

## Proverbs 10:1-32 **Wisdom in Contrasting Short Statements**

### *Wise Sayings of Solomon*

#### **1. The proverbs of Solomon:**

A wise son makes a glad father,  
But a foolish son *is* the grief of his mother.

**2** Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,  
But righteousness delivers from death.

**3** The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish,  
But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

**4** He who has a slack hand becomes poor,  
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.

**5** He who gathers in summer *is* a wise son;  
He who sleeps in harvest *is* a son who causes shame.

**6** Blessings *are* on the head of the righteous,  
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

**7** The memory of the righteous *is* blessed,  
But the name of the wicked will rot.

**8** The wise in heart will receive commands,  
But a prating fool will fall.

**9** He who walks with integrity walks securely,  
But he who perverts his ways will become known.

**10** He who winks with the eye causes trouble,  
But a prating fool will fall.

**11** The mouth of the righteous *is* a well of life,  
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

**12** Hatred stirs up strife,  
But love covers all sins.

**13** Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding,  
But a rod *is* for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.

- 14 Wise *people* store up knowledge,  
But the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.
- 15 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city;  
The destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.
- 16 The labor of the righteous *leads* to life,  
The wages of the wicked to sin.
- 17 He who keeps instruction *is in* the way of life,  
But he who refuses correction goes astray.
- 18 Whoever hides hatred *has* lying lips,  
And whoever spreads slander *is* a fool.
- 19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking,  
But he who restrains his lips *is* wise.
- 20 The tongue of the righteous *is* choice silver;  
The heart of the wicked *is worth* little.
- 21 The lips of the righteous feed many,  
But fools die for lack of wisdom.\*
- 22 The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich,  
And He adds no sorrow with it.
- 23 To do evil *is* like sport to a fool,  
But a man of understanding has wisdom.
- 24 The fear of the wicked will come upon him,  
And the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked *is no more*,  
But the righteous *has* an everlasting foundation.
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,  
So *is* the lazy *man* to those who send him.
- 27 The fear of the LORD prolongs days,  
But the years of the wicked will be shortened.
- 28 The hope of the righteous *will be* gladness,  
But the expectation of the wicked will perish.
- 29 The way of the LORD *is* strength for the upright,

But destruction *will come* to the workers of iniquity.

<sup>30</sup> The righteous will never be removed,  
But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

<sup>31</sup> The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,  
But the perverse tongue will be cut out.

<sup>32</sup> The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable,  
But the mouth of the wicked *what is* perverse (atrocious, vile, repulsive)

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The proverbs above are short self evident contrasting statements of Solomon requiring no commentary.