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## Proverbs 28

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## Proverbs 28.

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### Topics.

- This chapter is full of a variety of various Proverbs.

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### INTRODUCTION

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Proverbs is a collection of Israelite wisdom literature, that has multiple authors, but most of it is attributed to King Solomon. Chapter one to nine gives readers a framework for understanding the rest of the book. The central concern of the book of Proverbs is practical wisdom for living. We are told that the beginning and essence of wisdom is the fear of the LORD (Prov. 1:7) (Prov. 9:10). It contrasts the benefits of seeking wisdom and the pitfalls of living a foolish life. While the wicked stumble in deep darkness (Prov. 4:19), the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day ((Prov. 4:18). Individual proverbs date from between the tenth and sixth centuries B.C.

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### KINGS AND ANGELS

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The title king is often used throughout the book of Proverbs, it comes from the Hebrew word (*malak*) which can refer to the following four things:

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1. A royal king ascending to the throne of royalty and reigning from it.
2. A male sovereign (i.e., a man or boy who rules as a monarch over an independent state.
3. The chief, or the principal leader or ruler of a group (secular or religious).
4. A messenger or ambassador, especially of God, (i.e. an angel, a king, a prophet, a priest or a teacher).
5. The best, the strongest and the wisest of all.

It is interesting to notice in the first verse of proverbs (Prov. 1:1) the word king comes from the Hebrew word (*malak*) and the first mention of an angel in the Bible also comes from the Hebrew word (*malak*) (Gen. 16:7). This means when the title king is used in the book of Proverbs it carries the idea of a wise king that does good unless the context implies otherwise. For further information concerning angels see the title:

- Angels (ON WEBSITE MENU).
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### PROVERBS 28:1

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- **Proverbs 28:1:** The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Those who do wrong have a guilty conscience and live in insecurity and fear of people betraying them even when no-one is, but those who do what is good and right have a sense of confidence in what they say and do, because they know they have nothing to hide or fear.

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## PROVERBS 28:2

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- **Proverbs 28:2:** When a land transgresses, it has many rulers (princes in KJV), but with a man of understanding and knowledge, its stability will long continue.

The population will always want to vote in new leaders when a country is full of people that commit crimes, do wrong, disobey the law and inflict harm and hurt upon others, but when these things are limited and suppressed the people will be content with their ruler.

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## PROVERBS 28:3

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- **Proverbs 28:3:** A poor man who oppresses the poor is a beating rain that leaves no food.

The King James Bible says:

- **Proverbs 28:3:** A poor man that oppreseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

Beating or sweeping rain not only gains nothing, but it also destroys everything in its path. Likewise, a person who subjects the poor to harsh and cruel forms of domination or inflict stress, worry and trouble on them gain nothing, because they have nothing to give.

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## PROVERBS 28:4

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- **Proverbs 28:4:** Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but those who keep the law strive against them.

Those that do wrong favour others who also do wrong, in contrast to this those who do what is good and right oppose those who do wrong and do all they can to have them brought to justice.

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## PROVERBS 28:5

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- **Proverbs 28:5:** Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the LORD understand it completely.

The wicked do not understand the concept of fairness for all people, nor do they have empathy for others. This is because they are so self-centred and selfish they only see things in the light of self-gain and what will be an advantage to them. In contrast to this the faithful and those who do what is good and right are fully aware that justice is about fairness for all people and protecting the innocent from harm. They understand that the underlying spirit of the Ten Commandments concerning mankind's behaviour is love, because each law protects the innocent from harm (i.e., thou shalt not murder, steal, commit adultery etc.). In his letter to the Romans Paul wrote:

- Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:10).

The spirit of the law is to protect the innocent from physical, financial, sexual, verbal, emotional and spiritual harm. This is why those who belong to Christ aim to keep the law. It is the right and loving thing to do. It fulfils the Ten Commandments regarding mankind's behaviour on earth and Jesus command to his followers and the royal law, "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:31) (Jas 2:8). Added to this it honours God and brings a good testimony to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

and the Christian faith. Christians who understand the message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary and the Gospel of grace do not keep the law to get saved, but because they are saved. They understand that righteousness is a free gift of God that comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and cannot be earned by self-effort. A wise and faithful man wrote: though the law is splendid as a guide to understanding God's will, as a means of reunion with God, the God we have sinned against, it is a hopeless failure, nevertheless both law and grace go together, the law without the Gospel is diagnosis without remedy, but the Gospel without law is only the good news of salvation for people who don't believe they need it because they have never heard the bad news of judgment, the law is not the Gospel, but the Gospel is not lawless (Rom. 3:19-20) (Eph. 2:13-22).

