

Proverbs21

- 21 In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that he channels toward all who please him.
- 2 A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart.
- 3 To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.
- 4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart— the unplowed field of the wicked—produce sin.
- 5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.
- 6 A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.[a]
- 7 The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do what is right.
- 8 The way of the guilty is devious, but the conduct of the innocent is upright.
- 9 Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.
- 10 The wicked crave evil; their neighbors get no mercy from them.
- 11 When a mocker is punished, the simple gain wisdom; by paying attention to the wise they get knowledge.
- 12 The Righteous One[b] takes note of the house of the wicked and brings the wicked to ruin.
- 13 Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.
- 14 A gift given in secret soothes anger, and a bribe concealed in the cloak pacifies great wrath.
- 15 When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.
- 16 Whoever strays from the path of prudence comes to rest in the company of the dead.
- 17 Whoever loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and olive oil will never be rich.
- 18 The wicked become a ransom for the righteous, and the unfaithful for the upright.
- 19 Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and nagging wife.
- 20 The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.
- 21 Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity[c] and honor.
- 22 One who is wise can go up against the city of the mighty and pull down the stronghold in which they trust.
- 23 Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity.
- 24 The proud and arrogant person—"Mocker" is his name— behaves with insolent fury.
- 25 The craving of a sluggard will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work.
- 26 All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing.
- 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is detestable— how much more so when brought with evil intent!
- 28 A false witness will perish, but a careful listener will testify successfully.
- 29 The wicked put up a bold front, but the upright give thought to their ways.
- 30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.
- 31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.