

Proverbs 26:1-28 **Concise Straight Practical Wise Statements & Advice**

Honor Is Not Fitting for a Fool

26 As snow in summer and rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool.

² Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.

³ A whip for the horse, A bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the fool's back.

⁴ Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him.

⁵ Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

⁶ He who sends a message by the hand of a fool Cuts off *his own* feet *and* drinks violence.

⁷ *Like* the legs of the lame that hang limp *is* a proverb in the mouth of fools.

⁸ Like one who binds a stone in a sling *is* he who gives honor to a fool.

⁹ *Like* a thorn *that* goes into the hand of a drunkard *is* a proverb in the mouth of fools.

¹⁰ The great *God* who formed everything Gives the fool *his* hire and the transgressor *his* wages.*

¹¹ As a dog returns to his own vomit, *So* a fool repeats his folly.

¹² Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him.

¹³ The lazy *man* says, "*There is* a lion in the road! A fierce lion *is* in the streets!"

¹⁴ *As* a door turns on its hinges, *So does* the lazy *man* on his bed.

¹⁵ The lazy *man* buries his hand in the bowl;* It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.

¹⁶ The lazy *man is* wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can answer sensibly.

¹⁷ He who passes by *and* meddles in a quarrel not his own *is like* one who takes a dog by the ears.

¹⁸ Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,

¹⁹ *Is* the man *who* deceives his neighbor, And says, "I was only joking!"

20 Where *there is* no wood, the fire goes out; And where *there is* no talebearer, strife ceases.

21 As charcoal *is* to burning coals, and wood to fire, So *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

22 The words of a talebearer *are* like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.

23 Fervent lips with a wicked heart *Are like* earthenware covered with silver dross.

24 He who hates, disguises *it* with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself;

25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For *there are* seven abominations in his heart;

26 *Though his* hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.

27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him.

28 A lying tongue hates *those who are* crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

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Facts Revealed:

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