

**Proverbs 19** - Wisdom for life: integrity, family, discipline, and trust in the Lord

**Verses 1–3:** Integrity over wealth and folly

- v.1 Better to be poor and walk with integrity than to be a fool with distorted lips  
**(Matt. 16:26)**
- v.2 Zeal without knowledge is dangerous; hasty feet miss the way
- v.3 Human foolishness ruins one's life, yet the heart blames God

*\*True character is not measured by wealth but by wisdom and honesty.*

**Verses 4–7:** Wealth, friendship, and the poor

- v.4 Wealth adds many friends; poverty drives them away
- v.5 A false witness will not go unpunished; lies will not escape judgement  
**(Gal.6:7-9) (Matt. 12:36-37)**
- v.6 Many seek the favor of the generous; everyone befriends the giver
- v.7 Even family abandons the poor, how much more do their friends desert them

*\*Money can distort human relationships; only honesty and God's justice endure.*

**Verses 8–12:** Wisdom, patience, and self-control

- v.8 To acquire wisdom is to love oneself; to cherish understanding is to prosper  
**(2 Tim.2:15) (Luke 12:15) (Eph. 2:4-7) (1 Tim. 5:6)**
- v.9 A false witness will perish, a second warning about lying
- v.10 Luxury does not suit a fool; a slave ruling over princes is worse
- v.11 A person's wisdom yields patience; it is glory to overlook an offense
- v.12 A king's rage is like a lion's roar; his favor is like dew on grass

*\*Wisdom produces patience, and patience reflects godly character.*

**Verses 13–18** Family life: parents and children

- v.13 A foolish child is a father's ruin; a quarrelsome wife is like constant dripping
- v.14 House and wealth come from parents, but a wise wife is from the Lord  
**(James 1:17)**
- v.15 Laziness brings deep sleep, and an idle person will go hungry
- v.16 Keeping the commandments guards one's life; disregarding it leads to death  
**(John 15:10-11)**
- v.17 Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord; he will repay
- v.18 Discipline your children while there is hope; don't be complicit in their destruction

*\*Godly homes require wisdom, discipline, and generosity toward the vulnerable.*

**Verses 19–29:** Discipline, counsel, and the fear of the Lord

- v.19 A hot-tempered person must bear the consequences; rescuing them only enables more trouble
- v.20 Listen to advice and accept instructions so that you may be wise in the end
- v.21 Many plans form in a person's heart, but the Lord's purpose prevails
- v.22 Loyal love is what is desired in a person; better to be poor than a liar
- v.23 The fear of the Lord leads to life; one rests content, untouched by evil
- v.24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish and won't even lift it to his mouth
- v.25 Strike a mocker and the simple gain wisdom; rebuke the discerning, and they gain knowledge
- v.26 A child who mistreats a parent brings shame and disgrace
- v.27 Stop listening to instruction, and you stray from the words of knowledge
- v.28 A corrupt witness mocks justice; the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity
- v.29 Penalties are prepared for mockers, and beatings for the backs of fools  
**(Rev. 22:12) (Matt. 16:27)**

*\*Teachability, the fear of the Lord, and surrendered plans are the marks of true wisdom.*