

# The Book of Proverbs

## Chapter 19

### The Priorities of Life Contrasted

## Proverbs 19:1

**(Pro 19:1 NASB) Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity**

**Than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool.**

Better is a godly poor man, than an ungodly rich fool.

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

[fool] Hebrew: **keciyl** (OT:3684) means dense or stupid, manifesting itself in impiety and irreverence.

Used 49 times in Proverbs (**Prov 1:22,32; 3:35; 8:5; 10:1,18,23; 12:23; 13:16,19-20; 14:7-8,16,24,33; 15:2,7,14,20; 17:10,12,16,21,24-25; 18:2,6-7; 19:1,10,13,29; 21:20; 23:9; 26:1,3-12; 28:26; 29:11,20**).

## Proverbs 19:1

**(Pro 19:1 ISV\*) A poor man who walks blamelessly is better**

**than a fool who speaks perversely.**

**(Pro 19:1 KJV+) Better<sup>H2896</sup> is the poor<sup>H7326</sup> that walketh<sup>H1980</sup> in his integrity,<sup>H8537</sup> than *he that is* perverse<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H6141</sup> in his lips,<sup>H8193</sup> and is a fool.<sup>H3684</sup>**

**(Pro 19:1 NASB) Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity**

**Than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool.**

**(Pro 19:1 NIV) Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse.**

## Proverbs 19:2

**Pro 19:2 ISV\*) ¶ Furthermore, it isn't good to be ignorant,** [Lit. *good for an ignorant soul*]

**and whoever rushes into things** [Lit. *whoever hurries with his feet*] **misses the mark.**

**(Pro 19:2 KJV+) Also,<sup>H1571</sup> that the soul<sup>H5315</sup> be without<sup>H3808</sup> knowledge,<sup>H1847</sup> it is not<sup>H3808</sup> good,<sup>H2896</sup> and he that hasteth<sup>H213</sup> with *his* feet<sup>H7272</sup> sinneth.<sup>H2398</sup>**

**(Pro 19:2 NASB) Also it is not good for a person to be without knowledge,**

**And he who hurries his footsteps errs.**

**(Pro 19:2 NIV) It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way.**

## Proverbs 19:2

**(Pro 19:2 NASB)** Also it is not good for a person to be without knowledge, And he who hurries his footsteps errs.

### Eight examples of acting without knowledge:

1. Syrians (**1 Kings 20:28**)
2. Jews (**Isa 5:12-13**)
3. People and priests (**Hos 4:6; 6:6**)
4. Job (**Job 42:3-6**)
5. Hezekiah (**2 Chron 32:31**)
6. Pharisees (**Matt 12:7**)
7. Peter (**Matt 16:22; Luke 22:33-34**)
8. Paul (**1 Tim 1:13; Acts 26:11**)

### Five examples of hasty action:

1. Joshua (**Josh 9:15**)
2. Saul (**1 Sam 13:9-14; 14:24-45**)
3. David (**2 Sam 16:4**)
4. The prophet (**1 Kings 13:18-19**)
5. Peter (**John 18:10**)

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## Proverbs 19:3

**(Pro 19:3 NASB)** The foolishness of man ruins his way,  
And his heart rages against the LORD.

When a man's own foolishness brings him into trouble, who does he blame?

The Lord.

Or if he is married, he takes it like a man and blames it on his wife, as Adam did in the Garden.

The fool perverts his own ways and blames God for it.

