

# The Book of Proverbs

## Chapter 10

### *Solomon's Sayings*

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## Proverbs 10

Beginning with **chapter 10** we have this first collection of the wisdom of Solomon

-- pithy, practical words of advice covering every possible situation of life.

Committed to the mind and memory, you will be able to recall it in times of pressure.

## Proverbs 10

In most of these proverbs, the writer sets two things side by side in two lines and shows the good and evil results of various attitudes and actions.

For example:

***He who winks the eye causes trouble,  
but he who boldly reproves makes peace.  
(Pr 10:10 RSV)***

This is a contrast in this 2 line proverb is between the sly, deceitful, stealthy look that is expressed in a wink and the man who frankly and forthrightly speaks his mind, even though what he says is not very welcome.

The second line details the result of that kind of frankness – peace.

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Another example:

***Like vinegar to the teeth, and smoke to the eyes,  
so is the sluggard to those who send him.  
(Proverbs 10:26 RSV)***

Any parent who has sent his child on an errand and the child has dawdled along the way knows what this means.

The first line - As vinegar sets the teeth on edge and smoke burns the eyes,

The second line - so is the man who is entrusted with a message who dawdles along the way.

## Proverbs 10

There are 288 individually contrasted persons and things in **Prov 10:1-19:19**

These sayings were all composed by Solomon who spoke 3,000 proverbs and wrote 1,005 songs (**1 Kings 4:32**).

All the proverbs in this section are composed of 2 statements each, except **Prov 19:7**.

They are miscellaneous and generally not connected in thought.

For some that are thought to be connected see **Prov 10:2-7,8-10,11-14,15-21,22-25,27-30; etc.**

## Proverbs 10:1 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:1 ISV\*) ¶ The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grieves his mother.**

**(Pro 10:1 KJV+) The proverbs<sup>H4912</sup> of Solomon.<sup>H8010</sup> A wise<sup>H2450</sup> son<sup>H1121</sup> maketh a glad<sup>H8055</sup> father.<sup>H1</sup> but a foolish<sup>H3684</sup> son<sup>H1121</sup> is the heaviness<sup>H8424</sup> of his mother.<sup>H517</sup>**

**(Pro 10:1 NASB) The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish son is a grief to his mother.**

**(Pro 10:1 NIV) The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother.**

[proverbs of Solomon] This title also covers the first 9 chapters (**Prov 1:1**).

[wise son maketh a glad father] Example: Joseph (**Gen 47:12; cp. Gen 48:2**).

[foolish son is the heaviness of his mother] Example: Esau (**Gen 26:34-35; 27:45-46**).

## Proverbs 10:2 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:2 ISV\*) ¶ Nothing good comes from ill-gotten wealth, but righteousness delivers from death.**

**(Pro 10:2 KJV+) Treasures<sup>H214</sup> of wickedness<sup>H7562</sup> profit<sup>H3276</sup> nothing.<sup>H3808</sup> but righteousness<sup>H6666</sup> delivereth<sup>H5337</sup> from death.<sup>H4480 H4194</sup>**

**(Pro 10:2 NASB) Ill-gotten gains do not profit, But righteousness delivers from death.**

**(Pro 10:2 NIV) Ill-gotten treasures are of no value, but righteousness delivers from death.**

## Proverbs 10:2 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:2 NASB) Ill-gotten gains do not profit, But righteousness delivers from death.**

[wickedness] Hebrew: **reshat** (OT:7562), lawlessness (**Isa 57:20-21**).

[profit nothing]

Three examples of no profit to such gain:

1. Rehoboam (**2 Chron 12:1-4,9**)
2. Gehazi (**2 Kings 5:20-27; Prov 21:6**)
3. The rich fool (**Luke 12:20; Prov 11:28**)

[righteousness delivereth from death]

Three examples of righteousness delivering:

1. Noah (**Gen 7:1; Heb 11:7**)
2. Daniel (**Dan 6**)
3. Three Hebrew children (**Dan 3**)

## Proverbs 10:3 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:3 ISV\*) ¶ The LORD won't cause the righteous to hunger,  
but he will reject what the wicked crave.*

*(Pro 10:3 KJV+) The LORD<sup>H3068</sup> will not<sup>H3808</sup> suffer the soul<sup>H5315</sup> of the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> to famish:<sup>H7456</sup>  
but he casteth away<sup>H1920</sup> the substance<sup>H1942</sup> of the wicked.<sup>H7563</sup>*

*(Pro 10:3 NASB) The LORD will not allow the righteous to hunger,  
But He will reject the craving of the wicked.*

*(Pro 10:3 NIV) The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry  
but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.*

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## Proverbs 10:3 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:3 NASB) The LORD will not allow the righteous to hunger,  
But He will reject the craving of the wicked.*

**[will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish]**  
Examples: Elijah (*1 Kings 17*);  
David (*2 Sam 17*).

