

Proverbs 1

World's Way – hate instruction; 1:7b – “Fools despise wisdom and instruction”

Wisdom's Way – respect God; 1:7a – “Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge”

World's Way – following and eventually joining sinners; 1:10-19 – “sinners entice thee . . . cast
in thy lot among us”

Wisdom's Way – follow parent; 1:8-9 – “hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the
law of thy mother”

World's Way – is to disregard God and His Word; 1:20-32 – “I have called, and ye refused; I
have stretched out my hand, and
no man regarded; but ye have set
at nought all my counsel”

Wisdom's Way – hearkeneth and heed God and His way; 1:33 – “whoso hearkeneth unto me
shall dwell safely”

Proverbs 2

World's Way – forsaking God's wisdom; 2:12b-19, 22 – “who leave the paths of uprightness”

Wisdom's Way – desiring the knowledge of God; 2:1-12a, 20-21 – “understand the fear of the
Lord, and find the
knowledge of God”

Proverbs 3

World's Way – forgetfulness; 3:1a – “Forget not my law”

Wisdom's Way – living the commandments; 3:1b – “keep my commandments”

World's Way – self-reliance; 3:5b – “lean not unto thine own understanding”

Wisdom's Way – trust; 3:5a – “trust in the Lord”

Proverbs 4

World's Way – forsaking parent's instructions; 4:2a – “forsake ye not my law”

Wisdom's Way – following parent's instructions; 4:1-2a – “Hear, ye children, the instruction of a
Father, and attend to know
understanding: for I give you good
doctrine”

World's Way – follow wicked men; 4:14 – “Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men”

Wisdom's Way – follow father's ways; 4:13 – “Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go. Keep her, for she is thy life”

World's Way – wicked walk in darkness; 4:19 – “they know not at what they stumble”

Wisdom's Way – just walk in the light; 4:18 – “the path of the just is like a shining light”

Proverbs 5

World's Way – indiscretion; 5:3-14, 20-23 – “have not obeyed the voice of my teachers”
“in the greatness of his folly”

Wisdom's Way – discretion; 5:1-2, 15-19 – “attend unto my wisdom”

Proverbs 6

World's Way – surety; 6:1-2 – “thou art snared with the words of thy mouth”

Wisdom's Way – get out of surety; 6:3-4 – “deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter”

World's Way – laziness; 6:9-11 – “how long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard?”

Wisdom's Way – industrious; 6:6-8 – “go to the ant, . . . consider her ways”

World's Way – unbridled passion/lust; 6:25-35 – “lust not after her beauty”

Wisdom's Way – self-control; 6:20-24 – “it [parents' instruction] shall lead thee; . . . it shall keep thee”

Proverbs 7

World's Way – flattery; 7:5b-23, 25-27 – “with her much fair speech she caused him to yield”

Wisdom's Way – purity; 7:1-5a, 24 – “that they [commandments] may keep thee from the strange woman”

Proverbs 8

World's Way – hate wisdom; 8:36 – “But he that sinneth against me [wisdom] . . . : all they that hate me [wisdom]”

Wisdom's Way – love wisdom; 8:1-35 – “wisdom is better than rubies”

Proverbs 9

World's Way – disdain correction; 9:8a – “Reprove not a scoffer, lest he hate thee”
Wisdom's Way – receive rebuke; 9:8b-9 – “rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee”

Proverbs 10

World's Way – foolish child; 10:1b – “foolish son is the heaviness of his mother”
Wisdom's Way – wise child; 10:1a – “wise son maketh a glad father”

World's Way – slacker; 10:4a – “He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand”
Wisdom's Way – diligence; 10:4b – “the hand of the diligent maketh rich”

World's Way – slothful; 10:5b – “he that sleepeth in harvest”
Wisdom's Way – preparatory work; 10:5a – “He that gathereth in the summer”

World's Way – wicked mouth; 10:6b – “violence covereth the mouth of the wicked”
Wisdom's Way – just man; 10:6a – “Blessings are upon the head of the just”