- Micah wrote: "What the LORD requires of mankind is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:5-10).
- Isaiah says: "The LORD loves justice, hates robbery and wrong doing" (Isaiah 61:8).
- Jeremiah said: "Those who know God practise steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, because it is in these things that God delights" (Jer. 9:24).

The great prophets Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah not only show the law is about doing-good to others and protecting them from harm and hurt, but also clearly show that the spirit under-pinning the Ten Commandments, is love because each law protects another human from harm.

**Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount:** the constant theme throughout Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount is doing what is right before God by seeking the way of peace in all situations. Jesus calls Christians to treat people fairly and with respect, dignity, decency grace compassion, kindness, mercy and to be quick to forgive. This means living a life that honours God and the Lord Jesus Christ is about doing right to those in the church and those outside of it. This is the reason the message Jesus spoke on the mountain is referred to as, "The Famous Sermon" because the principals if followed not only by Christians, but all humanity are the only way to peace (Matt 5). Based on the commandment, love your neighbour as yourself and the law it could be said that a wicked and evil person is one who deliberately and consciously denies the existence of God and deliberately does harm to other humans. For further information on Jesus Famous Sermon see:

- Matthew 5 in, Commentary NT (ON WEBSITE MENU).

Those who do all they can to love God with all their heart, mind and strength and love their neighbour as themselves. (Mark 12:30-31) will hear the words of their Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." (Matt. 25:21).

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## PROVERBS 28:6

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- **Proverbs 28:6:** Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

A poor person who steadfastly adheres to high moral principles and godly standards is a better person before God than one who by dishonesty, deceit and lies has become extremely rich and wealthy. This proverb shines a brilliant light upon the truth that no matter how successful a religious person's ministry maybe it does not necessarily mean they are going to be counted worthy of everlasting life and eternal glory. This is because God judges a person by their character, their honesty of heart and their integrity and not by their financial riches and wealth or their successes in ministry or by the opulence of their church building, as grand as these things maybe on earth they count for nothing at the judgment seat of God if they have been gained by dishonesty and deceit.

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## PROVERBS 28:7

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- **Proverbs 28:7:** The one who keeps the law is a son with understanding (wise son in KJV), but a companion of gluttons (riotous men) shames his father.

The word, gluttons and riotous comes from the Hebrew word (*zalal*) and refer to someone who is vile (i.e., loathsome and shameful) morally loose, a glutton for food and loves riotous (i.e., lawless, wild, unruly living). A son who brings honour to his father is a wise son who not only keeps the law because they understand that the end result of breaking the law is trouble and punishment, but who also avoids those who do wrong. In contrast to this is an unwise son brings shame to his father because he associates with the wicked and joins them in their wrong-doing

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## PROVERBS 28:8

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- **Proverbs 28:8:** Whoever multiplies his wealth by interest and profit gathers it for him who is generous to the poor.

The King James Bible says:

- **Proverbs 28:8:** He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

Those who get rich and wealthy by charging unfair and oppressive interest rates are gathering for the compassionate men and women who do help the poor. When Christ returns in glory, he will condemn those who for their own greedy gain oppressed others with unjust interest rates, but those who show compassion to the poor will inherit the earth. Jesus himself said, "Blessed are the meek (i.e., humble and gentle), for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5). This means that whatever good things the rich have established in this world, will become the possessions of the faithful in the New Kingdom Age to come. This glorious age will begin when the Lord Jesus Christ return as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to destroy the antichrist and his kingdom and establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign. The dead in Christ (Old and New Testament) and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth. Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God. The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

In Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

The great prophet Isaiah wrote:

- They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory. For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

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### PROVERBS 28:9

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- **Proverbs 28:9:** If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

Since God is omnipresent and universally ever-present, He hears all prayers, but that does not mean all prayers please him. Though He does hear the prayer of a person who rebels against the law and lives a lifestyle of wrong doing it is an extreme offence and revulsion to Him. Following are two examples of such a person:

1. An earthly son who takes no notice of road rules, traffic lights, speed limitations and cares nothing for the well-being and safety of others driving on the road asking his father if he can borrow the family car. Clearly the father will not only be disgusted that his son would drive a car with such a corrupt attitude to the laws of road safety, but will of course never give him the car.
2. Religious men and women who go to church every Sunday and do and say all the right things while they are at church and with those at the service, but on every other day of the week they give God no thought and live as they please regardless of how it reflects upon God's honour and the good name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Christian faith.

