

PROVERBS 19 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 Better is a poor man who walks in integrity, than he who is twisted in speech, and is a fool.

² To act without knowledge, is not good; and he who is in a hurry with his feet errs.

³ The man who is a fool twists his way: and then he frets against the LORD.

⁴ Wealth adds many friends; but the poor is separated from his friend.

⁵ A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who tells lies will not escape.

⁶ Many ask the favor of a generous man: and everyone is a friend of him who gives gifts.

⁷ If all the brothers of the poor hate him: how much more do his friends stay far from him? he pursues them with words, but they are gone.

⁸ He who gets wisdom loves his own soul: he who guards understanding will find goodness.

⁹ A false witness will not go unpunished; he who tells lies will perish.

¹⁰ Luxury is not fitting for a fool; much less for a slave to rule over nobles.

¹¹ A man's discretion will defer his anger; and to overlook rebellion is his glory.

¹² The anger of a king is like a lion's roar; his favor is like dew upon the grass.

¹³ A senseless son is a disaster to his father: a nagging wife is an endless dripping.

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14 House and riches are inherited from a father: a sensible wife comes from the LORD.

15 Laziness ends in a deep sleep; and an idle soul will be hungry.

16 To guard the instruction of God safeguards the soul; but he who despises His ways will die.

17 He who cares for the poor lends to the LORD; and for his kindness, he will be repaid.

18 Instruct your son while there is hope, and do not let him run to ruin.

19 A man of great anger will bear the penalty: but if you deliver him, you must do so again.

20 Listen to guidance, take instruction, that you may be wise the rest of your days.

21 A man's heart devises many plans; yet the guidance of the LORD, it will prevail.

22 What is desirable in a man is his kindness: and it is better to be a poor man than a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD is the way of life: and content with that, one never comes to harm.

24 A lazy man buries his hand in the dish, and will not even lift it to his mouth.

25 Beat a scoffer, and you teach fools a lesson: a man of sense needs only a reproof.

26 He who trashes his father, and chases away his mother, is a shameful and despicable son.

27 Cease not, my son, to listen to instruction; never turn from the words of a wise teacher.

28 A lawless witness makes a mockery of justice; perjury pours from the mouth of the wrong.

29 Justice is prepared for scoffers, and lashing for the butt of fools.

Three days and three nights -- in the grave

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