World's Way – forgotten; 10:7b – “the name of the wicked shall rot”
Wisdom's Way – remembered; 10:7a – “memory of the just is blessed”

World's Way – hatred; 10:12a – “hatred stirreth up strifes”
Wisdom's Way – love; 10:12b – “love covereth all sins”

World's Way – nonstop speaking; 10:19a – “multitude of words there lacketh not sin”
Wisdom's Way – choice words; 10:19b – “he that refraineth his lips is wise”

World's Way – perverse speech; 10:31b – “perverse tongue shall be cut out”
Wisdom's Way – wise speech; 10:31a – “mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom”

World's Way – perverse speech; 10:32b – “mouth of the wicked speaketh forwardness”
Wisdom's Way – right speech; 10:32a – “righteous know what is acceptable”

Proverbs 11

World's Way – cheating; 11:1a – “false balance is abomination to the Lord”
Wisdom's Way – honest dealings; 11:1b – “a just weight is His delight”

World's Way – prideful; 11:2a – “pride cometh . . . shame”
Wisdom's Way – humble spirit; 11:2b – “with the lowly is wisdom”

World's Way – perverseness; 11:3b – “the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy”
Wisdom's Way – integrity; 11:3a – “integrity of the upright shall guide”

World's Way – wickedness ends in a fall; 11:5b – “the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness”
Wisdom's Way – righteous directs; 11:5a – “righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way”

World's Way – gossip; 11:13a – “talebearer revealeth secrets”
Wisdom's Way – guards his mouth; 11:13b – “a faithful spirit concealeth the matter”

World's Way – lack of counsel; 11:14a – “no counsel is, the people fall”
Wisdom's Way – counselors; 11:14b – “multitude of counselors there is safety”

World's Way – tight wad; 11:24b, 26a – “withholdeth more than is fitting, but it tendeth to poverty”
Wisdom's Way – liberal; 11:24a, 25, 26b – “he that scattereth and yet increaseth”

World's Way – seek mischief; 11:27b – “seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him”
Wisdom's Way – seek good; 11:27a – “diligently seeketh good procureth favor”

World's Way – trust in money; 11:28a – “trusteth in his riches shall fall”
Wisdom's Way – be righteous; 11:28b – “the righteous shall flourish like a branch”

Proverbs 12

World's Way – hates instruction; 12:1b – “he that hateth reproof is brutish”
Wisdom's Way – loves instruction; 12:1a – “loveth instruction loveth knowledge”

World's Way – condemnation; 12:2b – “wicked devices will he condemn”
Wisdom's Way – God's favor; 12:2a – “obtaineth favor of the Lord”

World's Way – unstable; 12:3a – “a man shall not be established by wickedness”
Wisdom's Way – stable; 12:3b – “the root of the righteous shall not be moved”

World's Way – bust to her husband; 12:4b – “she that maketh ashamed is a rottenness in his bones”
Wisdom's Way – boon to her husband; 12:4a – “virtuous woman is a crown to her husband”

World's Way – wrong thinking; 12:5b – “counsels of the wicked are deceit”
Wisdom's Way – right thinking; 12:5a – “thoughts of the righteous are right”

World's Way – wicked disappear; 12:7a – “wicked are overthrown, and are not”
Wisdom's Way – righteous remain; 12:7b – “the house of the righteous shall stand”

World's Way – cruelty to animals; 12:10b – “the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel”
Wisdom's Way – companion to animals; 12:10a – “righteous man regardeth the life of his beast”

World's Way – lying; 12:22a – “lying lips are an abomination to the Lord”
Wisdom's Way – honest; 12:22b – “they that deal truly are His delight”

Proverbs 13

World's Way – hard of hearing; 13:1b – “a scorner heareth not rebuke”
Wisdom's Way – attentive; 13:1a – “wise son heareth his father's instruction”

