

# The Book of Proverbs

## Chapter 22

### *Advice for Everyday Life*

## Proverbs 22:1

**(Pro 22:1 ISV\*) ¶ A good reputation is more desirable than great wealth, and favorable acceptance more than silver and gold.**

**(Pro 22:1 KJV+) A good name<sup>H8034</sup> is rather to be chosen<sup>H977</sup> than great<sup>H7227</sup> riches,<sup>H4480 H6239</sup> and loving<sup>H2896</sup> favour<sup>H2580</sup> rather than silver<sup>H4480 H3701</sup> and gold.<sup>H4480 H2091</sup>**

**(Pro 22:1 NASB) A good name is to be more desired than great wealth, Favor is better than silver and gold.**

**(Pro 22:1 NIV) A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.**

The honor of a good name has more value than great wealth.

## Proverbs 22:2

**(Pro 22:2 ISV\*) ¶ The rich and the poor have this in common—the LORD created both of them.**

**(Pro 22:2 KJV+) The rich<sup>H6223</sup> and poor<sup>H7326</sup> meet together:<sup>H6298</sup> the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> is the maker<sup>H6213</sup> of them all.<sup>H3605</sup>**

**(Pro 22:2 NASB) The rich and the poor have a common bond, The LORD is the maker of them all.**

**(Pro 22:2 NIV) Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all.**

God did not make some to be poor and others to be rich, but He made all men regardless of their standing in life.

## Proverbs 22:3

**(Pro 22:3 ISV\*) ¶ The prudent person sees trouble ahead and hides, but the naive continue on and suffer the consequences.**

**(Pro 22:3 KJV+) A prudent<sup>H6175</sup> man foreseeth<sup>H7200</sup> the evil,<sup>H7451</sup> and hideth himself:<sup>H5641</sup> but the simple<sup>H6612</sup> pass on,<sup>H5674</sup> and are punished.<sup>H6064</sup>**

**(Pro 22:3 NASB) The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, But the naive go on, and are punished for it.**

**(Pro 22:3 NIV) A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.**

The prudent man foresees danger and escapes it; but the inexperienced and young do not, so they suffer for it (*Prov 27:12*).

**[simple] Prov 1:4.**

## Proverbs 22:4

(Pro 22:4 ISV\*) ¶ The reward of humility is the fear of the LORD,  
along with wealth, honor, and life.

(Pro 22:4 KJV+) By<sup>H6118</sup> humility<sup>H6038</sup> *and* the fear<sup>H3374</sup> of the LORD<sup>H3068</sup>  
*are* riches,<sup>H6239</sup> *and* honour,<sup>H3519</sup> *and* life.<sup>H2416</sup>

(Pro 22:4 NASB) The reward of humility *and* the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor and life.

(Pro 22:4 NIV) Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.

Riches, honor, and life depend upon humility and fear of the Lord.

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## Proverbs 22:6

(Pro 22:6 ISV\*) ¶ Train a child in the way appropriate for him,  
and when he becomes older, he will not turn from it.

(Pro 22:6 KJV+) Train up<sup>H2596</sup> a child<sup>H5288</sup> in<sup>H5921</sup> the way<sup>H1870</sup> he should go:<sup>H6310</sup>  
*and*<sup>H1571</sup> when<sup>H3588</sup> he is old,<sup>H2204</sup> he will not<sup>H3808</sup> depart<sup>H5493</sup> from<sup>H4480</sup> it.

(Pro 22:6 NASB) Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

(Pro 22:6 NIV) Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

(Pro 22:6 RSV) Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

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## Proverbs 22:5

(Pro 22:5 ISV\*) ¶ Thorns and snares lie in the path of the perverse person,  
but whoever is cautious stays far away from them.

(Pro 22:5 KJV+) Thorns<sup>H6791</sup> *and* snares<sup>H6341</sup> *are* in the way<sup>H1870</sup> of the froward:<sup>H6141</sup>  
he that doth keep<sup>H8104</sup> his soul<sup>H5315</sup> shall be far<sup>H7368</sup> from<sup>H4480</sup> them.

