

Proverbs 18:1-24 **More Concise Straight and Contrasting Statements**

The Name of the LORD Is a Strong Tower

¹ A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire;
He rages against all wise judgment.

² A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in expressing his own heart.

³ When the wicked comes, contempt comes also;
And with dishonor *comes* reproach.

⁴ The words of a man's mouth *are* deep waters;
The wellspring of wisdom *is* a flowing brook.

⁵ *It is* not good to show partiality to the wicked,
Or to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

⁶ A fool's lips enter into contention,
And his mouth calls for blows.

⁷ A fool's mouth *is* his destruction,
And his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

⁸ The words of a talebearer *are* like tasty trifles,*
And they go down into the inmost body.

⁹ He who is slothful in his work
Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

¹⁰ The name of Yahweh (the LORD) *is* a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.

¹¹ The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city,
And like a high wall in his own esteem.

¹² Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty,
And before honor *is* humility.

¹³ He who answers a matter before he hears *it*,
It *is* folly and shame to him.

¹⁴ The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness,
But who can bear a broken spirit?

15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge,
And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

16 A man's gift makes room for him,
And brings him before great men.

17 The first *one* to plead his cause *seems* right,
Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

18 Casting lots causes contentions to cease,
And keeps the mighty apart.

19 A brother offended *is harder to win* than a strong city,
And contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth;
From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

22 *He who* finds a wife finds a good *thing*,
And obtains favor from Yahweh (the LORD).

23 The poor *man* uses entreaties,
But the rich answers roughly.

24 A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly,*
But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Short self evident contrasting and straight statements of Solomon requiring no commentary.
- ✧ Contrast between good and evil with the expected reward (end) of each.