World's Way – too talkative; 13:3b – “he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction”
Wisdom's Way – guards his words; 13:3a – “he that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life”

World's Way – false gains; 13:11a – “wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished”
Wisdom's Way – hard work; 13:11b – “he that gathereth by labor shall increase”

World's Way – foolish friends; 13:20b – “a companion of fools shall be destroyed”
Wisdom's Way – wise friends; 13:20a – “walketh with wise men shall be wise”

World's Way – lack of child discipline; 13:24a – “spareth his rod hateth his son”
Wisdom's Way – spanking; 13:24b – “loveth him chasteneth him betimes”

Proverbs 14

World's Way – destroys family; 14:1b – “foolish [woman] plucketh it down”
Wisdom's Way – family stability; 14:1a – “wise woman buildeth her house”

World's Way – naiveté; 14:15a – “simple believeth every word”
Wisdom's Way – discernment; 14:15b – “prudent man looketh well to his going”

World's Way – promises of work; 14:23b – “the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury”
Wisdom's Way – labor; 14:23a – “in all labor there is profit”

World's Way – hasty; 14:29b – “he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly”
Wisdom's Way – slow to wrath; 14:29a – “he that is slow to wrath is of great understanding”

World's Way – sin; 14:34b – “sin is a reproach to any people”
Wisdom's Way – righteousness; 14:34a – “righteousness exalteth a nation”

Proverbs 15

World's Way – harsh words; 15:1b – “grievous words stir up anger”
Wisdom's Way – soft answer; 15:1a – “soft answer turns away wrath”

World's Way – unacceptable sacrifices; 15:8a – “the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord”

Wisdom's Way – prayer received; 15:8b – “the prayer of the upright is His delight”

World's Way – greedy gain; 15:27a – “greedy for gain troubleth his own house”
Wisdom's Way – hate bribes; 15:27b – “he that hateth gifts shall live”

World's Way – hasty words; 15:28b - “the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things”
Wisdom's Way – studied answer; 15:28a – “heart of the righteous studieth how to answer”

World's Way – refusing instruction; 15:32a – “he that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul”

Wisdom's Way – accepting instruction; 15:32b – “he that heareth reproof getteth understanding”

Proverbs 16

World's Way – unrighteous rich; 16:8b – “than great revenues without right”
Wisdom's Way – righteous poor; 16:8a – “better is little with righteousness”

World's Way – proud spirit; 16:18 – “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”

Wisdom's Way – humble spirit; 16:19 – “Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly”

World's Way – foolishness comes from fools; 16:22b – “but the instruction of fools is folly”
Wisdom's Way – understanding heart of the wise; 16:22a – “Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it”

World's Way – forceful; 16:32b, d – “better than the mighty; than he that taketh a city”
Wisdom's Way – self-control; 16:32a, c – “He who is slow to anger; and he who ruleth his spirit”

Proverbs 17

World's Way – strife; 17:1b – “house full of sacrifices with strife”
Wisdom's way – peaceful hunger; 17:1a – “better is dry morsel and quietness”

World's Way – foolish son; 17:2b – “a son that causeth shame”

Wisdom's Way – wise servant; 17:2a, c – “A wise servant shall have rule over a son . . . and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren”

World's Way – gossip; 17:9b – “he that repeateth a matter separateth friends”

Wisdom's Way – promotes love; 17:9a – “he that covereth a transgression seeketh love”

World's Way – fool does not learn from discipline; 17:10b – “than an hundred stripes into a fool”

Wisdom's Way – a wise man receives reproof; 17:10a – “a reproof entereth more into a wise man”

World's Way – crushed heart; 17:22b – “broken spirit drieth the bones”

Wisdom's Way – cheerful heart; 17:22a – “merry heart doeth good like medicine”

Proverbs 18

World's Way – haughty; 18:12a – “before destruction the heart of man is haughty”

Wisdom's Way – humble; 18:12b – “before honor is humility”

Proverbs 19

World's Way – foolish tongue; 19:1b – “than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool”

