

## Warnings and Instructions

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A MAN who hardens *his* neck after <sup>a</sup>much reproof  
Will <sup>b</sup>suddenly be broken <sup>1</sup>beyond remedy.

2 When the <sup>a</sup>righteous <sup>1</sup>increase, the people rejoice,  
But when a wicked man rules, people groan.

3 A man who <sup>a</sup>loves wisdom makes his father glad,  
But he who <sup>b</sup>keeps company with harlots wastes *his* wealth.

4 The <sup>a</sup>king gives stability to the land by justice,  
But a man who takes bribes overthrows it.

5 A man who <sup>a</sup>flatters his neighbor  
Is spreading a net for his steps.

6 By transgression an evil man is <sup>a</sup>ensnared,  
But the righteous <sup>b</sup>sings and rejoices.

7 The <sup>a</sup>righteous <sup>1</sup>is concerned for the rights of the poor,  
The wicked does not understand *such* <sup>2</sup>concern.

8 Scorners <sup>a</sup>set a city aflame,  
But <sup>b</sup>wise men turn away anger.

9 When a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man,  
<sup>1</sup>The foolish man either rages or laughs, and there is no rest.

10 Men of <sup>a</sup>bloodshed hate the blameless,  
But the upright <sup>1</sup>are concerned for his life.

11 A <sup>a</sup>fool <sup>1</sup>always loses his temper,  
But a <sup>b</sup>wise man holds it back.

12 If a <sup>a</sup>ruler pays attention to falsehood,  
All his ministers *become* wicked.

13 The <sup>a</sup>poor man and the oppressor <sup>1</sup>have this in common:  
The LORD gives <sup>b</sup>light to the eyes of both.

14 If a <sup>a</sup>king judges the poor with truth,  
His <sup>b</sup>throne will be established forever.

15 The <sup>a</sup>rod and reproof give wisdom,  
But a child <sup>1</sup>who gets his own way <sup>b</sup>brings shame to his mother.

16 When the wicked <sup>1</sup>increase, transgression increases;  
But the <sup>a</sup>righteous will see their fall.

17 <sup>a</sup>Correct your son, and he will give you comfort;  
He will also <sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>delight your soul.

18 Where there is <sup>a</sup>no <sup>1</sup>vision, the people <sup>b</sup>are unrestrained,  
But <sup>c</sup>happy is he who keeps the law.

19 A slave will not be instructed by words *alone*;  
For though he understands, there will be no response.

20 Do you see a man who is <sup>a</sup>hasty in his words?  
There is <sup>b</sup>more hope for a fool than for him.

21 He who pampers his slave from childhood  
Will in the end find him to be a son.

22 An <sup>a</sup>angry man stirs up strife,  
And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.  
23 A man's <sup>a</sup>pride will bring him low,  
But a <sup>b</sup>humble spirit will obtain honor.  
24 He who is a partner with a thief hates his own life;  
He <sup>a</sup>hears the oath but tells nothing.  
25 The <sup>a</sup>fear of man <sup>1</sup>brings a snare,  
But he who <sup>b</sup>trusts in the LORD will be exalted.  
26 <sup>a</sup>Many seek the ruler's <sup>1</sup>favor,  
But <sup>b</sup>justice for man *comes* from the LORD.  
27 An <sup>a</sup>unjust man is abominable to the righteous,  
And he who is <sup>b</sup>upright in the way is abominable to the wicked.  
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<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 2:25; 2 Chr. 36:16; Prov. 1:24-31

<sup>b</sup> Prov. 6:15

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *and there is no remedy*

<sup>a</sup> Esth. 8:15; Prov. 11:10; 28:12

<sup>1</sup> Or, *become great*

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 10:1; 15:20; 27:11; 28:7

<sup>b</sup> Prov. 5:10; 6:26; Luke 15:30

<sup>a</sup> 2 Chr. 9:8; Prov. 8:15; 29:14

<sup>a</sup> Ps. 5:9

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 22:5; Eccl. 9:12

<sup>b</sup> Ex. 15:1

<sup>a</sup> Job 29:16; Ps. 41:1; Prov. 31:8, 9

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *knows the cause*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *knowledge*

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 11:11

<sup>b</sup> Prov. 16:14

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *He*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 4:5-8; 1 John 3:12

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *seek his soul*

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 12:16; 14:33

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *sends forth all his spirit*

<sup>b</sup> Prov. 19:11

<sup>a</sup> 1 Kin. 12:14

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 22:2

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *meet together*

<sup>b</sup> Ezra 9:8; Ps. 13:3

<sup>a</sup> Ps. 72:4; Is. 11:4

<sup>b</sup> Prov. 16:12; 25:5

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 13:24; 22:15

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *left to himself*

<sup>b</sup> Prov. 10:1; 17:25

<sup>1</sup> Or, *become great*

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<sup>a</sup> Ps. 37:34, 36; 58:10; 91:8; 92:11; Prov. 21:12

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 13:24; 29:15

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *give delight to*

<sup>b</sup> Prov. 10:1

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 3:1; Ps. 74:9; Amos 8:11, 12

<sup>1</sup> Or, *revelation*

<sup>b</sup> Ex. 32:25

<sup>c</sup> Ps. 1:1, 2; 106:3; 119:2; Prov. 8:32; John 13:17

<sup>a</sup> James 1:19

<sup>b</sup> Prov. 26:12

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 15:18; 26:21

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 11:2; 16:18; Dan. 4:30, 31; Matt. 23:12; James 4:6

<sup>b</sup> Prov. 15:33; 18:12; 22:4; Is. 66:2; Luke 14:11; 18:14; James 4:10

<sup>a</sup> Lev. 5:1

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 12:12; 20:2; Luke 12:4; John 12:42, 43

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *gives*

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 91:1-16; Prov. 18:10; 28:25

<sup>a</sup> Prov. 19:6

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *face*

<sup>b</sup> Is. 49:4; 1 Cor. 4:4

<sup>a</sup> Ps. 6:8; 139:21, 22; Prov. 12:8

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 69:4; Prov. 29:10; Matt. 10:22; 24:9; John 15:18; 17:14; 1 John 3:13

<sup>i</sup> *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.