

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET,
AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.

PSALM 119:105

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Proverbs 22 (Sayings of the Wise)

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Introduction

29 verses

Good name

Humility and Fear of the Lord

Training of Children

Excellent things of counsels and words of truth

Start of 30 wise sayings (5 are covered)

Prov 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

- Being very rich King Solomon
- A good name is an asset whose currency is unaffected by the boom or bust of the material world

Examples :

- Benaiah son of Jehoiada (2 Samuel 23:20) – King David’s 30 mighty men
- Jesus (Before Christ and After Death)

Prov 22:2 The rich and the poor have this in common, The Lord is the maker of them all.

- God’s sight all people have equal value and dignity
- Must respect them as fellow human beings
- Job 34:19 Yet He is not partial to princes, Nor does He regard the rich more than the poor; **For they are all the work of His hands.**

Prov 22:3 A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished.

Prov 22:4 By **humility** and the **fear of the Lord** Are riches and honor and life.

- 1Peter 5:5-6- Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be **clothed with humility**, for
“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”
- ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

Mat 5:1- Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- Riches Vs Poor
- Honor Vs Insult
- Life Vs Hell

Examples: Abraham, Job, Moses (Numbers
12:3 - Now the man Moses was very
humble, more than all men who were on
the face of the earth.

Prov 22:5 -Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the perverse;
He who guards his soul will be far from them.

Prov 22: 6 - Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

- Hebrew word Hanak means dedicate.
- Channeling Child's conduct into way of wisdom.
- Preparing the child for future responsibilities.
- The Hebrew word of "child" is na'ar -refers to a "marriageable male while still single".

7 The rich rules over the poor,
And the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

8 He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,^[b]
And the rod of his anger will fail.

9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave;
Yes, strife and reproach will cease.

11 He who loves purity of heart

And has grace on his lips,
The king will be his friend.

**12 The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge,
But He overthrows the words of the faithless.**

**13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion outside!
I shall be slain in the streets!"**

**14 The mouth of an immoral woman is a deep pit;
He who is abhorred by the Lord will fall there.**

**15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of correction will drive it far from him.**

**16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches,
And he who gives to the rich, will surely come to poverty.**

5 Wise
Sayings
out of 30

17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge;

18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; Let them all be fixed upon your lips,

19 So that your trust may be in the Lord; I have instructed you today, even you.

20 Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge,

**21 That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth,
That you may answer words of truth
To those who send to you?**

**22 Do not rob the poor because he *is* poor,
Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate;**

**23 For the LORD will plead their cause,
And plunder the soul of those who plunder them.**

**24 Make no friendship with an angry man,
And with a furious man do not go,**

**²⁵ Lest you learn his ways
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**26 Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a
pledge,
One of those who is surety for debts;
27 If you have nothing with which to pay,
Why should he take away your bed from under you?**

Prov 22:28 Do not remove the ancient landmark Which your fathers have set.

- Joshua distributed Canaan among the various tribes of Israel (14 Chapter to 19)
- Some borders were undoubtedly marked by special stone.
- Farmers also sometimes marked the boundaries of their property with such stones.
- Moving boundaries in fields, usually marked by stone pillars or piles of stones resulted in individuals losing and gaining property and wealth. In Israel. This was also a sin against God
- God owned and portioned all the land (Deut. 19:14;27:17; Job 24:2a).

**Prov 22:29 Do
you see a
man who excel
s in his work?
He will stand
before kings;
He will not
stand
before unknow
n men.**

**Quality of a person's work (not
Bribes or flattery).**

God is in control and decides

**Not rely on deception – Work with
Integrity of heart**

**Example: Joseph and Daniel
advanced because of their ability**

Conclusion

Leaning

Leaning onto the word of God to take sound and right decisions.

Taking

Taking the help of Holy Spirit God as He is our Helper