# Proverbs Chapter 16 – Contrast the Upright and the Wicked



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**References: Reprint** 

<u>Instructions:</u> Under each question, select 2-3 of the verses cited and be prepared to answer the question for those verses.

### Verses 1,2,4,9,11,

**1) God's Control**: These proverbs describe various aspects of God's control. What lesson should we take from these proverbs?

### Verses 3,6,7,17,20-24,26,30

**2) Doing Right**: These proverbs describe the blessings or reward of **doing right**. What are the blessings if we do them and why?

## Verses 2,4,10,12,23-25

**3) Doing Evil**: These proverbs describe the result or reward of **doing wrong or evil**. What are the results of taking these actions and why?

### Verses 8,16,19,32

**4) Contrast Between Doing Good and Evil**: These proverbs describe the result of doing right and reward for doing evil. What lessons do these proverbs hold for us?

#### **Verses 10,12-15**

5) Proverbs for the King: These proverbs describe the king and his actions. Who might the king be and what is lesson for us regarding our relationship with the king?

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# Contrast the upright and the wicked. - Pro 16:1-33 NLT

#### God's control

- (1) We can make our own plans, but the LORD gives the right answer.
- (2) People may be pure in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their motives.
- (4) The LORD has made everything for His own purposes, even the wicked for a day of disaster.
- (9) We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.
- (11) The LORD demands accurate scales and balances; He sets the standards for fairness.
- (33) We may throw the dice, but the LORD determines how they fall.

## Result for Doing Right

- (3) Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.
- (6) Unfailing love and faithfulness make atonement for sin. By fearing the LORD, people avoid evil.
- (7) When people's lives please the LORD, even their enemies are at peace with them.
- (17) The path of the virtuous leads away from evil; whoever follows that path is safe.
- (20) Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the LORD will be joyful.
- (21) The wise are known for their understanding, and pleasant words are persuasive.
- (22) Discretion is a life-giving fountain to those who possess it, but discipline is wasted on fools.
- (23) From a wise mind comes wise speech; the words of the wise are persuasive.
- (24) Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.
- (26) It is good for workers to have an appetite; an empty stomach drives them on.
- (31) Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained by living a godly life.

### Result for Doing Evil

- (5) The LORD detests the proud; they will surely be punished.
- (18) Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.
- (25) There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.
- (27) Scoundrels create trouble; their words are a destructive blaze.
- (28) A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.
- (29) Violent people mislead their companions, leading them down a harmful path.
- (30) With narrowed eyes, people plot evil; with a smirk, they plan their mischief.

### Contrast Between Doing Good and Evil

- (8) Better to have little, with godliness, than to be rich and dishonest.
- (16) How much better to get wisdom than gold, and good judgment than silver!
- (19) Better to live humbly with the poor than to share plunder with the proud.
- (32) Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.

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# Proverbs for the King

- (10) The king speaks with divine wisdom; he must never judge unfairly.
- (12) A king detests wrongdoing, for his rule is built on justice.
- (13) The king is pleased with words from righteous lips; he loves those who speak honestly.
- (14) The anger of the king is a deadly threat; the wise will try to appease it.
- (15) When the king smiles, there is life; his favor refreshes like a spring rain.