for the whole association of brothers, be in fear of God, have honor for the king. ([1 Peter 2:17](#))**
- **Do not do yourself honor before the king, and in the place of great ones do not stand. ([Proverbs 25:6](#))**
- **For it is better for him to say to you; Come up here, than to abase you before a noble whom your eyes have seen. ([Proverbs](#)**

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- He then went on to tell the invited men an illustration, as he marked how they were choosing the most prominent places for themselves, saying to them. (**Luke 14:7**)
- When you are invited by someone to a marriage feast, do not lie down in the most prominent place. Perhaps someone more distinguished than you may at the time have been invited by him. (**Luke 14:8**)
- And he that invited you and him will come and say to you; Let this man have the place. And then you will start off with shame to occupy the lowest place. (**Luke 14:9**)
- But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, that when the man that has invited you comes he will say to you, Friend, go on up higher. Then you will have honor in front of all your fellow guests. (**Luke 14:10**)
- For everyone that exalts himself will be humbled and he that humbles himself will be exalted. (**Luke 14:11**)

### ·· **To Know Yehowah Is The Way Of Life**

- The book of **Proverbs** speaks much about knowledge in conjunction with discernment, wisdom, understanding, and thinking ability.
- The knowledge that it strives to impart and encourage is, therefore, more than mere head knowledge, an array of facts or learning. **Proverbs** points out that any true knowledge has as its starting point an appreciation of ones relationship to Yehowah. In fact, at. (**Proverbs Chapter 1, verse 7**), the theme of the book is set forth.
- Of course, the most important knowledge that one can acquire is about God himself. The knowledge of the Most Holy One is what understanding is, says
- The fear of Yehowah is the start of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Most Holy One is what understanding is. (**Proverbs 9:10**)

- **This knowledge goes beyond the mere fact of God's existence and his creatorship, even beyond the knowledge of many facts about his dealings. To know him denotes a deep appreciation of his fine qualities and his great name, and a close relationship with him.**
- **Jesus Christ said to Jews who had knowledge about God:**
- **All things have been delivered to me by my Father, and no one fully knows the Son but the Father, neither does anyone fully know the Father but the Son and anyone to whom the Son is willing to reveal him. ([Matthew 11:27](#))**
- **A knowledge of Yehowah's qualities will deepen ones proper fear of God, and it will bring the realization that Yehowah is deserving of all worship and service and that to know and obey him is the way of life.**
- **The fear of Yehowah is a well of life, to turn away from the snares of death. ([Proverbs 14:27](#))**
- **The fear of Yehowah tends toward life, and one will spend the night satisfied, one will not be visited with what is bad. ([Proverbs 19:23](#))**

### ·· **Yehowah The Creator**

- **Yehowah, in matchless wisdom, is the Creator of all things and the Decreeer of the laws governing these things, so he deserves the worship of all creatures.**
- **Yehowah himself in wisdom founded the earth. He solidly fixed the heavens in discernment. ([Proverbs 3:19](#))**
- **By his knowledge the watery deeps themselves were split apart, and the cloudy skies keep dripping down light rain. ([Proverbs 3:20](#))**
- **He made the hearing ear and the seeing eye, both literally and in a moral sense. Accordingly, one must look to Him in order to see and hear with true understanding. And a person must realize his accountability to the One who sees and hears all.**
- **The hearing ear and the seeing eye, Yehowah himself has made even both of them. ([Proverbs 20:12](#))**

## · Righteousness

- The book exalts Yehowah as the center of all things and the One in whom all righteous principles find their origin. For example:
- The just indicator and scales belong to Yehowah, all the stone weights of the bag are his work. (**Proverbs 16:11**)
- His will as the Lawgiver is that honesty and justice rule in all transactions.
- A cheating pair of scales is something detestable to Yehowah, but a complete stone-weight is a pleasure to him. (**Proverbs 11:1**)
- Two sorts of weights and two sorts of ephah measures, they are both of them together something detestable to Yehowah. (**Proverbs 20:10**)
- By fearing him, one learns to love what He loves and to hate what He hates and thereby make ones way of life straight, for the fear of Yehowah means the hating of bad.
- The fear of Yehowah means the hating of bad. Self-exaltation and pride and the bad way and the perverse mouth I have hated. (**Proverbs 8:13**)
- **Proverbs** reveals that Yehowah especially hates lofty eyes, a false tongue, hands shedding innocent blood, a heart fabricating hurtful schemes, feet in a hurry to run to badness, a false and lying witness, and one causing contentions among brothers.
- There are six things that Yehowah does hate, yes, seven are things detestable to his soul. (**Proverbs 6:16**)
- Lofty eyes, a false tongue, and hands that are shedding innocent blood. (**Proverbs 6:17**)
- A heart fabricating hurtful schemes, feet that are in a hurry to run to badness. (**Proverbs 6:18**)
- A false witness that launches forth lies, and anyone sending forth contentions among brothers. (**Proverbs 6:19**)

- False lips are something detestable to Yehowah, but those acting in faithfulness are a pleasure to him. (**Proverbs 12:22**)
- Everyone that is proud in heart is something detestable to Yehowah. Hand may join to hand, yet one will not be free from punishment. (**Proverbs 16:5**)
- One who truly **hates** these things is well on the way to life.
- Additionally, the book of **Proverbs** illuminates the way of the righteous by showing what Yehowah approves.
- Those crooked at heart are something detestable to Yehowah, but the ones blameless in their way are a pleasure to him. (**Proverbs 11:20**)
- The sacrifice of the wicked ones is something detestable to Yehowah, but the prayer of the upright ones is a pleasure to him. (**Proverbs 15:8**)
- Yehowah is far away from the wicked ones, but the prayer of the righteous ones he hears. (**Proverbs 15:29**)
- One that is good gets approval from Yehowah.
- One that is good gets approval from Yehowah, but the man of wicked ideas he pronounces wicked. (**Proverbs 12:2**)
- The one pursuing righteousness he loves.
- The way of the wicked one is something detestable to Yehowah, but the one pursuing righteousness he loves. (**Proverbs 15:9**)

### · Judgment And Direction

- One knowing Yehowah realizes through knowledge and experience that, as;
- There is no wisdom, nor any discernment, nor any counsel in opposition to Yehowah. (**Proverbs 21:30**)
- Says, there is no wisdom, nor any discernment, nor any counsel in opposition to Yehowah. Therefore, though he may hear other plans or have them in his own heart, the sensible person will direct his way

**of life in harmony with the counsel of Yehowah, knowing that contrary counsel, no matter how seemingly wise or plausible, cannot stand against the word of Yehowah.**

- **Many are the plans in the heart of a man, but the counsel of Yehowah is what will stand. (Proverbs 19:21)**
- **Now, look! I am going today in the way of all the earth, and you well know with all your hearts and with all your souls that not one word out of all the good words that Yehowah your God has spoken to you has failed. They have all come true for you. Not one word of them has failed. (Joshua 23:14)**
- **For truly I say to you that sooner would heaven and earth pass away than for one smallest letter or one particle of a letter to pass away from the Law by any means and not all things take place. (Matthew 5:18)**
- **Inspired King Solomon said,**
- **Trust in Yehowah with all your heart and do not lean upon your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)**
- **In all your ways take notice of him, and he himself will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:6)**
- **A man's heart chooses the way he desires to go, but even when he chooses the correct way, to succeed he must look to Yehowah to direct his steps.**
- **Roll your works upon Yehowah himself and your plans will be firmly established. (Proverbs 16:3)**
- **The heart of earthling man may think out his way, but Yehowah himself does the directing of his steps. (Proverbs 16:9)**
- **From Yehowah are the steppings of an able-bodied man. As regards earthling man, how can he discern his way? (Proverbs 20:24)**
- **I well know, O Yehowah, that to earthling man his way does not belong. It does not belong to man who is walking even to direct his step. (Jeremiah 10:23)**

- **Having chosen the path of life, the individual should recognize Yehowah's keen interest in him. **Proverbs** reminds us that Yehowah's eyes are in every place, keeping watch upon the bad ones and the good ones.**
- **The eyes of Yehowah are in every place, keeping watch upon the bad ones and the good ones. (**Proverbs 15:3**)**
- **For the ways of man are in front of the eyes of Yehowah, and he is contemplating all his tracks.**
- **For the ways of man are in front of the eyes of Yehowah, and he is contemplating all his tracks. (**Proverbs 5:21**)**
- **Not only what he appears to be outwardly but also his **heart** is examined by Yehowah.**
- **The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but Yehowah is the examiner of hearts. (**Proverbs 17:3**)**
- **Yehowah is making an estimate of hearts.**
- **Every way of a man is upright in his own eyes, but Yehowah is making an estimate of hearts. (**Proverbs 21:2**)**
- **And He weighs the true value of the thinking, motivation, and inmost desires of the person.**
- **The judgments of Yehowah are shown to be altogether, in every respect, right and for the good of those who seek uprightness. In due time God will clear the wicked out of the land, their death being the price of freedom for the righteous ones. Accordingly, the proverb states:**
- **The wicked is a ransom for the righteous one, and the one dealing treacherously takes the place of the upright ones. (**Proverbs 21:18**)**
- **Among such wicked ones are the proud, who are detestable to Yehowah. They will not be free from punishment.**
- **Everyone that is proud in heart is something detestable to Yehowah. Hand may join to hand, yet one will not be free from punishment. (**Proverbs 16:5**)**

- **The house of the self-exalted ones Yehowah will tear down.**
- **The house of the self-exalted ones Yehowah will tear down, but he will fix the boundary of the widow. (Proverbs 15:25)**
- **He will rob of soul those robbing the lowly.**
- **Do not rob the lowly one because he is lowly, and do not crush the afflicted one in the gate. (Proverbs 22:22)**
- **For Yehowah himself will plead their cause, and he will certainly rob of soul those robbing them. (Proverbs 22:23)**
- **By observing these dealings of Yehowah the right-minded man makes his paths straight.**
- **Smooth out the course of your foot, and may all your own ways be firmly established. (Proverbs 4:26)**
- **He sees that allowing partiality through bribery,**
- **One who is wicked will take even a bribe from the bosom to bend the paths of judgment. (Proverbs 17:23)**
- **Or influence of personality,**
- **The showing of partiality to the wicked one is not good, nor the turning aside of the righteous one in judgment. (Proverbs 18:5)**
- **Causes one to pervert judgment. Pronouncing the wicked righteous and the righteous wicked would make him detestable in Yehowah's eyes.**
- **Anyone pronouncing the wicked one righteous and anyone pronouncing the righteous one wicked, even both of them are something detestable to Yehowah. (Proverbs 17:15)**
- **He also learns not to be prejudiced but to hear fully both sides of a matter before judging it.**
- **When anyone is replying to a matter before he hears it, that is foolishness on his part and a humiliation. (Proverbs 18:13)**