**[casteth away the substance of the wicked]**

Four examples of destroying goods of the wicked:

1. Israel (*Judg 6:1-4*)
2. Samaria (*1 Kings 18:2; 2 Kings 6:25*)
3. Jerusalem (*Lam 5:10; Zeph 1:18*)
4. Chaldeans (*Hab 2:8*)

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## Proverbs 10:4 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:4 ISV\*) ¶ Lazy hands bring poverty,  
but hard-working hands lead to wealth.*

*(Pro 10:4 KJV+) He becometh poor<sup>H7326</sup> that dealeth<sup>H6213</sup>  
with a slack<sup>H7423</sup> hand:<sup>H3709</sup>  
but the hand<sup>H3027</sup> of the diligent<sup>H2742</sup> maketh rich.<sup>H6238</sup>*

*(Pro 10:4 NASB) Poor is he who works with a negligent hand,  
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.*

*(Pro 10:4 NIV) Lazy hands make a man poor,  
but diligent hands bring wealth.*

**[poor]** Hebrew: **ruwsh** (OT:7326)

**[slack hand]** Deceitful hand, as in *Prov 12:24; Ps 52:2; 120:2; Hos 7:16; Mic 6:12.*

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## Proverbs 10:4 Solomon's Sayings

### Eight Hebrew Words Translated Poor and Poverty

1. **Reysh** (OT:7389), lack, need, want. Translated "poverty" (*Prov 6:11; 10:15; 13:18; 24:34; 28:19; 30:8; 31:7*)
2. **Ruwsh** (OT:7326), in want of necessities of life. Translated "poor" (*Prov 10:4; 13:7,8,23; 14:20; 17:5; 18:23; 19:1,7,22; 22:2,7; 28:3,6,27; 29:13*)
3. **Dal** (OT:1800), impoverished; reduced to poverty. Translated "poor" (*Prov 10:15; 14:31; 19:4,17; 21:13; 22:9,16,22; 28:3,8,11,15; 29:7,14*)
4. **Machcowr** (OT:4270), to be in want (*Prov 6:11; 21:5; 22:16*). Translated "poor" (*Prov 21:17*); and "poverty" (*Prov 11:24*)
5. **±Aniy** (OT:6041), wretched. Translated "poor" (*Prov 14:21; 30:14; 31:9,20*)
6. **°Ebyown** (OT:34), destitute; helpless. Translated "poor" (*Prov 14:31*)
7. **Yarash** (OT:3423), dispossessed. Translated "poor" (*Prov 30:9*); and "poverty" (*Prov 20:13; 23:21*)
8. **Checer** (OT:2639), poverty or want. Translated "poverty" (*Prov 28:22*)

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## Proverbs 10:5 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:5 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever harvests during summer acts wisely,*

*but the son who sleeps during harvest is disgraceful.*

*(Pro 10:5 KJV+) He that gathereth<sup>H103</sup> in summer<sup>H7019</sup> is a wise<sup>H7919</sup> son.<sup>H1121</sup>*

*but he that sleepeth<sup>H7290</sup> in harvest<sup>H7105</sup> is a son<sup>H1121</sup> that causeth shame.<sup>H954</sup>*

*(Pro 10:5 NASB) He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely,*

*But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.*

*(Pro 10:5 NIV) He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son,*

*but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.*

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## Proverbs 10:5 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:5 NASB) He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely,*

*But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.*

[gathereth in summer]

Two examples of gathering in summer:

1. Isaac (**Gen 26:12**)
2. Joseph (**Gen 41**)

[but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame] God has ordered in the course of providence that he who will not work shall not eat and He always blesses the man who is not lazy. **2Th\_3:10**

See **Prov 6:6-11; 24:30-34; 30:25.**

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## Proverbs 10:6 Solomon's Sayings

