

## Proverbs17

- 17 Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.
- 2 A prudent servant will rule over a disgraceful son and will share the inheritance as one of the family.
- 3 The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart.
- 4 A wicked person listens to deceitful lips; a liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.
- 5 Whoever mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished.
- 6 Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.
- 7 Eloquent lips are unsuited to a godless fool— how much worse lying lips to a ruler!
- 8 A bribe is seen as a charm by the one who gives it; they think success will come at every turn.
- 9 Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.
- 10 A rebuke impresses a discerning person more than a hundred lashes a fool.
- 11 Evildoers foster rebellion against God; the messenger of death will be sent against them.
- 12 Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool bent on folly.
- 13 Evil will never leave the house of one who pays back evil for good.
- 14 Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.
- 15 Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent— the Lord detests them both.
- 16 Why should fools have money in hand to buy wisdom, when they are not able to understand it?
- 17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.
- 18 One who has no sense shakes hands in pledge and puts up security for a neighbor.
- 19 Whoever loves a quarrel loves sin; whoever builds a high gate invites destruction.
- 20 One whose heart is corrupt does not prosper; one whose tongue is perverse falls into trouble.
- 21 To have a fool for a child brings grief; there is no joy for the parent of a godless fool.
- 22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
- 23 The wicked accept bribes in secret to pervert the course of justice.
- 24 A discerning person keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth.
- 25 A foolish son brings grief to his father and bitterness to the mother who bore him.
- 26 If imposing a fine on the innocent is not good, surely to flog honest officials is not right.
- 27 The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered.
- 28 Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.