

Proverbs 13:1-25 **Continuing Concise Straight and Contrasting Statements**

Wisdom Loves Righteousness

- ¹ A wise son *heeds* his father's instruction,
But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- ² A man shall eat well by the fruit of *his* mouth,
But the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence.
- ³ He who guards his mouth preserves his life,
But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.
- ⁴ The soul of a lazy *man* desires, and *has* nothing;
But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.
- ⁵ A righteous *man* hates lying,
But a wicked *man* is loathsome and comes to shame.
- ⁶ Righteousness guards *him whose* way is blameless,
But wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- ⁷ There is one who makes himself rich, yet *has* nothing;
And one who makes himself poor, yet *has* great riches.
- ⁸ The ransom of a man's life *is* his riches,
But the poor does not hear rebuke.
- ⁹ The light of the righteous rejoices,
But the lamp of the wicked will be put out.
- ¹⁰ By pride comes nothing but strife,
But with the well-advised *is* wisdom.
- ¹¹ Wealth *gained by* dishonesty will be diminished,
But he who gathers by labor will increase.
- ¹² Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But *when* the desire comes, *it is* a tree of life.
- ¹³ He who despises the word will be destroyed,
But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.
- ¹⁴ The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life,
To turn *one* away from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding gains favor,
But the way of the unfaithful *is* hard.

16 Every prudent *man* acts with knowledge,
But a fool lays open *his* folly.

17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble,
But a faithful ambassador *brings* health.

18 Poverty and shame *will come* to him who disdains correction,
But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.

19 A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul,
But *it is* an abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20 He who walks with wise *men* will be wise,
But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

21 Evil pursues sinners,
But to the righteous, good shall be repaid.

22 A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

23 Much food *is in* the fallow *ground* of the poor,
And for lack of justice there is waste.*

24 He who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul,
But the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.

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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.