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(p) Foolishness (19:1-3)

1 Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity Than a person who is perverse in speech and is a fool.

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1 A poor man who walks blamelessly is better than a fool who speaks perversely.

1 Better is the poor that walks in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

2 Also it is not good for a person to be without knowledge, And one who hurries his footsteps errs.

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2 Furthermore, it isn't good to be ignorant, and whoever rushes into things misses the mark.

2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hastes with his feet sins.

3 The foolishness of a person ruins his way, And his heart rages against the LORD.

3 The foolishness of man ruins his way, And his heart rages against the LORD.

3 A man's foolishness ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the LORD.

3 The foolishness of man perverts his way: and his heart frets against the LORD.

(q) Illegitimate friendships (19:4-7)

4 Wealth adds many friends, But a poor person is separated from his friend.

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4 Wealth brings many friends, but a poor man is deserted by his friend.

4 Wealth makes many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbor.

5 A false witness will not go unpunished, And one *who* declares lies will not escape.

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

5 A witness to lies will not go unpunished; the teller of falsehoods will not escape.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaks lies shall not escape.

6 Many will seek the favor of a generous person, And every person is a friend to him who *gives* gifts.

6 Many will seek the favor of a generous man, And every man is a friend to him who gives gifts.

6 Many curry favor of an official; everyone is a friend of the gift giver.

6 Many will intreat the favor of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that gives gifts.

7 All the brothers of a poor person hate him; How much more do his friends abandon him! He pursues *them with* words, *but* they are gone.

7 All the brothers of a poor man hate him; How much more do his friends abandon him! He pursues *them with* words, *but* they are gone.

7 All the relatives of a poor person shun him— how much more do his friends avoid him! Though he runs after them pleading, they aren't around.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursues them with words, yet they are wanting to him.

(r) Wisdom brings blessings and foolishness brings curses (19:8-12)

8 One who gets wisdom loves his own soul; One who keeps understanding will find good.

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8 Whoever obtains wisdom loves himself, and whoever treasures understanding will prosper.

8 He that gets wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keeps understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness will not go unpunished, And one *who* declares lies will perish.

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

9 A witness to lies will not go unpunished; the teller of falsehoods will perish.

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[Prov 19:5]

10 Luxury is not fitting for a fool; Much less for a slave to rule over princes.

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10 It's not fitting for a fool to live in luxury; neither is it for a servant to rule over princes.

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 A person's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook an offense.

11 A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

11 A person's discretion makes him slow to anger, and it is to his credit that he ignores an offence.

11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 A king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, But his favor is like dew on the grass.

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12 The king's anger is like the roaring of a lion, but his goodwill is like dew on the grass.

12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.

(s) Family relationships (19:13-14)

13 A foolish son is destruction to his father, And the quarrels of a wife are a constant dripping.

13 A foolish son is destruction to his father, And the contentions of a wife are a constant dripping.

13 A father's ruin is a foolish son, and a wife's quarreling is like dripping water that never stops.

13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

14 House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.
14 House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.
14 A house and self-sufficiency are a father's inheritance, but from the LORD comes an insightful wife.
14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

(t) Laziness and carelessness 19:15-16)

15 Laziness casts *one* into a deep sleep, And a lazy person will suffer hunger.
15 Laziness casts into a deep sleep, And an idle man will suffer hunger.
15 Laziness puts one to sleep, and an idle person will go hungry.
15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 One who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, *But* one who is careless of conduct will die.
16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, *But* he who is careless of conduct will die.
16 Whoever obeys a commandment keeps himself safe, but someone who is contemptuous in conduct will die.
16 He that keeps the commandment keeps his own soul; but he that despises his ways shall die.

(u) Kindness (19:17)

17 One who is gracious to a poor person lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.
17 One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.
17 Whoever is kind to the poor is lending to the LORD— the benefit of his gift will return to him in abundance.
17 He that has pity upon the poor lends unto the LORD; and that which he has given will he pay him again.

(v) Childrearing (19:18)

18 Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death.
18 Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death.
18 Discipline your son while there is still hope— but don't set your heart on his destruction.
18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

(w) Anger (19:19)

19 *A person of* great anger will suffer the penalty, For if you rescue *him*, you will only have to do it again.

19 *A man of* great anger will bear the penalty, For if you rescue *him*, you will only have to do it again.

19 The person who has great anger must pay the consequences, because if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.

(x) Advice and plans (19:20-21)

20 Listen to advice and accept discipline, So that you may be wise the rest of your days.

20 Listen to counsel and accept discipline, That you may be wise the rest of your days.

20 Listen to advice and accept discipline, and you'll be wise for the rest of your life.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou may be wise in thy latter end.

21 Many plans are in a person's heart, But the advice of the LORD will stand.

21 Many plans are in a man's heart, But the counsel of the LORD will stand.

21 Many plans occupy the mind of a man, but the LORD's purposes will prevail.

21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

(y) Life (19:22-23)

22 What is desirable in a person is his kindness, And *it is* better to be a poor person than a liar.

22 What is desirable in a man is his kindness, And *it is* better to be a poor man than a liar.

22 Human beings long for grace, and it's better to be poor than a man of deceit.

22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD *leads* to life, So that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.

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23 The fear of the LORD leads to life; whoever is satisfied with it will rest, untouched by evil.

23 The fear of the LORD tends to life: and he that has it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

(z) Folly (19:24-29)

24 The lazy one buries his hand in the dish, *But* will not even bring it back to his mouth.

24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish, *But* will not even bring it back to his mouth.

24 The lazy person buries his hand in his dish and doesn't bother to bring it back to his mouth.

24 A slothful man hides his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

25 Strike a scoffer and the naive may become clever, But rebuke one who has understanding, *and* he will gain knowledge.

25 Strike a scoffer and the naive may become shrewd, But reprove one who has understanding and he will gain knowledge.

25 If you scourge a scoffer, the simple person may learn to be discreet; rebuke a discerning man and he will gain understanding.

25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that has understanding, and he will understand knowledge.

26 He who assaults *his* father *and* drives *his* mother away Is a shameful and disgraceful son.

26 He who assaults *his* father *and* drives *his* mother away Is a shameful and disgraceful son.

26 Whoever mistreats his father and alienates his mother is a son who brings both shame and disrespect.

26 He that wastes his father, and chases away his mother, is a son that causes shame, and brings reproach.

27 Stop listening, my son, to discipline, *And you will* stray from the words of knowledge.

27 Cease listening, my son, to discipline, *And you will* stray from the words of knowledge.

27 My son, if you stop listening to instruction, you will stray from the principles of knowledge.

27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

28 A worthless witness makes a mockery of justice, And the mouth of the wicked swallows wrongdoing.

28 A rascally witness makes a mockery of justice, And the mouth of the wicked spreads iniquity.

28 A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the wicked person feeds on iniquity.

28 An ungodly witness scorns judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.

29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And beatings for the backs of fools.

29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And blows for the back of fools.

- 29 Condemnation is appropriate for mockers, just as beatings are for the backs of fools.
- 29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.