

Proverbs 24:1-22 **Concise Straight Practical Wise Statements & Advice**

Do Not Envy Evil Men

- ¹ Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them;
- ² For their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking.

- ³ Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established;
- ⁴ By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.

- ⁵ A wise man *is* strong, Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength;
- ⁶ For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

- ⁷ Wisdom *is* too lofty for a fool; He does not open his mouth in the gate.
- ⁸ He who plots to do evil Will be called a schemer.
- ⁹ The devising of foolishness *is* sin, And the scoffer *is* an abomination to men.

- ¹⁰ *If* you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength *is* small.

- ¹¹ Deliver *those who* are drawn toward death, And hold back *those* stumbling to the slaughter.
- ¹² If you say, "Surely we did not know this,"
Does not He who weighs the hearts consider *it*?
He who keeps your soul, does He *not* know *it*?
And will He *not* render to *each* man according to his deeds?

- ¹³ My son, eat honey because *it is* good, And the honeycomb *which is* sweet to your taste;
- ¹⁴ So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* to your soul; If you have found *it*, there is a prospect, And your hope will not be cut off.

- ¹⁵ Do not lie in wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous; Do not plunder his resting place;
- ¹⁶ For a righteous *man* may fall seven times And rise again,
But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

- ¹⁷ Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;
- ¹⁸ Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease Him, And He turn away His wrath from him.

- ¹⁹ Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the wicked;
- ²⁰ For there will be no prospect for the evil *man*; The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

²¹ My son, fear the LORD and the king;

Do not associate with those given to change;

²² For their calamity will rise suddenly, And who knows the ruin those two can bring?

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Short self evident wise statements of Solomon requiring no commentary.
- ✧ Good wise advice.