

“I have written thirty sayings for you, filled with advice and knowledge.” Proverbs 22:20 NLT

## [lectio] // PROVERBS 22:17-21

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### Wisdom Sayings

1. Don't rob the poor just because you can, or exploit the needy in court.
2. Don't befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people,
3. Don't agree to guarantee another person's debt or put up security for someone else.
4. Don't cheat your neighbor by moving the ancient boundary markers set up by previous generations.
5. Do you see any truly competent workers? They will serve kings rather than working for ordinary people.
6. Don't envy evil people or desire their company.
7. A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense.
8. The wise are mightier than the strong, and those with knowledge grow stronger and stronger.
9. Wisdom is too lofty for fools. Among leaders at the city gate, they have nothing to say.
10. A person who plans evil will get a reputation as a troublemaker.
11. If you fail under pressure, your strength is too small.
12. Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to die; save them as they stagger to their death. Don't excuse yourself by saying, "Look, we didn't know." For God understands all hearts, and he sees you. He who guards your soul knows you knew. He will repay all people as their actions deserve.
13. My child, eat honey, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to the taste.
14. Don't wait in ambush at the home of the godly, and don't raid the house where the godly live.
15. Don't rejoice when your enemies fall; don't be happy when they stumble.
16. Don't fret because of evildoers; don't envy the wicked.
17. My child, fear the Lord and the king. Don't associate with rebels
18. It is wrong to show favoritism when passing judgment.
19. An honest answer is like a kiss of friendship.

20. Do your planning and prepare your fields before building your house.
21. Don't testify against your neighbors without cause; don't lie about them.
22. I walked by the field of a lazy person, the vineyard of one with no common sense.
23. It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them.
24. No one can comprehend the height of heaven, the depth of the earth, or all that goes on in the king's mind!
25. Remove the impurities from silver, and the sterling will be ready for the silversmith.
26. Don't demand an audience with the king or push for a place among the great.
27. Just because you've seen something, don't be in a hurry to go to court.
28. When arguing with your neighbor, don't betray another person's secret.
29. Timely advice is lovely, like golden apples in a silver basket. To one who listens, valid criticism is like a gold earring or other gold jewelry.
30. Trustworthy messengers refresh like snow in summer. They revive the spirit of their employer.
31. A person who promises a gift but doesn't give it is like clouds and wind that bring no rain.
32. Patience can persuade a prince, and soft speech can break bones.
33. Do you like honey? Don't eat too much, or it will make you sick!
34. Don't visit your neighbors too often, or you will wear out your welcome.
35. Telling lies about others is as harmful as hitting them with an ax, wounding them with a sword, or shooting them with a sharp arrow.
36. Putting confidence in an unreliable person in times of trouble is like chewing with a broken tooth or walking on a lame foot.
37. Singing cheerful songs to a person with a heavy heart is like taking someone's coat in cold weather or pouring vinegar in a wound.
38. If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink.
39. As surely as a north wind brings rain, so a gossiping tongue causes anger!
40. It's better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a quarrelsome wife in a lovely home.
41. Good news from far away is like cold water to the thirsty.
42. If the godly give in to the wicked, it's like polluting a fountain or muddying a spring.
43. It's not good to eat too much honey, and it's not good to seek honors for yourself. A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls