

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.

³⁰ The righteous will never be removed,
But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

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

³² 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.