

**Proverbs**  
**Short Word Meditation**  
[Short Word Meditation (33)]

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## **They will become poor.**

Those who abuse the poor  
and those who bribe the rich for their own gain  
will become poor  
(Proverbs 22:16).

## **A person who is poor but lives honestly**

A person who is poor but lives honestly  
is better than a false rich person.  
But we seem to prefer a false rich person  
over an honest poor person  
(Ref.: Proverbs 28:6).

## **A person who is poor but lives truthfully**

A person who is poor but lives truthfully  
is better than a person who is rich but whose lips are lying and foolish.  
A truthful poor person is better than a lying rich person  
(Ref.: Proverbs 19:1, 22).

## **Poor couple or rich couple?**

It is better for a married couple  
who are poor but serve together with the fear of God  
than a married couple who are rich  
but always live in anguish  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:17).

## **Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.**

Better a dry crust with peace and quiet  
than a house full of feasting, with strife  
(Proverbs 17:1).

If there is a perverse person in the house who speaks recklessly,  
the household will always face difficult times (v. 20).

Quarrels start because of small things.

Therefore, stop the strife before it breaks out (v. 14).

But those who love to argue love sin (v. 19),

and such a household will never have peaceful days.

## **Whoever commits adultery lacks judgment.**

Whoever commits adultery lacks judgment.

They destroy themselves, receive blows and wounds,  
and suffer disgrace that will never be wiped away

(Proverbs 6:32-33, NIV).

## **Let us go to the ant and observe its ways to gain wisdom.**

Putting aside people, I, who am less than an ant,  
wish to go to the ant and observe its ways to gain wisdom.

The ant, without a leader or overseer,  
works diligently during the summer and gathers food  
during the harvest to have enough for the winter  
(Proverbs 6:6-8).

I wish to carefully consider how to live the rest of my life,  
to live wisely, making the most of every opportunity,  
and to act wisely, making the best use of time  
(Ephesians 5:15-16; Colossians 4:5).

## **A person who is arrogant, cynical, and flattering his neighbors**

A person who is arrogant, cynical, and flattering his neighbors  
causes trouble in the church and spreads a net for his feet  
(Ref.: Proverbs 29:5, 8).

## **A proud husband?**

A proud husband does not like to be rebuked by his wife  
and does not go to a wise wife  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:12).

## **If we drive out arrogant people ...**

If you drive out arrogant people in the community,  
quarrels will end, and fighting and swearing will stop  
(Ref.: Proverbs 22:10).

## **Trying to correct a mocker ...**

Rebuke a wise person, and they will love you;  
rebuke a mocker, and they will hate you.  
Trying to correct a mocker may result in you  
being insulted and having your weaknesses exposed  
(Proverbs 9:7-8).

## **Just as a false witness cannot give honest testimony ...**

Just as a false witness cannot give honest testimony,  
a truthful witness cannot give false testimony!  
(Ref.: Proverbs 12:17)

## **Lying**

Lying is not fitting for a noble person  
(Proverbs 17:7).

### **A rich liar will not be spared!**

A rich liar will not be spared, will not be punished,  
and will ultimately perish  
(Ref.: Proverbs 19:5, 9).

### **My lazy soul, how long will you lie there?**

My lazy soul, how long will you lie there?  
When will you say, 'A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest'?  
When will you wake up and rise?  
While you are spiritually asleep, your spiritual poverty will come upon you like a thief  
(Proverbs 6:9-11).

Therefore, James' soul, wake up! (Psalms 57:8)  
My spiritually sleeping soul, be alert and stay awake!  
(Mark 13:33)  
My lying soul, rise up!  
(Joshua 7:10).

How long will you lie there?

## **A lazy couple or an honest couple?**

The path of a lazy couple is like a thorny field,  
and the path of an honest couple is like a highway  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:19).

## **A lazy person**

A lazy person considers himself wiser  
than seven people who answer wisely  
(Proverbs 26:16).

## **We can never please God!**

Worshiping God without doing righteous and fair things  
can never please God (Ref.: Proverbs 21:3).

## **A humble person vs. A proud person?**

A humble person is respected,  
but a proud person is sure to perish!  
(Ref.: Proverbs 18:12)

## **Before making plans ...**

Before making plans,  
you should first listen to the advice of wise people  
(Proverbs 20:18).

## **God, who is the savior of orphans, is strong.**

God, who is the savior of orphans, is strong.  
God will stand against those who invade the orphans' fields  
and relieve the orphans of their injustice  
(Proverbs 23:10-11).



## **Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting ...**

Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
She will be rewarded for what she has done,  
and her deeds will bring her praise at the city gate  
(Proverbs 31:30-31).

## **A suffering couple or a couple with a joyful heart?**

The life of a suffering couple is miserable,  
but a couple with a joyful heart is always happy  
(Proverbs 15:15).

## **When a just and righteous person comes to power and becomes president ...**

When a just and righteous person comes to power and becomes president,  
they consider the plight of the poor and defend their rights,  
stabilizing the nation and bringing joy to the citizens.  
But when a wicked person comes to power,  
they extort bribes even from the poor and ruin the country,  
causing the citizens to groan  
(Proverbs 29:2, 4, 7, 14).

## **The unjust treatment of people**

The Lord detests the unjust treatment of people  
(Proverbs 17:15).

## **Do I indeed realize that I am too foolish to be even like a beast ...**

Do I indeed realize that I am too foolish to be even like a beast  
and that I lack human understanding?

(Proverbs 30:2)

At least Asaph, the psalmist, who envied the arrogant  
when he saw the prosperity of the wicked,  
understood their final destiny when he entered the sanctuary of God  
and confessed that he was senseless and ignorant,  
like a beast before the Lord ...

(Psalms 73:3, 17-22).

## **Are my wife and I ...?**

Are my wife and I truly the pride of our beloved three children, Dillon, Yeri, and Karis?

(Proverbs 17:6)

## **Am I proud? Am I humble?**

If I am proud I will be humbled;  
if I am humble I will be respected  
(Ref.: Proverbs 29:23).

## **We must obtain wisdom and understanding at any cost.**

We must obtain wisdom and understanding at any cost.  
This is because wisdom is the most precious thing.  
We must cherish wisdom.  
This is because wisdom will exalt us and bring us honor.  
We must love wisdom.  
This is because wisdom will protect and guard us  
(Proverbs 4:5-8).

## **It is only God who decides!**

People cast lots, but it is only God who decides!  
(Proverbs 16:33)

## **Draw them out**

The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters,  
but one who has insight draws them out  
(Proverbs 20:5).

## **Do not associate with such a person.**

Someone who gossips and roams around reveals other people's secrets,  
so do not associate with such a person  
(Proverbs 20:19).

## **We should avoid their company and stay far away from them.**

When wicked people, who fill their homes with stolen goods,  
tempt us to join them and share in their spoils, we must not give in to them.  
Instead, we should avoid their company and stay far away from them  
(Ref.: Proverbs 1:10, 13-15).

**Even through the crises and pains in my life this year,  
like a great earthquake ...**

I pray that the Lord, even through the crises and pains in my life this year,  
like a great earthquake, will continue to remove all impurities within me,  
making me a vessel worthy in His sight

(Ref.: Proverbs 25:4).

**Winning back a brother who has been offended ...**

Winning back a brother who has been offended  
is harder than capturing a fortified city.

Likewise, once a quarrel occurs,  
it is common for hearts to be closed off like iron gates  
(Proverbs 18:19).

**Understanding**

To know the Holy God is understanding  
(Proverbs 9:10).

## **I do not want to become an incorrigible person.**

I do not want to become an incorrigible person  
who, despite frequent rebukes, still remains stubborn  
(Ref.: Proverbs 29:1).

## **As a Christian, I must offer this prayer to God:**

As a Christian, I must offer this prayer to God:  
'God, do not make me poor or rich, but give me only my daily bread.  
Otherwise, I might become full and deny You, saying, "Who is the Lord?"  
Or I might become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God'  
(Ref.: Proverbs 30:7-9).

## **I must not listen!**

I must not listen to teachings that lead me away  
from the words of knowledge about Jesus  
(Ref.: Proverbs 19:27).

## **As a pastor, I offer this prayer to God:**

As a pastor, I offer this prayer to God:  
'God, help me not to deceive or lie,  
so that I may become a faithful servant of the Lord'  
(Ref.: Proverbs 30:7-8).

## **Who can say 'I am clean and without sin'?**

Who can say, 'I have kept my heart pure;  
I am clean and without sin?'  
(Proverbs 20:9)  
'Even if I correct all my misdeeds and abandon all evil thoughts,  
I cannot boast of being pure before the Lord.'

## **Am I not purporting to be clean ...**

Am I not purporting to be clean  
while failing to repent of my own filthiness?  
(Ref.: Proverbs 30:12)

## **The words of someone who spreads bad rumors**

The words of someone who spreads bad rumors  
are like delicious food, and people love to eat them  
(Proverbs 18:8).

## **When a storm of fearful events comes upon me**

As a result of ignoring the Lord's advice and not accepting the Lord's rebuke,  
I will be in pain and sorrow when a storm of fearful events comes upon me  
(Ref.: Proverbs 1:25-27).

## **My foolishness will not be removed.**

No matter how much you put a fool in a mortar  
and pound it with grain with a pestle,  
his foolishness will not be removed  
(Proverbs 27:22).



