

Proverbs 22:17-29 **Wise Counsel and Advice**

Sayings of the Wise

- 17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,
And apply your heart to my knowledge;
18 For *it is* a pleasant thing if you keep them within you;
Let them all be fixed upon your lips,
19 So that your trust may be in Yahweh (the LORD);
I have instructed you today, even you.
- 20 Have I not written to you excellent things
Of counsels and knowledge,
21 That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth,
That you may answer words of truth
To those who send to you?
- 22 Do not rob the poor because he *is* poor,
Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate;
23 For Yahweh (the LORD) will plead their cause,
And plunder the soul of those who plunder them.
- 24 Make no friendship with an angry man,
And with a furious man do not go,
25 Lest you learn his ways
And set a snare for your soul.
- 26 Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge,
One of those who is surety for debts;
27 If you have nothing *with which* to pay,
Why should he take away your bed from under you?
- 28 Do not remove the ancient landmark
Which your fathers have set.
- 29 Do you see a man *who* excels in his work?
He will stand before kings;
He will not stand before unknown *men*.

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ Counsel to listen carefully to the instructions of the wise.
- ✧ Take the advise to heart so they become part of you.
- ✧ Good counsel will encourage you trust in Yahweh.
- ✧ Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge,
That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth,
That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you? [\[Proverbs 22:20-21\]](#)
 - ✧ The purpose of godly instruction is to prepare you with knowledge so you can discern the certainty in words of truth.
 - ✧ To prepare you to properly answer those who ask you.
- ✧ Do not rob the poor because he *is* poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate;
For Yahweh (the LORD) will plead their cause, And plunder the soul of those who plunder them. [\[Proverbs 22:22-23\]](#)
 - ✧ Yahweh knows all you do and will punish those who mistreat the poor and afflicted.
- ✧ Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go,
Lest you learn his ways And set a snare for your soul. [\[Proverbs 22:24-25\]](#)
 - ✧ To go in the way of angry and furious people may entice you to follow their way to the detriment of your own soul.
- ✧ Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, One of those who is surety for debts;
If you have nothing *with which* to pay,
Why should he take away your bed from under you? [\[Proverbs 22:26-27\]](#)
 - ✧ Becoming surety for the debt of another makes you responsible to pay the debt.
 - ✧ If you do not have the ability to pay the debt it may cost you great loss equal to the debt.
 - ✧ It is foolish to make yourself responsible for another's debt.
- ✧ Do not remove the ancient landmark Which your fathers have set. [\[Proverbs 22:28\]](#)
 - ✧ This is one of the commandments of the Law of Yahweh. [\[Deuteronomy 19:14, 27:17\]](#)
- ✧ Do you see a man *who* excels in his work?
He will stand before kings;
He will not stand before unknown *men*. [\[Proverbs 22:29\]](#)
 - ✧ A man who excels in his work will be welcome in the presence of kings.
 - ✧ Common men will not seek his advice.