

Proverbs 8:12-21 (Wisdom's Call)

¹² "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.

¹³ The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.

¹⁴ I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.

¹⁵ By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;

¹⁶ by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.^[a]

¹⁷ I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.

¹⁸ Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.

¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.

²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,

²¹ granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.

Proverbs 28

28 The wicked flee when no one pursues,
but the righteous are bold as a lion.

² When a land transgresses, it has many rulers,
but with a man of understanding and knowledge,
its stability will long continue.

³ A poor man who oppresses the poor
is a beating rain that leaves no food.

⁴ Those who forsake the law praise the wicked,
but those who keep the law strive against them.

⁵ Evil men do not understand justice,
but those who seek the LORD understand it
completely.

⁶ Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity
than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

⁷ The one who keeps the law is a son with
understanding,
but a companion of gluttons shames his father.

⁸ Whoever multiplies his wealth by interest and profit
gathers it for him who is generous to the poor.

⁹ If one turns away his ear from hearing the law,
even his prayer is an abomination.

¹⁰ Whoever misleads the upright into an evil way
will fall into his own pit,
but the blameless will have a goodly inheritance.

¹¹ A rich man is wise in his own eyes,
but a poor man who has understanding will find
him out.

¹² When the righteous triumph, there is great glory,
but when the wicked rise, people hide themselves.

¹³ Whoever conceals his transgressions will not
prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will
obtain mercy.

¹⁴ Blessed is the one who fears the LORD¹⁴ always,
but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

¹⁵ Like a roaring lion or a charging bear
is a wicked ruler over a poor people.

¹⁶ A ruler who lacks understanding is a cruel
oppressor, but he who hates unjust gain will prolong
his days.

¹⁷ If one is burdened with the blood of another,
he will be a fugitive until death;
let no one help him.

¹⁸ Whoever walks in integrity will be delivered,
but he who is crooked in his ways will suddenly fall.

¹⁹ Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread,
but he who follows worthless pursuits will have
plenty of poverty.

²⁰ A faithful man will abound with blessings,
but whoever hastens to be rich will not go
unpunished.

²¹ To show partiality is not good,
but for a piece of bread a man will do wrong.

²² A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not
know that poverty will come upon him.

²³ Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more
favor than he who flatters with his tongue.

²⁴ Whoever robs his father or his mother
and says, "That is no transgression,"
is a companion to a man who destroys.

²⁵ A greedy man stirs up strife,
but the one who trusts in the LORD will be enriched.

²⁶ Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool,
but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

²⁷ Whoever gives to the poor will not want,
but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

²⁸ When the wicked rise, people hide themselves,
but when they perish, the righteous increase.