(Pro 22:5 NASB) Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the perverse;  
He who guards himself will be far from them.

(Pro 22:5 NIV) In the paths of the wicked lie thorns and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them.

The perverse face various difficulties, but the wise keep their souls and escape such hardships.

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## Proverbs 22:6

(Pro 22:6 NASB) Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

This should really be translated,

**"Train up a child according to his way,"**

which means, find out what is in a child and bring him up so that what God has hidden in him may be developed and brought out. When he is old he will not depart from that.

Train up (or hedge in) a child in the way he should go, and when he is old enough to be responsible for himself, he will stay on the path.

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## Proverbs 22:6

**(Pro 22:6 NASB) Train up a child in the way he should go,  
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.**

**[in the way]** Literally, at the mouth of his path.

The idea seems to be that when he comes to this opening of the way, give him complete instructions on every step to take.

Drill him thoroughly on how to perform his duties, how to escape danger, and how to appropriate the blessings of the way.

Stamp these lessons on his soul and lead him to practice them until they are part of his life and nature.

Bathe him in prayer and instill the fear of God into him and he shall not depart from it.

**[old]** Hebrew: **zaqen** (OT:2204), to become aged (**Prov 22:6; 23:22; Gen 18:12; Ps 37:25**).

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## Proverbs 22:8

**(Pro 22:8 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever sows wickedness reaps trouble,  
and the anger he uses for a weapon [Lit. rod] will be destroyed.**

**(Pro 22:8 KJV+) He that soweth<sup>H2232</sup> iniquity<sup>H5766</sup> shall reap<sup>H7114</sup> vanity:<sup>H205</sup>  
and the rod<sup>H7626</sup> of his anger<sup>H5678</sup> shall fail.<sup>H3615</sup>**

**(Pro 22:8 NASB) He who sows iniquity will reap vanity,  
And the rod of his fury will perish.**

**(Pro 22:8 NIV) He who sows wickedness reaps trouble,  
and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.**

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## Proverbs 22:7

**(Pro 22:7 ISV\*) ¶ The wealthy rule over the poor,  
and anyone who borrows is a slave to the lender.**

**(Pro 22:7 KJV+) The rich<sup>H6223</sup> ruleth<sup>H4910</sup> over the poor,<sup>H7326</sup>  
and the borrower<sup>H3867</sup> is servant<sup>H5650</sup> to the lender.<sup>H376</sup>  
<sup>H3867</sup>**

**(Pro 22:7 NASB) The rich rules over the poor,  
And the borrower becomes the lender's slave.**

**(Pro 22:7 NIV) The rich rule over the poor, and the  
borrower is servant to the lender.**

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## Proverbs 22:8

**(Pro 22:8 NASB) He who sows iniquity will reap vanity,  
And the rod of his fury will perish.**

The law of sowing and reaping (**Gal 6:7-8; Luke 6:38**).

### **Five examples of rod of anger failing:**

1. Balak (**Num 24:10**)
2. Solomon (**1 Kings 11:14,23,31,40**)
3. Ahaziah (**2 Kings 1:9-17**)
4. Sennacherib (**2 Chron 32:21; Isa 30:31**)
5. Haman (**Est 5:11-13; 7:10**)

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## Proverbs 22:9

(Pro 22:9 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever is generous [Lit. A good eye] will be blessed,  
for he shares his food with the poor.

(Pro 22:9 KJV+) He<sup>H1931</sup> that hath a bountiful<sup>H2896</sup> eye<sup>H5869</sup> shall be blessed;<sup>H1288</sup>  
for<sup>H3588</sup> he giveth<sup>H5414</sup> of his bread<sup>H4480 H3899</sup> to the poor.<sup>H1800</sup>

(Pro 22:9 NASB) He who is generous will be blessed,  
For he gives some of his food to the poor.

(Pro 22:9 NIV) A generous man will himself be blessed,  
for he shares his food with the poor.