### Five examples of fretting against God:

1. Adam (**Gen 3:12**)
2. Cain (**Gen 4:13-14**)
3. Jehoram (**2 Kings 3:10-13; 6:33**)
4. Jonah (**Jonah 4:1-9**)
5. Israel (**Num 14:2-3; 20:2-5; 21:4-6**)

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## Proverbs 19:3

**(Pro 19:3 ISV\*)** ¶ A man's foolishness ruins his life, [Lit. way] yet his heart rages against the LORD.

**(Pro 19:3 KJV+)** The foolishness<sup>H200</sup> of man<sup>H120</sup> perverteth<sup>H5557</sup> his way:<sup>H1870</sup>  
and his heart<sup>H3820</sup> fretteth<sup>H2196</sup> against<sup>H5921</sup> the LORD.<sup>H3068</sup>

**(Pro 19:3 NASB)** The foolishness of man ruins his way,  
And his heart rages against the LORD.

**(Pro 19:3 NIV)** A man's own folly ruins his life,  
yet his heart rages against the LORD.

**(Pro 19:3 RSV)** When a man's folly brings his way to ruin,  
his heart rages against the Lord.

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## Proverbs 19:4

**(Pro 19:4 ISV\*)** ¶ Wealth brings many friends,  
but a poor man is deserted by his friend.

**(Pro 19:4 KJV+)** Wealth<sup>H1952</sup> maketh<sup>H3254</sup> many<sup>H7227</sup> friends;<sup>H7453</sup>  
but the poor<sup>H1800</sup> is separated<sup>H6504</sup> from his neighbour.<sup>H4480 H7453</sup>

**(Pro 19:4 NASB)** Wealth adds many friends,  
But a poor man is separated from his friend.

**(Pro 19:4 NIV)** Wealth brings many friends,  
but a poor man's friend deserts him.

The rich have many friends, but the poor person loses his.

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## Proverbs 19:5

(Pro 19:5 ISV\*) ¶ A witness to lies will not go unpunished;  
the teller of falsehoods will not escape.

(Pro 19:5 KJV+) A false<sup>H8267</sup> witness<sup>H5707</sup> shall not<sup>H3808</sup> be  
unpunished,<sup>H5352</sup>  
and *he that speaketh*<sup>H6315</sup> lies<sup>H3577</sup> shall not<sup>H3808</sup>  
escape.<sup>H4422</sup>

(Pro 19:5 NASB) A false witness will not go unpunished,  
And he who tells lies will not escape.

(Pro 19:5 NIV) A false witness will not go unpunished,  
and he who pours out lies will not go free.

A liar will reap what he sows and be punished in due time  
(*Rev 21:8; 22:15*).

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## Proverbs 19:6

(Pro 19:6 ISV\*) ¶ Many curry favor of an official;  
everyone is a friend of the gift giver.

(Pro 19:6 KJV+) Many<sup>H7227</sup> will intreat<sup>H2470</sup> the favour<sup>H6440</sup>  
of the prince:<sup>H5081</sup>  
and every man<sup>H3605</sup> is a friend<sup>H7453</sup> to him that giveth  
gifts.<sup>H376 H4976</sup>

(Pro 19:6 NASB) Many will seek the favor of a generous  
man,  
And every man is a friend to him who gives gifts.

(Pro 19:6 NIV) Many curry favor with a ruler,  
and everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts.

In general, men are friendly when it is to their advantage;  
they seek favors from the generous rich.

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## Proverbs 19:7

(Pro 19:7 ISV\*) ¶ All the relatives of a poor person shun him—  
how much more do his friends avoid him!  
Though he runs after them pleading,  
they aren't around.

(Pro 19:7 KJV+) All<sup>H3605</sup> the brethren<sup>H251</sup> of the poor<sup>H7326</sup> do  
hate<sup>H8130</sup> him:  
how much more<sup>H637 H3588</sup> do his friends<sup>H4828</sup> go far<sup>H7368</sup>  
from<sup>H4480</sup> him?  
he pursueth<sup>H7291</sup> *them with words*,<sup>H561</sup> yet they<sup>H1992</sup> are  
wanting<sup>H3808</sup> to him.

(Pro 19:7 NASB) All the brothers of a poor man hate him;  
How much more do his friends abandon him!  
He pursues *them with words*, but they are gone.

