

Proverbs 24:2

The Book of Proverbs

Chapter 24 *Benefits of Wisdom*

Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause, and do not deceive with your lips.

***Do not say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for what he has done."
(Proverbs 24:28-29)***

Even here, you see, is a clear recognition of the golden rule.

(Pro 24:2 ISV*) ¶ because they [Lit. *because their hearts*] plan violence, and they are always talking [Lit. *and their lips talk*] about trouble.

(Pro 24:2 KJV+) For^{H3588} their heart^{H3820} studieth^{H1897} destruction,^{H7701} and their lips^{H8193} talk^{H1696} of mischief.^{H5999}

(Pro 24:2 NASB) For their minds devise violence, And their lips talk of trouble.

(Pro 24:2 NIV) for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about making trouble.

Proverbs 24:1

(Pro 24:1 ISV*) ¶ Don't be envious of wicked men or wish you were with them,

(Pro 24:1 KJV+) Be not^{H408} thou envious^{H7065} against evil^{H7451} men,^{H376} neither^{H408} desire^{H183} to be^{H1961} with^{H854} them.

(Pro 24:1 NASB) Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them;

(Pro 24:1 NIV) Do not envy wicked men, do not desire their company;

Have no fellowship with evil men and do not envy them

Proverbs 24:3

(Pro 24:3 ISV*) ¶ By wisdom a house is built; it is made secure through understanding.

(Pro 24:3 KJV+) Through wisdom^{H2451} is an house^{H1004} builded;^{H1129} and by understanding^{H8394} it is established:^{H3559}

(Pro 24:3 NASB) By wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established;

(Pro 24:3 NIV) By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established;

A household can only be built and maintained through wisdom, knowledge, and mutual understanding

Proverbs 24:4

(Pro 24:4 ISV*) ¶ By knowledge its rooms are furnished with all sorts of expensive and beautiful goods.

(Pro 24:4 KJV+) And by knowledge^{H1847} shall the chambers^{H2315} be filled^{H4390} with all^{H3605} precious^{H3368} and pleasant^{H5273} riches.^{H1952}

(Pro 24:4 NASB) And by knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.

(Pro 24:4 NIV) through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

Proverbs 24:6

(Pro 24:6 ISV*) ¶ For through wise counsel you will wage your war, and victory lies in an abundance of advisors.

(Pro 24:6 KJV+) For^{H3588} by wise counsel^{H8458} thou shalt make^{H6213} thy war:^{H4421} and in multitude^{H7230} of counsellors^{H3289} *there is safety.*^{H8668}

(Pro 24:6 NASB) For by wise guidance you will wage war, And in abundance of counselors there is victory.

(Pro 24:6 NIV) for waging war you need guidance, and for victory many advisers.

Proverbs 24:5

(Pro 24:5 ISV*) ¶ A wise man is strong, [So MT; LXX reads *Being wise is better than being strong*] and a knowledgeable man grows in strength.

(Pro 24:5 KJV+) A wise^{H2450} man^{H1397} is strong;^{H5797} yea, a man^{H376} of knowledge^{H1847} increaseth^{H553} strength.^{H3581}

(Pro 24:5 NASB) A wise man is strong, And a man of knowledge increases power.

(Pro 24:5 NIV) A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength;

Wisdom is stronger than physical strength, for with it a man can invent labor-saving devices that will do the work of thousands.

Proverbs 24:7

(Pro 24:7 ISV*) ¶ Wisdom lies beyond reach of the fool; he has nothing to say in court. [Lit. *in the gate*]

(Pro 24:7 KJV+) Wisdom^{H2454} is too high^{H7311} for a fool:^{H191} he openeth^{H6605} not^{H3808} his mouth^{H6310} in the gate.^{H8179}

(Pro 24:7 NASB) Wisdom is *too* exalted for a fool, He does not open his mouth in the gate.

(Pro 24:7 NIV) Wisdom is too high for a fool; in the assembly at the gate he has nothing to say.

A fool will never attain to wisdom, so he will never be chosen as a judge to sit in the gate where court is held.

Proverbs 24:8

(Pro 24:8 ISV*) ¶ The person who plans on doing evil will be called a schemer.

(Pro 24:8 KJV+) He that deviseth^{H2803} to do evil^{H7489} shall be called^{H7121} a mischievous^{H4209} person.^{H1167}

(Pro 24:8 NASB) One who plans to do evil, Men will call a schemer.