*The Righteous and Wicked Compared*

*(Pro 10:6 ISV\*) ¶ Blessings come <sup>[The Heb. lacks come]</sup> upon the head of the righteous,*

*but the words <sup>[Lit. mouth]</sup> of the wicked conceal violence.*

*(Pro 10:6 KJV+) Blessings<sup>H1293</sup> are upon the head<sup>H7218</sup> of the just:<sup>H6662</sup>*

*but violence<sup>H2555</sup> covereth<sup>H3680</sup> the mouth<sup>H6310</sup> of the wicked.<sup>H7563</sup>*

*(Pro 10:6 NASB) Blessings are on the head of the righteous,*

*But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.*

*(Pro 10:6 NIV) Blessings crown the head of the righteous,*

*but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.*

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## Proverbs 10:6 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:6 NASB) Blessings are on the head of the righteous,*

*But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence..*

[Blessing are upon the head of the just] What is remembered about a righteous man is a blessing.

**Six examples of good remembrance:**

1. Elisha (**2 Kings 13:21**)
2. Jehoiada (**2 Chron 24:15-16**)
3. Woman who anointed Jesus (**Mark 14:9**)
4. Mary, mother of Jesus (**Luke 1:28,48**)
5. Dorcas (**Acts 9:36-39; cp. Prov 22:1**)
6. Antipas (**Rev 2:13**)

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## Proverbs 10:7 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:7 ISV\*) ¶ The reputation <sup>[Lit. memorial]</sup> of the righteous leads to blessing,  
but the name of the wicked will rot.**

**(Pro 10:7 KJV+) The memory<sup>H2143</sup> of the just<sup>H6662</sup> is blessed:<sup>H1293</sup>  
but the name<sup>H8034</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> shall rot.<sup>H7537</sup>**

**(Pro 10:7 NASB) The memory of the righteous is blessed,  
But the name of the wicked will rot.**

**(Pro 10:7 NIV) The memory of the righteous will be a blessing,  
but the name of the wicked will rot.**

**[name of the wicked shall rot]** The name of the wicked is putrid.

### Four examples of bitter remembrance:

1. Balaam (**2 Peter 2:15; Jude 11; Rev 2:14**)
2. Ahaz (**2 Chron 28:22**)
3. Athaliah (**2 Chron 24:7**)
4. Herod (**Acts 12:22-23; cp. Ps 9:16**)

## Proverbs 10:8 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:8 NASB) The wise of heart will receive commands,  
But a babbling fool will be ruined.**

### Four examples of receiving commandments:

1. Abraham (**Gen 22; Heb 11:8,17**)
2. David (**2 Sam 7**)
3. The widow (**1 Kings 17:10-16**)
4. Rechabites (**Jer 35:6-10**)

**[but a prating fool shall fall]** This is repeated in **Prov 10:10.**

## Proverbs 10:8 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:8 ISV\*) ¶ The wise person <sup>[Lit. wise in heart]</sup> accepts commands,  
but the chattering fool will be brought down.**

**(Pro 10:8 KJV+) The wise<sup>H2450</sup> in heart<sup>H3820</sup> will receive<sup>H3947</sup> commandments:<sup>H4687</sup>  
but a prating<sup>H8193</sup> fool<sup>H191</sup> shall fall.<sup>H3832</sup>**

**(Pro 10:8 NASB) The wise of heart will receive commands,  
But a babbling fool will be ruined.**

**(Pro 10:8 NIV) The wise in heart accept commands,  
but a chattering fool comes to ruin.**

## Proverbs 10:9 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:9 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever walks in integrity lives prudently, <sup>[Lit. lives in safety]</sup>  
but whoever perverts his way of life will be exposed.**

**(Pro 10:9 KJV+) He that walketh<sup>H1980</sup> uprightly<sup>H8537</sup> walketh<sup>H1980</sup> surely.<sup>H983</sup>  
but he that perverteth<sup>H6140</sup> his ways<sup>H1870</sup> shall be known.<sup>H3045</sup>**

**(Pro 10:9 NASB) He who walks in integrity walks securely,  
But he who perverts his ways will be found out.**

**(Pro 10:9 NIV) The man of integrity walks securely,  
but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.**

## Proverbs 10:9 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:9 NASB) He who walks in integrity walks securely,  
But he who perverts his ways will be found out.**