(Pro 19:7 NIV) A poor man is shunned by all his relatives  
— how much more do his friends avoid him!  
Though he pursues them with pleading, they are nowhere to  
be found.

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## Proverbs 19:7

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How much more do his friends abandon him!  
He pursues *them with words*, but they are gone.

The poor man is disregarded by brethren and friends.  
All his efforts to be friendly and his appeals to them are  
rejected.

[how much more do his friends go far from him?]  
Question 14. Next, *Prov 20:6*.

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## Proverbs 19:8

(Pro 19:8 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever obtains wisdom loves himself, and whoever treasures understanding will prosper.

(Pro 19:8 KJV+) He that getteth<sup>H7069</sup> wisdom<sup>H3820</sup> loveth<sup>H157</sup> his own soul:<sup>H5315</sup> he that keepeth<sup>H8104</sup> understanding<sup>H8394</sup> shall find<sup>H4672</sup> good.<sup>H2896</sup>

(Pro 19:8 NASB) He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.

(Pro 19:8 NIV) He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who cherishes understanding prospers.

He who gets wisdom loves his own soul, and the greatest good will come through guarding and obeying wisdom and understanding.

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## Proverbs 19:10

(Pro 19:10 ISV\*) ¶ It's not fitting for a fool to live in luxury; neither is it for a servant to rule over princes.

(Pro 19:10 KJV+) Delight<sup>H8588</sup> is not<sup>H3808</sup> seemly<sup>H5000</sup> for a fool;<sup>H3684</sup> much less<sup>H637</sup> for<sup>H3588</sup> a servant<sup>H5650</sup> to have rule<sup>H4910</sup> over princes.<sup>H8269</sup>

(Pro 19:10 NASB) Luxury is not fitting for a fool; Much less for a slave to rule over princes.

(Pro 19:10 NIV) It is not fitting for a fool to live in luxury — how much worse for a slave to rule over princes!

### Two uncommon practices:

1. For a fool to enjoy luxury, rank, and honor as if he were royalty (cp. *Prov 17:7; 26:1*)
2. For a servant to rule princes (he would likely be cruel and tyrannical)

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(Pro 19:9 NASB) A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who tells lies will perish.

(Pro 19:9 NIV) A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish.

All liars shall have their part in the eternal lake of fire (*Rev 21:8; 22:15*).

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## Proverbs 19:11

(Pro 19:11 ISV\*) ¶ A person's discretion makes him slow to anger, and it is to his credit that he ignores an offence.

(Pro 19:11 KJV+) The discretion<sup>H7922</sup> of a man<sup>H120</sup> deferreth<sup>H748</sup> his anger,<sup>H639</sup> and *it is* his glory<sup>H8597</sup> to pass<sup>H5674</sup> over<sup>H5921</sup> a transgression.<sup>H6588</sup>

(Pro 19:11 NASB) A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

(Pro 19:11 NIV) A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

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## Proverbs 19:11

**(Pro 19:11 NASB)** A man's discretion makes him slow to anger,  
And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

### Two good qualities:

1. A sensible man will prolong his patience and not his anger
2. He will pass over transgressions and not expose men to others (*1 Cor 13*)

### Four examples of deferring anger:

1. Joseph (*Gen 40:15*)
2. Moses (*Num 12*)
3. David (*1 Sam 24; 26:5*)
4. A prophet (*1 Kings 13:6*)

### Four examples of passing over sin:

1. Isaac (*Gen 26:13-30*)
2. David (*1 Sam 18:9-24:22*)
3. Jesus Christ (*Luke 23:34*)
4. Stephen (*Acts 7:60*)

## Proverbs 19:12

**(Pro 19:12 ISV\*)** ¶ The king's anger is like the roaring of a lion,  
but his goodwill is like dew on the grass.

**(Pro 19:12 KJV+)** The king's<sup>H4428</sup> wrath<sup>H2197</sup> is as the roaring<sup>H5099</sup> of a lion,<sup>H3715</sup>  
but his favour<sup>H7522</sup> is as dew<sup>H2919</sup> upon<sup>H5921</sup> the grass.<sup>H6212</sup>

**(Pro 19:12 NASB)** The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion,  
But his favor is like dew on the grass.