The bountiful heart shall be blessed (2 Cor 8:15; 9:6;  
**Luke 6:38**).

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## Proverbs 22:10

(Pro 22:10 ISV\*) ¶ Throw out the mocker and strife departs, too; [The Heb. lacks too]  
furthermore, quarrels [Or litigation] and discord will end.

(Pro 22:10 KJV+) Cast out<sup>H1644</sup> the scorner,<sup>H3887</sup> and contention<sup>H4066</sup> shall go out;<sup>H3318</sup>  
yea, strife<sup>H1779</sup> and reproach<sup>H7036</sup> shall cease.<sup>H7673</sup>

(Pro 22:10 NASB) Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go out,  
Even strife and dishonor will cease.

(Pro 22:10 NIV) Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.

Get rid of the mocker and contention, strife, and reproach will cease.

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## Proverbs 22:11

(Pro 22:11 ISV\*) ¶ Whoever loves purity [Lit. purity of heart] and gracious speech  
will gain the king as his friend.

(Pro 22:11 KJV+) He that loveth<sup>H157</sup> pureness<sup>H2890</sup> of heart,<sup>H3820</sup> for the grace<sup>H2580</sup> of his lips<sup>H8193</sup> the king<sup>H4428</sup> shall be his friend.<sup>H7453</sup>

(Pro 22:11 NASB) He who loves purity of heart And whose speech is gracious,  
the king is his friend.

(Pro 22:11 NIV) He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.

Reward for purity of heart.

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## Proverbs 22:12

(Pro 22:12 ISV\*) ¶ The LORD watches over anyone with knowledge,  
but he ruins the plans [Lit. words] of the unfaithful.

(Pro 22:12 KJV+) The eyes<sup>H5869</sup> of the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> preserve<sup>H5341</sup> knowledge,<sup>H1847</sup>  
and he overthroweth<sup>H5557</sup> the words<sup>H1697</sup> of the transgressor.<sup>H898</sup>

(Pro 22:12 NASB) The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge,  
But He overthrows the words of the treacherous man.

(Pro 22:12 NIV) The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge, but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.

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## Proverbs 22:12

**(Pro 22:12 NASB) The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge,**

**But He overthrows the words of the treacherous man.**

God guards the one who has knowledge, and He judges the traitor.

### **Four examples of overthrowing traitors:**

1. Ahithophel (**2 Sam 17:14**)
2. Noadiah (**Neh 6:14-16**)
3. Ezra's opponents (**Ezra 3:3,13**)
4. The Sanhedrin (**Acts 5:34**)

[transgressor] Hebrew: **bagad** (OT:898), traitor; one who deals treacherously; a deceiver (**Prov 22:12; 2:22; 11:3,6; 13:2,15; 21:18; 23:28; Ps 59:5; 119:158**).

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## Proverbs 22:13

**(Pro 22:13 ISV\*) ¶ The lazy person says, "There is a lion outside!**

**I will be killed in the street!"**

**(Pro 22:13 KJV+) The slothful<sup>H6102</sup> man saith,<sup>H559</sup> There is a lion<sup>H738</sup> without,<sup>H2351</sup>**

**I shall be slain<sup>H7523</sup> in<sup>H8432</sup> the streets.<sup>H7339</sup>**

**(Pro 22:13 NASB) The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside;**

**I will be killed in the streets!"**

**(Pro 22:13 NIV) The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside!" or, "I will be murdered in the streets!"**

The lazy person makes the most senseless excuses for laziness.

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## Eighteen Facts about the Slothful

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**).

