

PROVERBS 12 vs 1

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The Proverbs were first read by the royal families; the House of Judah, who were the Praise of God; and the House of Israel those who claimed to be Ruled by God. The Proverbs are short, weighty sentences; most of them are two sentences in one verse, illustrating each other, but seldom is there any coherence between verses. Their purpose is to set before us what is right and what is wrong. Solomon had 700 wives and 300 girlfriends – ignoring his royal responsibility – and ended his life saying he played the fool; his kingdom was taken from him and then he died – having done wrong in the sight of the Lord. The Proverbs still speak to the way of the wrong, as well as the way of the right.



1 The one who cares to know, cares to be set right: but he who hates reproof is ignorant.

2 A good man obtains favor of the LORD: but He will condemn a wrongdoer devising evil.

3 No one can hold his own by wrongdoing: but the one rooted in rightness will not be moved.

4 A virtuous woman is an honor to her husband: a shameless wife rots all his strength away.

5 The plans of those doing right are right: but the plans of the wrongdoer are deceitful.

6 The words of the wrongdoer lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright will deliver them / which is why, if you see something, say something.

7 Wrongdoers are overthrown, and vanish: but the house of the right stands firm.

8 A man is praised who shows wisdom: but he who has a perverse heart will be despised.

9 Better is one lightly esteemed, with a servant, than he who honors himself, and lacks food.

10 A right man regards the life of his animal: but the passion of the wrongdoer is cruel.

11 He who tills his farm has plenty of food: but he who pursues vanity lacks sense.

12 Wrongdoers desire the things of others: but the root of the upright one yields fruit.

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13 The wrong, by their rebellious lips get into trouble: but the right get out of trouble.

14 A man reaps the fruit of all his words: and he must answer for all his deeds.

15 A fool is sure his own way is right: but he who listens to guidance is wise.

16 A fool's anger is known instantly: but a wise man conceals dishonor.

17 He who speaks truth tells what is right: but a false witness, tells deceit.

18 A reckless tongue, wounds like a sword: but there is healing in the words of the wise.

19 Truth told, will last forever: but a lying tongue lasts only for a moment.

20 Deceit is the aim of those who devise evil: but the guidance of peace results in joy.

21 No harm will happen to the right: but the wrong are full of injustice.

22 Lying lips disgust the LORD: but those who deal in truth are His delight.

23 A wise man may conceal what he knows: but the heart of a fool reveals his folly.

24 The hand of the diligent will rule: but the lazy hand will be put to forced labor.

25 Worry weighs the heart of man down: but a kind word cheers him up.

26 Doing right even leads his neighbor: but a wrongdoer leads himself astray.

27 A lazy man does not roast his prey: but the precious possession of a man is diligence.

28 To live to do right is the path to live long: but wrongdoing is the path to death.

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