**(Pro 19:12 NIV)** A king's rage is like the roar of a lion,  
but his favor is like dew on the grass.

## Proverbs 19:12

**(Pro 19:12 NASB)** The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion,

But his favor is like dew on the grass.

### Two contrasted effects:

1. A king's wrath
2. A king's favor

**[roaring of a lion]** A lion's roar instills fear in all who hear it. Other animals tremble, flee, or hide at its sound (cp. *Prov 16:14; 20:2; 28:15*).

**[dew upon the grass]** Dew refreshes all plant life (cp. *Prov 16:15; Ps 72:6*).

## Proverbs 19:13

**(Pro 19:13 ISV\*)** ¶ A father's ruin is a foolish son,  
and a wife's quarreling is like <sup>[The Heb. lacks like]</sup> dripping water that never stops.

**(Pro 19:13 KJV+)** A foolish<sup>H3684</sup> son<sup>H1121</sup> is the calamity<sup>H1942</sup> of his father:<sup>H1</sup>  
and the contentions<sup>H4079</sup> of a wife<sup>H802</sup> are a continual<sup>H2956</sup> dropping.<sup>H1812</sup>

**(Pro 19:13 NASB)** A foolish son is destruction to his father,  
And the contentions of a wife are a constant dripping.

**(Pro 19:13 NIV)** A foolish son is his father's ruin,  
and a quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping.

### Two unbearable things:

1. A foolish son who brings troubles, calamities and ruin to parents
2. The contentious wife — one cannot sit, stand, work, or sleep without her perpetual nagging (cp. *Prov 27:15*)

## Proverbs 19:14

(Pro 19:14 ISV\*) ¶ A house and self-sufficiency are a father's inheritance,  
but from the LORD comes an insightful wife.

(Pro 19:14 KJV+) House<sup>H1004</sup> and riches<sup>H1952</sup> are the inheritance<sup>H5159</sup> of fathers:<sup>H1</sup>  
and a prudent<sup>H7919</sup> wife<sup>H802</sup> is from the LORD.<sup>H4480 H3068</sup>

(Pro 19:14 NASB) House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.

(Pro 19:14 NIV) Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

### Two great blessings of man:

1. Inheritance of riches
2. A prudent wife from the Lord. In stark contrast to the wife in **Prov 19:13**, she may have many causes for complaint, but she avoids them all.

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## Proverbs 19:15

(Pro 19:15 NASB) Laziness casts into a deep sleep,  
And an idle man will suffer hunger.

### Two effects of laziness:

1. Deep sleep
2. Hunger and want

[**deep sleep**] Hebrew: **tardemah** (OT:8639), unconsciousness, the kind that fell upon Adam (**Gen 2:21**) and Abraham and others (**Gen 15:12; 1 Sam 26:12; Job 4:13; 33:15; Isa 29:10**).

Here the idea is that the slothful man becomes oblivious to all interests and responsibilities in life.

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## Proverbs 19:15

(Pro 19:15 ISV\*) ¶ Laziness puts one to sleep,  
and an idle person will go hungry.

(Pro 19:15 KJV+) Slothfulness<sup>H6103</sup> casteth<sup>H5307</sup> into a deep sleep,<sup>H8639</sup>  
and an idle<sup>H7423</sup> soul<sup>H5315</sup> shall suffer hunger.<sup>H7456</sup>

(Pro 19:15 NASB) Laziness casts into a deep sleep,  
And an idle man will suffer hunger.

(Pro 19:15 NIV) Laziness brings on deep sleep,  
and the shiftless man goes hungry.

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## Proverbs 19:16

(Pro 19:16 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever obeys a commandment keeps himself safe, [Lit. *keeps his soul*]  
but someone who is contemptuous in conduct [Lit. *in his way*]  
will die.