## **This is the height of my foolishness.**

Even though the Lord stretched out His nail-marked hands and called me,  
“Come,” I ignored His voice and did not pay attention to His stretched out hands.  
This is the height of my foolishness  
(Ref.: Proverbs 1:24-25).

## **Those who do not hesitate to give to others ...**

Those who do not hesitate to give to others  
and share their food with the poor will be blessed  
(Proverbs 22:9).

## **What you get by deceiving others**

What you get by deceiving others may seem like delicious food,  
but it will soon become like sand in your mouth  
(Proverbs 20:17).

**A foolish person who does not try to understand others  
and only likes to express his own opinions ...**

A foolish person who does not try to understand others  
and only likes to express his own opinions causes strife  
and ultimately invites the beating himself

(Ref.: Proverbs 18:2, 6).

**We must refuse to stand as surety for others.**

Those who stand as surety for others will suffer bitterly,  
but those who refuse to stand as surety for others will be at peace  
(Proverbs 11:15).

**We should not guarantee someone else's debt!**

We should not guarantee someone else's debt!  
It is foolish to guarantee someone else's debt  
when you do not have the ability to pay it for them  
(Ref.: Proverbs 22:26-27).

## **A person who guarantees someone else's debt ...**

A person who guarantees someone else's debt is not wise  
(Proverbs 17:18,

## **Anyone who commits the dangerous act of sleeping with another man's wife ...**

Anyone who commits the dangerous act of sleeping with another man's wife  
will not be forgiven when her husband becomes jealous and takes revenge  
(Ref.: Proverbs 6:29, 34).

## **Sleeping with another man's wife or touching her ...**

Sleeping with another man's wife or touching her  
is like a man holding fire in his bosom and burning his clothes  
(Ref.: Proverbs 6:26-29).

## **The precepts and teachings of my parents**

I pray that the indwelling Holy Spirit will write on the tablets of my heart that I will not forsake the precepts and teachings of my parents (Ref.: Proverbs 1:8-9), so that they will continue to speak to me through faith even after death (Ref.: Hebrews 11:4).

## **I should cover my mouth with my hand.**

If I foolishly showed off or planned something evil,  
I should cover my mouth with my hand  
(Ref.: Proverbs 30:32).

## **A believer who leaves the church that is his home and wanders ...**

A believer who leaves the church that is his home and wanders  
is like a bird that leaves its nest and wanders  
(Ref.: Proverbs 27:8).

## **If I am arrogant ...**

If I am arrogant, I will suffer alone,  
but if I am wise, I will benefit from that wisdom  
(Ref.: Proverbs 9:12).

## **Many are the plans in a person's heart ...**

Many are the plans in a person's heart,  
but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails!  
(Ref.: Proverbs 19:21)

## **What is the prayer request I plead with God to grant before I die?**

What is the prayer request I plead with God to grant before I die?  
Just one thing: that my friends believe in Jesus and receive salvation  
(Ref.: Proverbs 30:7).

## **To become wise ...**

To become wise,  
I must listen to the advice of wise people  
and accept their teaching well  
(Ref.: Proverbs 19:20).

## **The secret to receiving abundant blessings from God ...**

The secret to receiving abundant blessings from God  
is to honor Him with the firstfruits of our wealth and possessions  
(Ref.: Proverbs 3:9-10).

## **When dining with a politician who oppresses the poor, demands bribes, and seeks personal gain ...**

When dining with a politician who oppresses the poor,  
demands bribes, and seeks personal gain,  
we must pay close attention to who is sitting before us.  
We should not crave the delicacies he offers,  
no matter how tempting they are.  
We must exercise restraint  
because those delicacies could be bait to deceive us  
(Ref.: Proverbs 23:1-3, 28:3; Micah 7:3).

## **The lust of the eyes**

A man's eyes are never satisfied

(Proverbs 27:20).

We must guard against the insatiable lust of the eyes

(Ref.: 1 John 2:16).

## **A person who isolates himself ...**

A person who isolates himself

seeks his own desires and disregards all sound judgment

(Proverbs 18:1).

## **No one else can truly know it.**

Only you know the joy or pain of your heart

and no one else can truly know it

(Ref.: Proverbs 14:10).

## **Than to live in a house with a quarrelsome, ill-tempered woman.**

It is better to live alone in a corner of a rooftop or in the wilderness  
than to live in a house with a quarrelsome, ill-tempered woman  
(Proverbs 21:9, 19).

## **A quarrelsome wife**

Controlling a quarrelsome wife  
is like controlling the wind or grasping oil with one's hand,  
just like the constant dripping on a rainy day  
(Proverbs 27:15-16).

## **Pride only breeds quarrels ...**

Pride only breeds quarrels,  
but humility receives honor by listening to rebuke  
(Ref.: Proverbs 13:10, 18).



## **We must beware of the trap of pledging security or providing guarantees.**

We must beware of the trap of pledging security or providing guarantees.

We should not pledge security or provide guarantees for our neighbors,  
and not even for our relatives as much as possible.

If we are ensnared in the trap of pledging security or providing guarantees,  
we must escape from it like a deer from the hand of the hunter,  
like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

We should quickly go to our neighbor or relative  
and humbly ask to cancel what we have guaranteed,  
to escape from there as much as possible

(Ref.: Proverbs 6:1-5).

## **Rather than becoming a foolish person who immediately unleashes anger.**

I want to be a wise person who endures insults  
rather than becoming a foolish person who immediately unleashes anger

(Ref.: Proverbs 12:16).

## **When a ruler listens to lies ...**

When a ruler listens to lies,  
all his officials become wicked

(Ref.: Proverbs 29:12).

**I dedicate myself to living a life of faith,  
tasting sweeter than honey from God's Word.**

As we welcome the New Year 2024,  
I dedicate myself to living a life of faith,  
tasting sweeter than honey from God's Word,  
according to the grace given by God.  
In this pursuit, my prayer is that  
God grants me spiritual wisdom as sweet as honey.  
I believe that, as the Bible says, this will lead to a bright future for me,  
and my hope will not be cut off  
(Ref.: Proverbs 24:14).

**The lips of a person ...**

The lips of a person who longs for purity of heart are virtuous  
(Proverbs 22:11).

**The mouths of the wicked**

We must be wary of the mouths of the wicked where toxins are hidden  
(Ref.: Proverbs 10:6, 11).

## **When they return, they boast about it.**

When people buy something, they say it is not good,  
but when they return, they boast about it  
(Proverbs 20:14).

## **A foolish thing to repeat?**

A foolish person repeats foolish things  
(Proverbs 26:11).

## **A wise couple gives each other joy ...**

A wise couple gives each other joy  
by speaking and responding to each other at the right time  
(Reference: Proverbs 15:23).

## **A cheerful heart**

A cheerful heart is good medicine for us,  
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones  
(Proverbs 17:22).

## **The thoughts of a pure-hearted couple**

The thoughts of a pure-hearted couple are pleasing to God  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:26).

## **A wise-hearted person**

A wise-hearted person accepts good counsel and lives honestly,  
ensuring safety and integrity,  
but a foolish talker overlooks sin, creating worries,  
and eventually, their dishonesty will be exposed, leading to ruin  
(Proverbs 10:8-10, 30).

## **A wise and discerning person**

A wise and discerning person uses prudent words and kind, honey-like words that bring delight and persuasiveness to others (Ref.: Proverbs 16:21, 23, 24).

## **If you have an issue with your neighbor ...**

If you have an issue with your neighbor, resolve it quietly between the two of you and do not reveal their secret. Otherwise, those who hear it may shame you, and your reputation will suffer (Ref.: Proverbs 25:9-10).

## **If I do not fear God ...**

If I do not fear God and despise the knowledge of God, refusing to accept His counsel and scorning His rebuke, I will eat the fruit of my ways and receive the consequences of my schemes (Ref.: Proverbs 1:29-31).

**If I do not listen to God's words  
and continue to act in my arrogance and foolishness ...**

If I do not listen to God's words  
and continue to act in my arrogance and foolishness,  
I will be ruined. But if I listen to and follow God's words,  
I will live in peace and safety without fear  
(Ref.: Proverbs 1:32-33).

**If we have love and truth written on the tablets of our hearts ...**

If we have love and truth written on the tablets of our hearts,  
we will be loved and trusted before God and men  
(Ref.: Proverbs 3:3-4).

**If leaders seek out strong drink and drink it ...**

If leaders seek out strong drink and drink it,  
it is easy for them to forget the law  
and trample on the human rights of those who are suffering  
(Ref.: Proverbs 31:4-5).

## **If leaders waste their energy on women ...**

If leaders waste their energy on women,  
they will be destroyed because of it  
(Ref.: Proverbs 31:3).

## **Honor should be chosen over great wealth ...**

Honor should be chosen over great wealth,  
but those who are humble and serve God with a fearful heart  
will gain wealth and honor and live a long life  
(Ref.: Proverbs 22:1, 4).

## **We cannot correct a servant by just speaking.**

I, who know the Word of God but do not listen to it,  
cannot correct a servant by just speaking  
(Ref.: Proverbs 29:19).

## **God, who created everything to suit his purpose ...**

God, who created everything to suit his purpose,  
even made the wicked exist for the day of disaster  
(Proverbs 16:4).

## **Ignorant couples or wise couples?**

Ignorant couples enjoy foolish things,  
but wise couples walk the right path together  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:21).

