

PROVERBS

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**1 Every wise woman builds her household,
but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands.**



**2 The one who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD,
but the one who is perverted in his ways despises him.**



**3 In the speech of a fool is a rod for his back,
but the words of the wise protect them.**



**4 Where there are no oxen, the feeding trough is clean,
but an abundant harvest is produced by strong oxen.**



**5 A truthful witness does not lie,
but a false witness breathes out lies.**



**6 The scorner seeks wisdom but finds none,
but understanding is easy for a discerning person.**



**7 Leave the presence of a foolish person,
or you will not understand wise counsel.**



**8 The wisdom of the shrewd person is to discern his way,
but the folly of fools is deception.**



**9 Fools mock at reparation,
but among the upright there is favor.**



**10 The heart knows its own bitterness,
and with its joy no one else can share.**



**11 The household of the wicked will be destroyed,
but the tent of the upright will flourish.**



**12 There is a way that seems right to a person,
but its end is the way that leads to death.**



**13 Even in laughter the heart may ache,
and the end of joy may be grief.**



**14 The backslider will be paid back from his own ways,
but a good person will be rewarded for his.**



**15 A naive person believes everything,
but the shrewd person discerns his steps.**



**16 A wise person is cautious and turns from evil,
but a fool throws off restraint and is overconfident.**



**17 A person who has a quick temper does foolish things,
and a person with crafty schemes is hated.**



**18 The naive inherit folly,
but the shrewd are crowned with knowledge.**



**19 Those who are evil will bow before those who are good,
and the wicked will bow at the gates of the righteous.**



**20 A poor person is disliked even by his neighbors,
but those who love the rich are many.**



**21 The one who despises his neighbor sins,
but whoever is kind to the needy is blessed.**



**22 Do not those who devise evil go astray?
But those who plan good exhibit faithful covenant love.**



**23 In all hard work there is profit,
but merely talking about it only brings poverty.**



**24 The crown of the wise is their riches,
but the folly of fools is folly.**



**25 A truthful witness rescues lives,
but the one who breathes lies brings deception.**



**26 In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence,
and it will be a refuge for his children.**



**27 The fear of the LORD is like a life-giving fountain,
to turn people from deadly snares.**



**28 A king's glory is the abundance of people,
but the lack of subjects is the ruin of a ruler.**



**29 The one who is slow to anger has great understanding,
but the one who has a quick temper exalts folly.**



**30 A tranquil spirit revives the body,
but envy is rottenness to the bones.**



**31 The one who oppresses the poor insults his Creator,
but whoever shows favor to the needy honors him.**



**32 The wicked will be thrown down in his trouble,
but the righteous have refuge even in the threat of death.**



**33 Wisdom rests in the heart of the discerning;
it is known even in the heart of fools.**



**34 Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin is a disgrace to any people.**



**35 The king shows favor to a wise servant,
but his wrath falls on one who acts shamefully.**

