

PROVERBS - CHAPTERS 22-24

WISE vs. FOOLISH

WISE	FOOLISH
Foresees danger & take precautions	Goes into trouble blindly & pays consequences
Is preserved by God	God ruins their plans
Commits to instruction and listens to words of knowledge	Despises the wisest advice
A child's wise heart will make parent's heart rejoice and celebrate	Schemes of fools are sinful & everyone detests mockers
Listens to father and doesn't despise mother	Rebels will have disaster hit them suddenly and punishment will come from the LORD and/or the king
A house built by wisdom is strong through good sense – knowledge fills rooms with precious riches and valuables	
Wisdom is sweet like honey to the soul. It brings bright future & hope will not be cut short	
Fear of the LORD & King is a sign of wisdom	
The wise do their planning and planting before they build their house.	

WICKED vs GODLY

GODLY	WICKED
Avoid the thorny treacherous road	Corrupt people walk the thorny treacherous road
	Plants injustice & will harvest disaster – their reign of terror will come to an end
Do not act out in anger or become hot-tempered	Are angry and hot tempered and will endanger the godly soul when the godly hang out with them (become like them)
Do not envy the wicked	Their hearts plot violence and their words stir up trouble
May trip 7 times but always get up	Waits in ambush for the godly and raids their houses
Don't rejoice when enemies fall or are happy when they stumble for they know it displeases the LORD	One disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked
Don't fret because of evil doers or envy the wicked	Evil people have no future – their light will be snuffed out

FAMILY LIFE

Positive	Negative
Direct your children on the right path and when they are OLDER they will not depart from it	A youngster's heart is full of foolishness which physical discipline will drive far away
Don't fail to discipline your children the rod of punishment won't kill them but physical discipline may save them from death.	
Teach your children to stay on the right course, get truth, wisdom, discipline, and good judgment and never sell it	Do not carouse with drunkards, feast with gluttons for they are on their way to poverty and too much sleep leaves them in rags.
The father of godly children has joy – godly children should bring joy to father and mother	

JUSTICE & JUDGMENT

Positive	Negative
	The mouth of an immoral woman is a trap & those who make the LORD angry will fall into it
Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to die – save them as they stagger to their death	Don't excuse yourself from saving those unjustly sentenced to death by saying "I didn't know", for God understands all hearts and see you – He knows you knew & will repay all people as their actions deserve
Do not show favoritism when passing judgment – but it will go well for those who convict the guilty – rich blessings will be showered on them.	A judge declaring the wicked innocent will be cursed by many and denounced by the actions

PRIDE VS. HUMILITY

HUMILITY	PRIDE
True humility and fear of the LORD lead to riches, honor and a long life	
While dining with a ruler, pay attention to what is put before you.	If you are a big eater, put a knife to your throat to stop you and don't desire the delicacies for it might be a trick.
Don't envy sinners but continue to fear the LORD and you will be rewarded and your hope not disappointed.	