**[walketh uprightly walketh surely]** He is never afraid of detection, because he never acts in deceit.

**[but he that perverteth his ways shall be known]**

### Two examples of being discovered:

1. Korah and company (**Num 16**)
2. Diotrefes (**3 John 9-10**)

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## Proverbs 10:10 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:10 ISV\*) ¶ Those who wink their eyes [i.e. Those whose looks communicate insincerity] are trouble makers,  
and the mocking fool will be brought down.** [So MT; LXX reads makers, but the one who reproves publicly makes peace]

**(Pro 10:10 KJV+) He that winketh<sup>H7169</sup> with the eye<sup>H5869</sup> causeth<sup>H5414</sup> sorrow.<sup>H6094</sup>  
but a prating<sup>H8193</sup> fool<sup>H191</sup> shall fall.<sup>H3832</sup>**

**(Pro 10:10 NASB) He who winks the eye causes trouble,  
And a babbling fool will be ruined.**

**(Pro 10:10 NIV) He who winks maliciously causes grief,  
and a chattering fool comes to ruin.**

**[but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked]** The second time this is used in this chapter (**Prov 10:6,11**).

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## Proverbs 10:11 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:11 ISV\*) ¶ What the righteous say [Lit. The mouth of the righteous] is a flowing fountain, [Lit. a fountain of life]  
but what the wicked say [Lit. but the mouth of the wicked] conceals violence.**

**(Pro 10:11 KJV+) The mouth<sup>H6310</sup> of a righteous<sup>H6662</sup> man is a well<sup>H4726</sup> of life.<sup>H2416</sup>  
but violence<sup>H2555</sup> covereth<sup>H3680</sup> the mouth<sup>H6310</sup> of the wicked.<sup>H7563</sup>**

**(Pro 10:11 NASB) The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,  
But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.**

**(Pro 10:11 NIV) The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,  
but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.**

**[but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked]** The second time this is used in this chapter (**Prov 10:6,11**).

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## Proverbs 10:12 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:12 ISV\*) ¶ Hatred awakens contention,  
but love covers all transgressions.**

**(Pro 10:12 KJV+) Hatred<sup>H8135</sup> stirreth up<sup>H5782</sup> strifes.<sup>H4090</sup>  
but love<sup>H160</sup> covereth<sup>H3680</sup> all<sup>H3605</sup> sins.<sup>H6588</sup>**

**(Pro 10:12 NASB) Hatred stirs up strife,  
But love covers all transgressions.**

**(Pro 10:12 NIV) Hatred stirs up dissension,  
but love covers over all wrongs.**

**[Hatred stirreth up strifes]** Hatred seeks an occasion to provoke enmity and delights in brawls, but love is conciliatory and removes all occasion for trouble.

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## Proverbs 10:12 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:12 NASB) Hatred stirs up strife,  
But love covers all transgressions.**

**[stirreth up strifes]**

Three examples of stirring up strife:

1. Ishmael (**Gen 21:9-14**)
2. Esau (**Gen 27:41-42**)
3. The Jews (**Acts 13:50; 14:2-4; 17:5-13**)

**[love covereth all sins]**

Four examples of love covering sins:

1. Joseph (**Gen 40:15; 45:5-8**)
2. David (**2 Sam 1**)
3. Jesus Christ (**Luke 23:34; John 20-21**)
4. Paul (**Philem 9-21**)

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## Proverbs 10:13 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:13 ISV\*) ¶ Wisdom characterizes the speech [Lit. Wisdom  
is found on the lips] of the discerning,**

**but the rod is for the backs of those lacking discernment.**

**(Pro 10:13 KJV+) In the lips<sup>H8193</sup> of him that hath  
understanding<sup>H995</sup> wisdom<sup>H2451</sup> is found:<sup>H4672</sup>**

**but a rod<sup>H7626</sup> is for the back<sup>H1460</sup> of him that is void<sup>H2638</sup> of  
understanding.<sup>H3820</sup>**

**(Pro 10:13 NASB) On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is  
found,**

**But a rod is for the back of him who lacks understanding.**

**(Pro 10:13 NIV) Wisdom is found on the lips of the  
discerning,**

**but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment.**

The rod is an instrument of knowledge if properly applied.

