

Proverbs 22:1 - 24:22**Thirty Wise Sayings*****Today's English Version***

Listen, and I will teach you what wise men have said. Study their teachings, 18 and you will be glad if you remember them and can quote them. 19 I want you to put your trust in the LORD; that is why I am going to tell them to you now. 20 I have written down thirty sayings for you. They contain knowledge and good advice, 21 and will teach you what the truth really is. Then when you are sent to find it out, you will bring back the right answer.

First Proverb

22 Don't take advantage of the poor just because you can; don't take advantage of those who stand helpless in court. 23 The LORD will argue their case for them and threaten the life of anyone who threatens theirs.

Second Proverb

24 Don't make friends with people who have hot, violent tempers. 25 You might learn their habits and not be able to change.

Third Proverb

26 Don't promise to be responsible for someone else's debts. 27 If you should be unable to pay, they will take away even your bed.

Fourth Proverb

28 Never move an old property line that your ancestors established.

Fifth Proverb

29 Show me a man who does a good job, and I will show you a man who is better than most and worthy of the company of kings.

Proverbs 23:1-6***Sixth Proverb***

When you sit down to eat with an important man, keep in mind who he is. 2 If you have a big appetite, restrain yourself. 3 Don't be greedy for the fine food he serves; he may be trying to trick you.

Seventh Proverb

4 Be wise enough not to wear yourself out trying to get rich. 5 Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle.

Eighth Proverb

6 Don't eat at the table of a stingy man or be greedy for the fine food he serves. 7 "Come on and have some more," he says, but he doesn't mean it. What he thinks is what he really is. 8 You will vomit up what you have eaten, and all your flattery will be wasted.

Ninth Proverb

9 Don't try to talk sense to a fool; he can't appreciate it.

Tenth Proverb

10 Never move an old property line or take over land owned by orphans. 11 The LORD is their powerful defender, and he will argue their case against you.

Eleventh Proverb

12 Pay attention to your teacher and learn all you can.

Twelfth Proverb

13 Don't hesitate to discipline a child. A good spanking won't kill him. 14 As a matter of fact, it may save his life.

Thirteenth Proverb

15 Son, if you become wise, I will be very happy. 16 I will be proud when I hear you speaking words of wisdom.

Fourteenth Proverb

17 Don't be envious of sinful people; let reverence for the LORD be the concern of your life. 18 If it is, you have a bright future.

Fifteenth Proverb

19 Listen, my son, be wise and give serious thought to the way you live. 20 Don't associate with people who drink too much wine or stuff themselves with food. 21 Drunkards and gluttons will be reduced to poverty. If all you do is eat and sleep, you will soon be wearing rags.

Sixteenth Proverb

22 Listen to your father; without him you would not exist. When your mother is old, show her your appreciation. 23 Truth, wisdom, learning, and good sense — these are worth paying for, but too valuable for you to sell. 24 A righteous man's father has good reason to be happy. You can take pride in a wise son. 25 Let your father and mother be proud of you; give your mother that happiness.

Seventeenth Proverb

26 Pay close attention, son, and let my life be your example. 27 Prostitutes and immoral women are a deadly trap. 28 They wait for you like robbers and cause many men to be unfaithful.

Eighteenth Proverb

29 Show me someone who drinks too much, who has to try out fancy drinks, and I will show you someone miserable and sorry for himself, always causing trouble and always complaining. His eyes are bloodshot, and he has bruises that could have been avoided. 31 Don't let wine tempt you, even though it is rich red, and it sparkles in the cup, and it goes down smoothly. 32 The next morning you will feel as if you had been bitten by a poisonous snake. 33 Weird sights will appear before your eyes, and you will not be able to think or speak clearly. 34 You will feel as if you were out on the ocean, seasick, swinging high up in the rigging of a tossing ship. 35 "I must have been hit," you will say; "I must have been beaten up, but I don't remember it. Why can't I wake up? I need another drink."

Proverbs 24: 1-22***Nineteenth Proverb***

Don't be envious of evil people, and don't try to make friends with them. 2 Causing trouble is all they ever think about; every time they open their mouth someone is going to be hurt.

Twentieth Proverb

3 Homes are built on the foundation of wisdom and understanding. 4 Where

there is knowledge, the rooms are furnished with valuable, beautiful things.

Twenty First Proverb

5 Being wise is better than being strong; yes, knowledge is more important than strength. 6 After all, you must make careful plans before you fight a battle, and the more good advice you get, the more likely you are to win.

Twenty Second Proverb

7 Wise sayings are too deep for a stupid person to understand. He has nothing to say when important matters are being discussed.

Twenty Third Proverb

8 If you are always planning evil, you will earn a reputation as a troublemaker. 9 Any scheme a fool thinks up is sinful. People hate a person who has nothing but scorn for others.

Twentieth Fourth Proverb

10 If you are weak in a crisis, you are weak indeed.

Twenty Fifth Proverb

11 Don't hesitate to rescue someone who is about to be executed unjustly. 12 You may say that it is none of your business, but God knows and judges your motives. He keeps watch on you; he knows. And he will reward you according to what you do.

Twenty Sixth Proverb

13 Son, eat honey; it is good. And just as honey from the comb is sweet on your

tongue, 14 you may be sure that wisdom is good for the soul. Get wisdom and you have a bright future.

Twenty Seventh Proverb

15 Don't be like the wicked who scheme to rob an honest man or to take away his home. 16 No matter how often an honest man falls, he always gets up again; but disaster destroys the wicked.

Twenty Eighty Proverb

17 Don't be glad when your enemy meets disaster, and don't rejoice when he stumbles. 18 The LORD will know if you are gloating, and he will not like it; and then maybe he won't punish him.

Twenty Ninth Proverb

19 Don't let evil people worry you; don't be envious of them. 20 A wicked person has no future — nothing to look forward to.

Thirtieth Proverb

21 Have reverence for the LORD, my son, and honor the king. Have nothing to do with people who rebel against them; 22 such men could be ruined in a moment. Do you realize the disaster that God or the king can cause?

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