## **Just as water reflects a person's face ...**

Just as water reflects a person's face,  
a person's heart reflects a person  
(Proverbs 27:19).



## **A person who loves folly**

A person who loves folly  
wastes their wealth by associating with prostitutes  
(Ref.: Proverbs 29:3).

## **How long will I, a foolish person ...**

How long will I, a foolish person,  
hate the knowledge of God and delight in foolishness?  
(Ref.: Proverbs 1:22)

How long will I love everything in this world—  
the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life  
(Ref.: 1 John 2:16)—  
more than the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord  
(Philippians 3:8) and the knowledge of God and His word?  
(Ref.: Hosea 4:6)

Oh, what a wretched person I am!  
(Ref.: Romans 7:24)

## **A foolish person vs. a wise person**

A foolish person broadcasts their folly,  
but a wise person keeps their knowledge to themselves  
(Proverbs 12:23).

## **A companion of fools suffers harm!**

Walk with the wise and become wise,  
for a companion of fools suffers harm  
(Proverbs 13:20).

## **Do not answer a fool according to his folly.**

Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be like him.  
Answer a fool according to his folly, so that he does not think he is wise  
(Proverbs 26:4-5).

## **Do not speak to fools.**

Do not speak to fools, for they will scorn your prudent words  
(Ref.: Proverbs 23:9).

## **Rebuking a fool a hundred times will be useless.**

Rebuking a fool a hundred times will be useless.

A single word of rebuke to a wise person  
will feel sharper than striking a fool a hundred times  
(Proverbs 17:10).

## **Do not honor a fool!**

Do not honor a fool!

Honoring a fool is like tying a stone in a sling  
(Proverbs 26:1, 8).

## **A fool considers a bribe to be like a magic charm, believing it can accomplish anything.**

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believing it can accomplish anything  
(Ref.: Proverbs 17:8).

The wicked accept bribes in secret  
to pervert the course of justice when dealing with the foolish  
(Ref.: Proverbs 17:23).

## **How foolish for a fool to seek to buy a position in the church with money!**

How foolish to think

a fool can buy wisdom with money!

(Proverbs 17:16)

How foolish for a fool to seek

to buy a position in the church with money!

## **A fool's eyes wander to all sorts of distractions ...**

A fool's eyes wander to all sorts of distractions,

but a wise person focuses on pursuing wisdom

(Proverbs 17:24).

## **Hiring a fool or employing a fool ...**

Hiring a fool or employing a fool

is like hiring an archer who shoots recklessly and injures everyone

(Proverbs 26:10).

## **Avoid meeting a fool ...**

Avoid meeting a fool who engages in foolish deeds  
(Ref.: Proverbs 17:12).

### **We should stay away from a fool. (1)**

We should stay away from a fool  
who has nothing to learn  
(Ref.: Proverbs 14:7).

### **We should stay away from a fool. (2)**

We should stay away from a fool  
who belittles sin and deceives himself  
(Ref.: Proverbs 14:7-9).

## **The sayings that come from the mouth of a fool ...**

The sayings that come from the mouth of a fool  
are as useless as legs that hang limp on the lame,  
and like a thornbush brandished by a drunkard  
(Proverbs 26:7, 9).

### **A foolish woman**

A foolish woman has no sense of shame  
and speaks without restraint  
(Proverbs 9:13).

### **A fool gets angry.**

Stones are heavy, sand is heavy,  
but the anger of a fool is heavier than that  
(Proverbs 27:3).  
A fool immediately explodes with anger (12:16).  
That anger will kill a fool  
(Ref.: Job 5:2).

## **The fool lacks discretion and understanding ...**

The fool lacks discretion and understanding, so he speaks many words rashly and is prone to committing the sin of slander against others.

But the wise person restrains their words with knowledge stored in his heart, and his lips nurture many people."

(Ref.: Proverbs 10:13-14, 19, 21).

## **Parents who have foolish children have only worries and no joy.**

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(Proverbs 17:21).

A foolish son is a sorrow to his father and a pain to his mother (v. 25).

## **Hoping that it can be of some (even a little) strength.**

May the teachings and instructions from our parents towards their beloved children be engraved in their hearts, so that when they face hardship and difficulty, the Holy Spirit reminds them of our teachings and instructions, helping them endure until the end in their difficult and challenging situations, hoping that it can be of some (even a little) strength

(Ref.: Proverbs 6:20-23).

## **The wicked will surely fall!**

The wicked will surely fall because of their evil  
(Proverbs 11:5).

## **He will surely be put to shame!**

A proud man will surely be put to shame  
(Ref.: Proverbs 11:2).

## **Gray hair**

Gray hair is a crown of glory  
and comes from living a righteous life.  
(Proverbs 16:31).



## **Friends love each other unconditionally**

Friends love each other unconditionally,  
and brothers help each other in times of danger  
(Proverbs 17:17).

## **Happy are those who have wisdom and enlightenment.**

Happy are those who have wisdom and enlightenment,  
which is more valuable and beneficial than silver or gold, and more precious than jewels.  
Longevity is in his right hand, and wealth and honor are in his left hand.  
That path is the path of joy and peace.  
Wisdom is like a tree of life to those who acquire it.  
So blessed are those who have wisdom  
(Ref.: Proverbs 3:13-18).

## **Gentle words vs. Cruel words?**

In a marital relationship,  
gentle words are like a tree of life,  
but cruel words break a person's heart  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:4).

## **We must please and please our parents.**

Parents who have righteous children will rejoice greatly,  
and parents who have wise children will also rejoice.  
Therefore, we must please and please our parents  
(Proverbs 23:24-25).

## **In a marital relationship, a gentle answer ...**

In a marital relationship,  
a gentle answer calms anger,  
but harsh words actually cause anger  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:1).

## **Evil people who pursue dishonest gain**

Evil people who pursue dishonest gain  
do not hesitate to engage in robbery and are skilled in such deeds.  
However, their end is to set traps for themselves  
and fall into their own deadly snares.  
The wealth they seize will ultimately take away their own lives  
(Ref.: Proverbs 1:16, 18-19).

## **Holding back anger**

It is wise for a person to hold back his anger,  
but a fool expresses his anger hastily  
(Ref.: Proverbs 19:11).

## **The beauty of a woman without discernment**

The beauty of a woman without discernment  
is like a gold ring in a pig's nose  
(Proverbs 11:22).

## **A wise person with discernment**

The wise person stores up knowledge,  
but the mouth of the discerning person holds wisdom.  
The fool speaks recklessly, and a whip awaits their back  
(Proverbs 10:13-14).

## **A bully, a mean person, a gossip, a violent person, a sly person, a person with tight lips ...**

A bully always thinks about harming others,  
a mean person causes quarrels,  
a gossip separates close friends,  
a violent person entices his neighbors  
and leads them down a bad path,  
a sly person plots evil things,  
a person with tight lips invites evil  
(Proverbs 16:27-30),

## **The hope of unrighteousness**

The hope of unrighteousness is sure to perish,  
and the hope of the wicked is cut off when he dies  
(Proverbs 11:7).

## **A twisted heart and words**

A foolish person will be despised  
because he has a twisted heart and hurts people with twisted words  
(Ref.: Proverbs 12:6, 8).

## **Even though people are foolish and ruin their future ...**

Even though people are foolish and ruin their future,  
they still blame God, their spouse, their parents, or other people in their hearts  
(Ref.: Proverbs 19:3).

## **Don't be afraid of people and trust God!**

If you fear people, you will be trapped,  
but if you trust in God, you will be safe  
(Proverbs 29:25).

## **False witnesses who betray others**

We must not be false witnesses who betray others  
(Ref.: Proverbs 14:25).

## **A person's actions may seem clean in his own eyes ...**

A person's actions may seem clean in his own eyes,  
but he is not so in front of God, who searches the heart  
(Proverbs 16:2; 21:2).

## **People do not become rich just because they work hard.**

People do not become rich just because they work hard,  
but because God blesses them  
(Proverbs 10:22).

## **When a person is sick, he can support himself with his mental strength ...**

When a person is sick, he can support himself with his mental strength,  
but if he loses his mental strength, there is no hope  
(Proverbs 18:14).

## **Love vs. Hatred**

Love covers all transgressions,  
but hatred causes strife  
(Proverbs 10:12).

### **We must gain love and faithfulness.**

We must plan good works to gain love and faithfulness  
(Ref.: Proverbs 14:22).

### **A person who pursues love covers up other person's faults ...**

A person who pursues love covers up other person's faults,  
but a person who repeats his faults is the one who separates close friends  
(Proverbs 17:9).

## **We must be faithful witnesses who tell the truth.**

We must not become false witnesses who only spout lies.

Rather, we must be faithful witnesses who tell the truth

(Ref.: Proverbs 14:5).

## **A woman who is sweet and kind**

A woman who is sweet and kind

is respected and benefits herself

(Ref.: Proverbs 11:16, 17).

## **To appease the other person's anger ...**

To appease the other person's anger,

it is also a good idea to secretly give them a gift

(Ref.: Proverbs 21:14).



## **If you hit someone until he hurts ...**

If you hit someone until he hurts and punish him severely,  
you will drive out the evil deep in his heart  
(Proverbs 20:30).

## **Honesty saves lives**

Honesty saves lives,  
but wealth obtained through dishonest means is of no benefit  
(Proverbs 10:2).