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## Proverbs 22:14

**(Pro 22:14 ISV\*) ¶ The mouth of an immoral woman is a deep pit;**

**a man experiencing the LORD's wrath will fall into it.**

**(Pro 22:14 KJV+) The mouth<sup>H6310</sup> of strange women<sup>H2114</sup> is a deep<sup>H6013</sup> pit:<sup>H7745</sup>**

**he that is abhorred<sup>H2194</sup> of the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> shall fall<sup>H5307</sup> therein.<sup>H8033</sup>**

**(Pro 22:14 NASB) The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit;**

**He who is cursed of the LORD will fall into it.**

**(Pro 22:14 NIV) The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit; he who is under the LORD's wrath will fall into it.**

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## Proverbs 22:14

**(Pro 22:14 NASB)** The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit;

**He who is cursed of the LORD will fall into it.**

The seductive language of a prostitute or an apostate woman is as a deep pit into which men fall.

In **Prov 23:27** it is like a deep ditch and a narrow pit (cp. **Prov 2:16; 5:3; 6:24; 7:5; 23:27**).

See note, **Prov 2:16**.

## Proverbs 22:15

**(Pro 22:15 ISV\*)** ¶ A child's heart has a tendency to do wrong,

**but the rod of discipline removes it far away from him.**

**(Pro 22:15 KJV+)** Foolishness<sup>H200</sup> is bound<sup>H7194</sup> in the heart<sup>H3820</sup> of a child,<sup>H5288</sup>  
**but the rod<sup>H7626</sup> of correction<sup>H4148</sup> shall drive it far<sup>H7368</sup> from<sup>H4480</sup> him.**

**(Pro 22:15 NASB)** Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;

**The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.**

**(Pro 22:15 NIV)** Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

## Proverbs 22:15

**(Pro 22:15 NASB)** Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;

**The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.**

**[Foolishness]** Hebrew: **ivveleth** (OT:200), evil, silliness; perverseness; careless of body and soul.

Silliness and perverseness are born in every child, but the rod of correction is the remedy.

It is necessary to drive such things from a child;

hence, he that spareth the rod hateth his son (**Prov 13:24; 19:18; 23:13-14**).

## Proverbs 22:16

**(Pro 22:16 ISV\*)** ¶ Whoever oppresses the poor to enrich himself

**and whoever gives gifts to the wealthy will yield only loss.**

**(Pro 22:16 KJV+)** He that oppresseth<sup>H6231</sup> the poor<sup>H1800</sup> to increase<sup>H7235</sup> his *riches*,  
**and he that giveth<sup>H5414</sup> to the rich,<sup>H6223</sup> shall surely<sup>H389</sup> come to want.<sup>H4270</sup>**

**(Pro 22:16 NASB)** He who oppresses the poor to make more for himself

**Or who gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.**

**(Pro 22:16 NIV)** He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich—both come to poverty.

## Proverbs 22:16

**(Pro 22:16 NASB)** He who oppresses the poor to make more for himself

Or who gives to the rich, *will only come to poverty.*

### Two great evils that affect life:

1. Oppression of the poor to increase personal riches  
(**James 2:6; 5:1-6**)
2. Giving great gifts to the rich to obtain personal favors  
(note, **Prov 18:16**).

Both classes guilty of these evils will come to poverty because the poor are robbed in either case.

In the first, the poor are oppressed; in the second, the gifts given to secure favor from the rich should be given to supply the poor.

## Proverbs 22:16 / 22:17

Verse 16 ends this type of contrasting proverb;

Beginning with chapter 22:17 a different kind of proverb begins.

General discourses, 2-3 verses long on various subjects,

For instance, **chapter 23**, verses 13-14:

**(Pro 23:13-14 RSV)** *Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.*

**[He may sound like it, but he won't be dying.]**

***if you beat him with the rod you will save his life from Sheol.***

(That advice is for small children.

When you talk about adolescents, that is a different thing; they may be bigger than you are.)

In **Prov 22:17-21** there are no proverbs, but there are directions on how to profit by that which wisdom has already delivered; the purpose for such instructions; and the nature of the message.

