

Proverbs 20:1-30 **More Concise Straight and Contrasting Statements**

Wine Is a Mocker

1. Wine *is* a mocker, Strong drink *is* a brawler,
And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.
- 2 The wrath* of a king *is* like the roaring of a lion;
Whoever provokes him to anger sins *against* his own life.
- 3 *It is* honorable for a man to stop striving,
Since any fool can start a quarrel.
- 4 The lazy *man* will not plow because of winter;
He will beg during harvest and *have* nothing.
- 5 Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water,
But a man of understanding will draw it out.
- 6 Most men will proclaim each his own goodness,
But who can find a faithful man?
- 7 The righteous *man* walks in his integrity;
His children *are* blessed after him.
- 8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment
Scatters all evil with his eyes.
- 9 Who can say, "I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin"?
- 10 Diverse weights *and* diverse measures,
They *are* both alike, an abomination to Yahweh (the LORD).
- 11 Even a child is known by his deeds,
Whether what he does *is* pure and right.
- 12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye,
Yahweh (the LORD) has made them both.
- 13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty;
Open your eyes, *and* you will be satisfied with bread.
- 14 "*It is* good for nothing,"* cries the buyer;
But when he has gone his way, then he boasts.

- 15 There is gold and a multitude of rubies,
But the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.
- 16 Take the garment of one who is surety *for* a stranger,
And hold it as a pledge *when it* is for a seductress.
- 17 Bread gained by deceit *is* sweet to a man,
But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.
- 18 Plans are established by counsel;
By wise counsel wage war.
- 19 He who goes about *as* a talebearer reveals secrets;
Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.
- 20 Whoever curses his father or his mother,
His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.
- 21 An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning
Will not be blessed at the end.
- 22 Do not say, "I will recompense evil";
Wait for Yahweh (the LORD), and He will save you.
- 23 Diverse weights *are* an abomination to Yahweh (the LORD),
And dishonest scales *are* not good.
- 24 A man's steps *are* of Yahweh (the LORD);
How then can a man understand his own way?
- 25 *It is* a snare for a man to devote rashly *something as* holy,
And afterward to reconsider *his* vows.
- 26 A wise king sifts out the wicked,
And brings the threshing wheel over them.
- 27 The spirit of a man *is* the lamp of Yahweh (the LORD),
Searching all the inner depths of his heart. *
- 28 Mercy and truth preserve the king,
And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.
- 29 The glory of young men *is* their strength,
And the splendor of old men *is* their gray head.

³⁰ Blows that hurt cleanse away evil,
As *do* stripes the inner depths of the heart.*

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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.