## •• Security With Happiness

- **To the one who guards practical wisdom and thinking ability that he receives from Yehowah, the book of **Proverbs** says; Yehowah himself will prove to be, in effect, your confidence, and he will certainly keep your foot against capture.**
- **My son, may they not get away from your eyes. Safeguard practical wisdom and thinking ability. (**Proverbs 3:21**)**
- **For Yehowah himself will prove to be, in effect, your confidence, and he will certainly keep your foot against capture. (**Proverbs 3:26**)**
- **The way of Yehowah is a stronghold for the blameless one, but ruin is for the practicers of what is hurtful. (**Proverbs 10:29**)**
- **In the fear of Yehowah there is strong confidence, and for his sons there will come to be a refuge. (**Proverbs 14:26**)**
- **If one fears Yehowah, in that case there will exist a future.**
- **Let your heart not be envious of sinners, but be in the fear of Yehowah all day long. (**Proverbs 23:17**)**
- **For in that case there will exist a future, and your own hope will not be cut off. (**Proverbs 23:18**)**
- **Moreover, not only is there a future hope but there is also happiness and security for the present time.**
- **You will not need to be afraid of any sudden dreadful thing, nor of the storm upon the wicked ones, because it is coming. (**Proverbs 3:25**)**
- **For Yehowah himself will prove to be, in effect, your confidence, and he will certainly keep your foot against capture. (**Proverbs 3:26**)**
- **When Yehowah takes pleasure in the ways of a man he causes even his enemies themselves to be at peace with him. (**16:7**) God will not let the righteous one go hungry.**
- **Yehowah will not cause the soul of the righteous one to go**

hungry, but the craving of the wicked ones he will push away.  
([Proverbs 10:3](#))

- **If a person honors God with the valuable things he possesses, his stores of supply will be filled with plenty.**
- **Honor Yehowah with your valuable things and with the firstfruits of all your produce. ([Proverbs 3:9](#))**
- **Then your stores of supply will be filled with plenty, and with new wine your own press vats will overflow. ([Proverbs 3:10](#))**
- **He adds days to such a man's life.**
- **The very fear of Yehowah will add days, but the years themselves of the wicked ones will be cut short. ([Proverbs 10:27](#))**
- **One taking refuge in Yehowah's name, understanding and acknowledging that name for all that it represents, will find it to be like a strong tower, a place to which, in ancient times, people fled for safety from the enemy.**
- **The name of Yehowah is a strong tower. Into it the righteous runs and is given protection. ([Proverbs 18:10](#))**
- **Trembling at men is what lays a snare, but he that is trusting in Yehowah will be protected. ([Proverbs 29:25](#))**
- **Humility before Yehowah brings riches and glory and life.**
- **The result of humility and the fear of Yehowah is riches and glory and life. ([Proverbs 22:4](#))**
- **Mercy and truth are what he desires, these are more valuable than sacrifice. Those who turn from bad, who fear Yehowah, and who serve him in this manner will not receive his adverse judgment.**
- **By loving-kindness and trueness error is atoned for, and in the fear of Yehowah one turns away from bad. ([Proverbs 16:6](#))**
- **In turn Samuel said; Does Yehowah have as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of Yehowah? Look! To obey is better than a sacrifice, to pay attention than the fat of rams. ([1 Samuel 15:22](#))**

- **By knowing Yehowah's ways, one can follow the entire course of what is good.**
- **In that case you will understand righteousness and judgment and uprightness, the entire course of what is good. (Proverbs 2:9)**

### ·· **Aimed At The Heart**

- **To achieve its purpose, the book of Proverbs aims at the heart. More than 75 times it refers to the heart as receiving knowledge, understanding, wisdom, and discernment, as being responsible for words and actions, or as being affected by circumstances and conditions. The heart is to be applied to discernment**
- **So as to pay attention to wisdom with your ear, that you may incline your heart to discernment. (Proverbs 2:2)**
- **The heart is to observe right commandments.**
- **My son, my Law do not forget, and my commandments may your heart observe. (Proverbs 3:1)**
- **These are to be written upon the tablet of the heart.**
- **May loving-kindness and trueness themselves not leave you. Tie them about your throat. Write them upon the tablet of your heart. (Proverbs 3:3)**
- **More than all else the heart is to be safeguarded.**
- **More than all else that is to be guarded, safeguard your heart, for out of it are the sources of life. (Proverbs 4:23)**
- **It is with all the heart that one is to trust in Yehowah.**
- **Trust in Yehowah with all your heart and do not lean upon your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)**

**See Also HEART**

### ·· **Discipline And The Heart**

- **Proverbs** puts a high value on discipline in various forms.
- The discipline of Yehowah, O my son, do not reject, and do not abhor his reproof. (**Proverbs 3:11**)
- Because the one whom Yehowah loves he reproves, even as a father does a son in whom he finds pleasure. (**Proverbs 3:12**)
- **It says;**
- Anyone shunning discipline is rejecting his own soul, but the one listening to reproof is acquiring heart. (**Proverbs 15:32**)
- **So reproof reaches to and adjusts the heart, helping one to acquire good sense or discernment.**
- The very lips of the righteous one keep pasturing many, but for want of heart the foolish themselves keep dying. (**Proverbs 10:21**)
- **Because it is the heart that must be reached in training children, we are informed;**
- Foolishness is tied up with the heart of a boy, the rod, **the Bible**, of discipline, is what will remove it far from him. (**Proverbs 22:15**)

## •• **The Spirit And The Soul**

- **Proverbs** is not a book of statements of mere mens wisdom, of how to please or influence men. Rather, **Proverbs** goes deep, into the heart as affecting thinking and motivation, into the spirit or mental inclination, and into the soul as comprising every fiber of ones being and personality.
- For the word of God is alive and exerts power and is sharper than any two-edged sword and pierces even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and of joints and their marrow, and is able to discern thoughts and intentions of the heart. (**Hebrews 4:12**)
- **Even though a man may think he is right, or may justify himself in his actions, all the ways of a man being pure in his own eyes,**
- **All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but Yehowah is**

making an estimate of spirits. (**Proverbs 16:2**)

- Reminds us that Yehowah is making an estimate of spirits and so knows what ones disposition is. Might or power is highly prized in the world, but he that is slow to anger is better than a mighty man, and he that is controlling his spirit than the one capturing a city.
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- Getting the knowledge and wisdom of this divinely provided book will greatly help a person to find happiness in this present life and will put him on the pathway to everlasting life.
- Since he that is acquiring heart is loving his own soul, the inspired counsel and discipline therein, if followed, will add length of days and years of life and will prove to be life to your soul.
- He that is acquiring heart is loving his own soul. He that is guarding discernment is going to find good. (**Proverbs 19:8**)
- Because length of days and years of life and peace will be added to you. (**Proverbs 3:2**)
- Happy is the man that has found wisdom, and the man that gets discernment. (**Proverbs 3:13**)
- For having it as gain is better than having silver as gain and having it as produce than gold itself. (**Proverbs 3:14**)
- It is more precious than corals, and all other delights of yours cannot be made equal to it. (**Proverbs 3:15**)
- Length of days is in its right hand, in its left hand there are riches and glory. (**Proverbs 3:16**)
- Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its roadways are peace. (**Proverbs 3:17**)
- It is a tree of life to those taking hold of it, and those keeping fast hold of it are to be called happy. (**Proverbs 3:18**)
- My son, may they not get away from your eyes. Safeguard

- practical wisdom and thinking ability. (**Proverbs 3:21**)
- **And they will prove to be life to your soul and charm to your throat. (Proverbs 3:22)**
  - **In that case you will walk in security on your way, and even your foot will not strike against anything. (Proverbs 3:23)**
  - **Whenever you lie down you will feel no dread, and you will certainly lie down, and your sleep must be pleasurable. (Proverbs 3:24)**
  - **You will not need to be afraid of any sudden dreadful thing, nor of the storm upon the wicked ones, because it is coming. (Proverbs 3:25)**
  - **For Yehowah himself will prove to be, in effect, your confidence, and he will certainly keep your foot against capture. (Proverbs 3:26)**
  - **Yehowah will not cause the soul of the righteous one to go hungry, but the craving of the wicked ones he will push away. (Proverbs 10:3)**
  - **He that is keeping the commandment is keeping his soul, he that is despising his ways will be put to death. (Proverbs 19:16)**

## **•• Relations With Others**

- **Proverbs describes the true servant of God as one who uses his tongue for good.**
- **The tongue of the righteous one is choice silver, the heart of the wicked one is worth little. (Proverbs 10:20)**
- **The very lips of the righteous one keep pasturing many, but for want of heart the foolish themselves keep dying. (Proverbs 10:21)**
- **The mouth of the righteous one, it bears the fruit of wisdom, but the tongue of perverseness will be cut off. (Proverbs 10:31)**
- **The lips of the righteous one, they come to know goodwill, but the mouth of the wicked ones is perverseness. (Proverbs 10:32)**

- **Not speaking falsely nor even hurting others by thoughtless words.**
- **The words of the wicked ones are a lying in wait for blood, but the mouth of the upright ones is what will deliver them. (Proverbs 12:6)**
- **For his mouth of discretion a man will be praised, but one who is twisted at heart will come to be for contempt. (Proverbs 12:8)**
- **He that launches forth faithfulness will tell what is righteous, but a false witness, deception. (Proverbs 12:17)**
- **There exists the one speaking thoughtlessly as with the stabs of a sword, but the tongue of the wise ones is a healing. (Proverbs 12:18)**
- **It is the lip of truth that will be firmly established forever, but the tongue of falsehood will be only as long as a moment. (Proverbs 12:19)**
- **The lips of one who is stupid enter into quarreling, and his very mouth calls even for strokes. (Proverbs 18:6)**
- **The mouth of the stupid one is the ruin of him, and his lips are a snare for his soul. (Proverbs 18:7)**
- **The words of the slanderer are like things to be swallowed greedily, which do go down into the innermost parts of the belly. (Proverbs 18:8)**
- **Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and he that is loving it will eat its fruitage. (Proverbs 18:21)**
- **If provoked, he turns away the rage of his opponent by a mild answer.**
- **An answer, when mild, turns away rage, but a word causing pain makes anger to come up. (Proverbs 15:1)**
- **By patience a commander is induced, and a mild tongue itself can break a bone. (Proverbs 25:15)**