## Proverbs 22:17 Sayings of the Wise

**(Pro 22:17 ISV\*)** ¶ Pay attention and listen to the words of the wise,  
and apply your heart to my teaching,

**(Pro 22:17 KJV+)** Bow down<sup>H5186</sup> thine ear,<sup>H241</sup> and hear<sup>H8085</sup> the words<sup>H1697</sup> of the wise,<sup>H2450</sup>  
and apply<sup>H7896</sup> thine heart<sup>H3820</sup> unto my knowledge.<sup>H1847</sup>

**(Pro 22:17 NASB)** Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,  
And apply your mind to my knowledge;

**(Pro 22:17 NIV)** Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach,

## Proverbs 22:17 Sayings of the Wise

**(Pro 22:17 NASB)** Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,  
And apply your mind to my knowledge;

[wise] Solomon was wiser than Ethan, Heman, Chalcol, Darda, and others (**1 Kings 4:31**).

### Threefold Command — How to Profit from Wisdom:

1. Bow down your ears (**Prov 22:17**).
2. Hear the words of the wise.
3. Apply your heart to knowledge.

## Proverbs 22:17 Sayings of the Wise

(Pro 22:17 NASB) Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your mind to my knowledge;

### Fourfold Purpose of These Commands:

1. That one may receive personal pleasure and profit to the soul (**Prov 22:18**)
2. That one may get experiential knowledge and be equipped to speak of wisdom to others (**Prov 22:18,21**)
3. That one may learn to trust in the Lord (**Prov 22:19**)
4. That one may know the absolute certainty of truth (**Prov 22:21**)

### Fivefold Nature of the Message:

1. The words of the wise (**Prov 22:17**)
2. Knowledge (**Prov 22:17, 20**)
3. Pleasant things (**Prov 22:18**)
4. Excellent things in counsels and knowledge (**Prov 22:20**)
5. The words of truth (**Prov 22:21**)

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## Proverbs 22:18

(Pro 22:18 ISV\*) ¶ for it is pleasant when you treasure them within you and have them ready on your lips.

(Pro 22:18 KJV+) For<sup>H3588</sup> *it is* a pleasant<sup>H5273</sup> thing if<sup>H3588</sup> thou keep<sup>H8104</sup> them within<sup>H990</sup> thee; they shall withal<sup>H3162</sup> be fitted<sup>H3559</sup> in<sup>H5921</sup> thy lips.<sup>H8193</sup>

(Pro 22:18 NASB) For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, That they may be ready on your lips.

(Pro 22:18 NIV) for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips.

[if thou keep them within thee] This is the secret and condition of blessing (**John 15:7**).

[fitted in thy lips] One will be qualified to speak of the words of wisdom to others (**Prov 22:18,21**).

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## Proverbs 22:19

(Pro 22:19 ISV\*) ¶ As a result, your trust will be in the LORD, that's why I'm teaching you today, even you.

(Pro 22:19 KJV+) That thy trust<sup>H4009</sup> may be<sup>H1961</sup> in the LORD,<sup>H3068</sup> I have made known<sup>H3045</sup> to thee this day,<sup>H3117</sup> even<sup>H637</sup> to thee.<sup>H859</sup>

(Pro 22:19 NASB) So that your trust may be in the LORD, I have taught you today, even you.

(Pro 22:19 NIV) So that your trust may be in the LORD, I teach you today, even you.

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## Proverbs 22:20

(Pro 22:20 ISV\*) ¶ Have I not written for you 30 [Lit: three fold measure] sayings containing counsel and knowledge,

(Pro 22:20 KJV+) Have not<sup>H3808</sup> I written<sup>H3789</sup> to thee excellent things<sup>H7991</sup> in counsels<sup>H4156</sup> and knowledge,<sup>H1847</sup>

(Pro 22:20 NASB) Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge,

(Pro 22:20 NIV) Have I not written thirty sayings for you, sayings of counsel and knowledge,

Question 19. Next, **Prov 22:27**.

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## Proverbs 22:20

**(Pro 22:20 NASB) Have I not written to you excellent things**

**Of counsels and knowledge,**

Question 19. Next, **Prov 22:27**.

**[excellent]** Hebrew: **shaliysh** (OT:7991), threefold or three, and could refer to the three writings of Solomon — Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, and Proverbs.

