

Proverbs
Chapter 22 – On Life and Conduct



Orlando Bible Students Special Study – Sunday, October 23, 2022

References: Proverbs 22:1-29 (quotations on page 2 are from the New Living Translation. Feel free to cite other versions if you desire.)

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

- 1) **Unwise conduct and its results:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? *Prov. 22:7, 8, 13, 14, 16*

 - 2) **Wise conduct and its results:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? *Prov. 22:4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 29*

 - 3) **Contrast between wise and unwise conduct:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? *Prov. 22:1, 3, 5, 12, 15*

 - 4) **Wise words of instruction and counsel from God:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? *Prov. 22:2; 17-19; 20-21; 22-23; 24-25; 26-27; 28* (NOTE: Consider grouped verses together.)
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Unwise conduct and its results

- 7 Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.
- 8 Those who plant injustice will harvest disaster, and their reign of terror will come to an end.
- 13 The lazy person claims, “There’s a lion out there! If I go outside, I might be killed!”
- 14 The mouth of an immoral woman is a dangerous trap; those who make the LORD angry will fall into it.
- 16 A person who gets ahead by oppressing the poor or by showering gifts on the rich will end in poverty.

Wise conduct and its results

- 4 True humility and fear of the LORD lead to riches, honor, and long life.
- 6 Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.
- 9 Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor.
- 10 Throw out the mocker, and fighting goes, too. Quarrels and insults will disappear.
- 11 Whoever loves a pure heart and gracious speech will have the king as a friend.
- 29 Do you see any truly competent workers? They will serve kings rather than working for ordinary people.

Contrast between wise and unwise conduct

- 1 Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.
- 3 A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences
- 5 Corrupt people walk a thorny, treacherous road; whoever values life will avoid it.
- 12 The LORD preserves those with knowledge, but he ruins the plans of the treacherous.
- 15 A youngster’s heart is filled with foolishness, but physical discipline will drive it far away.

Wise words of instruction and counsel from God

- 2 The rich and poor have this in common: The LORD made them both.

- 17-19 Listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my instruction. For it is good to keep these sayings in your heart and always ready on your lips. I am teaching you today—yes, you—so you will trust in the LORD.

- 20-21 I have written thirty sayings for you, filled with advice and knowledge. In this way, you may know the truth and take an accurate report to those who sent you.

- 22-23 Don’t rob the poor just because you can, or exploit the needy in court. For the LORD is their defender. He will ruin anyone who ruins them.

- 24-25 Don’t befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people, or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul.

- 26-27 Don’t agree to guarantee another person’s debt or put up security for someone else. If you can’t pay it, even your bed will be snatched from under you.

- 28 Don’t cheat your neighbor by moving the ancient boundary markers set up by previous generations.