- **He does not enjoy disputes or quarrels, and he exercises self-control against outbursts of anger, knowing that he might commit irreparable foolishness.**
- **He that is quick to anger will commit foolishness, but the man of thinking abilities is hated. (Proverbs 14:17)**
- **He that is slow to anger is abundant in discernment, but one that is impatient is exalting foolishness. (Proverbs 14:29)**
- **An enraged man stirs up contention, but one that is slow to anger quiets down quarreling. (Proverbs 15:18)**
- **But now really put them all away from you, wrath, anger, badness, abusive speech, and obscene talk out of your mouth. (Colossians 3:8)**
- **In fact, he will avoid companionship with those letting anger control them and who display fits of rage, for he knows that they would bring him into a snare.**
- **Do not have companionship with anyone given to anger, and with a man having fits of rage you must not enter in. (Proverbs 22:24)**
- **That you may not get familiar with his paths and certainly take a snare for your soul. (Proverbs 22:25)**
- **Go away from in front of the stupid man, for you will certainly not take note of the lips of knowledge. (Proverbs 14:7)**
- **Do not be misled. Bad associations spoil useful habits. (1 Corinthians 15:33)**

### **.. Render Good, Not Evil**

- **The inspired Proverbs urge one to take the initiative to do good toward others. Not only is he to act with good toward those dwelling in security with him, who have rendered no bad to him.**
- **Do not hold back good from those to whom it is owing, when it happens to be in the power of your hand to do it. (Proverbs 3:27)**
- **Do not say to your fellowman; Go, and come back and tomorrow**



- I shall give, when there is something with you. (**Proverbs 3:28**)
- Do not fabricate against your fellowman anything bad, when he is dwelling in a sense of security with you. (**Proverbs 3:29**)
  - Do not quarrel with a man without cause, if he has rendered no bad to you. (**Proverbs 3:30**)
  - But he is also urged to return good for bad.
  - If the one hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. (**Proverbs 25:21**)
  - For coals are what you are raking together upon his head, and Yehowah himself will reward you. (**Proverbs 25:22**)
  - He is to watch his heart closely, that he does not have inner rejoicing at calamity that comes to one whom he despises or to one who hates him.
  - He that is holding the one of little means in derision has reproached his Maker. He that is joyful at another's disaster will not be free from punishment. (**Proverbs 17:5**)
  - Despises or to one who hates
  - When your enemy falls, do not rejoice, and when he is caused to stumble, may your heart not be joyful. (**Proverbs 24:17**)
  - That Yehowah may not see and it be bad in his eyes and he certainly turn back his anger from against him. (**Proverbs 24:18**)

### **.. Gossip And Slander**

- Much is said in the book of **Proverbs** about the trouble, grief, and damage brought by gossiping, as well as the gravity of the guilt resting on the talebearer. The choice morsel of a slanderer is swallowed greedily by its hearer and is not taken lightly but makes a lasting impression, going down into the innermost parts of the belly.
- Therefore it causes trouble, and the speaker cannot wash his hands of guilt. Though such a person may appear very gracious and may disguise his true heart condition, God will see to it that the hate

**and badness that is actually within him is uncovered in the congregation. He will fall into the pit he has dug for someone else.**

- **The words of a slanderer are like things to be swallowed greedily, which do go down into the innermost parts of the belly. (Proverbs 26:22)**
- **As a silver glazing overlaid upon a fragment of earthenware are fervent lips along with a bad heart. (Proverbs 26:23)**
- **With his lips the hater makes himself unrecognizable, but inside of him he puts deception. (Proverbs 26:24)**
- **Although he makes his voice gracious, do not believe in him, for there are seven detestable things in his heart. (Proverbs 26:25)**
- **Hatred is covered over by deceit. His badness will be uncovered in the congregation. (Proverbs 26:26)**
- **He that is excavating a pit will fall into the same, and he that is rolling away a stone, back to him it will return. (Proverbs 26:27)**
- **A tongue that is false hates the one crushed by it, and a flattering mouth causes an overthrow. (Proverbs 26:28)**

### **•• Family Relationships**

- **In the Proverbs marital fidelity is strictly counseled. One should find delight in the wife of his youth and not be seeking satisfaction elsewhere.**
- **Drink water out of your own cistern, and tricklings out of the midst of your own well. (Proverbs 5:15)**
- **Should your springs be scattered out of doors, your streams of water in the public squares themselves? (Proverbs 5:16)**
- **Let them prove to be for you alone, and not for strangers with you. (Proverbs 5:17)**
- **Let your water source prove to be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. (Proverbs 5:18)**

- **A lovable hind and a charming mountain goat. Let her own breasts intoxicate you at all times. With her love may you be in an ecstasy constantly. (Proverbs 5:19)**
- **So why should you, my son, be in an ecstasy with a strange woman or embrace the bosom of a foreign woman? (Proverbs 5:20)**
- **For the ways of man are in front of the eyes of Yehowah, and he is contemplating all his tracks. (Proverbs 5:21)**
- **His own errors will catch the wicked one, and in the ropes of his own sin he will be taken hold of. (Proverbs 5:22)**
- **He will be the one to die because there is no discipline, and because in the abundance of his foolishness he goes astray. (Proverbs 5:23)**
- **Adultery will bring ruin and death to its practicers.**
- **For as a honeycomb the lips of a strange woman keep dripping, and her palate is smoother than oil. (Proverbs 5:3)**
- **But the aftereffect from her is as bitter as wormwood, it is as sharp as a two-edged sword. (Proverbs 5:4)**
- **Her feet are descending to death. Her very steps take hold on Sheol itself. (Proverbs 5:5)**
- **The path of life she does not contemplate. Her tracks have wandered she does not know where. (Proverbs 5:6)**
- **So now, O sons, listen to me and do not turn away from the sayings of my mouth. (Proverbs 5:7)**
- **Keep your way far off from alongside her, and do not get near to the entrance of her house. (Proverbs 5:8)**
- **That you may not give to others your dignity, nor your years to what is cruel. (Proverbs 5:9)**
- **That strangers may not satisfy themselves with your power, nor the things you got by pain be in the house of a foreigner. (Proverbs 5:10)**

- **Nor you have to groan in your future when your flesh and your organism come to an end. (Proverbs 5:11)**
- **And you will have to say; How I have hated discipline and my heart has disrespected even reproof! (Proverbs 5:12)**
- **And I have not listened to the voice of my instructors, and to my teachers I have not inclined my ear. (Proverbs 5:13)**
- **Easily I have come to be in every sort of badness in the midst of the congregation and of the assembly. (Proverbs 5:14)**
- **For the commandment is a lamp, and a light the Law is, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life. (Proverbs 6:23)**
- **To guard you against the bad woman, against the smoothness of the tongue of the foreign woman. (Proverbs 6:24)**
- **Do not desire her prettiness in your heart, and may she not take you with her lustrous eyes. (Proverbs 6:25)**
- **Because in behalf of a woman prostitute one comes down to a round loaf of bread, but as regards another man's wife, she hunts even for a precious soul. (Proverbs 6:26)**
- **Can a man rake together fire into his bosom and yet his very garments not be burned? (Proverbs 6:27)**
- **Or can a man walk upon the coals and his feet themselves not be scorched? (Proverbs 6:28)**
- **Likewise with anyone having relations with the wife of his fellowman, no one touching her will remain unpunishable. (Proverbs 6:29)**
- **People do not despise a thief just because he commits thievery to fill his soul when he is hungry. (Proverbs 6:30)**
- **But, when found, he will make it good with seven times as much, all the valuables of his house he will give. (Proverbs 6:31)**
- **Anyone committing adultery with a woman is in want of heart, he that does it is bringing his own soul to ruin. (Proverbs 6:32)**

- **A plague and dishonor he will find, and his reproach itself will not be wiped out. (Proverbs 6:33)**
- **For the rage of an able-bodied man is jealousy, and he will not show compassion in the day of vengeance. (Proverbs 6:34)**
- **He will have no consideration for any sort of ransom, neither will he show willingness, no matter how large you make the present. (Proverbs 6:35)**
- **A good wife is a crown and a blessing to her husband. But if a wife acts shamefully, she is as rotteness in her husbands bones.**
- **A capable wife is a crown to her owner, but as rotteness in his bones is she that acts shamefully. (Proverbs 12:4)**
- **And it is a misery to a man even to live with a wife that is contentious.**
- **Better is it to dwell upon a corner of a roof than with a contentious wife, although in a house in common. (Proverbs 25:24)**
- **A wife that is contentious.**
- **A stupid son means adversities to his father, and the contentions of a wife are as a leaking roof that drives one away. (Proverbs 19:13)**
- **Better is it to dwell in a wilderness land than with a contentious wife along with vexation. (Proverbs 21:19)**
- **A leaking roof that drives one away in the day of a steady rain and a contentious wife are comparable (Proverbs 27:15)**
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- **Outwardly pretty and charming though she may be, she is like a gold nose ring in the snout of a pig.**
- **As a gold nose ring in the snout of a pig, so is a woman that is pretty but that is turning away from sensibleness. (Proverbs**