## **We must choose life-saving honesty.**

We must choose life-saving honesty  
rather than worthless wealth on the day of judgment  
(Ref.: Proverbs 11:4).

## **We must believe and trust each other.**

We believers in God together must trust  
and believe in each other as God's children.  
We who trust each other and live like that  
should not plan to harm each other or fight without reason  
(Ref.: Proverbs 3:29-30).

## **If we have the ability to do good ...**

If we have the ability to do good,  
we should not hesitate to help those in need by saying,  
'Come back tomorrow, and I will give it to you'  
(Ref.: Proverbs 3:27-28).

## **The heart of someone who plans good is full of joy.**

The heart of someone who plans evil is full of deceit,  
but the heart of someone who plans good is full of joy  
(Proverbs 12:20).

## **He who spends generously on good works ...**

He who spends generously on good works will become richer,  
and he who is kind to others will be helped himself  
(Ref.: Proverbs 11:24, 25).

## **A quick-tempered husband ...**

A quick-tempered husband stirs up conflict,  
but a patient wife calms disputes  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:18).

## **A quick-tempered person**

A quick-tempered person acts foolishly and displays their folly  
(Proverbs 14:17, 29).

## **Faithful person, Hasty person**

We should be faithful people, not hasty ones

(Ref.: Proverbs 28:20).

## **We should not associate with a hot-tempered person or with one easily angered.**

We should not associate with a hot-tempered person or with one easily angered.

Otherwise, we may learn his way and ensnare our soul

(Proverbs 22:24-25).

## **A hot-tempered person must bear the consequences of his actions.**

A hot-tempered person must bear the consequences of his actions.

If we rescue him once, we will have to rescue him repeatedly

(Proverbs 19:19).

**The success of a wicked person  
who gained a lot of wealth through deception is a sin.**

The success of a wicked person who gains a lot of wealth through deception, always adopting a shameless attitude, arrogant eyes, and a proud heart, is a sin. The wealth obtained through deception is fleeting like a vapor and is a deadly trap (Ref.: Proverbs 21:4, 6, 29).

**Without a gossip ...**

Without wood, a fire goes out;  
without a gossip, a quarrel dies down."  
(Proverbs 26:20).

**A gossip goes around revealing secrets.**

A person with understanding keeps a careful watch over their tongue,  
but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.  
But a gossip goes around revealing secrets  
(Proverbs 11:12-13).

## **The conduct of the pure vs. The conduct of the sinner**

The conduct of the pure is right and straight,  
but the conduct of the sinner is crooked and wrong  
(Proverbs 21:8).

## **Obeying, Smoothly!**

Obeying God's word  
is the key to making everything go smoothly  
(Ref.: 1 Samuel 12:14).

## **The foolish person gets drunk, talks nonsense arrogantly ...**

The foolish person gets drunk, talks nonsense arrogantly,  
and eventually stirs up conflict  
(Ref.: Proverbs 20:1, 3).

## **Do not associate with those who drink too much wine.**

Do not associate with those who drink too much wine  
or with those who gorge themselves on meat.  
For drunkards and gluttons become poor,  
and drowsiness clothes them in rags  
(Proverbs 23:20-21).

## **Those who linger over wine, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine ...**

Those who linger over wine, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine.  
Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly!  
In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper.  
Your eyes will see strange sights, and your mind will imagine confusing things.  
You will be like one sleeping on the high seas, lying on top of the rigging.  
"They hit me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt! They beat me, but I don't feel it!  
When will I wake up so I can find another drink?"  
(Proverbs 23:29-35)

## **Thinking oneself wise**

Thinking oneself wise is a path to physical and mental illness.  
Those who fear God and turn away from evil do not consider themselves wise  
(Ref.: Proverbs 3:7-8).

## **Someone who thinks himself wise**

There is more hope for a fool  
than for someone who thinks himself wise  
(Proverbs 26:12).

In other words, someone who thinks himself wise  
is even more desperate than a fool.

There will be woe for such individuals  
(Isaiah 5:21).

And God disregards those  
who consider themselves wise in their own hearts  
(Job 37:24).

## **The prudent vs. The simple?**

The prudent see danger and take refuge,  
but the simple keep going and suffer for it  
(Ref.: Proverbs 27:12-13).

## **The wise person, the good person**

The wise person thinks and acts wisely,  
and the good person enjoys prosperity and lives well by their words  
(Ref.: Proverbs 13:2, 16).



## **The wisdom of a wise man**

The wisdom of a wise man is to know his way  
(Proverbs 14:8).

## **A wise wife, a foolish wife**

A wise wife is a gift from God  
(Proverbs 19:14).

So, is a foolish wife also a gift from God?

## **Victory!**

Victory depends on God!  
(Proverbs 21:31)

## **If we are jealous, our bones will rot.**

If our mind is at peace, our body will be healthy,  
but if we are jealous, our bones will rot  
(Proverbs 14:30).

## **The path of an unfaithful person**

The path of an unfaithful person is difficult  
(Proverbs 13:15).

## **Without thinking about it carefully ...**

It is foolish and careless to blindly make a promise to give to God  
without thinking about it carefully and then regret it later  
(Proverbs 20:25).

## **We must be faithful to our wives and love only her.**

We must be faithful to our wives and love only her.

We must make our young wives happy and enjoy them together.

We should cherish her lovingly and beautifully,  
always satisfied in her arms and always loving her.

We should never give love to another woman or embrace another man's wife.

God watches everything we do, so He knows everything we do

(Ref.: Proverbs 5:15-21).

## **The joy of a wife's heart, the anxiety of a husband**

The joy of a wife's heart brightens her face,  
but the anxiety of a husband weighs it down

(Ref.: Proverbs 15:13).

## **Train up a child in the way he should go.**

Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,  
but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him

(Ref.: Proverbs 22:6, 15).

## **We should discipline our children while there is still hope ...**

We should discipline our children while there is still hope (Proverbs 19:18), but how many foolish parents are there who do not love their children with God's love, but miss the right time (timing) to discipline their children by loving them with their own love?

## **A wise president who shuns evil**

A wise president who shuns evil because he fears God will never allow evil. Therefore, the nation he serves is established by righteousness (Ref.: Proverbs 16:6, 12).

## **The wicked crave evil**

The wicked crave evil; their neighbors get no mercy from them. Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered (Proverbs 21:10, 13).

## **I will not be envious of evildoers or fret because of them.**

As I welcome the New Year 2024,

I will not be envious of evildoers or fret because of them.

The reason is that they only think about causing harm with their wicked schemes,  
peering into the homes of the righteous to plunder them  
and stirring up trouble with their words

(Ref.: Proverbs 24:1-2, 15, 19).

## **The desires of the wicked**

I pray that God will thwart the desires of the wicked

(Ref.: Proverbs 10:3).

## **A wicked person destroys his neighbor with a deceitful mouth.**

A wicked person destroys his neighbor with a deceitful mouth,  
but a righteous person is saved by his knowledge

(Proverbs 11:1, 9).

## **The expectations of the wicked will one day be shattered and the things they fear will come rushing in ...**

The expectations of the wicked will one day be shattered  
and the things they fear will come rushing in,  
but the hope of the righteous man, what he desires in the Lord,  
will surely come true in God's time and according to God's will  
(Ref.: Proverbs 10:24, 28).

## **His unclean tongue will be cut out.**

A righteous person speaks wise and helpful words,  
but the wicked speaks evil and ugly words,  
and his unclean tongue will be cut out  
(Proverbs 10:31-32).

## **The evil of a wicked person destroys him.**

Evil people always lie, shame themselves, and commit violence.  
The evil of a wicked person destroys him  
(Ref.: Proverbs 13:2, 5, 6).

## **The mouth of the wicked destroys the city.**

For a city to develop, it needs the blessings of honest people.

The mouth of the wicked destroys the city

(Ref.: Proverbs 11:11).

## **The evil man's advice is deceptive.**

The evil man's thoughts are not fair,

so his advice is deceptive and his words are harmful

(Ref.: Proverbs 12:5, 6).

## **We must look only to Jesus.**

We must look only to Jesus,

the Lord of our faith and the perfecter of our faith

(Hebrews 12:2), and do not turn our eyes elsewhere;

we must watch our steps and be sure in whatever we do

(Ref.: Proverbs 4:25-26).

**We must very wary of those  
who only cause trouble wherever they go.**

We must be very wary of and stay away from people  
who have a crooked and wrong heart,  
who move around with their eyes, hands, and feet to deceive others,  
who only lie, who always plot evil,  
and who only cause trouble wherever they go  
(Ref.: Proverbs 6:12-14).

**For some things, I should not hastily run to people ...**

For some things, I should not hastily run to people,  
but rather run to the Lord and His word  
(Ref.: Proverbs 25:8).

**How can we know our own path?**

A person's path is determined by God, so how can we know our own path?  
(Proverbs 20:24)



## **I, the foolish one ...**

I, the foolish one, desire to gain discernment,  
and I also want to become someone who understands reason  
(Ref.: Proverbs 8:5).

## **I, the foolish one, through the words of Proverbs ...**

I, the foolish one, wish to gain knowledge, wisdom, instruction,  
and discernment through the words of Proverbs.  
I hope to understand the true meaning and deeper significance of the difficult words,  
so that I may act wisely, righteously, fairly, and honestly in all things  
(Ref.: Proverbs 1:2-6).