Whatever the threefold writing was it consisted of counsels and knowledge and the words of truth (**Prov 22:20-21**).

The certainty of the words of truth is one of the most proved things (**2 Tim 3:16; John 5:39**).

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## Proverbs 22:21

**(Pro 22:21 ISV\*) ¶ to teach you true and reliable advice, so you can give truthful answers to those who sent you?**

**(Pro 22:21 KJV+)** That I might make thee know<sup>H3045</sup> the certainty<sup>H7189</sup> of the words<sup>H561</sup> of truth;<sup>H571</sup> that thou mightest answer<sup>H7725</sup> the words<sup>H561</sup> of truth<sup>H571</sup> to them that send<sup>H7971</sup> unto thee?

**(Pro 22:21 NASB)** To make you know the certainty of the words of truth

**That you may correctly answer him who sent you?**

**(Pro 22:21 NIV)** teaching you true and reliable words, so that you can give sound answers to him who sent you?

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## Proverbs 22:22

**(Pro 22:22 ISV\*) ¶ Don't rob the poor person because he is poor,**

**and don't crush the helpless in court,** [Lit. *gate*]

**(Pro 22:22 KJV+)** Rob<sup>H1497</sup> not<sup>H408</sup> the poor,<sup>H1800</sup> because<sup>H3588</sup> he<sup>H1931</sup> is poor:<sup>H1800</sup>

**neither<sup>H408</sup> oppress<sup>H1792</sup> the afflicted<sup>H6041</sup> in the gate:<sup>H8179</sup>**

**(Pro 22:22 NASB)** Do not rob the poor because he is poor, Or crush the afflicted at the gate;

**(Pro 22:22 NIV)** Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court,

Do not oppress the poor because they are poor, but let them have a just hearing in judgment.

**[gate]** Eastern courts were often held in the gates of the cities (**Job 5:4; 31:21; Ps 127:5; Jer 38:7**).

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## Proverbs 22:23

**(Pro 22:23 ISV\*) ¶ for the LORD will plead their case and ruin the lives of those who ruin them.**

**(Pro 22:23 KJV+)** For<sup>H3588</sup> the LORD<sup>H3068</sup> will plead<sup>H7378</sup> their cause,<sup>H7379</sup> and spoil<sup>H6906</sup> the soul<sup>H5315</sup> of<sup>(H853)</sup> those that spoiled<sup>H6906</sup> them.

**(Pro 22:23 NASB)** For the LORD will plead their case And take the life of those who rob them.

**(Pro 22:23 NIV)** for the LORD will take up their case and will plunder those who plunder them.

The Lord will deal with all who oppress the poor.

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## Proverbs 22:24

(Pro 22:24 ISV\*) ¶ Don't make friends with a hot-tempered man,  
and do not associate with someone who is easily angered,

(Pro 22:24 KJV+) Make no<sup>H408</sup> friendship<sup>H7462</sup> with<sup>H854</sup> an angry<sup>H639</sup> man;<sup>H1167</sup>  
and with<sup>H854</sup> a furious<sup>H2534</sup> man<sup>H376</sup> thou shalt not<sup>H3808</sup> go:<sup>H935</sup>

(Pro 22:24 NASB) Do not associate with a man *given to anger*;  
Or go with a hot-tempered man,

(Pro 22:24 NIV) Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered,

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## Proverbs 22:25

(Pro 22:25 ISV\*) ¶ or you may learn his ways  
and find yourself caught in a trap.

(Pro 22:25 KJV+) Lest<sup>H6435</sup> thou learn<sup>H502</sup> his ways,<sup>H734</sup>  
and get<sup>H3947</sup> a snare<sup>H4170</sup> to thy soul.<sup>H5315</sup>

(Pro 22:25 NASB) Or you will learn his ways  
And find a snare for yourself.

(Pro 22:25 NIV) or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.

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## Proverbs 22:24

(Pro 22:24 NASB) Do not associate with a man *given to anger*;  
Or go with a hot-tempered man,

Do not fellowship with a man of anger and fury, lest you learn his ways and be snared in your own soul (*Prov 22:24-25*).

