

**Proverbs Collection II: Solomon's Proverbs – Part 2 (c. 969t – 932t BC)****Proverbs 12–14****Speech and Deeds—Part 1**

- 12:1 The one who loves discipline loves knowledge,  
but the one who hates reproof is stupid.
- 2 A good person obtains favor from the LORD,  
but the LORD condemns a person with wicked schemes.
- 3 No one can be established through wickedness,  
but a righteous root cannot be moved.
- 4 A noble wife is the crown of her husband,  
but the wife who acts shamefully is like rottenness in his bones.
- 5 The plans of the righteous are just;  
the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.
- 6 The words of the wicked lie in wait to shed innocent blood,  
but the words of the upright will deliver them.
- 7 The wicked are overthrown and perish,  
but the righteous household will stand.
- 8 A person is praised in accordance with his wisdom,  
but the one who has a twisted mind is despised.
- 9 Better is a person of humble standing who nevertheless has a servant,  
than one who pretends to be somebody important yet has no food.
- 10 A righteous person cares for the life of his animal,  
but even the most compassionate acts of the wicked are cruel.
- 11 The one who works his field will have plenty of food,  
but whoever chases daydreams lacks wisdom.
- 12 The wicked person desires a stronghold,  
but the righteous root endures.
- 13 The evil person is ensnared by the transgression of his speech,  
but the righteous person escapes out of trouble.
- 14 A person will be satisfied with good from the fruit of his words,  
and the work of his hands will be rendered to him.

**Speech and Deeds—Part 2**

- 15 The way of a fool is right in his own opinion,  
but the one who listens to advice is wise.
- 16 A fool's annoyance is known at once,  
but the prudent overlooks an insult.
- 17 The faithful witness tells what is right,  
but a false witness speaks deceit.
- 18 Speaking recklessly is like the thrusts of a sword,  
but the words of the wise bring healing.
- 19 The one who tells the truth will endure forever,  
but the one who lies will last only for a moment.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil,  
but those who promote peace have joy.
- 21 The righteous do not encounter any harm,  
but the wicked are filled with calamity.
- 22 The LORD abhors a person who lies,  
but those who deal truthfully are his delight.
- 23 The shrewd person conceals knowledge,  
but foolish people publicize folly.
- 24 The diligent person will rule,  
but the slothful will become a slave.
- 25 Anxiety in a person's heart weighs him down,  
but an encouraging word brings him joy.
- 26 The righteous person is cautious in his friendship,  
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- 27 The lazy person does not roast his prey,

but personal possessions are precious to the diligent.

- 28 In the path of righteousness there is life,  
but another path leads to death.

### **Speech and Ethics**

- 13:1 A wise son accepts his father's discipline,  
but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- 2 From the fruit of his speech a person eats good things,  
but the faithless desire the fruit of violence.
- 3 The one who guards his words guards his life,  
but whoever is talkative will come to ruin.
- 4 The appetite of the sluggard craves but gets nothing,  
but the desire of the diligent will be abundantly satisfied.
- 5 The righteous person hates anything false,  
but the wicked person acts in shameful disgrace.
- 6 Righteousness guards the one who lives with integrity,  
but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

### **Wealth and Ethics**

- 7 There is one who pretends to be rich and yet has nothing;  
another pretends to be poor and yet possesses great wealth.
- 8 The ransom of a person's life is his wealth,  
but the poor person hears no threat.
- 9 The light of the righteous shines brightly,  
but the lamp of the wicked goes out.
- 10 With pride comes only contention,  
but wisdom is with the well-advised.
- 11 Wealth gained quickly will dwindle away,  
but the one who gathers it little by little will become rich.

### **Fulfillment through Wisdom versus Frustration through Folly**

- 12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick,  
but a longing fulfilled is like a tree of life.
- 13 The one who despises instruction will pay the penalty,  
but whoever esteems instruction will be rewarded.
- 14 Instruction from the wise is like a life-giving fountain,  
to turn a person from deadly snares.
- 15 Keen insight wins favor,  
but the conduct of the unfaithful is harsh.
- 16 Every shrewd person acts with knowledge,  
but a fool displays his folly.
- 17 An unreliable messenger falls into trouble,  
but a faithful envoy brings healing.
- 18 The one who neglects discipline ends up in poverty and shame,  
but the one who accepts reproof is honored.
- 19 A desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul,  
but fools abhor turning away from evil.

### **The Blessed Future of a Wise Son versus the Calamity that Awaits the Wicked**

- 20 The one who associates with the wise grows wise,  
but a companion of fools suffers harm.
- 21 Calamity pursues sinners,  
but prosperity rewards the righteous.
- 22 A benevolent person leaves an inheritance for his grandchildren,  
but the wealth of a sinner is stored up for the righteous.
- 23 There is abundant food in the field of the poor,  
but it is swept away by injustice.
- 24 The one who spares his rod hates his child,

but the one who loves his child is diligent in disciplining him.

- 25 The righteous has enough food to satisfy his appetite,  
but the belly of the wicked lacks food.

### **Walking in Wisdom**

- 14:1 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.

### **Not Walking by Sight**

- 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.

### **Contrasting Social Characterizations and Consequences**

- 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.

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