**11:22)**

- Charm may be false, and prettiness may be vain, but the woman that fears Yehowah is the one that procures praise for herself. (**Proverbs 31:30**)
- A foolish woman actually tears down her own house.
- The truly wise woman has built up her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands. (**Proverbs 14:1**)
- The fine value of the good wife her industriousness, trustworthiness, and management of the household in faithfulness and submission to her husband is fully described in. (**Proverbs Chapter 31**).
- Parents are shown to be fully responsible for their children, and discipline is emphasized as essential.
- Chastise your son while there exists hope, and to the putting of him to death do not lift up your soulful desire. (**Proverbs 19:18**)
- Train up a boy according to the way for him, even when he grows old he will not turn aside from it. (**Proverbs 22:6**)
- Foolishness is tied up with the heart of a boy, the rod of discipline is what will remove it far from him. (**Proverbs 22:15**)
- Do not hold back discipline from the mere boy. In case you beat him with the rod, he will not die. (**Proverbs 23:13**)
- With the rod you yourself should beat him, that you may deliver his very soul from Sheol itself. (**Proverbs 23:14**)
- The rod and reproof are what give wisdom, but a boy let on the loose will be causing his mother shame. (**Proverbs 29:15**)
- Chastise your son and he will bring you rest and give much pleasure to your soul. (**Proverbs 29:17**)
- The fathers responsibility is highlighted, but the child must respect both father and mother if he wants life from Yehowah.
- He that is maltreating a father and that chases a mother away is a son acting shamefully and disgracefully. (**Proverbs 19:26**)

- **Listen to your father who caused your birth, and do not despise your mother just because she has grown old. (Proverbs 23:22)**
- **The eye that holds a father in derision and that despises obedience to a mother, the ravens of the torrent valley will pick it out and the sons of the eagle will eat it up. (Proverbs 30:17)**

## ·· **Animal Care**

- **Even concern for domestic animals is considered in the Proverbs. The righteous one is caring for the soul of his domestic animal.**
- **The righteous one is caring for the soul of his domestic animal, but the mercies of the wicked ones are cruel. (Proverbs 12:10)**
- **You ought to know positively the appearance of your flock.**
- **You ought to know positively the appearance of your flock. Set your heart to your droves. (Proverbs 27:23)**

## ·· **Government Stability And Fidelity**

- **The Proverbs express principles of good government. Men of high station, such as kings, should search matters through**
- **The glory of God is the keeping of a matter secret, and the glory of kings is the searching through a matter. (Proverbs 25:2)**
- **Manifest loving-kindness and trueness,**
- **Loving-kindness and trueness, they safeguard the king, and by loving-kindness he has sustained his throne. (Proverbs 20:28)**
- **And deal justly with their subjects,**
- **By justice a king makes a land keep standing, but a man out for bribes tears it down. (Proverbs 29:4)**
- **Open your mouth, judge righteously and plead the cause of the afflicted one and the poor one. (Proverbs 31:9)**
- **Including the lowly ones,**

- Where a king is judging the lowly ones in truthness, his throne will be firmly established for all time. (**Proverbs 29:14**)
- Their counselors cannot be wicked men if the rulership is to be firmly established by righteousness.
- Let there be a removing of scummy dross from the silver, and all of it will come forth refined. (**Proverbs 25:4**)
- Let there be the removing of the wicked one before the king, and his throne will be firmly established by righteousness itself. (**Proverbs 25:5**)
- A leader must be a man of discernment and a hater of unjust profit.
- A leader that is in want of true discernment is also abundant in fraudulent practices, but he that is hating unjust profit will prolong his days. (**Proverbs 28:16**)
- Whereas righteousness exalts a nation.
- Righteousness is what exalts a nation, but sin is something disgraceful to national groups. (**Proverbs 14:34**)
- Transgression results in unstable government.
- Because of the transgression of a land many are its successive princes, but by a discerning man having knowledge of right the prince will remain long. (**Proverbs 28:2**)
- Revolution also brings great instability, and it is counseled against at
- My son, fear Yehowah and the king. With those who are for a change, do not intermeddle. (**Proverbs 24:21**)
- For their disaster will arise so suddenly, that who is aware of the extinction of those who are for a change? (**Proverbs 24:22**)
- My son, fear Yehowah and the king. With those who are for a change, do not intermeddle. For their disaster will arise so suddenly, that who is aware of the extinction of those who are for a change?



## .. Useful For Counsel

- Since the **Proverbs** cover a wide range of human endeavor, they can provide a basis for giving much practical counsel and admonition, as they did for the writers of the **Christian Greek Scriptures**.
- The heart of the righteous one meditates so as to answer, but the mouth of the wicked ones bubbles forth with bad things. (**Proverbs 15:28**)
- However, it is not wise to counsel ridiculers.
- He that is correcting the ridiculer is taking to himself dishonor, and he that is giving a reproof to someone wicked, a defect in him. (**Proverbs 9:7**)
- Do not reprove a ridiculer, that he may not hate you. Give a reproof to a wise person and he will love you. (**Proverbs 9:8**)
- The ridiculer does not love the one reproving him. To the wise ones he will not go. (**Proverbs 15:12**)
- Do not give what is holy to dogs, neither throw your pearls before swine, that they may never trample them under their feet and turn around and rip you open. (**Matthew 7:6**)
- Not all persons are ridiculers, and hence those in a position to counsel others should do so, as is highlighted by the words;
- The very lips of the righteous one keep pasturing many, but for want of heart the foolish themselves keep dying. (**Proverbs 10:21**)

## .. Highlights Of Proverbs

- A book consisting of sections in the form of discourses as well as collections of wise sayings regarding practical matters of life.
- Though attributed chiefly to King Solomon, **Proverbs** was not compiled in its entirety until Hezekiah's reign.

## .. The Excelling Value Of Wisdom

- Wisdom, along with understanding, is the prime thing.

- **Acquire wisdom, acquire understanding. Do not forget, and do not turn aside from the sayings of my mouth. (Proverbs 4:5)**
- **Do not leave it, and it will keep you. Love it, and it will safeguard you. (Proverbs 4:6)**
- **Wisdom is the prime thing. Acquire wisdom, and with all that you acquire, acquire understanding. (Proverbs 4:7)**
- **Highly esteem it, and it will exalt you. It will glorify you because you embrace it. (Proverbs 4:8)**
- **Understanding, is the prime thing.**
- **The getting of wisdom is O how much better than gold! And the getting of understanding is to be chosen more than silver. (Proverbs 16:16)**
- **Essentials for gaining wisdom,**
- **My son, if you will receive my sayings and treasure up my own commandments with yourself. (Proverbs 2:1)**
- **So as to pay attention to wisdom with your ear, that you may incline your heart to discernment. (Proverbs 2:2)**
- **If, moreover, you call out for understanding itself and you give forth your voice for discernment itself. (Proverbs 2:3)**
- **If you keep seeking for it as for silver, and as for hid treasures you keep searching for it. (Proverbs 2:4)**
- **In that case you will understand the fear of Yehowah, and you will find the very knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:5)**
- **For Yehowah himself gives wisdom, out of his mouth there are knowledge and discernment. (Proverbs 2:6)**
- **And for the upright ones he will treasure up practical wisdom, for those walking in integrity he is a shield. (Proverbs 2:7)**
- **By observing the paths of judgment, and he will guard the very way of his loyal ones. (Proverbs 2:8)**

- **In that case you will understand righteousness and judgment and uprightness, the entire course of what is good. (Proverbs 2:9)**
- **He that is walking with wise persons will become wise, but he that is having dealings with the stupid ones will fare badly. (Proverbs 13:20)**
- **Benefits that come from wisdom, such as security, protection, honor, and a longer, happier life.**
- **When wisdom enters into your heart and knowledge itself becomes pleasant to your very soul. (Proverbs 2:10)**
- **Thinking ability itself will keep guard over you, discernment itself will safeguard you. (Proverbs 2:11)**
- **To deliver you from the bad way, from the man speaking perverse things. (Proverbs 2:12)**
- **From those leaving the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness. (Proverbs 2:13)**
- **From those who are rejoicing in doing bad, who are joyful in the perverse things of badness. (Proverbs 2:14)**
- **Those whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their general course. (Proverbs 2:15)**
- **To deliver you from the strange woman, from the foreign woman who has made her own sayings smooth. (Proverbs 2:16)**
- **Who is leaving the confidential friend of her youth and who has forgotten the very covenant of her God. (Proverbs 2:17)**
- **For down to death her house does sink and down to those impotent in death her tracks. (Proverbs 2:18)**
- **None of those having relations with her will come back, nor will they regain the paths of those living. (Proverbs 2:19)**
- **The purpose is that you may walk in the way of good people and that the paths of the righteous ones you may keep. (Proverbs**

**2:20)**

- **For the upright are the ones that will reside in the earth, and the blameless are the ones that will be left over in it. (Proverbs 2:21)**
- **And a longer, happier life,**
- **Happy is the man that has found wisdom, and the man that gets discernment. (Proverbs 3:13)**
- **For Yehowah himself will prove to be, in effect, your confidence, and he will certainly keep your foot against capture. (Proverbs 3:26)**
- **Honor is what the wise ones will come to possess, but the stupid ones are exalting dishonor. (Proverbs 3:35)**
- **The fear of Yehowah is the start of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Most Holy One is what understanding is. (Proverbs 9:10)**
- **For by me your days will become many, and to you years of life will be added. (Proverbs 9:11)**
- **If you have become wise, you have become wise in your own behalf, and if you have ridiculed, you will bear it, just you alone. (Proverbs 9:12)**
- **By wisdom a household will be built up, and by discernment it will prove firmly established. (Proverbs 24:3)**
- **And by knowledge will the interior rooms be filled with all precious and pleasant things of value. (Proverbs 24:4)**
- **One wise in strength is an able-bodied man, and a man of knowledge is reinforcing power. (Proverbs 24:5)**
- **For by skillful direction you will carry on your war, and in the multitude of counselors there is salvation. (Proverbs 24:6)**
- **By wisdom a household will be built up, and by discernment it will prove firmly established. (Proverbs 24:3)**
- **In the same way, do know wisdom for your soul. If you have found it, then there exists a future, and your own hope will not**

be cut off. (**Proverbs 24:14**)