(Pro 24:8 NIV) He who plots evil will be known as a schemer.

He that plans evil will be called a genius of plots.

Proverbs 24:9

(Pro 24:9 NASB) The devising of folly is sin, And the scoffer is an abomination to men.

[foolish] Hebrew: ***ivveleth** (OT:200), to be perverse; silliness; folly (*Prov 24:9; 12:23; 14:24; 15:2,14; 19:3; 22:15; 24:9; 27:22; Ps 38:5; 69:5*).

This kind of foolishness makes one corrupt (*Ps 38:5*) and perverse (*Prov 19:3*), so this doesn't refer to the playfulness and humor associated with clean fun.

Many live self-condemned over legitimate fun that has nothing to do with the sin in question.

Proverbs 24:9

(Pro 24:9 ISV*) ¶ To devise folly is sin, and people detest a scoffer.

(Pro 24:9 KJV+) The thought^{H2154} of foolishness^{H200} is sin:^{H2403} and the scorner^{H3887} is an abomination^{H8441} to men.^{H120}

(Pro 24:9 NASB) The devising of folly is sin, And the scoffer is an abomination to men.

(Pro 24:9 NIV) The schemes of folly are sin, and men detest a mocker.

The plan or device of the fool or evil man is sin; and the scoffer is an abomination to men.

Proverbs 24:10

(Pro 24:10 ISV*) ¶ If you grow weary when times are troubled, your strength is limited. [*Or undersized*]

(Pro 24:10 KJV+) If thou faint^{H7503} in the day^{H3117} of adversity,^{H6869} thy strength^{H3581} is small.^{H6862}

(Pro 24:10 NASB) If you are slack in the day of distress, Your strength is limited.

(Pro 24:10 NIV) If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!

If we fail in times of discouragement and trial, it is proof of our weakness.

Four examples of failure in adversity:

1. Jacob (*Gen 42:36*)
2. David (*1 Sam 27*)
3. Elijah (*1 Kings 19:3-4*)
4. Jonah (*Jonah 4*)

Proverbs 24:11

(Pro 24:11 ISV*) ¶ Rescue those who are being led away to death, and save those who stumble toward slaughter.

(Pro 24:11 KJV+) If^{H518} thou forbear^{H2820} to deliver^{H5337} *them that are drawn*^{H3947} unto death,^{H4194} and *those that are ready*^{H4131} to be slain;^{H2027}

(Pro 24:11 NASB) Deliver those who are being taken away to death, And those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold *them* back.

(Pro 24:11 NIV) Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.

If you fail to deliver the innocent from punishment and death you are guilty of blood.

If you pretend not to know about the innocent being destroyed you will be judged (**Prov 24:12**).

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Proverbs 24:12

(Pro 24:12 ISV*) ¶ If you say, "Look here, we didn't know about this," doesn't God, [Lit. *he*] who examines motives, [Lit. *examines the heart*] discern it? Doesn't the one who guards your soul know about it? Won't he repay each person according to what he has done?

(Pro 24:12 KJV+) If^{H3588} thou sayest,^{H559} Behold,^{H2005} we knew^{H3045} it^{H2088} not;^{H3808} doth not^{H3808} he that pondereth^{H8505} the heart^{H3820} consider^{H995} *it*? and he that keepeth^{H5341} thy soul,^{H5315} doth *not* he^{H1931} know^{H3045} *it*? and shall *not* he render^{H7725} to every man^{H120} according to his works?^{H6467}

(Pro 24:12 NASB) If you say, "See, we did not know this," Does He not consider *it* who weighs the hearts? And does He not know *it* who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?

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(Pro 24:12 NIV) If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

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Three works of God:

1. Searches the heart — considers all of its thoughts and intents (**Ps 7:9; Jer 11:20; 17:10; Rev 2:23**)
2. Keeps the soul (**Ps 23; 91:1-12; 121:3-5; 1 Peter 1:5; 4:19**)
3. Judges works of man (**Rom 14:10; 1 Cor 3:11-15; 2 Cor 5:10; Matt 16:27**)

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Proverbs 24:13

(Pro 24:13 ISV*) ¶ My son, eat honey, because it's good for you; [The Heb. lacks *for you*] indeed, drippings from the honeycomb are sweet to your taste;

(Pro 24:13 KJV+) My son,^{H1121} eat^{H398} thou honey,^{H1706} because^{H3588} *it is good*;^{H2896} and the honeycomb,^{H5317} *which is sweet*^{H4966} to^{H5921} thy taste;^{H2441}

(Pro 24:13 NASB) My son, eat honey, for it is good, Yes, the honey from the comb is sweet to your taste;

(Pro 24:13 NIV) Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your taste.

