

# PROVERBS 17 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.



**<sup>1</sup> Better is a morsel of dry bread and peace, than a house full of banquets and strife.**

**<sup>2</sup> A wise servant put over a shameful son, he will share the inheritance of the brothers.**

**<sup>3</sup> The smelting pot for silver, the furnace for gold: and the LORD for testing the hearts.**

**<sup>4</sup> Only a wrongdoer heeds malicious talk; only a liar gives ear to a malignant tongue.**

**<sup>5</sup> He who mocks the poor faults his Maker: he who rejoices at disasters will not go unpunished.**

**<sup>6</sup> Grand-children are the crown of old men; and fathers are the glory of their children.**

**<sup>7</sup> Excellent speech does not befit a fool: much less are lying lips for a noble.**

**<sup>8</sup> A bribe is like a lucky charm, so its owner thinks: bringing him luck at every turn.**

**<sup>9</sup> He who covers up another's rebellion seeks love; he who gossips about it divides friends.**

**<sup>10</sup> A rebuke sinks deeper into a wise man, than a hundred lashes into a fool.**

**<sup>11</sup> A rebel seeks only evil: so a cruel messenger / from the king... will be sent against him.**

**<sup>12</sup> Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs, rather than a fool in his folly.**

**<sup>13</sup> Whoever returns evil for good, evil will never depart from his house.**

**<sup>14</sup> Strife begins like a leak: so abandon the argument before it breaks out.**

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**15 He who acquits the guilty, and he who condemns the innocent, both disgust the LORD.**

**16 Why does a fool offer to purchase wisdom, since he has no desire to learn?**

**17 A friend loves at all times, but a brother is born for times of adversity.**

**18 A man deficient of sense pledges, and becomes surety in the presence of another.**

**19 He who loves stepping over the line, loves strife: and he who is arrogant courts disaster.**

**20 A twisted heart never comes to good: a twisted tongue comes to grief.**

**21 He who gives birth to a fool does so to his sorrow: and the father of a fool has no joy.**

**22 A glad heart, like medicine helps and heals: but a broken spirit dries the bones.**

**23 A malignant man takes a secret bribe, to twist the course of justice.**

**24 Wisdom is in sight of the one with understanding; a fool's eyes roam the ends of the earth.**

**25 A fool of a son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to his mother who bore him.**

**26 It is not good to punish the innocent, or to strike the noble for their honesty.**

**27 A man of knowledge spares his words: and a man of sense keeps cool.**

**28 Even a fool holding his peace, is considered wise: when he shuts his mouth is a revered genius.**

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