- **Wisdom personified was Yehowah's coworker,**
- **Yehowah himself produced me as the beginning of his way, the earliest of his achievements of long ago. (**Proverbs 8:22**)**
- **From time indefinite I was installed, from the start, from times earlier than the earth. (**Proverbs 8:23**)**
- **When there were no watery deeps I was brought forth as with labor pains, when there were no springs heavily charged with water. (**Proverbs 8:24**)**
- **Before the mountains themselves had been settled down, ahead of the hills, I was brought forth as with labor pains. (**Proverbs 8:25**)**
- **When as yet he had not made the earth and the open spaces and the first part of the dust masses of the productive land. (**Proverbs 8:26**)**
- **When he prepared the heavens I was there, when he decreed a circle upon the face of the watery deep. (**Proverbs 8:27**)**
- **When he made firm the cloud masses above, when he caused the fountains of the watery deep to be strong. (**Proverbs 8:28**)**
- **When he set for the sea his decree that the waters themselves should not pass beyond his order, when he decreed the foundations of the earth. (**Proverbs 8:29**)**
- **Then I came to be beside him as a master worker, and I came to be the one he was specially fond of day by day, I being glad before him all the time. (**Proverbs 8:30**)**
- **Being glad at the productive land of his earth, and the things I was fond of were with the sons of men. (**Proverbs 8:31**)**
- **The bitter consequences for failing to act wisely,**
- **Because I have called out but you keep refusing, I have stretched out my hand but there is no one paying attention. (**Proverbs 1:24**)**

- **And you keep neglecting all my counsel, and my reproof you have not accepted. (Proverbs 1:25)**
- **I also, for my part, shall laugh at your own disaster, I shall mock when what you dread comes. (Proverbs 1:26)**
- **when what you dread comes just like a storm, and your own disaster gets here just like a storm wind, when distress and hard times come upon you. (Proverbs 1:27)**
- **At that time they will keep calling me, but I shall not answer, they will keep looking for me, but they will not find me. (Proverbs 1:28)**
- **For the reason that they hated knowledge, and the fear of Yehowah they did not choose. (Proverbs 1:29)**
- **They did not consent to my counsel, they disrespected all my reproof. (Proverbs 1:30)**
- **So they will eat from the fruitage of their way, and they will be gluttoned with their own counsels. (Proverbs 1:31)**
- **For the renegading of the inexperienced ones is what will kill them, and the easygoingness of the stupid is what will destroy them. (Proverbs 1:32)**
- **For failing to act wisely,**
- **As regards the wicked, they will be cut off from the very earth, and as for the treacherous, they will be torn away from it. (Proverbs 2:22)**
- **A good-for-nothing man, a man of hurtfulness, is walking with crookedness of speech. (Proverbs 6:12)**
- **Winking with his eye, making signs with his foot, making indications with his fingers. (Proverbs 6:13)**
- **Perverseness is in his heart. He is fabricating something bad all the time. He keeps sending out merely contentions. (Proverbs 6:14)**

- That is why suddenly there will come his disaster, in an instant he will be broken, and there will be no healing. (**Proverbs 6:15**)

## •• **Proper Attitude Toward Yehowah**

- **Trust in Yehowah.**
- Trust in Yehowah with all your heart and do not lean upon your own understanding. (**Proverbs 3:5**)
- In all your ways take notice of him, and he himself will make your paths straight. (**Proverbs 3:6**)
- He that is showing insight in a matter will find good, and happy is he that is trusting in Yehowah. (**Proverbs 16:20**)
- The name of Yehowah is a strong tower. Into it the righteous runs and is given protection. (**Proverbs 18:10**)
- Trembling at men is what lays a snare, but he that is trusting in Yehowah will be protected. (**Proverbs 29:25**)
- Fear him and shun badness.
- Do not become wise in your own eyes. Fear Yehowah and turn away from bad. (**Proverbs 3:7**)
- The very fear of Yehowah will add days, but the years themselves of the wicked ones will be cut short. (**Proverbs 10:27**)
- In the fear of Yehowah there is strong confidence, and for his sons there will come to be a refuge. (**Proverbs 14:26**)
- The fear of Yehowah is a well of life, to turn away from the snares of death. (**Proverbs 14:27**)
- By loving-kindness and trueness error is atoned for, and in the fear of Yehowah one turns away from bad. (**Proverbs 16:6**)
- The fear of Yehowah tends toward life, and one will spend the night satisfied, one will not be visited with what is bad. (**Proverbs 19:23**)
- **Honor him, supporting true worship,**

- **Honor Yehowah with your valuable things and with the firstfruits of all your produce. (Proverbs 3:9)**
- **Then your stores of supply will be filled with plenty, and with new wine your own press vats will overflow. (Proverbs 3:10)**
- **Accept his discipline as an expression of love,**
- **The discipline of Yehowah, O my son, do not reject, and do not abhor his reproof. (Proverbs 3:11)**
- **Because the one whom Yehowah loves he reproveth, even as a father does a son in whom he finds pleasure. (Proverbs 3:12)**
- **Show appreciation for his word.**
- **My son, my Law do not forget, and my commandments may your heart observe. (Proverbs 3:1)**
- **Because length of days and years of life and peace will be added to you. (Proverbs 3:2)**
- **May loving-kindness and truthfulness themselves not leave you. Tie them about your throat. Write them upon the tablet of your heart. (Proverbs 3:3)**
- **And so find favor and good insight in the eyes of God and of earthly man. (Proverbs 3:4)**
- **Every saying of God is refined. He is a shield to those taking refuge in him. (Proverbs 30:5)**
- **Add nothing to his words, that he may not reprove you, and that you may not have to be proved a liar. (Proverbs 30:6)**
- **Find out what Yehowah hates and act in harmony with this knowledge.**
- **There are six things that Yehowah does hate, yes, seven are things detestable to his soul. (Proverbs 6:16)**
- **Lofty eyes, a false tongue, and hands that are shedding innocent blood. (Proverbs 6:17)**



- **A heart fabricating hurtful schemes, feet that are in a hurry to run to badness. (Proverbs 6:18)**
- **A false witness that launches forth lies, and anyone sending forth contentions among brothers. (Proverbs 6:19)**
- **Act in harmony with this knowledge,**
- **Those crooked at heart are something detestable to Yehowah, but the ones blameless in their way are a pleasure to him. (Proverbs 11:20)**
- **False lips are something detestable to Yehowah, but those acting in faithfulness are a pleasure to him. (Proverbs 12:22)**

**Everyone that is proud in heart is something detestable to Yehowah. Hand may join to hand, yet one will not be free from punishment. (Proverbs 16:5)**

- **Anyone pronouncing the wicked one righteous and anyone pronouncing the righteous one wicked, even both of them are something detestable to Yehowah. (Proverbs 17:15)**
- **He that is turning his ear away from hearing the Law, even his prayer is something detestable. (Proverbs 28:9)**
- **If we please Yehowah, he will care for us, protect us, and hear our prayers.**
- **Yehowah will not cause the soul of the righteous one to go hungry, but the craving of the wicked ones he will push away. (Proverbs 10:3)**
- **He that is walking in integrity will walk in security, but he that is making his ways crooked will make himself known. (Proverbs 10:9)**
- **As for the righteous one, to time indefinite he will not be caused to stagger, but as for the wicked ones, they will not keep residing on the earth. (Proverbs 10:30)**
- **Protect us, and hear our prayers.**

- Yehowah is far away from the wicked ones, but the prayer of the righteous ones he hears. (**Proverbs 15:29**)
- Roll your works upon Yehowah himself and your plans will be firmly established. (**Proverbs 16:3**)

### ·· **Fine Counsel Governing Family Life**

- **A capable wife is a blessing from Yehowah,**
- **A capable wife is a crown to her owner, but as rottenness in his bones is she that acts shamefully. (**Proverbs 12:4**)**
- **Life is a blessing from Yehowah,**
- **The truly wise woman has built up her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands. (**Proverbs 14:1**)**
- **Has one found a good wife? One has found a good thing, and one gets goodwill from Yehowah. (**Proverbs 18:22**)**
- **A capable wife who can find? Her value is far more than that of corals. (**Proverbs 31:10**)**
- **In her the heart of her owner has put trust, and there is no gain lacking. (**Proverbs 31:11**)**
- **She has rewarded him with good, and not bad, all the days of her life. (**Proverbs 31:12**)**
- **She has sought wool and linen, and she works at whatever is the delight of her hands. (**Proverbs 31:13**)**
- **She has proved to be like the ships of a merchant. From far away she brings in her food. (**Proverbs 31:14**)**
- **She also gets up while it is still night, and gives food to her household and the prescribed portion to her young women. (**Proverbs 31:15**)**
- **She has considered a field and proceeded to obtain it, from the fruitage of her hands she has planted a vineyard. (**Proverbs 31:16**)**

- She has girded her hips with strength, and she invigorates her arms. (**Proverbs 31:17**)
- She has sensed that her trading is good, her lamp does not go out at night. (**Proverbs 31:18**)
- Her hands she has thrust out to the distaff, and her own hands take hold of the spindle. (**Proverbs 31:19**)
- Her palm she has stretched out to the afflicted one, and her hands she has thrust out to the poor one. (**Proverbs 31:20**)
- She does not fear for her household because of the snow, for all her household are clothed with double garments. (**Proverbs 31:21**)
- Coverlets she has made for herself. Her clothing is of linen and wool dyed reddish purple. (**Proverbs 31:22**)
- Her owner is someone known in the gates, when he sits down with the older men of the land. (**Proverbs 31:23**)
- She has made even undergarments and proceeded to sell them, and belts she has given to the tradesmen. (**Proverbs 31:24**)
- Strength and splendor are her clothing, and she laughs at a future day. (**Proverbs 31:25**)
- Her mouth she has opened in wisdom, and the Law of loving-kindness is upon her tongue. (**Proverbs 31:26**)
- She is watching over the goings-on of her household, and the bread of laziness she does not eat. (**Proverbs 31:27**)
- Her sons have risen up and proceeded to pronounce her happy, her owner rises up, and he praises her. (**Proverbs 31:28**)
- There are many daughters that have shown capableness, but you, you have ascended above them all. (**Proverbs 31:29**)
- Charm may be false, and prettiness may be vain, but the woman that fears Yehowah is the one that procures praise for herself. (**Proverbs 31:30**)

