

## Words of the Wise Men - PROVERBS 22:17-24:22

### The Thirty Sayings<sup>1</sup>

#### 18 Warnings, 7 Advice, 5 Warnings & Advice

**Introduction** – Apply your mind – 22:17-21

1. **First** (22:22-23)
  - a. Warning - Do not rob the poor.
  - b. Reason (22:23) The Lord will plead their case and execute justice.
2. **Second** (22:24-25)
  - a. Warning – Do not associate with the hot-tempered
  - b. Reason – You will become like him.
3. **Third** (22:26-27)
  - a. Warning – Do not cosign for debts.
  - b. Reason – You will end up paying someone else’s debt.
4. **Fourth** (22:28)
  - a. Warning – Do not move ancient boundaries.
5. **Fifth** (22:29)
  - a. Advice – Be skillful in your profession.
  - b. Reason – You will be recognized and blessed.
6. **Sixth** (23:1-3)
  - a. Warning – Do not be a glutton before a king.
  - b. Reason – There may be sinister purposes behind the hospitality.
7. **Seventh** (23:4-5)
  - a. Warning – Do not be materialistic.
  - b. Reason – Things will not last.
8. **Eighth** (23:6-8)
  - a. Warning – Do not eat with a selfish person.
  - b. Reason – He is deceptive and insincere and will cause you turmoil.
9. **Ninth** (23:9)
  - a. Warning – Do not converse with a fool.
  - b. Reason – He will despise your wisdom.
10. **Tenth** (23:10-11)
  - a. Warning - Do not move ancient boundaries.
  - b. Reason – There is one who will protect the interests of the family.

***Prelude to sayings 11 through 30 – Apply your mind (23:12)***

11. **Eleventh** (23:13-14)
  - a. Warning – Do not hold back discipline from your children.
  - b. Reason – You will save them from bad choices that lead to death.
12. **Twelfth** – (23:15-16)
  - a. Advice – Be wise and upright.
  - b. Reason – It will cause your parents to rejoice and be glad.
13. **Thirteenth** (23:17-18)
  - a. Warning & Advice – Do not envy sinners. Do Fear the Lord.
  - b. Reason – Your future and hope will be sure.

- 14. Fourteenth (23:19-21)**
  - a. Advice & Warning – Be wise and do not associate with drunkards and gluttons.
  - b. Reason – It will lead to poverty.
- 15. Fifteenth (23:22-23)**
  - a. Advice & Warning – Listen to your father and do not despise your mother when she is old.
  - b. Reason – You will store up wisdom for yourself.
- 16. Sixteenth (23:24-25)**
  - a. Advice – Be wise.
  - b. Reason – You will cause your father and mother to be glad and rejoice.
- 17. Seventeenth (23:26-28)**
  - a. Advice & Warning – Follow my ways and avoid the adulteress.
  - b. Reason – She will rob you and cause you to be unfaithful.
- 18. Eighteenth (23:29-35)**
  - a. Warning – Do not be a drunkard.
  - b. Reason – It will affect your health and your thinking and lead to addiction.
- 19. Nineteenth (24:1-2)**
  - a. Warning – Do not envy sinners.
  - b. Reason – They are violent and cause trouble.
- 20. Twentieth (24:3-4)**
  - a. Advice – Be wise.
  - b. Reason – Security and blessing will be yours.
- 21. Twenty-first (24:5-6)**
  - a. Advice – Get wise counsel.
  - b. Reason – You will succeed in your endeavors.
- 22. Twenty-second (24:7)**
  - a. Warning – Do not be a fool.
  - b. Reason – You will have no hearing among wise men.
- 23. Twenty-third (24:8-9)**
  - a. Warning – Do not plan sin.
  - b. Reason – You will be despised by others.
- 24. Twenty-fourth (24:10)**
  - a. Warning – Do not give up.
  - b. Reason – You will limit your ability and achievement.
- 25. Twenty-fifth (24:11-12)** Advice – Help people who are victimized.
- 26. Twenty-sixth (24:13-14)**
  - a. Advice – Get wisdom which is sweet to the soul.
  - b. Reason – Your future will be secure.
- 27. Twenty-seventh (24:15-16)**
  - a. Warning – Do not rob a godly person.
  - b. Reason – They will rise up and defend themselves.
- 28. Twenty-eighth (24:17-18)**
  - a. Warning – Do not be glad when an enemy falls.
  - b. Reason – The Lord is the one who judges.
- 29. Twenty-ninth (24:19-20)**
  - a. Warning – Do not envy sinners.
  - b. Reason – They do not have a future and will come to ruin.

**30. Thirtieth (24:21-22)**

- a. Advice and Warning – Fear the Lord and avoid renegades.
- b. Reason – They will suffer sudden harm.

***Also Sayings of the Wise – 24:23-34***

**1. First (24:23-25)**

- a. Warning – Do not show favoritism in court.
- b. Reason – Cursing comes to the partial and blessing to the impartial.

**2. Second (24:26)**

- a. Advice – Give an honest answer.
- b. Reason – It is pleasant like a kiss.

**3. Third (24:27)**

- a. Advice – Cultivate your field.
- b. Reason – It will give you income for building a house.

**4. Fourth (24:28)**

Warning – Do not give a false witness.

**5. Fifth (24:29)**

Warning – Do not avenge yourself.

**6. Sixth (24:30-34)**

- a. Warning – Do not be lazy.
- b. Reason – It results in negligence and poverty
  - (1) Observation – The condition of the lazy man's possessions.
  - (2) Reflection – Look and learn.
  - (3) Conclusion – Neglect will lead to poverty.

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