## PROVERBS 15 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 — gnoring 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.



- <sup>1</sup> A mild answer turns away anger: but sharp words stir up anger.
- <sup>2</sup> The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable: but the mouth of fools spout folly.
- <sup>3</sup> The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good.
- <sup>4</sup> A soothing tongue is a tree of life: but perverse words wound the spirit.
- <sup>5</sup> A senseless fool despises his father's instruction: but he who regards correction is wise.
- <sup>6</sup> In the house of the right is ample treasure: but in the income of the wrong is trouble.
- <sup>7</sup> The discourse of the wise spreads knowledge: but the heart of the fool will never do so.
- <sup>8</sup> The sacrifice of the wrong disgusts the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is His delight.
- <sup>9</sup> The way of the wrong disgusts the LORD: but He loves the one who pursues the right.
- <sup>10</sup> Stern discipline is for the one who forsakes the way: and he who hates correction will die.
- 11 Hell and destruction lie open before the LORD: how much more the hearts of men.
- <sup>12</sup>A scoffer does not love the one who corrects him: so he will not go to the wise.
- <sup>13</sup> A glad heart makes a cheerful face: but a sad heart breaks the spirit.
- <sup>14</sup> The thoughtful heart is eager to know more: but a fools heart is full of meaninglessness.

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- <sup>15</sup> All the days of the afflicted are evil: but a cheerful heart is an endless feast.
- <sup>16</sup> Better is little with fear for the LORD, than great wealth with trouble.
- <sup>17</sup>Better a dinner of vegetables with love, than the best beef served with hatred.
- <sup>18</sup> A hot-tempered man stirs up strife: but he who is slow to anger soothes the conflict.
- <sup>19</sup> The way of the lazy one is like a hedge of thorns: but the path of the upright is a highway.
- <sup>20</sup> A wise son makes glad his father: but a fool despises his mother.
- <sup>21</sup> Folly is joy to him who lacks wisdom: but a man of intelligence walks straight.
- <sup>22</sup> Without guidance plans are frustrated: but with many advisors they are established.
- <sup>23</sup> Apt answers are a joy to men: and a timely word, O how good it is!
- <sup>24</sup> The path of life leads upward for the wise, that he may avoid the downward path to hell.
- 25 The LORD destroys the house of the proud: but He establishes the widow's field intact.
- <sup>26</sup> Evil schemes disgust the LORD: but pleasant words are cleansing.
- <sup>27</sup> He who profits illegally troubles his own house; but he who hates bribes will live.
- <sup>28</sup> The heart of the right ponders to answer: but the mouth of the wrong pours out evil things.
- <sup>29</sup> The LORD is far from the wrong: but He hears the prayer of the right.
- <sup>30</sup> Bright eyes rejoice the heart: and a good report puts fat on the bones.
- <sup>31</sup> The one who listens to healthy correction, abides among the wise.
- <sup>32</sup> He who neglects instruction despises himself: but he who hears correction understands.

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33 The fear of the LORD instructs men to be wise; and to be humble is the way to honor.

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