- Give her of the fruitage of her hands, and let her works praise her even in the gates. ([Proverbs 31:31](#))
- **Parents should give their children training and discipline**
- A son is wise where there is a fathers discipline, but the ridiculer is one that has not heard rebuke. ([Proverbs 13:1](#))
- The one holding back his rod is hating his son, but the one loving him is he that does look for him with discipline. ([Proverbs 13:24](#))
- **Child training and discipline,**
- Train up a boy according to the way for him, even when he grows old he will not turn aside from it. ([Proverbs 22:6](#))
- Foolishness is tied up with the heart of a boy, the rod of discipline is what will remove it far from him. ([Proverbs 22:15](#))
- Do not hold back discipline from the mere boy. In case you beat him with the rod, he will not die. ([Proverbs 23:13](#))
- With the rod you yourself should beat him, that you may deliver his very soul from Sheol itself. ([Proverbs 23:14](#))
- The rod and reproof are what give wisdom, but a boy let on the loose will be causing his mother shame. ([Proverbs 29:15](#))
- Chastise your son and he will bring you rest and give much pleasure to your soul. ([Proverbs 29:17](#))
- **Children should deeply respect their parents.**
- Listen, my son, to the discipline of your father, and do not forsake the Law of your mother. ([Proverbs 1:8](#))
- For they are a wreath of attractiveness to your head and a fine necklace to your throat. ([Proverbs 1:9](#))
- Listen, O sons, to the discipline of a father and pay attention, so as to know understanding. ([Proverbs 4:1](#))
- For good instruction is what I certainly shall give to you. My Law do not leave. ([Proverbs 4:2](#))

- **For I proved to be a real son to my father, tender and the only one before my mother. (Proverbs 4:3)**
- **And he would instruct me and say to me; May your heart keep fast hold of my words. Keep my commandments and continue living. (Proverbs 4:4)**
- **Observe, O my son, the commandment of your father, and do not forsake the Law of your mother. (Proverbs 6:20)**
- **Tie them upon your heart constantly, bind them upon your throat. (Proverbs 6:21)**
- **When you walk about, it will lead you, when you lie down, it will stand guard over you, and when you have waked up, it itself will make you its concern. (Proverbs 6:22)**
- **A wise son is the one that makes a father rejoice, and a stupid son is the grief of his mother. (Proverbs 10:1)**
- **Deeply respect their parents.**
- **Listen to your father who caused your birth, and do not despise your mother just because she has grown old. (Proverbs 23:22)**
- **Buy truth itself and do not sell it, wisdom and discipline and understanding. (Proverbs 23:23)**
- **The father of a righteous one will without fail be joyful, the one becoming father to a wise one will also rejoice in him. (Proverbs 23:24)**
- **Your father and your mother will rejoice, and she that gave birth to you will be joyful. (Proverbs 23:25)**
- **My son, do give your heart to me, and may those eyes of yours take pleasure in my own ways. (Proverbs 23:26)**
- **The eye that holds a father in derision and that despises obedience to a mother, the ravens of the torrent valley will pick it out and the sons of the eagle will eat it up. (Proverbs 30:17)**
- **Love and peace are very desirable in the home.**

- **Better is a little in the fear of Yehowah than an abundant supply and confusion along with it. (Proverbs 15:16)**
- **Better is a dish of vegetables where there is love than a manger-fed bull and hatred along with it. (Proverbs 15:17)**
- **Are very desirable in the home**
- **Better is a dry piece of bread with which there is quietness than a house full of the sacrifices of quarreling. (Proverbs 17:1)**
- **A stupid son means adversities to his father, and the contentions of a wife are as a leaking roof that drives one away. (Proverbs 19:13)**
- **Better is it to dwell upon a corner of a roof than with a contentious wife, although in a house in common. (Proverbs 21:9)**
- **Better is it to dwell in a wilderness land than with a contentious wife along with vexation. (Proverbs 21:19)**
- **Resist immorality and thus avoid much pain and suffering**
- **For as a honeycomb the lips of a strange woman keep dripping, and her palate is smoother than oil. (Proverbs 5:3)**
- **But the aftereffect from her is as bitter as wormwood, it is as sharp as a two-edged sword. (Proverbs 5:4)**
- **Her feet are descending to death. Her very steps take hold on Sheol itself. (Proverbs 5:5)**
- **The path of life she does not contemplate. Her tracks have wandered she does not know where. (Proverbs 5:6)**
- **So now, O sons, listen to me and do not turn away from the sayings of my mouth. (Proverbs 5:7)**
- **Keep your way far off from alongside her, and do not get near to the entrance of her house. (Proverbs 5:8)**
- **That you may not give to others your dignity, nor your years to**

what is cruel. (**Proverbs 5:9**)

- That strangers may not satisfy themselves with your power, nor the things you got by pain be in the house of a foreigner. (**Proverbs 5:10**)
- Nor you have to groan in your future when your flesh and your organism come to an end. (**Proverbs 5:11**)
- And you will have to say; How I have hated discipline and my heart has disrespected even reproof! (**Proverbs 5:12**)
- And I have not listened to the voice of my instructors, and to my teachers I have not inclined my ear. (**Proverbs 5:13**)
- Easily I have come to be in every sort of badness in the midst of the congregation and of the assembly. (**Proverbs 5:14**)
- Drink water out of your own cistern, and tricklings out of the midst of your own well. (**Proverbs 5:15**)
- Should your springs be scattered out of doors, your streams of water in the public squares themselves? (**Proverbs 5:16**)
- Let them prove to be for you alone, and not for strangers with you. (**Proverbs 5:17**)
- Let your water source prove to be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. (**Proverbs 5:18**)
- A lovable hind and a charming mountain goat. Let her own breasts intoxicate you at all times. With her love may you be in an ecstasy constantly. (**Proverbs 5:19**)
- So why should you, my son, be in an ecstasy with a strange woman or embrace the bosom of a foreign woman? (**Proverbs 5:20**)
- For the ways of man are in front of the eyes of Yehowah, and he is contemplating all his tracks. (**Proverbs 5:21**)
- His own errors will catch the wicked one, and in the ropes of his own sin he will be taken hold of. (**Proverbs 5:22**)

- **He will be the one to die because there is no discipline, and because in the abundance of his foolishness he goes astray. (Proverbs 5:23)**
- **Avoid much pain and suffering,**
- **For the commandment is a lamp, and a light the Law is, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life. (Proverbs 6:23)**
- **To guard you against the bad woman, against the smoothness of the tongue of the foreign woman. (Proverbs 6:24)**
- **Do not desire her prettiness in your heart, and may she not take you with her lustrous eyes. (Proverbs 6:25)**
- **Because in behalf of a woman prostitute one comes down to a round loaf of bread, but as regards another man's wife, she hunts even for a precious soul. (Proverbs 6:26)**
- **Can a man rake together fire into his bosom and yet his very garments not be burned? (Proverbs 6:27)**
- **Or can a man walk upon the coals and his feet themselves not be scorched? (Proverbs 6:28)**
- **Likewise with anyone having relations with the wife of his fellowman, no one touching her will remain unpunishable. (Proverbs 6:29)**
- **People do not despise a thief just because he commits thievery to fill his soul when he is hungry. (Proverbs 6:30)**
- **But, when found, he will make it good with seven times as much, all the valuables of his house he will give. (Proverbs 6:31)**
- **Anyone committing adultery with a woman is in want of heart, he that does it is bringing his own soul to ruin. (Proverbs 6:32)**
- **A plague and dishonor he will find, and his reproach itself will not be wiped out. (Proverbs 6:33)**
- **For the rage of an able-bodied man is jealousy, and he will not show compassion in the day of vengeance. (Proverbs 6:34)**



- He will have no consideration for any sort of ransom, neither will he show willingness, no matter how large you make the present. **(Proverbs 6:35)**
- Say to wisdom; You are my sister, and may you call understanding itself Kinswoman. **(Proverbs 7:4)**
- To guard you against the woman stranger, against the foreigner who has made her own sayings smooth. **(Proverbs 7:5)**
- For at the window of my house, through my lattice I looked down. **(Proverbs 7:6)**
- That I might peer upon the inexperienced ones. I was interested in discerning among the sons a young man in want of heart. **(Proverbs 7:7)**
- Passing along on the street near her corner, and in the way to her house he marches. **(Proverbs 7:8)**
- In the twilight, in the evening of the day, at the approach of the night and the gloom. **(Proverbs 7:9)**
- And, look! There was a woman to meet him, with the garment of a prostitute and cunning of heart. **(Proverbs 7:10)**
- She is boisterous and stubborn. In her house her feet do not keep residing. **(Proverbs 7:11)**
- Now she is outdoors, now she is in the public squares, and near every corner she lies in wait. **(Proverbs 7:12)**
- And she has grabbed hold of him and given him a kiss. She has put on a bold face, and she begins to say to him. **(Proverbs 7:13)**
- Communion sacrifices were incumbent upon me. Today I have paid my vows. **(Proverbs 7:14)**
- That is why I have come out to meet you, to look for your face, that I may find you. **(Proverbs 7:15)**
- With coverlets I have bedecked my divan, with many-colored things, linen of Egypt. **(Proverbs 7:16)**

- **I have besprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. (Proverbs 7:17)**
- **Do come, let us drink our fill of love until the morning, do let us enjoy each other with love expressions. (Proverbs 7:18)**
- **For the husband is not in his house, he has gone traveling on a way of some distance. (Proverbs 7:19)**
- **A bag of money he has taken in his hand. On the day of the full moon he will come to his house. (Proverbs 7:20)**
- **She has misled him by the abundance of her persuasiveness. By the smoothness of her lips she seduces him. (Proverbs 7:21)**
- **All of a sudden he is going after her, like a bull that comes even to the slaughter, and just as if fettered for the discipline of a foolish man. (Proverbs 7:22)**
- **Until an arrow cleaves open his liver, just as a bird hastens into the trap, and he has not known that it involves his very soul. (Proverbs 7:23)**
- **And now, O sons, listen to me and pay attention to the sayings of my mouth. (Proverbs 7:24)**
- **May your heart not turn aside to her ways. Do not wander into her roadways. (Proverbs 7:25)**
- **For many are the ones she has caused to fall down slain, and all those being killed by her are numerous. (Proverbs 7:26)**
- **The ways to Sheol her house is, they are descending to the interior rooms of death. (Proverbs 7:27)**
- **Avoid much pain and suffering,**
- **A woman of stupidity is boisterous. She is simplemindedness itself and has come to know nothing whatever. (Proverbs 9:13)**
- **And she has seated herself at the entrance of her house, upon a seat, in the high places of the town. (Proverbs 9:14)**
- **To call out to those passing along the way, those who are going**

straight ahead on their paths. (**Proverbs 9:15**)

- **Whoever is inexperienced, let him turn aside here. And whoever is in want of heart, she has also said to him. (**Proverbs 9:16**)**
- **Stolen waters themselves are sweet, and bread eaten in secrecy, it is pleasant. (**Proverbs 9:17**)**
- **But he has not come to know that those impotent in death are there, that those called in by her are in the low places of Sheol. (**Proverbs 9:18**)**