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## Proverbs 10:14 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:14 ISV\*) ¶ Those who are wise store up  
knowledge,**

**but when the fool speaks, [Lit. but the mouth of the fool]  
destruction is near.**

**(Pro 10:14 KJV+) Wise<sup>H2450</sup> men lay up<sup>H6845</sup>  
knowledge:<sup>H1847</sup>**

**but the mouth<sup>H6310</sup> of the foolish<sup>H191</sup> is near<sup>H7138</sup>  
destruction.<sup>H4288</sup>**

**(Pro 10:14 NASB) Wise men store up knowledge,  
But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand.**

**(Pro 10:14 NIV) Wise men store up knowledge,  
but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.**

**[Wise men lay up knowledge]** A wise man will keep  
secret things he hears about others, but a fool will repeat  
them everywhere and cause strife.

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## Proverbs 10:15 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:15 ISV\*) ¶ The rich hide within the fortress that is their  
wealth,**

**but the poor are dismayed due to their poverty.**

**(Pro 10:15 KJV+) The rich man's<sup>H6223</sup> wealth<sup>H1952</sup> is his  
strong<sup>H5797</sup> city:<sup>H7151</sup>**

**the destruction<sup>H4288</sup> of the poor<sup>H1800</sup> is their poverty.<sup>H7389</sup>**

**(Pro 10:15 NASB) The rich man's wealth is his fortress,  
The ruin of the poor is their poverty.**

**(Pro 10:15 NIV) The wealth of the rich is their fortified city,  
but poverty is the ruin of the poor.**

**[wealth is his strong city]** Literally, wealth is the city of his  
strength.

**[destruction of the poor is their poverty]** A poor man lives in  
destruction.

**[poor]** "Poor" is the Hebrew: **dal** (OT:1800), weak.  
"Poverty" is the Hebrew: **reysh**<sub>13</sub> (OT:7389), want or need.

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## Proverbs 10:16 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:16 ISV\*) ¶ Honorable wages lead** *[The Heb. lacks lead] to life;*

*the salaries of the wicked, to retribution.*

**(Pro 10:16 KJV+)** *The labour<sup>H6468</sup> of the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> tendeth to life:<sup>H2416</sup>*

*the fruit<sup>H8393</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> to sin.<sup>H2403</sup>*

**(Pro 10:16 NASB)** *The wages of the righteous is life, The income of the wicked, punishment.*

**(Pro 10:16 NIV)** *The wages of the righteous bring them life, but the income of the wicked brings them punishment.*

**[The labour of the righteous tendeth to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin]** The righteous labor to support life and then have to divide with the poor, but the wicked live to produce sin. They live to satisfy their appetites.

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## Proverbs 10:18 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:18 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever conceals hatred is a deceitful liar,**

*and whoever spreads slander is a fool.*

**(Pro 10:18 KJV+)** *He that hideth<sup>H3680</sup> hatred<sup>H8135</sup> with lying<sup>H8267</sup> lips,<sup>H8193</sup>*

*and he that uttereth<sup>H3318</sup> a slander,<sup>H1681</sup> is a fool.<sup>H3684</sup>*

**(Pro 10:18 NASB)** *He who conceals hatred has lying lips, And he who spreads slander is a fool.*

**(Pro 10:18 NIV)** *He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.*

A fool hides resentment, plots, and even murder in his heart by lies and pretensions of holding no ill feelings over injuries received.

He that slanders is also a fool.

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## Proverbs 10:17 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:17 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever heeds correction is on the pathway to life,**

*but someone who ignores exhortation goes astray.*

**(Pro 10:17 KJV+)** *He is in the way<sup>H734</sup> of life<sup>H2416</sup> that keepeth<sup>H8104</sup> instruction:<sup>H4148</sup>*

*but he that refuseth<sup>H5800</sup> reproof<sup>H8433</sup> erreth.<sup>H8582</sup>*

**(Pro 10:17 NASB)** *He is on the path of life who heeds instruction,*

*But he who ignores reproof goes astray.*

**(Pro 10:17 NIV)** *He who heeds discipline shows the way to life,*

*but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.*

The righteous man accumulates knowledge so that he can better serve God, but the wicked refuses correction and instruction.

