

Proverbs 28:1-28 More Concise Straight and Contrasting Statements

The Righteous Are Bold as a Lion

¹The wicked flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous are bold as a lion.

² Because of the transgression of a land, many *are* its princes;
But by a man of understanding *and* knowledge Right will be prolonged.

³ A poor man who oppresses the poor *is like* a driving rain which leaves no food.

⁴ Those who forsake the law praise the wicked,
But such as keep the law contend with them.

⁵ Evil men do not understand justice,
But those who seek the LORD understand all.

⁶ Better *is* the poor who walks in his integrity
Than one perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.

⁷ Whoever keeps the law *is* a discerning son,
But a companion of gluttons shames his father.

⁸ One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion Gathers it for him who will
pity the poor.

⁹ One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer *is* an abomination.

¹⁰ Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, He himself will fall into his
own pit;
But the blameless will inherit good.

¹¹ The rich man *is* wise in his own eyes,
But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

¹² When the righteous rejoice, *there is* great glory;
But when the wicked arise, men hide themselves.

¹³ He who covers his sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.

¹⁴ Happy *is* the man who is always reverent,
But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

15 *Like* a roaring lion and a charging bear *is* a wicked ruler over poor people.

16 A ruler who lacks understanding *is* a great oppressor,
But he who hates covetousness will prolong *his* days.

17 A man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit; Let no one help him.

18 Whoever walks blamelessly will be saved,
But *he who is* perverse *in his* ways will suddenly fall.

19 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!

20 A faithful man will abound with blessings,
But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

21 To show partiality *is* not good, Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

22 A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

23 He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward
Than he who flatters with the tongue.

24 Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, "*It is* no transgression," The same *is* companion to a destroyer.

25 He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife,
But he who trusts in Yahweh (the LORD) will be prospered.

26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool,
But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

27 He who gives to the poor will not lack,
But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.

28 When the wicked arise, men hide themselves;
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

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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.

