

Proverbs 19:1-29 **More Concise Straight and Contrasting Statements**

The Fear of the LORD Leads to Life

¹ Better *is* the poor who walks in his integrity
Than *one who is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

² Also it is not good *for* a soul *to be* without knowledge,
And he sins who hastens with *his* feet.

³ The foolishness of a man twists his way,
And his heart frets against Yahweh (the LORD).

⁴ Wealth makes many friends,
But the poor is separated from his friend.

⁵ A false witness will not go unpunished,
And *he who* speaks lies will not escape.

⁶ Many entreat the favor of the nobility,
And every man *is* a friend to one who gives gifts.

⁷ All the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more do his friends go far from him!
He may pursue *them with* words, *yet* they abandon *him*.

⁸ He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;
He who keeps understanding will find good.

⁹ A false witness will not go unpunished,
And *he who* speaks lies shall perish.

¹⁰ Luxury is not fitting for a fool,
Much less for a servant to rule over princes.

¹¹ The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger,
And his glory *is* to overlook a transgression.

¹² The king's wrath *is* like the roaring of a lion,
But his favor *is* like dew on the grass.

¹³ A foolish son *is* the ruin of his father,
And the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dripping.

¹⁴ Houses and riches *are* an inheritance from fathers,
But a prudent wife *is* from Yahweh (the LORD).

15 Laziness casts *one* into a deep sleep,
And an idle person will suffer hunger.

16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul,
But he who is careless* of his ways will die.

17 He who has pity on the poor lends to Yahweh (the LORD),
And He will pay back what he has given.

18 Chasten your son while there is hope,
And do not set your heart on his destruction.*

19 A *man of* great wrath will suffer punishment;
For if you rescue *him*, you will have to do it again.

20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction,
That you may be wise in your latter days.

21 There are many plans in a man's heart,
Nevertheless Yahweh's (the LORD 's) counsel – that will stand.

22 What is desired in a man is kindness,
And a poor man is better than a liar.

23 The fear of Yahweh (the LORD) *leads* to life, And *he who has it* will abide in
satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.

24 A lazy *man* buries his hand in the bowl,*
And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary;
Rebuke one who has understanding, *and* he will discern knowledge.

26 He who mistreats *his* father *and* chases away *his* mother
Is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

27 Cease listening to instruction, my son,
And you will stray from the words of knowledge.

28 A disreputable witness scorns justice,
And the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.

29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers,
And beatings for the backs of fools.

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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.