

Proverbs 22:1-16 **More Concise Straight and Contrasting Statements**

The Value of a Good Name

- 1 A *good* name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
Loving favor rather than silver and gold.
- 2 The rich and the poor have this in common,
Yahweh (the LORD) *is* the maker of them all.
- 3 A prudent *man* foresees evil and hides himself,
But the simple pass on and are punished.
- 4 By humility *and* the fear of Yahweh (the LORD)
Are riches and honor and life.
- 5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the perverse;
He who guards his soul will be far from them.
- 6 Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.
- 7 The rich rules over the poor,
And the borrower *is* servant to the lender.
- 8 He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail.
- 9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.
- 10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave;
Yes, strife and reproach will cease.
- 11 He who loves purity of heart *And has* grace on his lips,
The king *will be* his friend.
- 12 The eyes of Yahweh (the LORD) preserve knowledge,
But He overthrows the words of the faithless.
- 13 The lazy *man* says, "*There is* a lion outside!
I shall be slain in the streets!"
- 14 The mouth of an immoral woman *is* a deep pit;
He who is abhorred by Yahweh (the LORD) will fall there.

¹⁵ Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

¹⁶ He who oppresses the poor to increase his *riches*,
And he who gives to the rich, *will* surely *come* to poverty.

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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.