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### PROVERBS 28:10

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- **Proverbs 28:10:** Whoever misleads the upright into an evil way will fall into his own pit, but the blameless will have a goodly inheritance.

A person who misleads a good person into doing wrong will bring ruin on themselves, because the person with the good heart will eventually turn against those who are corrupt and unlike the blameless who will inherit everlasting life and eternal glory they will be condemned to the lake of fire, a symbol of eternal death (i.e., total destruction and utter extinction). The word blameless in this context does not mean without sin if it was possible for any of us to achieve the glorious state of a sin-free life while in this mortal and fallen body then Christ died for no purpose rather the word, blameless carries the following two ideas:

1. To live a lifestyle that honours God and the name of the Lord Jesus Christ which means forsaking those things that are against God's will and behaviour that could bring hurt and harm to another human



physically, financially, sexually, emotionally, mentally or spiritually and instead of being led by self, ego, pride, lust and greed be filled with the fruits of the Spirit (i.e., love, compassion, kindness, forgiveness, patience, grace, mercy and such like things).

2. By faith we solely trust in Christ's righteousness to be saved and not our own self-righteousness and in God's grace, contrasted to trusting in self-effort or adhering to ceremonial rites, holy days and keeping religious customs and traditions. It means crowning our biblical knowledge in the royal robes of love contrasted to being harsh, dogmatic and legalistic. It is doing as much as is in our power to maintain the unity of the faith in contrast to causing divisions, arguments, contentions and strife. Being blameless means confessing our sin before the Lord, repenting when we have offended God or hurt another person especially a brother or sister in the Lord and putting things right where possible when a wrong has been done. Paul told his disciples to do all things without grumbling and questioning so that:

- They may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom they shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:14-15).

This is not talking about being without sin we know this because the Lord Jesus Christ is the only man who has ever been without sin. The focus is not being without sin, but being blameless in the world's eyes or by the world's standards. Paul says those who are humble, obedient and do, not grumble, murmur, complain or cause divisions and who without question do what is lawful and right will be counted innocent and blameless in the world.

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### PROVERBS 28:11

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- **Proverbs 28:11:** A rich man is wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has understanding will find him out.

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Those who have become rich through dishonesty, lies and deception may, because of their success deceive themselves (and perhaps others) into thinking they are a wise person, but even a poor person with insight and the ability to perceive a person's character and situation will know their true nature. This verse also shines a light on the truth that extreme success, abundant riches and wealth, luxurious mansions or even opulent church buildings are evidence of a person's wisdom, honesty and integrity.

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### PROVERBS 28:12

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- **Proverbs 28:12:** When the righteous triumph, there is great glory, but when the wicked rise, people hide themselves.

When a king or ruler of nation who loves what is right is victorious there is great exaltation, admiration and honour amongst the people for the king and great joy over his and their triumph, but when those who do wrong rise in power those that do-good live in fear.

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### PROVERBS 28:13

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- **Proverbs 28:13:** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

The statement, "whoever conceals what they are doing wrong", implies they are also continuing to do whatever it is they are doing wrong, and therefore will not inherit eternal life. In contrast to this those who confesses and forsake what they are doing wrong will obtain mercy from God and be counted worthy of everlasting life.

The apostle John confirms what this proverb is saying:

- If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:6-10).

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## PROVERBS 28:14

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- **Proverbs 28:14:** Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

The reason a person is told to fear the LORD is because all humans have sinned and will one-day be judged by God. This fear should motivate all of us to seek God and his eternal salvation and forgiveness. This is why the Bible says the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom it motivates a person to seek God and His forgiveness. The apostle John in his letter wrote:

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10).