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## Proverbs 10:19 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:19 ISV\*) ¶ Transgression is at work where people talk too much,**

*but anyone who holds his tongue is prudent.*

**(Pro 10:19 KJV+)** *In the multitude<sup>H7230</sup> of words<sup>H1697</sup> there wanteth<sup>H2308</sup> not<sup>H3808</sup> sin:<sup>H6588</sup>*

*but he that refraineth<sup>H2820</sup> his lips<sup>H8193</sup> is wise.<sup>H7919</sup>*

**(Pro 10:19 NASB)** *When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable,*

*But he who restrains his lips is wise.*

**(Pro 10:19 NIV)** *When words are many, sin is not absent,*

*but he who holds his tongue is wise.*

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## Proverbs 10:19 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:19 NASB)** *When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise.*

It is unusual for one to talk constantly without sinning and defaming someone's character.

The control of the tongue is a show of wisdom.

### Three examples of sinning by talking too much:

1. Job (**Job 32:2; 34:5,12; 35:16; 42:3**)
2. Job's comforters (**Job 32:3; 42:7-8**)
3. Idle widows (**1 Tim 5:13**)

### Three examples of wisdom in speaking:

1. Eleazar (**Gen 24:21; cp. Prov 15:28**)
2. Aaron (**Lev 10:3**)
3. Saul (**1 Sam 10:27; cp. Prov 11:12**)

## Proverbs 10:20 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:20 NASB)** *The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, The heart of the wicked is worth little.*

What a just man speaks is like silver, but what comes out of the heart of a wicked man is like worthless dross.

**Mat 12:34** *O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

**Luk 6:45** *A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*

## Proverbs 10:20 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:20 ISV\*)** ¶ *What the righteous person says [Lit. The tongue of the righteous] is like precious silver; the thoughts of the wicked are compared to small things.*

**(Pro 10:20 KJV+)** *The tongue<sup>H3956</sup> of the just<sup>H6662</sup> is as choice<sup>H977</sup> silver:<sup>H3701</sup> the heart<sup>H3820</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> is little worth.<sup>H4592</sup>*

**(Pro 10:20 NASB)** *The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, The heart of the wicked is worth little.*

**(Pro 10:20 NIV)** *The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.*

## Proverbs 10:21 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:21 ISV\*)** ¶ *What the righteous person says [Lit. The lips of the righteous] nourishes many, but fools die because they lack discerning [The Heb. lacks discerning] hearts.*

**(Pro 10:21 KJV+)** *The lips<sup>H8193</sup> of the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> feed<sup>H7462</sup> many:<sup>H7227</sup> but fools<sup>H191</sup> die<sup>H4191</sup> for want<sup>H2638</sup> of wisdom.<sup>H3820</sup>*

**(Pro 10:21 NASB)** *The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of understanding.*

**(Pro 10:21 NIV)** *The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment.*

## Proverbs 10:21 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:21 NASB) *The lips of the righteous feed many,  
But fools die for lack of understanding.***

**[feed many]** They shepherd or instruct many.

Six examples of godly instruction:

1. Job (**Job 4:3-4; 29:21-22**)
2. David (**Ps 78:70-72**)
3. Peter (**Acts 4:1-4**)
4. Philip (**Acts 8:5-8**)
5. Paul and Barnabas (**Acts 15:32-35**)
6. Judas and Silas (**Acts 15:32-33**)

**[fools die for want of wisdom]**

Three examples of fools dying:

1. Korah and company (**Num 16**)
2. Judas Iscariot (**Acts 1:20-25**)
3. The rich fool (**Luke 12:16-26**)

## Proverbs 10:23 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:23 ISV\*) ¶ *Just as the fool considers wickedness  
his joy,  
so is wisdom to the discerning man.***

**(Pro 10:23 KJV+) *It is as sport<sup>H7814</sup> to a fool<sup>H3684</sup> to do<sup>H6213</sup>  
mischief:<sup>H2154</sup>***

***but a man<sup>H376</sup> of understanding<sup>H8394</sup> hath wisdom.<sup>H2451</sup>***

**(Pro 10:23 NASB) *Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool,  
And so is wisdom to a man of understanding.***

**(Pro 10:23 NIV) *A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct,  
but a man of understanding delights in wisdom.***

Iniquity is as sport to a fool,  
but a man of understanding hates sin.

