

# Proverbs 28 - Good and Evil Contrasted

V. Solomon's proverbs that were either collected or copied by Hezekiah's scribes (Prov 25:1—29:27)

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1 The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

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1 The wicked flee, though no one pursues, but the righteous are bold like a lion.

1 The wicked flee when no man pursues: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 Due to a wrongdoing of a land its leaders are many, But by a person of understanding *and* knowledge, so it endures.

2 By the transgression of a land many are its princes, But by a man of understanding *and* knowledge, so it endures.

2 When a land transgresses, it gains a succession of leaders, but with an understanding and knowledgeable man, its stability endures.

2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.

3 A poor man who oppresses the helpless Is *like* a driving rain which leaves no food.

3 A poor man who oppresses the lowly Is *like* a driving rain which leaves no food.

3 A poor man who oppresses the weak is like a rainstorm that destroys all the crops.

3 A poor man that oppresses the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaves no food.

4 Those who abandon the Law praise the wicked, But those who keep the Law strive against them.

4 Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, But those who keep the law strive with them.

4 Those who forsake the Law praise the wicked, but whoever keeps it fights them.

4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil people do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand everything.

5 Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all things.

5 Evil men don't understand justice, but whoever seeks the LORD understands it all.

5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.

6 Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity, Than a person who is crooked, though he is rich.

6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than he who is crooked though he be rich.

6 It's better to be poor and live a blameless life than to be rich but crooked in one's lifestyle.

6 Better is the poor that walks in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

7 He who keeps the Law is a discerning son, But he who is a companion of gluttons humiliates his father.

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7 Whoever keeps the Law is a discerning son, but whoever keeps company with gluttons brings shame to his father.

7 Whoso keeps the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shames his father.

8 One who increases his wealth by interest *of any kind*, Collects it for one who is gracious to the poor.

8 He who increases his wealth by interest and usury Gathers it for him who is gracious to the poor.

8 Whoever gains wealth by charging exorbitant interest collects it for someone who is kind to the poor.

8 He that by usury and unjust gain increases his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

9 One who turns his ear away from listening to the Law, Even his prayer is an abomination.  
9 He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.  
9 If someone quits listening to the Law even his prayer is detestable.  
9 He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

10 One who leads the upright astray in an evil way Will himself fall into his own pit, But the blameless will inherit good.  
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10 Whoever misleads the upright along an evil way will himself fall into his own pit, but the blameless will inherit what is good.  
10 Whoso causes the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.

11 The rich person is wise in his own eyes, But the poor who has understanding sees through him.  
11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes, But the poor who has understanding sees through him.  
11 The rich man may be wise in his own opinion; but a discerning, poor man sees through him.  
11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that has understanding searcheth him out.

12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory, But when the wicked rise, people hide themselves.  
12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory, But when the wicked rise, men hide themselves.  
12 When the righteous are victorious, there is great glory, but when the wicked arise, men hide themselves.  
12 When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

13 One who conceals his wrongdoings will not prosper, But one who confesses and abandons *them* will find compassion.  
13 He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion.  
13 Whoever hides his transgressions will not succeed, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will find mercy.

13 He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.

14 How blessed is the person who fears always, But one who hardens his heart will fall into disaster.

14 How blessed is the man who fears always, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

14 Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into disaster.

14 Happy is the man that fears alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

15 *Like* a roaring lion and a rushing bear Is a wicked ruler over a poor people.

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15 A roaring lion and a charging bear— that's what a wicked tyrant is over poor people.

15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

16 A leader who is a great oppressor lacks understanding, *But* a person who hates unjust gain will prolong *his* days.

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16 A Commander-in-Chief who is a cruel oppressor lacks understanding, but whoever hates unjust gain will live longer.

16 The prince that wants understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hates covetousness shall prolong his days.

17 A person who is burdened with the guilt of human blood Will be a fugitive until death; no one is to support him!

17 A man who is laden with the guilt of human blood Will be a fugitive until death; let no one support him.

17 A guilty man tormented by bloodshed will be a lifelong fugitive; let no one support him.

17 A man that does violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

18 One who walks blamelessly will receive help, But one who is crooked will fall all at once.

18 He who walks blamelessly will be delivered, But he who is crooked will fall all at once.

18 Whoever lives blamelessly will be delivered, but whoever is perverted will fall without warning.

18 Whoso walks uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

19 One who works his land will have plenty of food, But one who follows empty *pursuits* will have plenty of poverty.

19 He who tills his land will have plenty of food, But he who follows empty *pursuits* will have poverty in plenty.

19 Whoever works his farmland will have abundant food, but whoever chases fantasies will become very poor.

19 He that tills his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that follows after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful person will abound with blessings, But one who hurries to be rich will not go unpunished.

20 A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.

20 The faithful man will prosper with blessings, but whoever is in a hurry to get rich will not escape punishment.

20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that makes haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

21 To show partiality is not good, Because for a piece of bread a man will do wrong.

21 To show partiality is not good, Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

21 To show partiality isn't good, yet for a piece of bread the valiant will transgress.

21 To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress.

22 A person with an evil eye hurries after wealth And does not know that poverty will come upon him.

22 A man with an evil eye hastens after wealth And does not know that want will come upon him.

22 The miser is in a hurry to get wealthy, but he isn't aware that poverty will catch up with him.

22 He that hastes to be rich hath an evil eye, and considers not that poverty shall come upon him.

23 One who rebukes a person will afterward find *more* favor Than one who flatters with the tongue.

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23 Whoever rebukes a man will later on find more favor than someone who flatters with his words.

23 He that rebukes a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flatters with the tongue.

24 He who robs his father or his mother And says, "There is no wrong done," Is the companion of a person who destroys.

24 He who robs his father or his mother And says, "It is not a transgression," Is the companion of a man who destroys.

24 Whoever steals from his father or mother but claims, "It's no sin," is a companion to someone who demolishes.

24 Whoso robs his father or his mother, and says, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

25 An arrogant person stirs up strife, But one who trusts in the LORD will prosper.

25 An arrogant man stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.

25 An arrogant man stirs up dissension, but anyone who trusts in the LORD prospers.

25 He that is of a proud heart stirs up strife: but he that puts his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

26 One who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But one who walks wisely will flee to safety.

26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But he who walks wisely will be delivered.

26 Whoever trusts in himself is foolish, but whoever lives wisely will be kept safe.

26 He that trusts in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walks wisely, he shall be delivered.

27 One who gives to the poor will never lack *anything*, But one who shuts his eyes will have many curses.

27 He who gives to the poor will never want, But he who shuts his eyes will have many curses.

27 Whoever gives to the poor will never lack, but whoever shuts his eyes to their poverty will be cursed.

27 He that gives unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hides his eyes shall have many a curse.

28 When the wicked rise, people hide themselves; But when they perish, the righteous increase.

28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; But when they perish, the righteous increase.

28 When the wicked rise to power, people hide themselves, but when the wicked perish, the righteous increase.

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