

Proverbs 29 - Advice on Life and Justice; Wicked and Righteous Contrasted

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

(2) Part two: proverbs contrasting the righteous and the wicked (Prov 28:1—29:27)

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1 A person often rebuked who becomes obstinate Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.

1 A man who hardens *his* neck after much reproof Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.

1 After many rebukes, the stiff-necked man will be broken incurably, without any warning.

1 He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, But when a wicked person rules, people groan.

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2 As the righteous grow powerful, people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, people groan.

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked bears rule, the people mourn.

3 A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, But he who involves himself with prostitutes wastes *his* wealth.

3 A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, But he who keeps company with harlots wastes *his* wealth.

3 The man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father, but anyone who consorts with immoral women squanders his wealth.

3 Whoso loves wisdom rejoices his father: but he that keeps company with harlots spends his substance.

4 The king gives stability to the land by justice, But a person who takes bribes ruins it.

4 The king gives stability to the land by justice, But a man who takes bribes overthrows it.

4 A king brings stability to a land through justice, but a man who takes bribes brings it to ruin.

4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

5 A man who flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his steps.

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5 A strong man who flatters his neighbor is setting a trap where he walks.

5 A man that flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.

The Wicked and Righteous Contrasted

6 By wrongdoing an evil person is ensnared, But the righteous sings and rejoices.

6 By transgression an evil man is ensnared, But the righteous sings and rejoices.

6 An evil man is trapped by transgression, but the righteous person sings and rejoices.

6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous does sing and rejoice.

7 The righteous is concerned for the rights of the poor; The wicked does not understand *such* concern.

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7 The righteous person is concerned about the poor; but the wicked don't understand what they need to know.

7 The righteous considers the cause of the poor: but the wicked regards not to know it.

8 Arrogant people inflame a city, But wise people turn away anger.

8 Scorners set a city aflame, But wise men turn away anger.

8 Scornful men enflame a city, but the wise defuse anger.

8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.

9 When a wise person has a controversy with a foolish person, The foolish person either rages or laughs, and there is no rest.

9 When a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man, The foolish man either rages or laughs, and there is no rest.

9 When a wise man has a dispute with a fool, the fool either rages or laughs without relief.

9 If a wise man contends with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.

10 People of bloodshed hate the blameless person, But the upright are concerned for his life.

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10 Bloodthirsty men hate the innocent person, but the upright show concern for his life.

10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

11 A fool always loses his temper, But a wise person holds it back.

11 A fool always loses his temper, But a wise man holds it back.

11 The fool vents all his feelings, but the wise person keeps them to himself.

11 A fool utters all his mind: but a wise man keeps it in till afterwards.

[Prov 17:28]

12 If a ruler pays attention to falsehood, All his ministers *become* wicked.

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12 When a ruler is listening to lies, all of his officials tend to become wicked.

12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.

13 The poor person and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: the LORD gave them both eyes with which to see.

13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lightens both their eyes.

14 If a king judges the poor with truth, His throne will be established forever.

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14 When a king faithfully administers justice to the poor, his throne will be established forever.

14 The king that faithfully judges the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

15 The rod and a rebuke give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

15 The rod and rebuke bestow wisdom, but an undisciplined child brings shame to his mother.

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked increase, wrongdoing increases; But the righteous will see their downfall.

16 When the wicked increase, transgression increases; But the righteous will see their fall.

16 As the wicked grow powerful, transgression increases, but the righteous will observe their downfall.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases: but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul.

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17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is one who keeps the Law.

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18 Without prophetic vision, people abandon restraint, but those who obey the Law are happy.

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he.

Dangerous Behaviors

19 A slave will not be instructed by words *alone*; For though he understands, there will be no response.

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19 By mere words a servant will not be corrected; even though he understands, there will be no response.

19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

20 Do you see a person who is hasty with his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

20 Do you see a man who speaks hastily? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

21 One who pampers his slave from childhood Will in the end *find* him to be rebellious.

21 He who pampers his slave from childhood Will in the end find him to be a son.

21 If you pamper a servant from his childhood, later on he'll become ungrateful.

21 He that delicately brings up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.

22 An angry person stirs up strife, And a hot-tempered person abounds in wrongdoing.

22 An angry man stirs up strife, And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.

22 An angry man stirs up arguments, and a hot-tempered man causes many transgressions.

22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression.

23 A person's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.

23 A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.

23 A person's pride will bring about his downfall, but the humble in spirit will gain honor.

23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit.

24 One who is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He hears the oath but tells nothing.

24 He who is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He hears the oath but tells nothing.

24 A thief's accomplice hates himself; though testifying under oath, he reveals nothing.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief hates his own soul: he hears cursing, and bewrays it not.

25 The fear of man brings a snare, But one who trusts in the LORD will be protected.

25 The fear of man brings a snare, But he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted.

25 Fearing any human being is a trap, but confiding in the LORD keeps anyone safe.

25 The fear of man brings a snare: but whoso puts his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

26 Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for mankind *comes* from the LORD.

26 Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for man *comes* from the LORD.

26 Many seek a ruler's favor, but justice for a man comes from the LORD.

26 Many seek the ruler's favor; but every man's judgment comes from the LORD.

27 An unjust person is an abomination to the righteous, And one who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.

27 An unjust man is abominable to the righteous, And he who is upright in the way is abominable to the wicked.

27 The unjust man is detestable to the righteous, and whoever lives blamelessly is detestable to the wicked.

27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.