## Proverbs 10:22 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:22 ISV\*) ¶ *The blessing of the LORD establishes wealth,  
and difficulty does not accompany it.***

**(Pro 10:22 KJV+) *The blessing<sup>H1293</sup> of the LORD,<sup>H3068</sup> it<sup>H1931</sup>  
maketh rich,<sup>H6238</sup>***

***and he addeth<sup>H3254</sup> no<sup>H3808</sup> sorrow<sup>H6089</sup> with<sup>H5973</sup> it.***

**(Pro 10:22 NASB) *It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich,  
And He adds no sorrow to it.***

**(Pro 10:22 NIV) *The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, and he  
adds no trouble to it.***

Five examples of the Lord making rich:

1. Abraham (**Gen 24:1**)
2. Isaac (**Gen 25:11; 26:12**)
3. Jacob (**Gen 28:4; 30:27**)
4. Solomon (**1 Kings 3:13**)
5. Job (**Job 42:10**)

## Proverbs 10:24 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:24 ISV\*) ¶ *What the wicked fears will come  
about,  
but the longing of the righteous will be granted.***

**(Pro 10:24 KJV+) *The fear<sup>H4034</sup> of the wicked,<sup>H7563</sup> it<sup>H1931</sup>  
shall come upon<sup>H935</sup> him:***

***but the desire<sup>H8378</sup> of the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> shall be  
granted.<sup>H5414</sup>***

**(Pro 10:24 NASB) *What the wicked fears will come  
upon him,  
But the desire of the righteous will be granted.***

**(Pro 10:24 NIV) *What the wicked dreads will overtake  
him;  
what the righteous desire will be granted.***

## Proverbs 10:24 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:24 NASB)** *What the wicked fears will come upon him,  
But the desire of the righteous will be granted.*

[The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him] The wicked will reap what he has feared (**Prov 11:27; Isa 66:4; Gal 6:7-8**).

[but the desire of the righteous shall be granted]

Four examples of righteous desire granted:

1. Hannah (**1 Sam 1:20**)
2. Esther (**Est 4:16; 8:15-17**)
3. Daniel (**Dan 2:18-23; 9:1-23; 10**)
4. Simeon (**Luke 2:25-30**)

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## Proverbs 10:25 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:25 ISV\*)** ¶ *When the storm ends, the wicked vanish,  
[Lit. wicked are no more]  
but the righteous person is forever firm.*

**(Pro 10:25 KJV+)** *As the whirlwind<sup>H5492</sup> passeth,<sup>H5674</sup> so is the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> no<sup>H369</sup> more:  
but the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> is an everlasting<sup>H5769</sup> foundation.<sup>H3247</sup>*

**(Pro 10:25 NASB)** *When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more,  
But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.*

**(Pro 10:25 NIV)** *When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone,  
but the righteous stand firm forever.*

As a tornado sweeps away everything in its path, so the wrath of God will destroy the wicked.

The righteous will never be moved by the wrath of God (**Ps 125:1**)

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## Proverbs 10:26 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:26 ISV\*)** ¶ *As vinegar is to the mouth [Lit. teeth] and smoke to the eyes,  
so is the lazy person to those who send him.*

**(Pro 10:26 KJV+)** *As vinegar<sup>H2558</sup> to the teeth,<sup>H8127</sup> and as smoke<sup>H6227</sup> to the eyes,<sup>H5869</sup>  
so<sup>H3651</sup> is the sluggard<sup>H6102</sup> to them that send<sup>H7971</sup> him.*

**(Pro 10:26 NASB)** *Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,  
So is the lazy one to those who send him.*

**(Pro 10:26 NIV)** *As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,  
so is a sluggard to those who send him.*

As vinegar sets the teeth on edge and as smoke irritates the eyes, so the sluggard hurts and grieves those who send him.

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## Proverbs 10:27 Solomon's Sayings

**(Pro 10:27 ISV\*)** ¶ *Fearing the LORD prolongs life,  
but the wicked will not live long.*

**(Pro 10:27 KJV+)** *The fear<sup>H3374</sup> of the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> prolongeth<sup>H3254</sup> days.<sup>H3117</sup>  
but the years<sup>H8141</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> shall be shortened.<sup>H7114</sup>*

**(Pro 10:27 NASB)** *The fear of the LORD prolongs life,  
But the years of the wicked will be shortened.*

**(Pro 10:27 NIV)** *The fear of the LORD adds length to life,  
but the years of the wicked are cut short.*

The fear of God promotes righteousness and long life, but wickedness shortens life (cp. **Prov 11:19**).