(Pro 19:16 KJV+) He that keepeth<sup>H8104</sup> the commandment<sup>H4687</sup> keepeth<sup>H8104</sup> his own soul;<sup>H5315</sup>  
but he that despiseth<sup>H959</sup> his ways<sup>H1870</sup> shall die.<sup>H4191</sup>

(Pro 19:16 NASB) He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul,  
**But** he who is careless of conduct will die.

(Pro 19:16 NIV) He who obeys instructions guards his life,  
but he who is contemptuous of his ways will die.

In keeping the commandments there is life; in rejecting them there is death.

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## Proverbs 19:17

**(Pro 19:17 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever is kind to the poor is lending to the LORD—  
the benefit of his gift will return to him in abundance.**

**(Pro 19:17 KJV+) He that hath pity<sup>H2603</sup> upon the poor<sup>H1800</sup> lendeth<sup>H3867</sup> unto the LORD,<sup>H3068</sup>  
and that which he hath given<sup>H1576</sup> will he pay him again.<sup>H7999</sup>**

**(Pro 19:17 NASB) One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD,  
And He will repay him for his good deed.**

**(Pro 19:17 NIV) He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,  
and he will reward him for what he has done.**

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## Proverbs 19:18

**(Pro 19:18 ISV\*) ¶ Discipline your son while there is still hope—  
but don't set your heart on his destruction.**

**(Pro 19:18 KJV+) Chasten<sup>H3256</sup> thy son<sup>H1121</sup> while<sup>H3588</sup> there is<sup>H3426</sup> hope,<sup>H8615</sup>  
and let not<sup>H408</sup> thy soul<sup>H5315</sup> spare<sup>H5375</sup> for<sup>H413</sup> his crying.<sup>H4191</sup>**

**(Pro 19:18 NASB) Discipline your son while there is hope,  
And do not desire his death.**

**(Pro 19:18 NIV) Discipline your son, for in that there is hope;  
do not be a willing party to his death.**

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## Proverbs 19:17

**(Pro 19:17 NASB) One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD,  
And He will repay him for his good deed.**

To lend to the Lord is a great privilege in life, yet few take advantage of it.

As the poor are everywhere, so is the opportunity to lend to God.

God Himself becomes debtor for everything given to the poor!

How much will you advance God on this basis?

God will pay it again, for in no case has He ever failed to do so (**Gal 6:7-8; Luke 6:38; Matt 10:42; 16:27**).

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## Proverbs 19:18

**(Pro 19:18 NASB) Discipline your son while there is hope,  
And do not desire his death.**

Discipline your son before his habits are formed and sealed for life.

This is not advice for cruel punishment, but against cruel kindness that ultimately leads the child to ruin and death.

It is better for him to cry now from strict punishment than for you both to cry later.

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## Proverbs 19:19

(Pro 19:19 ISV\*) ¶ The person who has great anger must pay the consequences,  
because if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

(Pro 19:19 KJV+) A man of great<sup>H1419</sup> wrath<sup>H2534</sup> shall suffer<sup>H5375</sup> punishment:<sup>H6066</sup>  
for<sup>H3588</sup> if<sup>H518</sup> thou deliver<sup>H5337</sup> him, yet<sup>H5750</sup> thou must do it again.<sup>H3254</sup>

(Pro 19:19 NASB) A man of great anger will bear the penalty,  
For if you rescue him, you will only have to do it again.

(Pro 19:19 NIV) A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty;  
if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

A man who has an irritable, fiery disposition never learns how to stay out of trouble.

If you pay his fine once, you will be called upon to do so many times.