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Proverbs 24:14

(Pro 24:14 ISV*) ¶ Keep in mind that wisdom is like that for your soul; if you find it, there will be a future for you, and what you hope for won't be cut short.

(Pro 24:14 KJV+) So^{H3651} shall the knowledge^{H3045} of wisdom^{H2451} be unto thy soul:^{H5315} when^{H518} thou hast found^{H4672} it, then there shall be^{H3426} a reward,^{H319} and thy expectation^{H8615} shall not^{H3808} be cut off.^{H3772}

(Pro 24:14 NASB) Know *that* wisdom is thus for your soul; If you find *it*, then there will be a future, And your hope will not be cut off.

(Pro 24:14 NIV) Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

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Proverbs 24:15

(Pro 24:15 ISV*) ¶ Don't lie in wait like an outlaw to attack where the righteous live;

(Pro 24:15 KJV+) Lay not wait,^{H408 H693} O wicked^{H7563} man, against the dwelling^{H5116} of the righteous;^{H6662} spoil^{H7703} not^{H408} his resting place.^{H7258}

(Pro 24:15 NASB) Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; Do not destroy his resting place;

(Pro 24:15 NIV) Do not lie in wait like an outlaw against a righteous man's house, do not raid his dwelling place;

Don't try to overthrow the righteous for God will enable him to stand. You will fall into your own trap (*Prov 24:15-16; Rom 14:4*).

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Proverbs 24:14

(Pro 24:14 NASB) Know *that* wisdom is thus for your soul; If you find *it*, then there will be a future, And your hope will not be cut off.

[So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul] Knowledge and wisdom to the soul are like honey and the honeycomb to the mouth.

[thy expectation shall not be cut off] The reward and hope of eternal life will not be cut off (note, *Prov 23:18*).

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Proverbs 24:16

(Pro 24:16 ISV*) ¶ for though a righteous man falls seven times, he will rise again, but the wicked stumble into calamity.

(Pro 24:16 KJV+) For^{H3588} a just^{H6662} man falleth^{H5307} seven^{H7651} times, and riseth up again:^{H6965} but the wicked^{H7563} shall fall^{H3782} into mischief.^{H7451}

(Pro 24:16 NASB) For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again, But the wicked stumble in *time of* calamity.

(Pro 24:16 NIV) for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity.

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Proverbs 24:16

(Pro 24:16 NASB) For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again, But the wicked stumble in *time of calamity*.

[just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again] Not one word is said of sin, so this is not an excuse for a man to backslide repeatedly.

That is forbidden (**Rom 6; 8:12-13; Gal 5:16-26; Col 3:5-10; 2 Peter 1:4-10**).

Proverbs 24:17

(Pro 24:17 ISV*) ¶ Don't rejoice when your enemy falls; don't let yourself be glad when he stumbles.

(Pro 24:17 KJV+) Rejoice^{H8055} not^{H408} when thine enemy^{H341} falleth,^{H5307} and let not^{H408} thine heart^{H3820} be glad^{H1523} when he stumbleth:^{H3782}

(Pro 24:17 NASB) Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;

(Pro 24:17 NIV) Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when he stumbles, do not let your heart rejoice,

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, lest the Lord permit the same calamity to befall you.

Proverbs 24:18

(Pro 24:18 ISV*) ¶ Otherwise the LORD will observe and disapprove, and he will turn his anger away from him.

(Pro 24:18 KJV+) Lest^{H6435} the LORD^{H3068} see^{H7200} *it*, and it displease^{H7489 H5869} him, and he turn away^{H7725} his wrath^{H639} from^{H4480 H5921} him.

(Pro 24:18 NASB) Or the LORD will see *it* and be displeased, And turn His anger away from him.

(Pro 24:18 NIV) or the LORD will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from him.

Proverbs 24:18

(Pro 24:18 NASB) Or the LORD will see *it* and be displeased, And turn His anger away from him.