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## Proverbs 10:28 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:28 ISV\*) ¶ What the righteous hope for brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked dies.*

*(Pro 10:28 KJV+) The hope<sup>H8431</sup> of the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> shall be gladness:<sup>H8057</sup> but the expectation<sup>H8615</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> shall perish.<sup>H6</sup>*

*(Pro 10:28 NASB) The hope of the righteous is gladness, But the expectation of the wicked perishes.*

*(Pro 10:28 NIV) The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing.*

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## Proverbs 10:28 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:28 NASB) The hope of the righteous is gladness, But the expectation of the wicked perishes.*

**[The hope of the righteous shall be gladness]** The hope of the righteous will be realized, but that of the wicked will not.

>> Hope: Expectation; Anticipated outcome

Four examples of joy in hope:

1. Abraham (**Rom 4:18-20**)
2. Joseph (**Ps 105:17-21**)
3. Hezekiah (**Ps 126**)
4. Daniel (**Dan 6:10**)

**[expectation of the wicked shall perish]**

Four examples of perishing expectation:

1. Goliath (**1 Sam 17:44-51**)
2. Athaliah (**2 Kings 11:1-16**)
3. Sennacherib (**2 Kings 19:23,37**)
4. Herod (**Matt 2:16**)

## Proverbs 10:29 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:29 ISV\*) ¶ To the upright, the way of the LORD is a place of safety, but it's a place of ruin to those who practice evil.*

*(Pro 10:29 KJV+) The way<sup>H1870</sup> of the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> is strength<sup>H4581</sup> to the upright:<sup>H8537</sup> but destruction<sup>H4288</sup> shall be to the workers<sup>H6466</sup> of iniquity.<sup>H205</sup>*

*(Pro 10:29 NASB) The way of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright, But ruin to the workers of iniquity.*

The righteous are constantly renewed in strength (**2 Cor 4:16**),

but sudden destruction will come to the wicked (**Prov 29:1**).

Four examples of sudden destruction:

- 1 Sodom and Gomorrah (**Gen 19**)

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## Proverbs 10:30 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:30 ISV\*) ¶ The righteous will never be overthrown, but the wicked will never inhabit the land.*

*(Pro 10:30 KJV+) The righteous<sup>H6662</sup> shall never<sup>H5769 H1077</sup> be removed:<sup>H4131</sup> but the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> shall not<sup>H3808</sup> inhabit<sup>H7931</sup> the earth.<sup>H776</sup>*

*(Pro 10:30 NASB) The righteous will never be shaken, But the wicked will not dwell in the land.*

*(Pro 10:30 NIV) The righteous will never be uprooted, but the wicked will not remain in the land.*

The 6th prophecy in Proverbs (**Prov 10:30**, unfulfilled).

Next, **Prov 12:19**.

Redeemed people will inhabit the earth eternally (**Gen 9:12**).

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## Proverbs 10:31 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:31 ISV\*) ¶ The words of the righteous overflow with wisdom,  
but the perverse tongue will be cut out.*

*(Pro 10:31 KJV+) The mouth<sup>H6310</sup> of the just<sup>H6662</sup> bringeth forth<sup>H5107</sup> wisdom:<sup>H2451</sup>  
but the froward<sup>H8419</sup> tongue<sup>H3956</sup> shall be cut out.<sup>H3772</sup>*

*(Pro 10:31 NASB) The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom,  
But the perverted tongue will be cut out.*

*(Pro 10:31 NIV) The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,  
but a perverse tongue will be cut out.*

## Proverbs 10:32 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:32 ISV\*) ¶ Righteous lips know what is prudent,  
but the words of the wicked are perverse.*

*(Pro 10:32 KJV+) The lips<sup>H8193</sup> of the righteous<sup>H6662</sup> know<sup>H3045</sup> what is acceptable:<sup>H7522</sup>  
but the mouth<sup>H6310</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> speaketh frowardness.<sup>H8419</sup>*

*(Pro 10:32 NASB) The lips of the righteous bring forth what is acceptable,  
But the mouth of the wicked what is perverted.*

*(Pro 10:32 NIV) The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.*

The righteous know what is acceptable and profitable to speak, but the wicked know what is perverse.

## Proverbs 10:31 Solomon's Sayings

*(Pro 10:31 NASB) The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom,  
But the perverted tongue will be cut out.*

The mouth of the just speaks wisdom, but the tongue of the perverse will be cut out.

It was an ancient custom in some nations to cut out the tongue for blasphemy, lying, treasonable speeches, and other vocal crimes.

**[froward tongue]** See note, *Prov 2:12*.