### Proverbs

## Chapter 19

1[not present in LXX sources]  
  
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3Doing what’s foolish lays waste to men’s ways;  
 But in their hearts, they’ll blame it on God.  
  
4Wealth will bring many friends;  
 But, friends will be few when you’re poor.  
  
5A lying witness won’t go unpunished,  
 And a false accuser will never escape.  
  
6Many will seek the king’s favor,  
 And all that bring gifts are his friends.  
  
7Those who hate a brother who’s poor  
 Will never be good at making friends.  
  
Insight is good for all those who seek it,  
 And an intelligent man will soon find it.  
  
The evil are good at doing what’s bad,  
 And those who aggravate won’t be saved.  
  
8Those [willing to learn], love themselves;  
 For those seeking what’s wise will find what’s good.  
  
9A lying witness won’t go unpunished,  
 And those bringing evil will perish by it.  
  
10Luxury is no advantage to the fool;  
 And it’s wrong for a servant who’s been given some power  
 To use it in ways that are haughty.  
  
11A merciful man is forgiving,  
 And he triumphs over those who’ve sinned against him.  
  
12Intimidation from a king is like a lion’s [roar];  
 But, bringing him joy is like dew on the grass.  
  
13A foolish son will bring shame to his father.  
  
Impure, are all of the vows  
 That are paid with the wage of a whore.  
  
14Although fathers may leave us homes and possessions,  
 A sensible wife comes from [God].  
  
15Worry holds back a cowardly man,  
 And the lives of the idle go hungry.  
  
16Those keeping the Commandments are protecting their souls,  
 While those hating its ways will soon perish.  
  
17God lends to those showing mercy to the poor,  
 And He repays them according to the gifts that they give.  
  
18Although correction builds confidence in sons,  
 You can’t make them better with insults.  
  
19An evil-minded man will be punished;  
 And if he [kills], he must pay with his life.  
  
20Listen, O son, to the words of your father,  
 So that in your last days, you’ll be wise.  
  
21There are many choices in a man’s heart;  
 But counsel from God lasts throughout ages.  
  
22Charity is what’s desired of a man;  
 And it’s better to be righteous and poor  
 Than to be rich and a liar.  
  
23The fear of Jehovah brings life to a man;  
 But, those who have no such fear  
 Will lodge where no knowledge is found.  
  
24The unrighteous hide their hands behind folded arms,  
 So they can’t bring [what’s good] to their mouths.  
  
25When you whip a foolish man for his mischief,  
 It’ll make all simple men wiser;  
 But an intelligent man will understand more,  
 And he will make the needed corrections.  
  
26Those who show their fathers disrespect  
 And push their mothers away,  
 Will always be reviled and disgraced.  
  
27Sons that disobey their father’s instructions  
 Will focus on the evil that they hear.  
  
28The man who [co-signs] a loan  
 Is the same as a child that’s foolish.  
  
The mouths of the irreverent will swallow  
 All those who show disrespect for the Law.  
  
29Whips are prepared for all those  
 Who fail to watch what they say,  
 And for the backs of the foolish.