### · **Traits That Should Be Cultivated or Avoided**

- **Cultivate loving consideration for the poor and afflicted.**
- **Do not hold back good from those to whom it is owing, when it happens to be in the power of your hand to do it. (**Proverbs 3:27**)**
- **Do not say to your fellowman; Go, and come back and tomorrow I shall give, when there is something with you. (**Proverbs 3:28**)**
- **Take action for the poor and afflicted.**
- **The one despising his own fellowman is sinning, but happy is he who is showing favor to the afflicted ones. (**Proverbs 14:21**)**
- **He that is defrauding the lowly one has reproached his Maker, but the one showing favor to the poor one is glorifying Him. (**Proverbs 14:31**)**
- **He that is showing favor to the lowly one is lending to Yehowah, and his treatment He will repay to him. (**Proverbs 19:17**)**
- **As for anyone stopping up his ear from the complaining cry of the lowly one, he himself also will call and not be answered. (**Proverbs 21:13**)**
- **Be generous, avoid greed.**
- **As for anyone stopping up his ear from the complaining cry of the lowly one, he himself also will call and not be answered. (**Proverbs 21:13**)**

- **A gift made in secrecy subdues anger, and a bribe in the bosom, strong rage. (Proverbs 21:14)**
- **It is a rejoicing for the righteous one to do justice, but there is something terrible for those practicing what is hurtful. (Proverbs 21:15)**
- **Cultivate diligence, do not be lazy.**
- **Go to the ant, you lazy one, see its ways and become wise.**
- **Go to the ant, you lazy one, see its ways and become wise. (Proverbs 6:6)**
- **Although it has no commander, officer or ruler. (Proverbs 6:7)**
- **It prepares its food even in the summer, it has gathered its food supplies even in the harvest. (Proverbs 6:8)**
- **How long, you lazy one, will you keep lying down? When will you rise up from your sleep? (Proverbs 6:9)**
- **A little more sleep, a little more slumbering, a little more folding of the hands in lying down. (Proverbs 6:10)**
- **And your poverty will certainly come just like some rover, and your want like an armed man. (Proverbs 6:11)**
- **Cultivate diligence, do not be lazy.**
- **As vinegar to the teeth and as smoke to the eyes, so the lazy man is to those sending him forth. (Proverbs 10:26)**
- **The lazy one is showing himself desirous, but his soul has nothing. However, the very soul of the diligent ones will be made fat. (Proverbs 13:4)**
- **Because of winter the lazy one will not plow, he will be begging in reaping time, but there will be nothing. (Proverbs 20:4)**
- **I passed along by the field of the lazy individual and by the vineyard of the man in need of heart. (Proverbs 24:30)**
- **And, look! all of it produced weeds. Nettles covered its very**

surface, and its stone wall itself had been torn down. (**Proverbs 24:31**)

- So I proceeded to behold, I myself, I began taking it to heart. I saw, I took the discipline. (**Proverbs 24:32**)
- A little sleeping, a little slumbering, a little folding of the hands to lie down. (**Proverbs 24:33**)
- And as a highwayman your poverty will certainly come and your neediness as an armed man. (**Proverbs 24:34**)
- The lazy one has said; There is a young lion in the way, a lion in among the public squares. (**Proverbs 26:13**)
- A door keeps turning upon its pivot, and the lazy one upon his couch. (**Proverbs 26:14**)
- The lazy one has hidden his hand in the banquet bowl, he has become too weary to bring it back to his mouth. (**Proverbs 26:15**)
- The lazy one is wiser in his own eyes than seven giving a sensible reply. (**Proverbs 26:16**)
- **Modesty and humility bring honor, presumptuousness and pride lead to humiliation.**
- Has presumptuousness come? Then dishonor will come, but wisdom is with the modest ones. (**Proverbs 11:2**)
- **Pride leads to humiliation.**
- **Pride is before a crash, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. (**Proverbs 16:18**)**
- **Better is it to be lowly in spirit with the meek ones than to divide spoil with the self-exalted ones. (**Proverbs 16:19**)**
- **Do not do yourself honor before the king, and in the place of great ones do not stand (**Proverbs 25:6**)**
- **For it is better for him to say to you; Come up here, than to abase you before a noble whom your eyes have seen. (**Proverbs 25:7**)**

- **The very haughtiness of earthling man will humble him, but he that is humble in spirit will take hold of glory. (Proverbs 29:23)**
- **Have self-control in the matter of anger.**
- **He that is slow to anger is abundant in discernment, but one that is impatient is exalting foolishness. (Proverbs 14:29)**
- **Self-control in the matter of anger.**
- **He that is slow to anger is better than a mighty man, and he that is controlling his spirit than the one capturing a city. (Proverbs 16:32)**
- **As a city broken through, without a wall, is the man that has no restraint for his spirit. (Proverbs 25:28)**
- **All his spirit is what a stupid one lets out, but he that is wise keeps it calm to the last. (Proverbs 29:11)**
- **Avoid a malicious spirit or a desire for revenge.**
- **Do not say; I will pay back evil! Hope in Yehowah, and he will save you.**
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- **Avoid spirit or a desire for revenge.**
- **When your enemy falls, do not rejoice, and when he is caused to stumble, may your heart not be joyful. (Proverbs 24:17)**
- **That Yehowah may not see and it be bad in his eyes and he certainly turn back his anger from against him. (Proverbs 24:18)**
- **Do not become a witness against your fellowman without grounds. Then you would have to be foolish with your lips. (Proverbs 24:28)**
- **Do not say; Just as he did to me, so I am going to do to him. I shall repay to each one according to his acting. (Proverbs 24:29)**

- **Avoid spirit or a desire for revenge.**
- **If the one hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. (Proverbs 25:21)**
- **For coals are what you are raking together upon his head, and Yehowah himself will reward you. (Proverbs 25:22)**
- **Practice righteousness in everything (Proverbs 10:2) righteousness in everything.**
- **The wicked one is making false wages, but the one sowing righteousness, true earnings. (Proverbs 11:18)**
- **The one firmly standing for righteousness is in line for life, but the one chasing after what is bad is in line for his own death. (Proverbs 11:19)**
- **Practice righteousness in everything.**
- **Because of his badness the wicked will be pushed down, but the righteous will be finding refuge in his integrity. (Proverbs 14:32)**
- **To carry on righteousness and judgment is more preferable to Yehowah than sacrifice. (Proverbs 21:3)**
- **He that is pursuing righteousness and loving-kindness will find life, righteousness and glory. (Proverbs 21:21)**

### •• **Practical Guidelines For Daily Living**

- **Respond properly to discipline, reproof, counsel.**
- **The one neglecting discipline comes to poverty and dishonor, but the one keeping a reproof is the one that is glorified. (Proverbs 13:18)**
- **Discipline, reproof, counsel.**
- **Discipline is bad to the one leaving the path, anyone hating reproof will die. (Proverbs 15:10)**
- **Listen to counsel and accept discipline, in order, that you may become wise in your future. (Proverbs 19:20)**

- **Better is a revealed reproof than a concealed love. (Proverbs 27:5)**
- **The wounds inflicted by a lover are faithful, but the kisses of a hater are things to be entreated. (Proverbs 27:6)**
- **Be a true friend.**
- **A true companion is loving all the time, and is a brother that is born for when there is distress. (Proverbs 17:17)**
- **Better is a revealed reproof than a concealed love. (Proverbs 27:5)**
- **The wounds inflicted by a lover are faithful, but the kisses of a hater are things to be entreated. (Proverbs 27:6)**
- **There exist companions disposed to break one another to pieces, but there exists a friend sticking closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24)**
- **The wounds inflicted by a lover are faithful, but the kisses of a hater are things to be entreated. (Proverbs 27:6)**
- **Wealth is what adds many companions, but one that is lowly gets separated even from his companion. (Proverbs 19:4)**
- **Better is a revealed reproof than a concealed love. (Proverbs 27:5)**
- **The wounds inflicted by a lover are faithful, but the kisses of a hater are things to be entreated. (Proverbs 27:6)**
- **Oil and incense are what make the heart rejoice, also the sweetness of ones companion due to the counsel of the soul. (Proverbs 27:9)**
- **Do not leave your own companion or the companion of your father, and do not enter the house of your own brother on the day of your disaster. Better is a neighbor that is near than a brother that is far away. (Proverbs 27:10)**
- **Be discreet in accepting hospitality,**



- **In case you should sit down to feed yourself with a king, you should diligently consider what is before you. (Proverbs 23:1)**
- **And you must put a knife to your throat if you are the owner of soulful desire. (Proverbs 23:2)**
- **Do not show yourself craving his tasty dishes, as it is the food of lies. (Proverbs 23:3)**
- **Do not feed yourself with the food of anyone of ungenerous eye, nor show yourself craving his tasty dishes. (Proverbs 23:6)**
- **For as one that has calculated within his soul, so he is. Eat and drink, he says to you, but his heart itself is not with you. (Proverbs 23:7)**
- **Your morsel that you have eaten, you will vomit it out, and you will have wasted your pleasant words. (Proverbs 23:8)**
- **Be discreet in accepting hospitality.**
- **Make your foot rare at the house of your fellowman, that he may not have his sufficiency of you and certainly hate you. (Proverbs 25:17)**
- **Materialism is vain.**
- **The one trusting in his riches, he himself will fall, but just like foliage the righteous ones will flourish. (Proverbs 11:28)**
- **Make your foot rare at the house of your fellowman, that he may not have his sufficiency of you and certainly hate you. (Proverbs 25:17)**
- **Do not toil to gain riches. Cease from your own understanding. (Proverbs 23:4)**
- **Have you caused your eyes to glance at it, when it is nothing? For without fail it makes wings for itself like those of an eagle and flies away toward the heavens. (Proverbs 23:5)**
- **A man of faithful acts will get many blessings, but he that is hastening to gain riches will not remain innocent. (Proverbs**