The fear of the LORD has the following two aspects:

- 1 An eternal aspect: wisdom teaches that mankind is separated from God because of sin and without God a person has no hope of eternal life and will be judged accordingly. The fear of the LORD in this context is wisdom because it motivates a person to seek God and eternal life.
- 2 An aspect for the present moment: the fear of the LORD in the present moment motivates mankind to obey God's Ten Commandments which are all designed to protect the innocent from harm, physically, financially, sexually, verbally, emotionally and spiritually (summed up they mean do-good and not harm). The fear of the LORD in this context is also wisdom because if everyone feared the LORD humanity would live in harmony with each other. Sadly, there is very little fear of the LORD in the world today and so we see rampant rebellion, violence, crime and wars in most countries.

**The fear of God and Christians:** those in Christ look to the bloodstained cross of Calvary and understand and experience Christ's great love and God's grace in their hearts and minds and no longer act from fear, but from love in the same way that a man in love with a woman does not do things to please her from fear, but from the love dwelling in his heart. Likewise, it is with the faithful who belong to the Lord's global family.

- The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. (Prov. 8:13).

**The fear of the LORD is hatred toward evil:** it is having a hatred of everything that harms another human physically, financially, sexually, emotionally, or spiritually and having a strong dislike of anything that destroys the planet and of whoever treats animals cruelly. God loves humans He gave his only Son to die for them. The fear of the LORD is about protecting and preventing harm to other humans. It is about knowing we are all going to stand before Him one day and give an account of our actions. The fear of this judgment should motivate a person to do the right thing and treat others with respect.

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## PROVERBS 28:15

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- **Proverbs 28:15:** Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked ruler over a poor people.

A roaring lion will devour its prey and a charging bear will tear its prey to shreds if it stands in its path. If any living creature stands in the path of a roaring lion and a charging bear it is going to suffer enormous pain and most likely death. Likewise a cruel and wicked king who rules over those who have no power and the poor will act like the roaring lion and the charging bear in that they will have no hesitation in devouring and tearing apart those who stand in their way or attempt to hinder their plans and purposes.

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### PROVERBS 28:16

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- **Proverbs 28:16:** A ruler who lacks understanding is a cruel oppressor, but he who hates unjust gain will prolong his days.

A ruler who lacks the ability to be empathetic and understand another person's feelings and emotions will rule by oppression and cruelty, but whoever is against extending their leadership and kingdom by these will lengthen the days of their rule.

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### PROVERBS 28:17

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- **Proverbs 28:17:** If one is burdened with the blood of another, he will be a fugitive until death; let no one help him.

The King James Bible says:

- **Proverbs 28:17:** A man that doeth violence to the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

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This verse carries the following two ideas:

1. If those who have deliberately and violently murdered someone are feeling a heavy weight of guilt and a mental burden of affliction let them live with it is their punishment.
2. Those who have deliberately and violently murdered someone are destined for the grave no one should try to prevent justice being done.

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### PROVERBS 28:18

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- **Proverbs 28:18:** Whoever walks in integrity (uprightly in KJV) will be delivered, but he who is crooked (perverse in KJV) in his ways will suddenly fall.

Uprightly comes from the Hebrew word (*tamiym*) and embraces words such as undefiled, integrity, truth, complete, full, sincere and perfect, it carries the idea of being without spot or blemish and being whole and complete. In contrast to this the word perverse comes from the Hebrew word (*`aqash*) and means to distort, pervert and make crooked. People, who live an honest life and according to the integrity of their heart will be delivered from false accusations, lying rumours and malicious gossip, because they will eventually all be proven to be un-true. In contrast to this whoever misinterprets and distorts a thing so that it leads others away from what is good and right will come to ruin, because their lies and deceptions will eventually be found out.

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### PROVERBS 28:19

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- **Proverbs 28:19:** Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.

Those who work invest and save will prosper, but those who chase get rich schemes and live for the moment and for pleasure will eventually find themselves lacking and struggling financially.

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### PROVERBS 28:10

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- **Proverbs 28:10:** A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

The KJV says:

- Whoso causeth 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.

Whoever is consistently trustworthy and loyal to a person, a promise, or a duty and faithful to their spouse will have a good and peaceful life. In contrast to this those who cause a good man or woman to go astray or act in a wicked or sexual way may as will take a shovel and dig their own eternal grave.