Three examples of rejoicing over others:

1. Tyre (**Ezek 26:2-6**)
2. Ammon (**Ezek 25:6**)
3. Edom (**Obad 11-14**)

Two examples of mourning:

1. David (**2 Sam 1:11-12; Ps 35:13-14**)
2. Jeremiah (**Jer 9:1**)

Proverbs 24:19

(Pro 24:19 ISV*) ¶ Don't be anxious about those who practice evil, and don't be envious of the wicked.

(Pro 24:19 KJV+) Fret not thyself^{fH408 H2734} because of evil^{H7489} men, neither^{H408} be thou envious^{H7065} at the wicked;^{H7563}

(Pro 24:19 NASB) Do not fret because of evildoers Or be envious of the wicked;

(Pro 24:19 NIV) Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of the wicked,

Do not fret because of wicked men or envy them in their prosperity, for it is only temporary and their punishment will be eternal (*Prov 24:19-20; Ps 9:17; 37:1-2; 73:3-12; Rev 20:10-15*).

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Proverbs 24:20

(Pro 24:20 ISV*) ¶ For the wicked man has no future; the lamp of the wicked will be extinguished.

(Pro 24:20 KJV+) For^{H3588} there shall be^{H1961} no^{H3808} reward^{H319} to the evil^{H7451} man; the candle^{H5216} of the wicked^{H7563} shall be put out.^{H1846}

(Pro 24:20 NASB) For there will be no future for the evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

(Pro 24:20 NIV) for the evil man has no future hope, and the lamp of the wicked will be snuffed out.

[the candle of the wicked shall be put out] This is an idiom meaning there will be no posterity to carry on the family name.

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Proverbs 24:21

(Pro 24:21 ISV*) ¶ My son, fear both the LORD and the king, and don't keep company with rebels.

(Pro 24:21 KJV+) My son,^{H1121} fear^{H3372} thou^(H853) the LORD^{H3068} and the king;^{H4428} and meddle^{H6148} not^{H408} with^{H5973} them that are given to change.^{H8138}

(Pro 24:21 NASB) My son, fear the LORD and the king; Do not associate with those who are given to change,

(Pro 24:21 NIV) Fear the LORD and the king, my son, and do not join with the rebellious,

Worship and obey God, and respect and obey the king.

Have nothing to do with anarchists who are always trying to change government and religion.

Anarchy is the most dangerous spirit that can get hold of men (*Prov 17:11; 2 Peter 2:10*).

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Proverbs 24:22

(Pro 24:22 ISV*) ¶ They will be destroyed suddenly, and who knows what kind of punishment will come from these two?

(Pro 24:22 KJV+) For^{H3588} their calamity^{H343} shall rise^{H6965} suddenly;^{H6597} and who^{H4310} knoweth^{H3045} the ruin^{H6365} of them both?^{H8147}

(Pro 24:22 NASB) For their calamity will rise suddenly, And who knows the ruin *that comes* from both of them?

(Pro 24:22 NIV) for those two will send sudden destruction upon them, and who knows what calamities they can bring?

[For their calamity shall rise suddenly] Calamity will come to those who rebel, whether against the king or against God.

[who knoweth the ruin of them both?]

Question 33. Next, *Prov 25:16*.

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Sayings of the Wise

This section (**Prov 24:23-34**) appears to be from another collection of sayings from Solomon and completes the whole section of **Prov 10-24**.

(Pro 24:23 ISV*) Here are some more proverbs from wise people: It isn't good to show partiality in judgment.

(Pro 24:23 KJV+) These^{H428} things also^{H1571} belong to the wise.^{H2450} It is not^{H1077} good^{H2896} to have respect^{H5234} of persons^{H6440} in judgment.^{H4941}

(Pro 24:23 NASB) These also are sayings of the wise. To show partiality in judgment is not good.

(Pro 24:23 NIV) These also are sayings of the wise: To show partiality in judging is not good:

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(Pro 24:23 NASB) These also are sayings of the wise. To show partiality in judgment is not good.

A new section begins in **25:1**.

