

Proverbs

Chapter 17 – Contrast the Doing Right and Doing Wrong

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References: Proverbs 17:1-28

Instructions: For each question, select 1 of the verses cited and be prepared to answer the question for those verses.

- 1) **General Wisdom About the Wise:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? *Prov 17:3, 6, 8, 12, 17, 18*

 - 2) **General Wisdom About the Foolish:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? *Prov 17:7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 26, 28*

 - 3) **Right Doers:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? *Prov 17: 2, 27*

 - 4) **Wrong Doers:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? *Prov 17:4, 5, 11, 20, 23, 25*

 - 5) **Contrast Between Doing Right and Wrong:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? *Prov 17:1, 9, 10, 22, 24*
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General Wisdom About the Wise

- 3 **Fire tests** the purity of silver and gold, but **the LORD tests** the heart.
- 6 Grandchildren are the **crowning glory** of the aged; parents are **the pride** of their children.
- 8 A bribe (**gift**) is like a lucky charm; whoever gives one will **prosper!**
- 12 **It is safer** to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than to confront **a fool caught in foolishness.**
- 17 **A friend** is always loyal, and **a brother** is born to help in time of need.
- 18 It's **poor judgment** to **guarantee** another person's **debt** or **put up security** for a friend.

General Wisdom About the Foolish

- 7 **Eloquent words** are not fitting for a fool; even less are **lies** fitting for a ruler.
- 13 If you **repay good with evil**, **evil will never leave** your house.
- 14 Starting a quarrel is like **opening a floodgate**, **so stop before** a dispute breaks out.
- 15 **Acquitting** the guilty and **condemning** the innocent— **both are detestable** to the LORD.
- 16 It is senseless to pay to educate **a fool**, since he has **no heart for learning.**
- 19 Anyone who **loves to quarrel** loves sin; anyone who **trusts in high walls** invites disaster.
- 21 It is painful to be the **parent of a fool**; there is no joy for the **father of a rebel.**
- 26 It is wrong to **punish the godly** for being good or to **flog** leaders for being honest.
- 28 **Even fools are thought wise** when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.

Right Doers

- 2 **A wise servant** will rule over the master's disgraceful son and will share the inheritance of the master's children.
- 27 **A truly wise person** uses few words; a person with understanding is even-tempered.

Wrong Doers

- 4 **Wrongdoers** eagerly listen to gossip; liars pay close attention to slander.
- 5 **Those who mock the poor** insult their Maker; **those who rejoice at the misfortune** of others will be punished.
- 11 **Evil people** are eager for rebellion, but they will be severely punished.
- 20 **The crooked heart** will not prosper; **the lying tongue** tumbles into trouble.
- 23 **The wicked** take secret bribes to pervert the course of justice.
- 25 **Foolish children** bring grief to their father and bitterness to the one who gave them birth.

Good and Evil Contrast

- 1 Better a dry crust eaten in **peace** than a house filled with feasting—and **conflict.**
 - 9 Love prospers when a fault is **forgiven**, but **dwelling on it** separates close friends.
 - 10 A **single rebuke** does more for a person of understanding than **a hundred lashes** on the back of a fool.
 - 22 **A cheerful heart** is good medicine, but **a broken spirit** saps a person's strength.
 - 24 **Sensible people** keep their eyes glued on wisdom, but **a fool's eyes** wander to the ends of the earth.
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