

Proverbs 29:1-27 More Concise Straight and Contrasting Statements

Happy Is He Who Keeps the Law

¹ He who is often rebuked, *and* hardens *his* neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

² When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

³ Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice,
But a companion of harlots wastes *his* wealth.

⁴ The king establishes the land by justice,
But he who receives bribes overthrows it.

⁵ A man who flatters his neighbor Spreads a net for his feet.

⁶ By transgression an evil man is snared,
But the righteous sings and rejoices.

⁷ The righteous considers the cause of the poor,
But the wicked does not understand *such* knowledge.

⁸ Scoffers set a city aflame,
But wise *men* turn away wrath.

⁹ *If* a wise man contends with a foolish man, Whether *the fool* rages or laughs, *there is* no peace.

¹⁰ The bloodthirsty hate the blameless,
But the upright seek his well-being.*

¹¹ A fool vents all his feelings,*
But a wise *man* holds them back.

¹² If a ruler pays attention to lies, All his servants *become* wicked.

¹³ The poor *man* and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

¹⁴ The king who judges the poor with truth, His throne will be established forever.

15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom,
But a child left *to himself* brings shame to his mother.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases;
But the righteous will see their fall.

17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

18 Where *there is* no revelation,* the people cast off restraint;
But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

19 A servant will not be corrected by mere words; For though he understands, he will not respond.

20 Do you see a man hasty in his words? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him.

21 He who pampers his servant from childhood Will have him as a son in the end.

22 An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression.

23 A man's pride will bring him low,
But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

24 Whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He swears to tell the truth,* but reveals nothing.

25 The fear of man brings a snare,
But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

26 Many seek the ruler's favor,
But justice for man *comes* from Yahweh (the LORD).

27 An unjust man *is* an abomination to the righteous,
And *he who is* upright in the way *is* an abomination to the wicked.

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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.