

Proverbs 13 - Who is a Wise Son?

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(a) Speaking and industry (13:1-4)

1 A wise son *accepts his* father's discipline, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

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1 A wise son heeds a father's correction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

1 A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

2 From the fruit of a person's mouth he enjoys good, But the desire of the treacherous is violence.

2 From the fruit of a man's mouth he enjoys good, But the desire of the treacherous is violence.

2 From the fruit of his words a man receives benefit, but the treacherous crave violence.

2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

3 One who guards his mouth protects his life; One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

3 The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; The one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

3 Anyone who guards his words protects his life; anyone who talks too much is ruined.

3 He that keepeth his mouth keeps his life: but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

4 The soul of the lazy one craves and *gets* nothing, But the soul of the diligent is made prosperous.

4 The soul of the sluggard craves and *gets* nothing, But the soul of the diligent is made fat.

4 The lazy person craves, yet receives nothing, but the desires of the diligent are satisfied.

4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

(b) Honesty and security (13:5-9)

5 A righteous person hates a false statement, But a wicked person acts disgustingly and shamefully.

5 A righteous man hates falsehood, But a wicked man acts disgustingly and shamefully.

5 A righteous person hates deceit, but the wicked person is shameful and disgraceful.

5 A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and comes to shame.

6 Righteousness guards the one whose way is blameless, But wickedness brings the sinner to ruin.

6 Righteousness guards the one whose way is blameless, But wickedness subverts the sinner.

6 Righteousness protects the blameless, but wickedness brings down the sinner.

6 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

7 There is one who pretends to be rich but has nothing; *Another* pretends to be poor, but has great wealth.

7 There is one who pretends to be rich, but has nothing; *Another* pretends to be poor, but has great wealth.

7 One person pretends to be wealthy, but has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet is rich.

7 There is that makes himself rich, yet has nothing: there is that makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

8 The ransom of a person's life is his wealth, But the poor hears no rebuke.

8 The ransom of a man's life is his wealth, But the poor hears no rebuke.

8 The life of a wealthy man may be held for ransom, but whoever is poor receives no threats.

8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor hears not rebuke.

9 The light of the righteous rejoices, But the lamp of the wicked goes out.

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9 The light of the righteous shines, but the lamp of the wicked is extinguished.

9 The light of the righteous rejoices: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

(c) Patience (13:10-12)

10 Through overconfidence comes nothing but strife, But wisdom is with those who receive counsel.

10 Through insolence comes nothing but strife, But wisdom is with those who receive counsel.

10 Arrogance only brings quarreling, but those receiving advice are wise.

10 Only by pride comes contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

11 Wealth *obtained* from nothing dwindles, But one who gathers by labor increases *it*.

11 Wealth *obtained* by fraud dwindles, But the one who gathers by labor increases *it*.

11 Wealth gained dishonestly dwindles away, but whoever works diligently increases his prosperity.

11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathers by labor shall increase.

12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

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12 Delayed hope makes the heart ill, but fulfilled longing is a tree of life.

12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick: but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

(d) Receiving wisdom (13:13-18)

13 One who despises the word will do badly, But one who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

13 The one who despises the word will be in debt to it, But the one who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

13 Anyone who despises a word of advice will pay for it, but whoever heeds a command will be rewarded.

13 Whoso despises the word shall be destroyed: but he that fears the commandment shall be rewarded.

14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, To turn aside from the snares of death.

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14 What the wise have to teach is a fountain of life and causes someone to avoid the snares of death.

14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding produces favor, But the way of the treacherous is their own disaster.

15 Good understanding produces favor, But the way of the treacherous is hard.

15 Good understanding produces grace, but the lifestyle of the treacherous never changes.

15 Good understanding gives favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

16 Every prudent person acts with knowledge, But a fool displays foolishness.

16 Every prudent man acts with knowledge, But a fool displays folly.

16 Every sensible person acts from knowledge, but a fool demonstrates folly.

16 Every prudent man deals with knowledge: but a fool lays open his folly.

17 A wicked messenger falls into adversity, But a faithful messenger *brings* healing.

17 A wicked messenger falls into adversity, But a faithful envoy *brings* healing.

17 An evil messenger stumbles into trouble, but a faithful envoy brings healing.

17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

18 Poverty and shame *will come* to one who neglects discipline, But one who complies with rebuke will be honored.

18 Poverty and shame *will come* to him who neglects discipline, But he who regards reproof will be honored.

18 Poverty and shame are for those who ignore correction, but whoever listens to instruction gains honor.

18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuses instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

(e) Consequences of foolishness (13:19-20)

19 Desire realized is sweet to the soul, But it is an abomination to fools to turn away from evil.

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19 Fulfilled longing is sweet to the soul, but avoiding evil is detestable to the fool.

19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20 One who walks with wise people will be wise, But a companion of fools will suffer harm.
20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.
20 Whoever keeps company with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm.
20 He that walks with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

(f) Wealth and poverty (13:21-23)

21 Adversity pursues sinners, But the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity.
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21 Disaster pursues the sinful, but good will reward the righteous.
21 Evil pursues sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

22 A good person leaves an inheritance to his grandchildren, And the wealth of a sinner is stored up for the righteous.
22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.
22 A good person leaves an inheritance to his grandchildren, but the wealth of the wicked is reserved for the righteous.
22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

23 Abundant food *is in* the uncultivated ground of the poor, But it is swept away by injustice.
23 Abundant food *is in* the fallow ground of the poor, But it is swept away by injustice.
23 The field of the poor may produce much food, but it can be swept away through injustice.
23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.

(g) Domestic life (Prov 13:24—14:4)

(i) Childrearing (13:24)

24 He who withholds his rod **hates** his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.
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24 Whoever does not discipline his son hates him, but whoever loves him is diligent to correct him.
24 He that spares his rod hates his son: but he that loves him chastens him betimes.

- "...hates" - the verb translated here as "hate" is used in a comparative sense; instead of demonstrating love to them, if you withhold deserved discipline, you are demonstrating the opposite of love

(ii) Provision (13:25)

25 The righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite, But the stomach of the wicked is in need.

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25 A righteous person eats to his heart's content, but the stomach of the wicked remains hungry.

25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.