

Proverbs on pride, anger, slander, and why we should not hurt others with our words

Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart. (Pro 3:3)

Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil. (Pro 3:7)

Do not devise harm against your neighbor, While he lives securely beside you. Do not contend with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm. (Pro 3:29-30)

For the devious are an abomination to the LORD; But He is intimate with the upright. (Pro 3:32)

Put away from you a deceitful mouth And put devious speech far from you. (Pro 4:24)

A worthless person, a wicked man, Is the one who walks with a perverse mouth, Who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, Who points with his fingers; Who *with* perversity in his heart continually devises evil, Who spreads strife. Therefore his calamity will come suddenly; Instantly he will be broken and there will be no healing. (Pro 6:12-15)

There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, A false witness *who* utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers. (Pro 6:16-19)

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

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

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

When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom. (Pro 11:2)

With *his* mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered. (Pro 11:9)

He who despises his neighbor lacks sense, But a man of understanding keeps silent. (Pro 11:12)

He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter. (Pro 11:13)

The merciful man does himself good, But the cruel man does himself harm. (Pro 11:17)

A fool's anger is known at once, But a prudent man conceals dishonor. (Pro 12:16)

He who speaks truth tells what is right, But a false witness, deceit. (Pro 12:17)

There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing. (Pro 12:18)

Truthful lips will be established forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment. (Pro 12:19)

Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy. (Pro 12:20)

The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; The one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. (Pro 13:3)

A trustworthy witness will not lie, But a false witness utters lies. (Pro 14:5)

A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, But a fool is arrogant and careless. (Pro 14:16)

A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of evil devices is hated. (Pro 14:17)

Will they not go astray who devise evil? But kindness and truth *will be to* those who devise good. (Pro 14:22)

A truthful witness saves lives, But he who utters lies is treacherous. (Pro 14:25)

He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly. (Pro 14:29)

A tranquil heart is life to the body, But passion is rottenness to the bones. (Pro 14:30)

A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger. (Pro 15:1)

A soothing tongue is a tree of life, But perversion in it crushes the spirit. (Pro 15:4)

A scoffer does not love one who reproves him, He will not go to the wise. (Pro 15:12)

A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger calms a dispute. (Pro 15:18)

All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the LORD weighs the motives. (Pro 16:2)

Pride *goes* before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling. (Pro 16:18)

There is a way *which seems* right to a man, But its end is the way of death. (Pro 16:25)

A worthless man digs up evil, While his words are like scorching fire. (Pro 16:27)

A perverse man spreads strife, And a slanderer separates intimate friends. (Pro 16:28)

An evildoer listens to wicked lips; A liar pays attention to a destructive tongue. (Pro 17:4)

He who conceals a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends. (Pro 17:9)

The beginning of strife is *like* letting out water, So abandon the quarrel before it breaks out. (Pro 17:14)

He who restrains his words has knowledge, And he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. (Pro 17:27)

Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips, he is *considered* prudent. (Pro 17:28)

A fool's lips bring strife, And his mouth calls for blows. (Pro 18:6)

A fool's mouth is his ruin, And his lips are the snare of his soul. (Pro 18:7)

The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts of the body. (Pro 18:8)

Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, But humility goes before honor. (Pro 18:12)

He who gives an answer before he hears, It is folly and shame to him. (Pro 18:13)

A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city, And contentions are like the bars of a citadel. (Pro 18:19)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit. (Pro 18:21)

A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who tells lies will not escape. (Pro 19:5,9)

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

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)

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

A rascally witness makes a mockery of justice, And the mouth of the wicked spreads iniquity. (Pro 19:28)

Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man, But any fool will quarrel. (Pro 20:3)

He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip. (Pro 20:19)

He who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles. (Pro 21:23)

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

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

Do not associate with a man *given* to anger; Or go with a hot-tempered man, Or you will learn his ways And find a snare for yourself. (Pro 22:24-25)

Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, For he will despise the wisdom of your words. (Pro 23:9)

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

Do not go out hastily to argue *your case*; Otherwise, what will you do in the end, When your neighbor humiliates you? Argue your case with your neighbor, And do not reveal the secret of another, Or he who hears *it* will reproach you, And the evil report about you will not pass away. (Pro 25:8-10)

Like clouds and wind without rain Is a man who boasts of his gifts falsely. (Pro 25:14)

The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue, an angry countenance. (Pro 25:23)

Like a city that is broken into *and* without walls Is a man who has no control over his spirit. (Pro 25:28)

Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife. (Pro 26:21)

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion. (Pro 28:13)

An arrogant man stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will prosper. (Pro 28:25)

He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But he who walks wisely will be delivered. (Pro 28:26)

A man who hardens *his* neck after much reproof Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy. (Pro 29:1)

When a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man, The foolish man either rages or laughs, and there is no rest. (Pro 29:9)

A fool always loses his temper, But a wise man holds it back. (Pro 29:11)

Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him. (Pro 29:20)

An angry man stirs up strife, And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression. (Pro 29:22)