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### PROVERBS 28:21

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- **Proverbs 28:21:** To show partiality is not good, but for a piece of bread a man will do wrong.

To show partiality means to have a biased attitude or an unfair preference in judgment, because of a fondness for one person over another. A simple example of this would be a sister in a court of law testifying about her brother who has been accused of criminal activity. There is a temptation for her to twist and distort the truth because of the bias she has toward her brother. To lie in a court of law is not only wrong, but it is also an abomination before God because such distorting of the truth can lead to an innocent person being held guilty for a crime they did not commit.

The expression, "but for a piece of bread a man will do wrong," means even a good and honest person will steal food if they are hungry enough and it is the only way they can survive, though this is still wrong it is understandable.

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### PROVERBS 28:22

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- **Proverbs 28:22:** A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him.

The King James Bible says:

- He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

Those who are not generous in giving and do not show charity when they are able toward those in need (especially their friends), because they want to get rich quickly and store their wealth up for themselves will reap what they sow when their riches fail them. Not only will they come to utter ruin because no one will come to their aid, but they will also have no one to comfort them since no-one likes a stingy person. Such people are so prideful they believe they are invincible and will never be in need, they do not consider the idea that a day may come when they themselves maybe poor and in need of help.

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## PROVERBS 28:23

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- **Proverbs 28:23:** Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favour than he who flatters with his tongue.

Those who prevent a person from making a wrong choice, a wrong decision or from going the wrong way by correcting them will be far more appreciated than someone who excessively compliments them with empty words of flattery.

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## PROVERBS 28:24

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- **Proverbs 28:24:** Whoever robs his father or his mother and says, "That is no transgression," is a companion to a man who destroys.

A son or daughter who justifies themselves believing it is not wrong for them to take something from their father or mother, are not only extremely corrupt, but are also counted by God with those who destroy and murder.

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## PROVERBS 28:25

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- **Proverbs 28:25:** A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the LORD will be enriched.

A greedy person lives only for themselves and therefore will use whatever means they can to take what their greed craves. They will speak lies, use deception and violence and if they rule a nation even start a war to satisfy their greed for riches, power, importance and fame. In contrast to this those who trust in the LORD will be content and spiritually enriched.

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## PROVERBS 28:26

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- **Proverbs 28:26:** Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

There is a difference between the human mind and wisdom. When a baby is born their mind does not automatically contain wisdom, it is external and something learnt through study and experience. Trusting in the mind, (i.e. your own personal ideas, opinions, feelings and way of thinking and reasoning) is not wise, because they are all influenced by our own desires, cravings, passions and emotions, whereas wisdom that has been learnt is not.

The following is a typical example of following our own mind or listening to the voice of wisdom:

- A married man has an affair with a single woman. Their own mind justifies it because they feel they are emotionally in love with each other, but wisdom shouts, don't go there because the end of it will only result in pain and hurt, not only to them, but to their families and children.

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## PROVERBS 28:27

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- **Proverbs 28:27:** Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

A generous person who helps the poor will not only be rewarded in this world with inner joy and contentment, but also rewarded at the judgment seat of Christ. In contrast to this those who withhold help from the poor when they have an opportunity to give will not only lack inner joy and contentment but also be condemned when they stand before God.

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### PROVERBS 28:28

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- **Proverbs 28:28:** When the wicked rise, people hide themselves, but when they perish, the righteous increase.

When corrupt rulers and governments rise to power those who do-good live in fear and stay in their homes, but when the wicked perish those who love what is right are seen everywhere.

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### WISDOM EMBRACES THE FOLLOWING NINE ASPECTS

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1. Having a clear thoughtful, rational, discerning, discriminating, sharp, and discreet mind.
2. Being cautious in character as opposed to being impulsive.
3. Being sensible and practical with the skills and talents that a person has.
4. Making choices that considers others and that will be fair and just.
5. Studying, reading and learning to acquire mental knowledge that helps in making right decisions for the present moment and for the future.
6. Being able to see the future danger of a decision, choice or action.
7. Having the ability to make good choices and decisions in the present moment that will end in the best result and a good outcome in the future.
8. Being able to perceive the end result or ramifications (good or bad) of the underlying message a speaker is teaching.
9. Wisdom will protect a person from making decisions and choices in the present moment that will lead to hurt or calamity in the future for themselves and for others.

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