

Proverbs28

- 28 The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.
- 2 When a country is rebellious, it has many rulers, but a ruler with discernment and knowledge maintains order.
- 3 A ruler[a] who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no crops.
- 4 Those who forsake instruction praise the wicked, but those who heed it resist them.
- 5 Evildoers do not understand what is right, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully.
- 6 Better the poor whose walk is blameless than the rich whose ways are perverse.
- 7 A discerning son heeds instruction, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father.
- 8 Whoever increases wealth by taking interest or profit from the poor amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor.
- 9 If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even their prayers are detestable.
- 10 Whoever leads the upright along an evil path will fall into their own trap, but the blameless will receive a good inheritance.
- 11 The rich are wise in their own eyes; one who is poor and discerning sees how deluded they are.
- 12 When the righteous triumph, there is great elation; but when the wicked rise to power, people go into hiding.
- 13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
- 14 Blessed is the one who always trembles before God, but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.
- 15 Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked ruler over a helpless people.
- 16 A tyrannical ruler practices extortion, but one who hates ill-gotten gain will enjoy a long reign.
- 17 Anyone tormented by the guilt of murder will seek refuge in the grave; let no one hold them back.
- 18 The one whose walk is blameless is kept safe, but the one whose ways are perverse will fall into the pit.[b]
- 19 Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty.
- 20 A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.
- 21 To show partiality is not good— yet a person will do wrong for a piece of bread.
- 22 The stingy are eager to get rich and are unaware that poverty awaits them.
- 23 Whoever rebukes a person will in the end gain favor rather than one who has a flattering tongue.
- 24 Whoever robs their father or mother and says, “It’s not wrong,” is partner to one who destroys.
- 25 The greedy stir up conflict, but those who trust in the Lord will prosper.
- 26 Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe.
- 27 Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.
- 28 When the wicked rise to power, people go into hiding; but when the wicked perish, the righteous thrive.