## **A foolish person speaks reckless words that pierce like a sword.**

A foolish person speaks reckless words that pierce like a sword,  
but a wise person brings healing with their words  
(Ref.: Proverbs 12:18).

## **A foolish wicked person faces difficulties by walking a path full of thorns and traps ...**

A foolish wicked person faces difficulties  
by walking a path full of thorns and traps,  
but a wise person avoids that dangerous path  
and protects their soul  
(Ref.: Proverbs 22:3, 5).

### **‘You fools, when will you become wise?’**

A senseless foolish young man, at twilight when it is getting dark,  
walks along the street near the corner  
where a promiscuous woman lives, towards her house.  
(Ref.: Proverbs 7:6-9).

The senseless fool is clever at doing evil  
but knows nothing about doing good  
(Ref.: Jeremiah 4:22).

A senseless adulterer is only destroying himself  
(Proverbs 6:32).

A whip is waiting for the back of a senseless person  
(Proverbs 10:13).

God says to such people,  
'Understand, you senseless ones among the people;  
you fools, when will you become wise?' (Psalms 94:8).

We must use our discernment, trained by practice,  
to distinguish good from evil  
(Ref.: Hebrews 5:14).

## **It is foolish ...**

It is foolish to pass by on the street  
and get involved in a fight that has nothing to do with you  
(Proverbs 26:17).

## **A virtuous wife or a wife who brings shame to her husband?**

A virtuous wife is her husband's pride and joy,  
but a wife who brings shame to her husband is like decay in his bones  
(Proverbs 12:4).

## **A righteous person who works diligently ...**

A righteous person who works diligently will be satisfied  
with the abundance earned from their efforts  
(Ref.: Proverbs 12:11, 12).

## **I want to live victorious in the spiritual war and give glory to God.**

In the year 2024, I will continue to engage in countless spiritual battles.  
I will have to fight against myself, sin, the world, Satan, death, and more.  
In this spiritual warfare, I desire to strategize well  
with the guidance provided by God through His word in the Bible.  
I also seek to receive tactical advice from the Holy Spirit  
who dwells within me, so that I may achieve victory  
in spiritual battles, living to glorify God  
(Ref.: Proverbs 24:6).

## **Roly-poly Christian life**

In the new year 2024, I will definitely fall and fall again.  
But I will continue to move forward with faith in Proverbs 24:16:  
“Even if a righteous person falls seven times, he will rise again.”  
I am confident that the Lord will continue to enable me to live a life of faith  
like a roly-poly [a toy that stands up no matter how you roll it (Internet)]  
(Ref.: Proverbs 24:16).

## **The country that remains stable**

If there is sin in the country, the government will change frequently,  
But if there is an intelligent and knowledgeable leader,  
the country will remain stable for a long time  
(Proverbs 28:2).

## **Greed, that is death.**

Greed is death for a lazy person  
who hates working and craves more every day  
(Proverbs 21:25-26).

## **A greedy person, A person who trusts in himself**

A greedy person causes strife,  
and a person who trusts in himself is a fool  
(Proverbs 28:25, 26).

## **To be the life of our souls and to adorn our lives beautifully ...**

To be the life of our souls and to adorn our lives beautifully,  
we must keep complete wisdom and discernment  
and ensure they do not depart from us.  
Then we can walk our path safely, avoiding stumbling,  
and we will be able to sleep peacefully at night without fear  
(Proverbs 3:21-24).

**May our home be firmly established by wisdom  
and filled with various precious and beautiful treasures.**

As we welcome the New Year 2024,  
I earnestly pray that in serving my beloved wife and three children,  
whom the Lord has given me as a gift of grace,  
I may do so with the wisdom, understanding,  
and knowledge that God provides.  
May our home be firmly established by wisdom  
and filled with various precious and beautiful treasures  
(Proverbs 24:3-4).

**To see the right path we should walk ...**

To see the right path we should walk,  
we must not rely on our own understanding  
but trust in God wholeheartedly  
and acknowledge Him in all our ways  
(Proverbs 3:5-6).

## **We must plan our way in our hearts and then commit those plans to God.**

We must plan our way in our hearts and then commit those plans to God.

This is because the outcome of our plans depends on God.

God will accomplish our plans according to His will, in His time,  
and by His methods, and He will guide our steps

(Proverbs 16:1, 3, 9).

## **When we are in trouble ...**

When we are in trouble,  
it is better to go to a close friend  
than to a distant brother's house  
(Ref.: Proverbs 27:10).

## **If we are wise ...**

If we are wise, our Heavenly Father's heart will rejoice,  
and if we speak the right words, He will be truly happy  
(Ref.: Proverbs 23:15-16).

## **We must be humble and wise.**

We must be humble and wise.  
When we do so, we will receive glory  
and receive the grace that God gives us.  
But the fool will be put to shame  
(Ref.: Proverbs 3:34-35).

## **We should not boast about tomorrow.**

We should not boast about tomorrow  
because we do not know what a day may bring  
(Proverbs 27:1).  
We do not know what will happen tomorrow.  
Our lives are just a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.  
Therefore, we ought to say,  
"If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that"  
(James 4:14-15).

## **We must get rid of dirty and ugly words.**

We must get rid of dirty and ugly words.  
And we must not say anything false or wrong  
(Ref.: Proverbs 4:24).



## **Above all, we must guard our hearts, which hold God's words,.**

We must listen attentively and pay close attention to what God the Father says.

We should not let His words depart from us but keep them deeply in our hearts.

Above all, we must guard our hearts, which hold God's words,

because from it flow the springs of life

(Proverbs 4:20-23).

## **We must avoid the evil path, not walk in the way of the wicked, and turn away from it.**

We must not forget the wisdom and instruction  
given by God the Father but hold them firmly.

We should never follow the path of the wicked or imitate their actions.

We must avoid the evil path,

not walk in the way of the wicked, and turn away from it.

This is because the wicked cannot rest until they do evil,

and they are robbed of sleep until they make someone stumble.

They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence

(Proverbs 4:14-17).

## **We should not envy sinners ...**

We should not envy sinners  
but always be zealous in serving God with reverence.  
Then, surely, we will have a bright future,  
and our hope will not be cut off  
(Proverbs 23:17-18).

## **We must be wise ...**

We must be wise and please God's heart  
(Ref.: Proverbs 27:11).

## **We must listen to the word of God.**

We must listen to the word of God.  
God is telling us something very important.  
Everything God says is correct.  
God speaks the truth.  
The reason is because God hates evil.  
The Word of God is sound and true,  
and there is nothing wrong or evil in it  
(Ref.: Proverbs 8:6-8).

## **Even if disaster suddenly strikes us ...**

Even if disaster suddenly strikes us,  
we do not fear because we trust in God who keeps us safe  
(Proverbs 3:25-26).

## **Discretion will protect us, and understanding will guard us.**

Then we will understand what is right, just, and fair,  
and we will discern every good path.  
Wisdom will enter our hearts,  
and knowledge will be pleasant to our souls.  
Discretion will protect us,  
and understanding will guard us  
(Proverbs 2:9-11).

## **Like a muddied spring or a polluted well ...**

Like a muddied spring or a polluted well,  
so is a righteous person who gives way to the wicked  
(Proverbs 25:26).

## **Even when we laugh ...**

Even when we laugh, there is sadness in our hearts  
(Proverbs 14:13).

## **When faced with a crisis ...**

When faced with a crisis,  
we should not trust those who are unfaithful,  
but only trust the Lord who is faithful  
(Ref.: Proverbs 25:19).

## **A dangerous trap!**

A prostitute's mouth is a dangerous trap!  
(Proverbs 22:14)

## **He who keeps the law ...**

He who keeps the law is wise, and he opposes evil

(Ref.: Proverbs 28:4, 7).

## **Just as we seek silver or hidden treasure, we must seek the knowledge of God.**

Just as we seek silver or hidden treasure, we must seek the knowledge of God.

We must cherish the wise word of God, listen to it, and try to understand it.

When we do that, God will give us wisdom and knowledge and understanding,

so we will realize what it means to fear God and gain knowledge of God

(Ref.: Proverbs 2:1-6).

## **A wise person who follows instruction vs. a foolish person who refuses reproof?**

A wise person who follows instruction

accepts good advice and walks the path to life,

but a foolish person who refuses reproof

falls into the wrong path and walks the path of destruction

(Ref.: Proverbs 10:8, 17).

## **An adulterous woman is a narrow trap.**

A prostitute is a deep pit, and an adulterous woman is a narrow trap.  
These women hide and wait like robbers and turn many men into unfaithful people  
(Proverbs 23:27-28).

## **We must not be lustful when looking at the beauty of lewd women ...**

We must not be lustful when looking at the beauty of lewd women,  
and we must constantly meditate on the word of the Lord  
so as not to fall into their temptations, and diligently receive pricks  
and rebuke of our conscience through the word  
(Ref.: Proverbs 6:24-25).

## **A righteous couple vs. An evil couple?**

A righteous couple thinks deeply about what to say to each other,  
but an evil couple spews out evil words at each other  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:28).

## **The righteous rich**

The income of the righteous rich is spent on good works,  
so their wealth is like a strong castle to them,  
but the income of the wicked is spent on committing sins,  
so their poverty will ultimately be their ruin  
(Ref.: Proverbs 10:15-16).

