

Proverbs 15:1-33 **More Concise Straight and Contrasting Statements**

A Soft Answer Turns Away Wrath

- 1 A soft answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.
- 2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.
- 3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place,
Keeping watch on the evil and the good.
- 4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life,
But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.
- 5 A fool despises his father's instruction,
But he who receives correction is prudent.
- 6 *In* the house of the righteous *there is* much treasure,
But in the revenue of the wicked is trouble.
- 7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge,
But the heart of the fool *does* not *do* so.
- 8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD ,
But the prayer of the upright *is* His delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD ,
But He loves him who follows righteousness.
- 10 Harsh discipline *is* for him who forsakes the way,
And he who hates correction will die.
- 11 Hell* and Destruction* *are* before the LORD ;
So how much more the hearts of the sons of men.
- 12 A scoffer does not love one who corrects him,
Nor will he go to the wise.
- 13 A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance,
But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.
- 14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge,
But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

- 15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil,
But he who is of a merry heart *has* a continual feast.
- 16 Better *is* a little with the fear of Yahweh (the LORD),
Than great treasure with trouble.
- 17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs* where love is,
Than a fatted calf with hatred.
- 18 A wrathful man stirs up strife,
But *he who is* slow to anger allays contention.
- 19 The way of the lazy *man is* like a hedge of thorns,
But the way of the upright *is* a highway.
- 20 A wise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man despises his mother.
- 21 Folly *is* joy *to him who is* destitute of discernment,
But a man of understanding walks uprightly.
- 22 Without counsel, plans go awry,
But in the multitude of counselors they are established.
- 23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth,
And a word *spoken* in due season, how good *it is!*
- 24 The way of life *winds* upward for the wise,
That he may turn away from hell* below.
- 25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud,
But He will establish the boundary of the widow.
- 26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD ,
But *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant.
- 27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house,
But he who hates bribes will live.
- 28 The heart of the righteous studies how to answer,
But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.
- 29 Yahweh (the LORD) *is* far from the wicked,
But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
And a good report makes the bones healthy.*

31 The ear that hears the rebukes of life
Will abide among the wise.

32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul,
But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.

33 The fear of Yahweh (the LORD) *is* the instruction of wisdom,
And before honor *is* humility.

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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.