Ten More Commands for the Wise

1. Have no partiality towards others (**Prov 24:23**).
2. Do not call the wicked righteous (**Prov 24:24**).
3. Rebuke the wicked (**Prov 24:25**).
4. Give right answers (**Prov 24:26**).
5. Make plans for your work (**Prov 24:27**).
6. Build after plans are complete (**Prov 24:27**).
7. Do not witness against a neighbor without a cause (**Prov 24:28**).
8. Do not deceive with the lips (**Prov 24:28**).
9. Do not repay evil for evil (**Prov 24:29**).
10. Profit by observing lazy men (**Prov 24:30-34**).

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Proverbs 24:23

(Pro 24:23 NASB) These also are sayings of the wise. To show partiality in judgment is not good.

[It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment]

Eight Reasons Partiality Is Not Good

1. It breaks God's law (**Deut 1:17; 16:19**).
2. It is unlike God (**2 Sam 14:14; Rom 2:11**).
3. It is sinful (**James 2:9-10**).
4. It is unjust to subjects of government and creates anarchy (**Rom 13:1-8**).
5. It breaks down respect for law and order and creates hatred (**Prov 24:23-24**).
6. It demonstrates judges are not qualified to sit in judgment (**Prov 28:21**).
7. It encourages and condones sin (**Prov 24:24; 25:5; 1 Kings 21; Mic 3:1-11**).
8. It is contrary to the gospel (**James 2**).

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Proverbs 24:24

(Pro 24:24 ISV*) ¶ Whoever says to the wicked, "You're in the right," will be cursed by people and hated by nations.

(Pro 24:24 KJV+) He that saith^{H559} unto the wicked,^{H7563} Thou^{H859} art righteous;^{H6662} him shall the people^{H5971} curse,^{H5344} nations^{H3816} shall abhor^{H2194} him:

(Pro 24:24 NASB) He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," Peoples will curse him, nations will abhor him;

(Pro 24:24 NIV) Whoever says to the guilty, "You are innocent"— peoples will curse him and nations denounce him.

He who justifies the wicked and condemns the just will be cursed by the people.

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Proverbs 24:25

(Pro 24:25 ISV*) ¶ But as for people who rebuke the wicked; [The Heb. lacks *the wicked*]

a good blessing will fall upon them.

(Pro 24:25 KJV+) But to them that rebuke^{H3198} *him* shall be delight,^{H5276} and a good^{H2896} blessing^{H1293} shall come^{H935} upon^{H5921} them.

(Pro 24:25 NASB) But to those who rebuke the *wicked* will be delight, And a good blessing will come upon them.

(Pro 24:25 NIV) But it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and rich blessing will come upon them.

He who metes out justice to the wicked shall be blessed by men instead of being cursed (*cp. Prov 24:24*).

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Proverbs 24:27

(Pro 24:27 ISV*) ¶ First do your outside work, preparing your land for yourself. After that, build your house.

(Pro 24:27 KJV+) Prepare^{H3559} thy work^{H4399} without,^{H2351} and make it fit^{H6257} for thyself in the field;^{H7704} and afterwards^{H310} build^{H1129} thine house.^{H1004}

(Pro 24:27 NASB) Prepare your work outside And make it ready for yourself in the field; Afterwards, then, build your house.

(Pro 24:27 NIV) Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that, build your house.

Prepare or plan the outside work.

Make or repair your tools in winter so as to be ready to work in the fields in the spring.

After this, continue to build and establish your house.

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Proverbs 24:26

(Pro 24:26 ISV*) ¶ A kiss on the lips — that's what someone who gives an honest answer deserves. [The Heb. lacks *deserves*]

(Pro 24:26 KJV+) Every man shall kiss^{H5401} his lips^{H8193} that giveth^{H7725} a right^{H5228} answer.^{H1697}

(Pro 24:26 NASB) He kisses the lips Who gives a right answer.

(Pro 24:26 NIV) An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

This is an idiom for honoring the man that is wise enough to give right answers.

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Proverbs 24:28

(Pro 24:28 ISV*) ¶ Don't testify against your neighbor without a cause, and don't lie when you speak. [Lit. *don't deceive with your lips*]

(Pro 24:28 KJV+) Be^{H1961} not^{H408} a witness^{H5707} against thy neighbour^{H7453} without cause;^{H2600} and deceive^{H6601} not with thy lips.^{H8193}

(Pro 24:28 NASB) Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, And do not deceive with your lips.

(Pro 24:28 NIV) Do not testify against your neighbor without cause, or use your lips to deceive.

Do not take up any cause against your neighbor unless it is necessary.

Never do it through prejudice or revenge (*Prov 24:28-29*).