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## Proverbs 19:20

(Pro 19:20 ISV\*) ¶ Listen to advice and accept discipline,  
and you'll be wise for the rest of your life. [The Heb. lacks  
of your life]

(Pro 19:20 KJV+) Hear<sup>H8085</sup> counsel,<sup>H6098</sup> and receive<sup>H6901</sup> instruction,<sup>H4148</sup>  
that<sup>H4616</sup> thou mayest be wise<sup>H2449</sup> in thy latter<sup>H319</sup> end.

(Pro 19:20 NASB) Listen to counsel and accept discipline,  
That you may be wise the rest of your days.

(Pro 19:20 NIV) Listen to advice and accept instruction,  
and in the end you will be wise.

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## Proverbs 19:20

(Pro 19:20 NASB) Listen to counsel and accept discipline,  
That you may be wise the rest of your days.

[Instructions and admonitions to sons] Proverbs from *Prov 19:20-24:34* are addressed to "my son" (*Prov 19:20,27; 23:15,19,26; 24:13,21*),

using the second person:

"thou" (*Prov 19:20; 22:24-27; 23:1,5-6,13-14,19,31,34; 24:1,10-12*);

"thee" (*Prov 22:19-21,27; 23:7*);

"thy" (*Prov 22:18; 23:16,22,25; 24:10,27,34*);

"thine" (*Prov 23:12,15,17-19,33*); and

"thysself" (*Prov 24:27*).

### Two ways of getting wisdom:

1. Hear counsel and profit by it.
2. Receive instruction (discipline) and live by it.

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## Proverbs 19:21

(Pro 19:21 ISV\*) ¶ Many plans occupy the mind [Lit. *heard*]  
of a man,  
but the LORD's purposes will prevail. [Or *will be established*]

(Pro 19:21 KJV+) There are many<sup>H7227</sup> devices<sup>H4284</sup> in a  
man's<sup>H376</sup> heart;<sup>H3820</sup>  
nevertheless the counsel<sup>H6098</sup> of the LORD,<sup>H3068</sup>  
that<sup>H1931</sup> shall stand.<sup>H6965</sup>

(Pro 19:21 NASB) Many plans are in a man's heart,  
But the counsel of the LORD will stand.

(Pro 19:21 NIV) Many are the plans in a man's heart,  
but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

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## Proverbs 19:21

**(Pro 19:21 NASB)** Many plans are in a man's heart,  
But the counsel of the LORD will stand.

The heart of the natural man has many schemes, but only those plans that are worked in harmony with the will of God will stand (cp. notes **Prov 16:1-2**).

### Eight examples of plans that did not work:

1. Lucifer (**Isa 14:12-14; Ezek 28:17**)
2. Adam and Eve (**Gen 3:3-8**)
3. Joseph's brethren (**Gen 37:19**)
4. Pharaoh (**Ex 1:10**)
5. Rulers of Israel (**Matt 27:63-66**)
6. Saul (**Acts 9:1-9**)
7. Herod (**Acts 12:1-3**)
8. The forty Jews (**Acts 23:12-15**)

## Proverbs 19:22

**(Pro 19:22 ISV\*)** ¶ Human beings long for grace,  
and it's better to be poor than a man of deceit.

**(Pro 19:22 KJV+)** The desire<sup>H8378</sup> of a man<sup>H120</sup> is his kindness.<sup>H2617</sup>  
and a poor<sup>H7326</sup> man<sup>H4480 H376</sup> is better<sup>H2896</sup> than a liar.<sup>H3577</sup>

**(Pro 19:22 NASB)** What is desirable in a man is his kindness,  
And *it is better to be a poor man than a liar.*

**(Pro 19:22 NIV)** What a man desires is unending love;  
better to be poor than a liar.

Man's love for others is measured by his longing, desire, and delight to be kind to others.

**[is better]** See Seventeen "Better" Things in Proverbs .

**[liar]** See note, **Prov 19:5**.

## Proverbs 19:23

**(Pro 19:23 ISV\*)** ¶ The fear of the LORD leads <sup>[The Heb. lacks *leads*] to</sup> life;

whoever is satisfied with it will rest, untouched by evil.