## **A righteous person ...**

A righteous person runs to God,  
who is like a strong tower, and takes refuge in safety  
(Ref.: Proverbs 18:10).

## **The righteous will see them perish.**

Although the wicked will become more and more numerous  
at this time near the Second Coming of Jesus,  
and their sins will increase,  
the righteous will see them perish  
(Ref.: Proverbs 29:16).

## **A righteous person is like a bright shining light.**

A righteous person is like a bright shining light

(Proverbs 13:9).

A wise person who guides many people to the right path  
will shine like the light of heaven.

(Daniel 12:3).

## **We should live a righteous life.**

We must follow the example of good people and live a righteous life.

Those who are honest and blameless will survive on the earth,  
but the wicked and unfaithful will be uprooted from the earth

(Ref.: Proverbs 2:20-22).

## **A righteous person vs. A wicked person**

A righteous person guides his neighbor a good way,

but a wicked person guides his neighbor a bad way

(Proverbs 12:26).



## **A righteous person, An evil person, An honest person**

A righteous person hates a dishonest person,  
and an evil person hates an honest person  
(Proverbs 29:27).

## **The path of the righteous vs. The path of the wicked**

The path of the wicked is like pitch darkness,  
so that when they stumble,  
they do not even know what they have stumbled upon,  
but the path of the righteous gradually becomes brighter and brighter,  
like the shining sunlight of the morning  
(Ref.: Proverbs 4:18-19).

## **They will keep us from falling into the temptations of sexually immoral women.**

If we keep God's words, teachings, precepts, and commands as the apple of our eyes,  
always keeping them in our hearts, engraving them on the tablets of our hearts,  
they will keep us from falling into the temptations of sexually immoral women  
(Ref.: Proverbs 7:1-5).

## **This is the principle established by God.**

People must be honest in all business transactions.

This is the principle established by God

(Proverbs 16:11).

A small income earned honestly is better  
than a large income earned dishonestly (v. 8).

## **Selfish people**

Selfish people are busy accumulating wealth,  
but they do not know that poverty will come upon them  
(Proverbs 28:22).

## **We should stay away from all these people!**

We should stay away from those who stir up strife and love to quarrel,  
those who spread malicious rumors, those who speak kindly with an evil heart,  
hypocrites who hide their true feelings with flattering words,  
those who dig traps to harm others, and those who lie  
(Proverbs 26:21-28).

## **We should not take food from stingy people.**

We should not take food from stingy people.

And we should not covet what he gives us, even if it is a sumptuous meal.

The reason is because he is a person who always thinks about cost first.

He says he wants us to come and eat, but his heart doesn't say that

(Proverbs 23:6-7).

## **A person whose sins have been forgiven through lovingkindness and truth**

A person whose sins have been forgiven through lovingkindness and truth  
(Proverbs 16:6) pleases God because he forgives those who sin against him  
just as the Lord forgave him (Matthew 6:12; Colossians 3:13).

If we do this, God will make even our enemies at peace with us

(Proverbs 16:7).

## **Observing even the smallest things in daily life, thinking deeply ...**

In the new year 2024, I want to live according to the grace given by God,  
observing even the smallest things in daily life, thinking deeply, and learning lessons  
(Ref.: Proverbs 24:32).

## **A person who harasses his family**

The income of a person who harasses his family is a waste of money  
(Ref.: Proverbs 11:29).

## **An adulterous woman who does not realize that her path is crooked and is rushing toward death on the road to hell**

The lips of an adulterous woman drip honey,  
and her speech is smoother than oil,  
even though her path leads to death  
and she is unaware she is heading toward hell.  
Therefore, we must stay away from such a woman  
and not go near the door of her house.  
Otherwise, our honor, once enjoyed, will be given to others,  
and we may die at the hands of violent people.  
Strangers will feast on our wealth,  
and our hard work will go to someone else's house.  
In the end, our body will be worn out and diseased,  
and we will say, 'Why did I hate discipline?  
Why did my heart despise correction?  
I did not listen to my teachers,  
and now I face disgrace in front of many people'  
(Proverbs 5:3-14).

## **Whoever loves their own soul ...**

Whoever loves their own soul seeks and acquires wisdom,  
but those who distance themselves from wisdom hate their own soul  
(Proverbs 19:8).

Those who keep the Lord's commandments protect their soul,  
but those who are careless in their conduct and disobey the Lord's commandments  
cannot protect their soul (Proverbs 19:16).

## **A person who deceives their neighbor and says, "I was only joking!"**

A person who deceives their neighbor and says,  
"I was only joking!" is like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death  
(Proverbs 26:18).

## **Whoever guards their mouth and tongue ...**

Whoever guards their mouth and tongue keeps their soul from trouble  
(Proverbs 21:23).

## **Whoever trusts in their riches ...**

Whoever trusts in their riches will fall like a leaf,  
but the righteous who trust in the Lord will flourish like a green leaf  
(Proverbs 11:28).

## **He who confesses and forsakes his sins**

He who conceals his sins will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes his sins will receive mercy  
(Proverbs 28:13).

## **Wise people who carefully examine their actions**

We should not be foolish people who believe anything they say and act recklessly,  
but should be wise people who carefully examine their actions  
(Ref.: Proverbs 14:15, 16).

## **A foolish person who thinks that his actions are right**

A foolish person who thinks that his actions are right  
not only does not listen to the advice of others,  
but also cannot listen to it  
(Ref.: Proverbs 12:15).

## **A man who controls himself and rarely gets angry**

A man who controls himself and rarely gets angry  
is better than a warrior who conquers a city  
(Ref.: Proverbs 16:32).

## **When raising children ...**

When raising children, if we do not educate them with love,  
even by scolding and hitting them, but instead let them do as they please,  
those foolish children will dishonor their mother.  
Wise parents discipline their children.  
Therefore, children bring joy and peace to their parents' hearts  
(Ref.: Proverbs 29:15, 17).

## **Blessed are children ...**

Blessed are children who have a righteous father  
who lives an honest and blameless life  
(Proverbs 20:7).

## **We should not hesitate to discipline our children..**

We should not hesitate to discipline our children.  
Even if we hit it with a whip, they won't die.  
Rather, if we punish them with whips, we will save their souls from death.  
(Proverbs 23:13-14).

## **We should be people who have the discernment to examine themselves.**

We should not be rich people who think of themselves as wise,  
but rather, we should be people who have the discernment  
to examine ourselves thoroughly even when they are poor  
(Proverbs 28:11).



## **We should have the wisdom to control ourselves.**

We should not try too hard to become rich  
and should have the wisdom to control ourselves.  
The reason is that wealth disappears,  
and like an eagle, it will spread wings and fly away  
(Proverbs 23:4-5).

## **A person without self-control**

A person without self-control  
is like a defenseless castle whose walls have collapsed  
(Proverbs 25:28).

## **A nagging and quarrelsome wife**

A nagging and quarrelsome wife  
is like a drop of water that never stops falling  
(Ref.: Proverbs 19:13).

## **A person who points out mistakes**

A person who points out mistakes  
ultimately receives more love than a person who flatters  
(Proverbs 28:23).

## **A lazy farmer who likes to sleep**

A lazy farmer who likes to sleep has nothing to gain  
even when harvest time comes and ends up poor  
(Ref.: Proverbs 20:4, 1).

## **Even when disaster strikes like a storm**

The righteous person is unshaken  
even when disaster strikes like a storm  
(Proverbs 10:25).

## **I no longer want to live avoiding my responsibilities.**

As we welcome the New Year 2024,

I no longer want to live avoiding my responsibilities.

At the same time, I do not want to make excuses by saying, 'I did not know.'

I want to live remembering that the Lord is examining my heart and watching over me,  
and that He will repay me according to what I have done

(Ref.: Proverbs 24:12).

## **I want to be more boldly rebuked by the Word of God.**

As we welcome the New Year 2024,

I want to be more boldly rebuked by the Word of God

(Ref.: Proverbs 24:25).

I pray that this year will be one where my conscience  
is more deeply convicted

(Ref.: 1 Samuel 24:5; 2 Samuel 24:10)

by the Word of God, the sword of the Spirit

(Ephesians 6:17).

## **I need this.**

I need a gentle tongue that can break bones  
and patient persuasion that can turn a stubborn heart  
(Ref.: Proverbs 25:15).

## **It is not fitting!**

It is not fitting for a fool to use lofty language  
(Ref.: Proverbs 17:7).

## **When justice is realized ...**

When justice is realized,  
the righteous rejoice, but the wicked fear  
(Proverbs 21:15).

## **A dishonest and deceitful person ...**

A dishonest and deceitful person will be caught up in his own evil  
(Ref.: Proverbs 11:1, 6).

## **Anyone who leads an honest person down an evil path**

Anyone who leads an honest person down an evil path will fall into his own trap  
(Ref.: Proverbs 28:10).

## **An honest person's sincerity guides him.**

An honest person's sincerity guides him,  
but a dishonest person's dishonesty ruins him  
(Proverbs 11:3).

## **I want to live an honest life.**

As we welcome the new year 2024,  
I want to live an honest life.  
And I want to speak more truthfully  
(Ref.: Proverbs 24:26).

## **Those who are hasty lead to poverty.**

The plans of the diligent lead to abundance,  
but those who are hasty lead to poverty  
(Proverbs 21:5).

