

Proverbs18

- 18 An unfriendly person pursues selfish ends and against all sound judgment starts quarrels.
- 2 Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.
- 3 When wickedness comes, so does contempt, and with shame comes reproach.
- 4 The words of the mouth are deep waters, but the fountain of wisdom is a rushing stream.
- 5 It is not good to be partial to the wicked and so deprive the innocent of justice.
- 6 The lips of fools bring them strife, and their mouths invite a beating.
- 7 The mouths of fools are their undoing, and their lips are a snare to their very lives.
- 8 The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts.
- 9 One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.
- 10 The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.
- 11 The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it a wall too high to scale.
- 12 Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.
- 13 To answer before listening— that is folly and shame.
- 14 The human spirit can endure in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?
- 15 The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.
- 16 A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.
- 17 In a lawsuit the first to speak seems right, until someone comes forward and cross-examines.
- 18 Casting the lot settles disputes and keeps strong opponents apart.
- 19 A brother wronged is more unyielding than a fortified city; disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel.
- 20 From the fruit of their mouth a person's stomach is filled; with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied.
- 21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
- 22 He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.
- 23 The poor plead for mercy, but the rich answer harshly.
- 24 One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.