**28:20)**

- **A man of envious eye is bestirring himself after valuable things, but he does not know that want itself will come upon him. (Proverbs 28:22)**
- **Hard work brings blessings.**
- **The one cultivating his ground will himself be satisfied with bread, but the one pursuing valueless things is in want of heart. (Proverbs 12:11)**
- **He that is cultivating his own ground will have his sufficiency of bread, and he that is pursuing valueless things will have his sufficiency of poverty. (Proverbs 28:19)**
- **Cultivate honest business practices.**
- **A cheating pair of scales is something detestable to Yehowah, but a complete stone-weight is a pleasure to him. (Proverbs 11:1)**
- **The just indicator and scales belong to Yehowah, all the stone weights of the bag are his work. (Proverbs 16:11)**
- **Two sorts of weights and two sorts of ephah measures, they are both of them together something detestable to Yehowah. (Proverbs 20:10)**
- **Two sorts of weights are something detestable to Yehowah, and a cheating pair of scales is not good. (Proverbs 20:23)**
- **Beware of going surety for others, especially for strangers.**
- **My son, if you have gone surety for your fellowman, if you have given your handshake even to the stranger. (Proverbs 6:1)**
- **If you have been ensnared by the sayings of your mouth, if you have been caught by the sayings of your mouth. (Proverbs 6:2)**
- **Take this action then, my son, and deliver yourself, for you have come into the palm of your fellowman. Go humble yourself and storm your fellowman with importunities. (Proverbs 6:3)**

- **Do not give any sleep to your eyes, nor any slumber to your beaming eyes. (Proverbs 6:4)**
- **Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand and like a bird from the hand of the birdcatcher. (Proverbs 6:5)**
- **One will positively fare badly because he has gone surety for a stranger, but the one hating handshaking is keeping carefree. (Proverbs 11:15)**
- **Do not get to be among those striking hands, among those who go security for loans. (Proverbs 22:26)**
- **If you have nothing to pay, why should he take your bed from under you? (Proverbs 22:27)**
- **Shun unwholesome speech, be sure your speech is upbuilding.**
- **Where there is one covering over hatred there are lips of falsehood, and the one bringing forth a bad report is stupid. (Proverbs 10:18)**
- **In the abundance of words there does not fail to be transgression, but the one keeping his lips in check is acting discreetly. (Proverbs 10:19)**
- **The tongue of the righteous one is choice silver, the heart of the wicked one is worth little. (Proverbs 10:20)**
- **The very lips of the righteous one keep pasturing many, but for want of heart the foolish themselves keep dying. (Proverbs 10:21)**
- **The mouth of the righteous one, it bears the fruit of wisdom, but the tongue of perverseness will be cut off. (Proverbs 10:31)**
- **The lips of the righteous one, they come to know goodwill, but the mouth of the wicked ones is perverseness. (Proverbs 10:32)**
- **Ensure your speech is upbuilding.**
- **The one walking about as a slanderer is uncovering confidential talk, but the one faithful in spirit is covering over a matter. (Proverbs 11:13)**

- **He that launches forth faithfulness will tell what is righteous, but a false witness, deception. (Proverbs 12:17)**
- **There exists the one speaking thoughtlessly as with the stabs of a sword, but the tongue of the wise ones is a healing. (Proverbs 12:18)**
- **It is the lip of truth that will be firmly established forever, but the tongue of falsehood will be only as long as a moment. (Proverbs 12:19)**
- **An answer, when mild, turns away rage, but a word causing pain makes anger to come up. (Proverbs 15:1)**
- **The tongue of wise ones does good with knowledge, but the mouth of the stupid ones bubbles forth with foolishness. (Proverbs 15:2)**
- **The calmness of the tongue is a tree of life, but distortion in it means a breaking down in the spirit. (Proverbs 15:4)**
- **The heart of the righteous one meditates so as to answer, but the mouth of the wicked ones bubbles forth with bad things. (Proverbs 15:28)**
- **Pleasant sayings are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and a healing to the bones. (Proverbs 16:24)**
- **The words of the slanderer are like things to be swallowed greedily, which do go down into the innermost parts of the belly. (Proverbs 18:8)**
- **Flattery is treacherous.**
- **He that is reproofing a man will afterward find more favor than he will that is flattering with his tongue. (Proverbs 28:23)**
- **All the sayings of my mouth are in righteousness. Among them there is nothing twisted or crooked. (Proverbs 8:8)**
- **An able-bodied man that is flattering his companion is spreading out a mere net for his steps. (Proverbs 29:5)**

- **Avoid quarrels.**
- **Do not quarrel with a man without cause, if he has rendered no bad to you. (Proverbs 3:30)**
- **Treacherous.**
- **An able-bodied man that is flattering his companion is spreading out a mere net for his steps. (Proverbs 29:5)**
- **Avoid quarrels.**
- **The beginning of contention is as one letting out waters, so before the quarrel has burst forth, take your leave. (Proverbs 17:14)**
- **As one grabbing hold of the ears of a dog is anyone passing by that is becoming furious at the quarrel that is not his. (Proverbs 26:17)**
- **Shun bad associations.**
- **My son, if sinners try to seduce you, do not consent. (Proverbs 1:10)**
- **If they keep saying; Do go with us. Do let us lie in ambush for blood. Do let us lie in concealment for the innocent men without any cause. (Proverbs 1:11)**
- **Let us swallow them down alive just like Sheol, even whole, like those going down into a pit. (Proverbs 1:12)**
- **Let us find all sorts of precious valuables. Let us fill our houses with spoil. (Proverbs 1:13)**
- **Your lot you ought to cast in among us. Let there come to be just one bag belonging to all of us. (Proverbs 1:14)**
- **My son, do not go in the way with them. Hold back your foot from their roadway. (Proverbs 1:15)**
- **For their feet are those that run to sheer badness, and they keep hastening to shed blood. (Proverbs 1:16)**

- For it is for nothing that the net is spread before the eyes of anything owning wings. (**Proverbs 1:17**)
- Consequently they themselves lie in ambush for the very blood of these, they lie in concealment for their souls. (**Proverbs 1:18**)
- Many are the paths of everyone making unjust profit. It takes away the very soul of its owners. (**Proverbs 1:19**)
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- Into the path of the wicked ones do not enter, and do not walk straight on into the way of the bad ones. (**Proverbs 4:14**)
- Shun it, do not pass along by it, turn aside from it, and pass along. (**Proverbs 4:15**)
- For they do not sleep unless they do badness, and their sleep has been snatched away unless they cause someone to stumble. (**Proverbs 4:16**)
- For they have fed themselves with the bread of wickedness, and the wine of acts of violence is what they drink. (**Proverbs 4:17**)
- But the path of the righteous ones is like the bright light that is getting lighter and lighter until the day is firmly established. (**Proverbs 4:18**)
- The way of the wicked ones is like the gloom, they have not known at what they keep stumbling. (**Proverbs 4:19**)
- As one grabbing hold of the ears of a dog is anyone passing by that is becoming furious at the quarrel that is not his. (**Proverbs 26:17**)
- **Shun bad associations.**
- Do not have companionship with anyone given to anger, and

with a man having fits of rage you must not enter in. (**Proverbs 22:24**)

- That you may not get familiar with his paths and certainly take a snare for your soul. (**Proverbs 22:25**)
- **Learn to deal wisely with ridiculers.**
- He that is correcting the ridiculer is taking to himself dishonor, and he that is giving a reproof to someone wicked, a defect in him. (**Proverbs 9:7**)
- Do not reprove a ridiculer, that he may not hate you. Give a reproof to a wise person and he will love you. (**Proverbs 9:8**)
- **As well as with foolish ones.**
- The ridiculer you should strike, that the inexperienced one may become shrewd, and there should be a reproof of the understanding one, that he may discern knowledge. (**Proverbs 19:25**)
- Drive away the ridiculer, that contention may go out and that legal contest and dishonor may cease. (**Proverbs 22:10**)
- Do not answer anyone stupid according to his foolishness, that you yourself also may not become equal to him. (**Proverbs 26:4**)
- Answer someone stupid according to his foolishness, that he may not become someone wise in his own eyes. (**Proverbs 26:5**)
- **Avoid the pitfalls of strong drink.**
- Wine is a ridiculer, intoxicating liquor is boisterous, and everyone going astray by it is not wise. (**Proverbs 20:1**)
- Who has woe? Who has uneasiness? Who has contentions? Who has concern? Who has wounds for no reason? Who has dullness of eyes? (**Proverbs 23:29**)
- Those staying a long time with the wine, those coming in to search out mixed wine. (**Proverbs 23:30**)
- Do not look at wine when it exhibits a red color, when it gives off

its sparkle in the cup, when it goes with a slickness. (**Proverbs 23:31**)

- At its end it bites just like a serpent, and it secretes poison just like a viper. (**Proverbs 23:32**)
- Your own eyes will see strange things, and your own heart will speak perverse things. (**Proverbs 23:33**)
- And you will certainly become like one lying down in the heart of the sea, even like one lying down at the top of a mast. (**Proverbs 23:34**)
- They have struck me, but I did not become sick, they have smitten me, but I did not know it. When shall I wake up? I shall seek it yet some more. (**Proverbs 23:35**)
- It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine or for high officials to say; Where is intoxicating liquor? (**Proverbs 31:4**)
- That one may not drink and forget what is decreed and pervert the cause of any of the sons of affliction. (**Proverbs 31:5**)
- Give intoxicating liquor, you people, to the one about to perish and wine to those who are bitter of soul. (**Proverbs 31:6**)
- Let one drink and forget ones poverty, and let one remember ones own trouble no more. (**Proverbs 31:7**)
- **Do not envy the wicked.**
- Do not become envious of the man of violence, nor choose any of his ways. (**Proverbs 3:31**)
- For the devious person is a detestable thing to Yehowah, but His intimacy is with the upright ones. (**Proverbs 3:32**)
- The curse of Yehowah is on the house of the wicked one, but the abiding place of the righteous ones he blesses. (**Proverbs 3:33**)
- If it has to do with ridiculers, he himself will deride, but to the meek ones he will show favor. (**Proverbs 3:34**)



- **Let your heart not be envious of sinners, but be in the fear of Yehowah all day long. (Proverbs 23:17)**
- **For in that case there will exist a future, and your own hope will not be cut off. (Proverbs 23:18)**
- **Do not show yourself heated up at evildoers. Do not become envious of wicked people. (Proverbs 24:19)**
- **For there will prove to be no future for anyone bad, the very lamp of wicked people will be extinguished. (Proverbs 24:20)**