## **They will obtain good things and be blessed.**

Those who trust in God and live wisely according to God's word  
will obtain good things and be blessed  
(Ref.: Proverbs 16:20).

## **We must not be held captive by the cords of our sins.**

We must not stumble over our own wickedness  
or be held captive by the cords of our sins  
due to not listening to the lessons of truth.

We must never be so foolish  
as to lose our way and wander aimlessly

(Ref.: Proverbs 5:22-23).

## **Sinners' wealth is stored up for good people.**

Good people leave their wealth to their descendants,  
but sinners' wealth is stored up for good people  
(Proverbs 13:22).

## **The secret to enjoying peace in the Lord ...**

The secret to enjoying peace in the Lord  
is not to forget the Word of God and to keep it with all our heart  
(Ref.: Proverbs 3:1-2).

## **Before the Lord and people ...**

I pray that you do not show off before the Lord and people  
and do not stand in a high position  
(Ref.: Proverbs 25:6).

## **The one whom the Lord commends.**

Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth  
(Proverbs 27:2).  
The one who is approved is not the one who commends himself,  
but the one whom the Lord commends  
(2 Corinthians 10:18).  
What credit is there if you endure punishment for doing wrong?  
But if you endure suffering for doing good,  
this is commendable before God  
(1 Peter 2:20).

## **The Lord is wisdom.**

The Lord is wisdom.  
The Lord has intelligence, knowledge, and discernment.  
(Ref.: Proverbs 8:12).



## **I want to rely more on the Lord and walk by faith.**

In the New Year 2024,

I may encounter unexpected difficulties in my life,  
but I do not want to be discouraged when facing these challenges.

The reason is that if I become discouraged,  
my family, relatives, church members, and many others around me  
may also become discouraged by seeing my weakness  
(Ref.: Proverbs 24:10).

Instead, I want to rely more on the Lord  
and walk by faith when facing difficulties,  
even realizing more deeply how small my faith may be  
(Ref.: 2 Corinthians 5:7).

## **I want to refresh the Lord's heart.**

I want to be a loyal servant of the Lord and refresh His heart  
(Ref.: Proverbs 25:13).

## **A foolish man who lacks judgment**

A foolish man who lacks judgment will be ensnared  
by the temptation of a seductive woman and soon follow her.  
It is like an ox going to the slaughter or a deer stepping into a noose,  
resulting in an arrow piercing his heart.  
He is like a bird darting into a snare without knowing that it will cost him his life  
(Ref.: Proverbs 7:21-23).

## **A foolish person without sense ...**

A foolish person without sense pursues vain things  
(Ref.: Proverbs 12:11).

## **Zeal without knowledge is not good ...**

Zeal without knowledge is not good (Proverbs 19:2),  
but zeal with wrong or distorted knowledge is very dangerous  
(Ref.: Romans 10:2).

## **A wise person who loves knowledge**

People who love knowledge are willing to listen to what Tyler says.  
A wise person listens to the advice of others.  
But a fool hates reproof  
(Proverbs 12:1, 15).

## **It is like riding an express train to hell.**

We must listen and listen carefully to the Word of God.

We must not give our hearts to an adulterous woman and be deceived by her ways.

Many of her men have sacrificed to her and countless others have died to her.

Looking for a woman like that is like riding an express train to hell

(Ref.: Proverbs 7:24-27).

## **If we teach a wise person ...**

If we teach a wise person,

his knowledge will increase and he will become wiser

(Ref.: Proverbs 9:9).

## **Wisdom is better than pearls and nothing in the world can compare with it.**

We must choose God's teaching and God's knowledge rather than fine gold and silver.

Wisdom is better than pearls and nothing in the world can compare with it

(Reference: Proverbs 8:10-11).

## **Let us find happiness in wisdom.**

We must become intelligent people and find happiness in wisdom,  
never in doing evil as fools  
(Ref.: Proverbs 10:23).

## **A wise husband vs. A foolish husband?**

A wise husband, while pursuing knowledge of God and understanding His will,  
will lovingly impart that knowledge to his beloved wife through his lips.  
However, a foolish husband cannot do so;  
instead, he delights in foolishness and spreads folly  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:2, 7, 14).

## **A wise couple?**

A wise couple may be able to hide their thoughts from each other,  
but they know that they cannot hide their thoughts from God  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:11).

## **A wise couple and rebuke**

A wise couple not only knows how to listen to each other's good rebuke,  
but also receives the rebuke happily,  
thereby gaining enlightenment  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:31, 32).

## **A wise person vs. A foolish and hasty-tempered person**

A wise person knows how to restrain anger and end quarrels,  
but a foolish and hasty-tempered person speaks rashly without thinking,  
and their accumulated anger leads to much wrongdoing.  
Quarrels with them do not easily cease  
(Ref.: Proverbs 29:9, 11, 20, 22).

## **A wise person vs. A shameful person?**

A person who works diligently with his hands  
and reaps diligently in the summer is a wise person,  
but a shameful person who plays carelessly with his hands  
sleeps even during the harvest and only becomes poor  
(Ref.: Proverbs 10:4-5).

## **A wise person speaks words appropriate to the occasion ...**

A wise person speaks words appropriate to the occasion,  
and his rebuke is like gold earrings or jewelry of pure gold to those who hear it  
(Proverbs 25:11-12).

## **A wise person wins someone.**

A foolish person loses someone's heart,  
but a wise person wins someone  
(Ref.: Proverbs 11:30).

## **The words of wise men**

It is good to keep the words of wise men in our hearts and quote them often  
(Proverbs 22:17-18).

## **We must be wise people.**

We must not provoke anger with arrogant words,  
but be wise people who protect ourselves with our words  
(Ref.: Proverbs 14:3).

## **A wise person**

A person who rarely gets angry is a wise person  
(Proverbs 14:29).

## **A wise wife, a foolish husband**

A wise wife pleases her husband,  
but a foolish husband despises his wife  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:20).

## **A wise son vs. A foolish son**

A foolish son makes his mother sad,  
but a wise son makes his father happy  
(Proverbs 10:1).

## **A wise woman, a foolish woman?**

A wise woman makes her family happy,  
but a foolish woman destroys her family  
(Proverbs 14:1).

## **Wise lips**

Wise lips are a more precious treasure than much gold and pearls  
(Proverbs 20:15).



## **A wise person vs. A fool?**

A wise person rejoices the hearts of others with good words,  
but a fool causes sorrow and depression in the hearts of others  
(Ref.: Proverbs 12:25).

## **A wise child vs. A stubborn and foolish child?**

A wise child listens attentively to their father's discipline,  
but a stubborn and foolish child does not listen to their father's rebuke,  
leading to poverty and disgrace  
(Ref.: Proverbs 13:1, 18).

## **A wise man ...**

A wise man walks in righteousness and follows a just path  
(Ref.: Proverbs 8).

## **A husband who gives wise advice**

Because of a husband who gives wise advice,  
a wife's plans will succeed  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:22).

## **Let us walk wisely.**

I want to continue to abandon foolishness  
and find the path to life and walk wisely  
(Ref.: Proverbs 9:6).

## **He who hates wisdom loves death.**

He who loses the Lord, who is wisdom, harms his own soul,  
and he who hates the Lord and wisdom loves death  
(Ref.: Proverbs 8:36).

## **We must gain wisdom, and guide our hearts to the right path.**

We must pay attention to sound teachings and words of knowledge, listen carefully, gain wisdom, and guide our hearts to the right path (Ref.: Proverbs 23:12, 19).

## **Wisdom and humility**

Couples who fear God gain wisdom and are humble (Ref.: Proverbs 15:33).

## **The one who loves the Lord, who is wisdom**

The one who loves the Lord, who is wisdom, will receive the Lord's love, and the one who earnestly seeks the Lord will find Him (Ref.: Proverbs 8:17).

## **By clearly learning the word of truth**

We must trust God by clearly learning the word of truth  
(Ref.: Proverbs 22:19, 21).

## **The truth vs. Lies**

The truth lives forever,  
but lies have a very short lifespan  
(Proverbs 12:19).

## **The truth or Being trapped by words?**

A righteous person speaks the truth,  
but a wicked person is trapped by his words  
(Ref.: Proverbs 12:13, 14).

## **Those who live truthfully**

God is pleased with those who live truthfully  
(Proverbs 12:22).

## **Those who live truthfully vs. Those who live falsely?**

Those who live truthfully will be saved,  
but those who live falsely will suddenly be destroyed  
(Proverbs 28:18).

## **A pastor who wants to hear the truth**

A pastor who wants to hear the truth  
loves someone who speaks honestly to him  
(Ref.: Proverbs 16:13).

## **The words of truthful witnesses**

Keeping the words of truthful witnesses alive  
(Proverbs 21:28).

### **Parents who truly love their children faithfully ...**

Parents who truly love their children faithfully  
discipline their children without sparing any punishment  
(Proverbs 13:24).

### **An excellent wife, more precious than jewels**

An excellent wife, more precious than jewels,  
brings good to her husband all the days of her life.  
She rises early to prepare food for her family  
and provides warm clothing for all of them,  
even in the coldest of winters, without worry.  
She manages her household and does not indulge in idleness.  
She is strong, diligent, and works hard with enthusiasm.  
Moreover, she is capable and dignified, helping the poor  
and showing kindness with wisdom in her speech.  
She does not worry about the future.  
Because her husband trusts her completely, he lacks nothing.  
Her husband is respected, known for his leadership.  
Her children rise and call her blessed, and her husband praises her, saying,  
"Many women are capable, but you surpass them all"  
(Proverbs 31:10-29).