**(Pro 19:23 KJV+)** The fear<sup>H3374</sup> of the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> *tendeth* to life.<sup>H2416</sup>

and *he that hath it shall abide*<sup>H3885</sup> satisfied;<sup>H7649</sup> he shall not<sup>H1077</sup> be visited<sup>H6485</sup> with evil.<sup>H7451</sup>

**(Pro 19:23 NASB)** The fear of the LORD *leads* to life,  
So that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.

**(Pro 19:23 NIV)** The fear of the LORD leads to life:  
Then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

### Three blessings of godly fear:

1. Aids in obtaining eternal life
2. Gives personal satisfaction
3. Protects from sin and danger

## Proverbs 19:24

**(Pro 19:24 ISV\*)** ¶ The lazy person buries his hand in his dish

and doesn't bother to bring it back to his mouth.

**(Pro 19:24 KJV+)** A slothful<sup>H6102</sup> man hideth<sup>H2934</sup> his hand<sup>H3027</sup> in *his bosom*,<sup>H6747</sup>  
and will not<sup>H3808</sup> so much<sup>H1571</sup> as bring it to his mouth again.<sup>H413 H6310 H7725</sup>

**(Pro 19:24 NASB)** The sluggard buries his hand in the dish,  
*But will not even bring it back to his mouth.*

**(Pro 19:24 NIV)** The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;  
he will not even bring it back to his mouth!

## Eighteen Facts about the Slothful (Prov 19:24)

1. They are unteachable, careless, and indifferent (**Prov 6:6-9**).
2. They love excessive sleep (**Prov 9:9; 19:15; 24:33**).
3. They are irritating to others (**Prov 10:26**).
4. They are servants to others (**Prov 12:24**).
5. They are too lazy to cook food (**Prov 12:27**).
6. They are wishful thinkers (**Prov 13:4; 24:34**).
7. They have a life full of troubles (**Prov 15:19**).
8. They are great wasters (**Prov 18:9**).
9. They are lazy (**Prov 19:24; 24:30-34; 26:14-15**).
10. They refuse to work (**Prov 20:4; 21:25**).
11. They make the most senseless excuses for their laziness (**Prov 22:13; 26:13**).
12. They are void of understanding (**Prov 24:30**).
13. They permit property to ruin (**Prov 24:31-34; Eccl 10:18**).
14. They are too lazy to move themselves (**Prov 26:14**).
15. They are conceited (**Prov 26:16**).
16. They are unfaithful to trust (**Matt 25:26**).
17. They are unbelievers (**Heb 6:12**).
18. They lack business ability (**Rom 12:11**).

## Proverbs 19:25

**(Pro 19:25 ISV\*) ¶ If you scourge a scoffer,  
the simple person may learn to be discreet;  
rebuke a discerning man  
and he will gain understanding.**

**(Pro 19:25 KJV+) Smite<sup>H5221</sup> a scorner,<sup>H3887</sup>  
and the simple<sup>H6612</sup> will beware;<sup>H6191</sup>  
and reprove<sup>H3198</sup> one that hath understanding,<sup>H995</sup>  
and he will understand<sup>H995</sup> knowledge.<sup>H1847</sup>**

**(Pro 19:25 NASB) Strike a scoffer  
and the naive may become shrewd,  
But reprove one who has understanding  
and he will gain knowledge.**

**(Pro 19:25 NIV) Flog a mocker,  
and the simple will learn prudence;  
rebuke a discerning man,  
and he will gain knowledge.**

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## Proverbs 19:25

**(Pro 19:25 NASB) Strike a scoffer and the naive may become shrewd,**

**But reprove one who has understanding and he will gain knowledge.**

### Ten Facts about Scorners (Prov 19:25)

1. They delight in mocking (**Prov 1:22**).
2. They hate reproof (**Prov 9:7-8; 13:1; 15:12**).
3. They reject knowledge and wisdom (**Prov 14:6**).
4. They set wrong examples (**Prov 19:25; 21:11**).
5. They have judgment prepared for them (**Prov 19:29**).
6. They are proud and haughty (**Prov 21:24**).
7. They cause contention and strife (**Prov 22:10**).
8. They are an abomination to God (**Prov 24:9**).
9. They seek to intimidate others (**2 Kings 19:21; Neh 2:19; Job 12:4; Matt 9:24**).
10. They deny Christ's coming (**2 Peter 3:3**).