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Proverbs 24:29

(Pro 24:29 ISV*) ¶ Don't say, "I'll do to him like he did to me, I'll be sure to pay him back for what he did."

(Pro 24:29 KJV+) Say^{H559} not,^{H408} I will do^{H6213} so^{H3651} to him as^{H834} he hath done^{H6213} to me: I will render^{H7725} to the man^{H376} according to his work.^{H6467}

(Pro 24:29 NASB) Do not say, "Thus I shall do to him as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."

(Pro 24:29 NIV) Do not say, "I'll do to him as he has done to me; I'll pay that man back for what he did."

Proverbs 24:30

(Pro 24:30 ISV*) ¶ I went by the field belonging to a lazy man, by a vineyard belonging to a senseless person.

(Pro 24:30 KJV+) I went^{H5674} by^{H5921} the field^{H7704} of the slothful,^{H6102 H376} and by^{H5921} the vineyard^{H3754} of the man^{H120} void^{H2638} of understanding;^{H3820}

(Pro 24:30 NASB) I passed by the field of the sluggard And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense,

(Pro 24:30 NIV) I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard of the man who lacks judgment;

[I went by the field of the slothful]

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(Pro 24:30 NASB) I passed by the field of the sluggard And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense,

The Lazy Man

1. His personal description (**Prov 24:30**):
He is slothful and ignorant, and lacks the courage and intelligence to make proper decisions about work and to carry them out.
2. His circumstances (**Prov 24:30-31**):
He has a vineyard and a farm capable of producing his own food and prospering him.
3. The condition of his farm (**Prov 24:31**):
It is grown over with thorns and nettles and the fences are broken down. The whole place is in a ruined state through long neglect.

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(Pro 24:30 NASB) I passed by the field of the sluggard And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense,

The Lazy Man

4. The cause (**Prov 24:30,33**):
He is too lazy to prune the vineyard; clean up, plow, and plant his field; or to repair the fences and the residence. He spends his time in sleep, neglecting his essential duties (**Prov 24:33**).
5. The result (**Prov 24:34**):
Absolute poverty as one who travels and has spent his last money, and as one who becomes impoverished through warfare.
6. The lesson learned (**Prov 24:32,34**):
To follow the example of the slothful is to come to the same end.

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 24:31

(Pro 24:31 ISV*) ¶ There it was, overgrown with thistles, the ground covered with thorns, its stone wall collapsed.

(Pro 24:31 KJV+) And, lo, ^{H2009} it was all ^{H3605} grown over ^{H5927} with thorns, ^{H7063} and nettles ^{H2738} had covered ^{H3680} the face ^{H6440} thereof, and the stone ^{H68} wall ^{H1444} thereof was broken down. ^{H2040}

(Pro 24:31 NASB) And behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles; Its surface was covered with nettles, And its stone wall was broken down.

(Pro 24:31 NIV) thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins.

Proverbs 24:32

(Pro 24:32 ISV*) ¶ As I observed, I thought about it; I watched, and learned a lesson:

(Pro 24:32 KJV+) Then I ^{H595} saw, ^{H2372} and considered it well. ^{H7896 H3820} I looked ^{H7200} upon it, and received ^{H3947} instruction. ^{H4148}

(Pro 24:32 NASB) When I saw, I reflected upon it; I looked, and received instruction.

(Pro 24:32 NIV) I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw:

Proverbs 24:33

(Pro 24:33 ISV*) ¶ “A little sleep! A little slumber! A little folding of my hands to rest!”

(Pro 24:33 KJV+) Yet a little ^{H4592} sleep, ^{H8142} a little ^{H4592} slumber, ^{H8572} a little ^{H4592} folding ^{H2264} of the hands ^{H3027} to sleep. ^{H7901}

(Pro 24:33 NASB) "A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest,"

(Pro 24:33 NIV) A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—

Proverbs 24:34

(Pro 24:34 ISV*) ¶ Then your poverty will come upon you like a robber, your need like an armed bandit.

(Pro 24:34 KJV+) So shall thy poverty^{H7389} come^{H935} as one that travelleth;^{H1980} and thy want^{H4270} as an armed^{H4043} man.^{H376}

(Pro 24:34 NASB) Then your poverty will come as a robber And your want like an armed man.

(Pro 24:34 NIV) and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.