## **In order to lead an orderly and blessed religious life ...**

In order to lead an orderly and blessed religious life,  
we must receive revelation from God through the Word of God  
and keep the words of that revelation  
(Ref.: Proverbs 29:18).

### **Compared to jealousy, it is nothing.**

Anger is cruel and destructive, but compared to jealousy, it is nothing  
(Proverbs 27:4).

Jealousy makes one dislike and hate others without reason,  
pushing them away, and even leads to thoughts of wanting to kill,  
attempting murder, and eventually committing it.

This is what 'deadly jealousy' is  
[Ref.: Saul's jealousy towards David (1 Samuel 18:9)].

### **Promiscuous women**

Promiscuous women are not content to stay at home; they are like roaming streetwalkers,  
dressed provocatively and on the lookout for men.

Even though they have husbands, they grab other men and kiss them shamelessly,  
inviting them into their homes with excuses like,

"My husband is away on a long journey and won't be back until later."

They tempt them, saying, "Let's enjoy each other's company until morning," enticing them  
(Ref.: Proverbs 7:10-21).

Truly, the mouth of promiscuous women is a dangerous trap.  
(Ref.: Proverbs 22:14).

## **Young people must listen to the words of the Lord, who is wisdom.**

Young people must listen to the words of the Lord, who is wisdom.

Those who follow His teachings are blessed.

They must listen to the Lord's instruction and gain wisdom.

They should not forsake it.

Those who listen to the Lord's words, seek Him, and wait for Him are blessed

(Ref.: Proverbs 8:32-34).

## **Poverty that even friends look down on and stay away from**

If we are poor, we will be looked down on by our brothers,

our friends will stay away from us, and eventually our friends will also leave us

(Ref.: Proverbs 19:4, 7).

## **True advice from a friend is precious.**

Correcting and rebuking openly is better than hidden love

(Proverbs 27:5).

True advice from a friend is precious (v. 9).

A friend's wounds, though painful, are expressions of faithful friendship,

but beware of kisses from an enemy (v. 6).



## **A lazy person who just lazes around in the bedroom ...**

A lazy person who just lazes around in the bedroom  
makes various excuses to not go to work  
(Ref.: Proverbs 26:13-14).

## **A foolish person who loves pleasure ...**

A foolish person who loves pleasure loves alcohol and luxury,  
so he spends all his money, so he has no choice but to become poor  
(Ref.: Proverbs 21:17, 20).

## **What God the Father teaches ...**

If we listen carefully to what God the Father teaches,  
we will gain understanding  
(Ref.: Proverbs 4:1).

## **Our Father God teaches us wisdom and the right path.**

We must listen to and accept the words of our Father God.

Our Father God teaches us wisdom and the right path.

When we receive that wisdom and instruction,

our steps will not be hindered as we walk,

and when we run, we will not stumble

(Ref.: Proverbs 4:10-12).

## **We should not take lightly the discipline of our Father God.**

As children of God, we should not take lightly the discipline of our Father God,  
nor should we be resentful of His correction.

This is because just as a father disciplines and corrects his children out of love,  
so our Father God in heaven disciplines and corrects those whom He loves

(Ref.: Proverbs 3:11-12).

## **They will receive favor from God.**

Those who find the Lord, who is wisdom,  
will find life and receive favor from God

(Ref.: Proverbs 8:35).

## **A couple whom God is pleased with**

God delights in the prayers of honest couples  
and loves couples who pursue righteousness  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:8, 9).

## **Seven things that the Lord hates and detests**

There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to Him:  
(1) Haughty eyes, (2) A lying tongue, (3) Hands that shed innocent blood,  
(4) A heart that devises wicked schemes, (5) Feet that are quick to rush into evil,  
(6) A false witness who pours out lies, (7) One who stirs up conflict among brothers  
(Proverbs 6:16-19).

## **Just as the Lord hates the wicked but shows favor to the upright ....**

Just as the Lord hates the wicked but shows favor to the upright,  
so too should we, as children of God, hate the wicked and befriend the upright  
(Ref.: Proverbs 3:32).

## **The wisdom that God gives us (1)**

The wisdom that God gives us will keep us from forsaking the straight path,  
and from walking in paths of darkness and crooked ways,  
delighting instead in upright behavior and avoiding wickedness and evil deeds,  
protecting us from the ways of wicked people who speak deviously and say disgraceful things  
(Ref.: Proverbs 2:12-15).

## **The wisdom that God gives us (2)**

The wisdom that God gives us will deliver us from the seductive woman  
who leads us astray, forsaking our husband and forgetting the covenant before God.  
Anyone who goes to her is foolish and will not be able to turn back,  
unable to regain the path of life  
(Ref.: Proverbs 2:16-19).

## **The Lord is a shield to those who walk blamelessly.**

For the Lord reserves complete wisdom for the upright,  
and He is a shield to those who walk blamelessly.  
He guards the paths of justice and protects the way of His saints  
(Ref.: Proverbs 2:7-8).

## **We must wait for God to take care of it.**

We must give up the idea of taking revenge ourselves  
and wait for God to take care of it  
(Ref.: Proverbs 20:22).

## **God hates proud people.**

God hates proud people (Proverbs 16:5).  
If we are proud, we will be destroyed (v. 18).  
Those who are arrogant will never escape punishment (v. 5).  
It is better to be humble with the poor than to share the spoils with the proud (v. 19).

## **God delights in honesty!**

God delights in honesty and hates deception  
(Ref.: Proverbs 11:1).

## **God trains our hearts ...**

God trains our hearts

so that we do not listen to the evil words of the wicked and the lies of liars,  
and do not speak carelessly, and always remain calm

(Ref.: Proverbs 17:3-4, 27).

## **The way to live is to fear God!**

The fear of God is the way to live and enjoy a satisfying life

(Ref.: Proverbs 19:23).

## **An honest person who fears God**

An honest person who fears God preserves his soul

by turning away from evil and keeping his own way

(Ref.: Proverbs 16:17).

## **A wise and honest couple who fear God**

A wise and honest couple who fear God  
will not harm their family by greedy for ill-gotten gains  
(Ref.: Proverbs 15:27).

## **To fear God is to hate evil.**

To fear God is to hate evil.  
God hates pride, arrogance, evil conduct, and lying lips  
(Proverbs: 8:13).

## **Those who fear God ...**

Those who fear God live honestly,  
but those who despise God walk a wrong and crooked path  
(Proverbs 14:2).

## **Fearing God is the first step to knowledge ...**

Fearing God is the first step to knowledge (Ref.: Proverbs 1:7) and hating evil (8:13),  
but looking at my own foolishness in not thoroughly hating evil,  
I have not yet taken even the first step to knowledge.  
I have no choice but to admit it.

## **It is mocking God.**

To mock the poor is to insult God, who created him.  
Anyone who rejoices at the misfortune of others will not escape punishment  
(Proverbs 17:5).

## **Those who seek God ...**

Those who seek God realize justice  
(Proverbs 28:5).



## **Those who are hungry for the Word**

People who are full of the Word of God hate the Word of God,  
which is sweeter than honey,  
but those who are hungry for the Word  
also find the bitter rebuke of the Word sweet  
(Ref.: Proverbs 27:7; Psalms 19:10).

## **All of God's words are pure.**

All of God's words are pure.  
We must not add anything to those words.  
Otherwise God will rebuke us and we will be liars  
(Ref.: Proverbs 30:5-6).

## **Those who fear the word will be rewarded.**

Those who despise the word of God will be destroyed,  
but those who fear the word will be rewarded  
(Proverbs 13:13).

## **If the word of God is on the lips of the judge ...**

If the word of God is on the lips of the judge,  
the judge's judgment will not go wrong  
(Ref.: Proverbs 16:10).

## **He who babbles carelessly will be destroyed.**

He who guards his mouth will preserve his life,  
but he who babbles carelessly will be destroyed  
(Proverbs 13:3).

## **Those whose conduct is upright**

God loves those whose conduct is upright  
and hates those whose hearts are crooked and wrong  
(Proverbs 11:20).

## **A profane tongue causes anger.**

Just as the north wind causes rain,  
so a profane tongue causes anger  
(Proverbs 25:23).

## **Wicked people who pursue vain pursuits are greedy for ill-gotten gains.**

Wicked people who pursue vain pursuits are greedy for ill-gotten gains.  
Therefore, the wicked will be destroyed  
(Ref.: Proverbs 12:7, 12).

## **Anyone who likes to use their tongue**

The tongue can kill a person or save it.  
Anyone who likes to use their tongue will definitely get paid for it  
(Proverbs 18:21).

## **A wise leader**

A wise leader speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves,  
supports the truth of the unfortunate, opens his mouth to conduct fair trials,  
and solves the unfair problems of the poor and suffering  
(Ref.: Proverbs 31:8-9).

## **May God help me to repent.**

I pray that when the indwelling Holy Spirit  
convicts my conscience with the Word of God,  
He will lead me, in my foolishness, to turn back and repent  
(Ref.: Proverbs 1:23; 2 Samuel 24:10).

## **Without a good leader, a nation will fall.**

Without a good leader, a nation will fall,  
but with many counselors it will enjoy peace  
(Proverbs 11:14).