

# 31 WISE WORDS

## from the book of PROVERBS

- 1** My child, sinners will try to lead you into sin. But do not follow them. (1:10)
- 2** Only the Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from him. (2:6)
- 3** Don't depend on your own wisdom. Respect the Lord and refuse to do wrong. (3:7)
- 4** Be very careful about what you think. Your thoughts run your life. (4:23)
- 5** The Lord sees everything you do. He watches where you go. (5:21)
- 6** My son, keep your father's commands. Don't forget your mother's teaching. (6:20)
- 7** Obey my commands, and you will live. Protect my teachings as you would your own eyes. (7:2)
- 8** Wisdom is more precious than rubies. Nothing you want is equal to it. (8:11)
- 9** Wisdom begins with respect for the Lord. And understanding begins with knowing God, the Holy One. (9:10)
- 10** Good people say the right thing. But the wicked tell lies. (10:32)
- 11** A person without good sense finds fault with his neighbor. But a person with understanding keeps quiet. (11:12)
- 12** Worry makes a person feel as if he is carrying a heavy load. But a kind word cheers up a person. (12:25)
- 13** Trouble always comes to sinners. But good people enjoy success. (13:21)
- 14** Foolish people don't care if they sin. But honest people work at being right with others. (14:9)
- 15** A gentle answer will calm a person's anger. But an unkind answer will cause more anger. (15:1)

- 16** Pride leads to destruction. A proud attitude brings ruin. (16:18)
- 17** Whoever forgives someone's sin makes a friend. But the one who tells about the sin breaks up friendships. (17:9)
- 18** The name of the LORD is like a strong tower. Godly people run to it and are safe. (18:10)
- 19** Being kind to the poor is like lending to the Lord. The Lord will reward you for what you have done. (19:17)
- 20** No one can say, "I am innocent. I have never done anything wrong." (20:9)
- 21** A person who is careful about what he says keeps himself out of trouble. (21:23)
- 22** Being respected is more important than having great riches. To be well thought of is better than owning silver or gold. (22:1)
- 23** Those who drink too much and eat too much become poor. They sleep too much and end up wearing rags. (23:21)
- 24** Save those who are being led to their death. Rescue those who are about to be killed. (24:11)
- 25** The right word spoken at the right time is as beautiful as gold apples in a silver bowl. (25:11)
- 26** Without wood, a fire will go out. And without gossip, quarreling will stop. (26:20)
- 27** Don't brag about what will happen tomorrow. You don't really know what will happen then. (27:1)
- 28** If you hide your sins, you will not succeed. If you confess and reject them, you will receive mercy. (28:13)
- 29** Being afraid of people can get you into trouble. But if you trust the Lord, you will be safe. (29:25)
- 30** Every word of God can be trusted. He protects those who come to him for safety. (30:5)
- 31** Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Defend the rights of all those who have nothing. (31:8)



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