Those we are intimately associated with tend to rub off on us;

We unconsciously imitate them in various ways,  
We cannot be too careful of the company we keep if we want to go in the right way.

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## Proverbs 22:26

(Pro 22:26 ISV\*) ¶ Don't be one of those who make promises  
to guarantee loans for debts.

(Pro 22:26 KJV+) Be<sup>H1961</sup> not<sup>H408</sup> thou *one of them that strike*<sup>H8628</sup> hands,<sup>H3709</sup>  
*or of them that are sureties*<sup>H6148</sup> for debts.<sup>H4859</sup>

(Pro 22:26 NASB) Do not be among those who give pledges,  
Among those who become guarantors for debts.

(Pro 22:26 NIV) Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts;

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## Proverbs 22:26

**(Pro 22:26 NASB) Do not be among those who give pledges,  
Among those who become guarantors for debts.**

Do not be quick to shake hands (make contracts and give promises) or to co-sign for the debts of others.

If you have nothing to pay, why lose the necessities of life by pledging them as security (**Prov 22:27**)?

See **Prov 6:1**.

## Proverbs 22:27

**(Pro 22:27 ISV\*) ¶ If you don't have the ability to pay, why should your very bed be taken from under you?**

**(Pro 22:27 KJV+) If<sup>H518</sup> thou hast nothing<sup>H369</sup> to pay,<sup>H7999</sup> why<sup>H4100</sup> should he take away<sup>H3947</sup> thy bed<sup>H4904</sup> from under<sup>H4480 H8478</sup> thee?**

**(Pro 22:27 NASB) If you have nothing with which to pay, Why should he take your bed from under you?**

**(Pro 22:27 NIV) if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you.**

Question 20. Next, **Prov 22:29**.

Guarantee a loan (**v26**) with no ability to repay and you will lose your pledge / collateral ...

## Proverbs 22:28

**(Pro 22:28 ISV\*) ¶ Don't remove an ancient boundary stone that was set up by your ancestors.**

**(Pro 22:28 KJV+) Remove<sup>H5253</sup> not<sup>H408</sup> the ancient<sup>H5769</sup> landmark,<sup>H1366</sup> which<sup>H834</sup> thy fathers<sup>H1</sup> have set.<sup>H6213</sup>**

**(Pro 22:28 NASB) Do not move the ancient boundary Which your fathers have set.**

**(Pro 22:28 NIV) Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your forefathers.**

Treat the legal landmarks as sacred and don't try to enlarge your own property by moving them further into your neighbor's field.

The law forbade moving boundaries (**Deut 19:14; 27:17; cp. Job 24:2; Prov 23:10-11; Hos 5:10**).

## Proverbs 22:29

**(Pro 22:29 ISV\*) ¶ Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will work for kings, not unimportant people.**

**(Pro 22:29 KJV+) Seest<sup>H2372</sup> thou a man<sup>H376</sup> diligent<sup>H4106</sup> in his business?<sup>H4399</sup> he shall stand<sup>H3320</sup> before<sup>H6440</sup> kings;<sup>H4428</sup> he shall not<sup>H1077</sup> stand<sup>H3320</sup> before<sup>H6440</sup> mean<sup>H2823</sup> men.**

**(Pro 22:29 NASB) Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men.**

**(Pro 22:29 NIV) Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.**

## Proverbs 22:29

**(Pro 22:29 NASB) Do you see a man skilled in his work?  
He will stand before kings; He will not stand before  
obscure men.**

Question 21. Next, **Prov 23:5**.

**[he shall stand before kings]** A man diligent in business shall be honored by kings and respected by his subjects. Speedy execution of a king's command is a virtue that he appreciates.

Kings search for the most diligent and capable businessmen of their realm to place over certain affairs of the kingdom.

**[mean men]** Hebrew: **chashok** (OT:2823), men of no repute; only used here.

Obscure persons of the kingdom will respect the men who stand before the king.