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## Proverbs 19:25

**(Pro 19:25 NASB) Strike a scoffer and the naive may become shrewd,**

**But reprove one who has understanding and he will gain knowledge.**

### Four examples of reproof making wise:

1. Israel (**Ex 14:31**)
2. The stubborn (**Deut 21:21**)
3. The Gibeonites (**Josh 9:3**)
4. Sergius Paulus (**Acts 13:6-12**)

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## Proverbs 19:26

(Pro 19:26 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever mistreats his father and alienates his mother

is a son who brings both shame and disrespect.

(Pro 19:26 KJV+) He that wasteth<sup>H7703</sup> his father,<sup>H1</sup> and chaseth away<sup>H1272</sup> his mother,<sup>H517</sup>

is a son<sup>H1121</sup> that causeth shame,<sup>H954</sup> and bringeth reproach.<sup>H2659</sup>

(Pro 19:26 NASB) He who assaults his father and drives his mother away

Is a shameful and disgraceful son.

(Pro 19:26 NIV) He who robs his father and drives out his mother

is a son who brings shame and disgrace.

A son who wastes his father's goods by riotous living and forces his aged mother from her home is a shameful man who incurs reproach.

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## Proverbs 19:27

(Pro 19:27 ISV\*) ¶ My son, if you stop listening to instruction, you will stray from the principles of knowledge.

(Pro 19:27 KJV+) Cease,<sup>H2308</sup> my son,<sup>H1121</sup> to hear<sup>H8085</sup> the instruction<sup>H4148</sup>

that causeth to err<sup>H7686</sup> from the words<sup>H4480 H561</sup> of knowledge.<sup>H1847</sup>

(Pro 19:27 NASB) Cease listening, my son, to discipline, And you will stray from the words of knowledge.

(Pro 19:27 NIV) Stop listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.

[Cease] Listen to nothing that is not truth.

[my son] All proverbs spoken to "my son" are from the Lord to Solomon.

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## Proverbs 19:28

(Pro 19:28 ISV\*) ¶ A corrupt witness [i.e. a worthless person] mocks justice,

and the wicked person feeds on iniquity.

(Pro 19:28 KJV+) An ungodly<sup>H1100</sup> witness<sup>H5707</sup> scorneth<sup>H3887</sup> judgment:<sup>H4941</sup>

and the mouth<sup>H6310</sup> of the wicked<sup>H7563</sup> devoureth<sup>H1104</sup> iniquity.<sup>H205</sup>

(Pro 19:28 NASB) A rascally witness makes a mockery of justice,

And the mouth of the wicked spreads iniquity.

(Pro 19:28 NIV) A corrupt witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.

An ungodly witness mocks at judgment and his mouth swallows iniquity as it would a choice morsel.

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## Proverbs 19:29

(Pro 19:29 ISV\*) ¶ Condemnation is appropriate for mockers,

just as beatings are for the backs of fools.

(Pro 19:29 KJV+) Judgments<sup>H8201</sup> are prepared<sup>H3559</sup> for scorners,<sup>H3887</sup>

and stripes<sup>H4112</sup> for the back<sup>H1460</sup> of fools.<sup>H3684</sup>

(Pro 19:29 NASB) Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And blows for the back of fools.

(Pro 19:29 NIV) Penalties are prepared for mockers, and beatings for the backs of fools.

Mockers and fools incur penalties for drinking up iniquity (*Prov 19:28-29*).

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