Wisdom's Way – honest poor man; 19:1a – “better is the poor that walketh in his integrity”

World's Way – despises God's commandments; 19:16b – “but he that despiseth His ways shall die”

Wisdom's Way – keeps God's commandments; 19:16a – “He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul”

World's Way – withhold discipline because of child's crying; 19:18b – “thy soul spare for his crying”

Wisdom's Way – discipline children early; 19:18a – “Chasten thy son while there is hope”

Proverbs 20

World's Way – drink alcoholic beverages; 20:1a – “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging”

Wisdom's Way – forsake alcoholic beverages; 20:1b – “Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise”

World's Way – meddling in people's affairs; 20:3b – “but every fool will be meddling”
Wisdom's Way – cease from strife; 20:3a – “It is an honor for a man to cease from strife”

World's Way – boastful; 20:6a – “Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness”
Wisdom's Way – faithful men; 20:6b – “but a faithful man, who can find?”

World's Way – loving sleep; 20:13a – “love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty”
Wisdom's Way – staying awake; 20:13b – “open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread”

Proverbs 21

World's Way – hastiness; 21:5b – “everyone that is hasty, only to want”
Wisdom's Way – diligent plans; 21:5a – “the thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness”

World's Way – live with an overbearing woman; 21:9b, 19b – “than with a brawling woman in a wide house; with a contentious and angry woman”

Wisdom's Way – live alone; 21:9a, 19a – “It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop; in the wilderness”

World's Way – devouring up; 21:20b – “a foolish man spendeth it up”
Wisdom's Way – storing up; 21:20a – “treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise”

World's Way – craving; 21:26a – “he coveteth greedily all the day long”
Wisdom's Way – giving; 21:26b – “the righteous giveth and spareth not”

World's Way – indifferent; 21:29a – “A wicked man hardeneth his face”
Wisdom's Way – helper; 21:29b – “but as for the upright, he directeth his way”

Proverbs 22

World's Way – not paying attention; 22:3b – “but the simple pass on, and are punished”
Wisdom's Way – alert; 22:3a – “a prudent man foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself”

Proverbs 23

Proverbs 24

World's Way – inevitable trouble; 24:16b – “the wicked shall fall into mischief”

Wisdom's Way – perseverance; 24:16a – “for a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again”

World's Way – release the guilty; 24:24 – “He that saith unto the wicked, ‘Thou art righteous’; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him.”

Wisdom's Way – convict the guilty; 24:25 – “But to those who rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.”

Proverbs 25

Proverbs 26

Proverbs 27

World's Way – self-promotion; 27:2b – “not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips”

Wisdom's Way – promotion of others; 27:2a – “Let another man praise thee”

World's Way – false flattery; 27:6b – “the kisses of an enemy are deceitful”

Wisdom's Way – friendly wounds; 27:6a – “faithful are the wounds of a friend”

World's Way – naivety; 27:12b – “the simple pass on, and are punished”

Wisdom's Way – respond to warnings; 27:12a – “a prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself”

Proverbs 28

World's Way – paranoia; 28:1a – “the wicked flee when no man pursueth”

Wisdom's Way – confidence; 28:1b – “the righteous are bold as a lion”

World's Way – praise wicked; 28:4a – “they that forsake the law praise the wicked”

Wisdom's Way – resist wicked; 28:4b – “but such as keep the law contend with them”

World's Way – pervert justice; 28:5a – “evil men understand not justice”

Wisdom's Way – understand justice; 28:5b – “they that seek the Lord understandeth all things”

World's Way – rich but perverse; 28:6b – “than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich”

Wisdom's Way – poor but blameless; 28:6a – “better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness”

World's Way – conceals sin; 28:13a – “he that covereth his sins shall not prosper”

Wisdom's Way – repents of sin; 28:13b – “whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy”

World's Way – hardened heart; 28:14b – “he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief”

Wisdom's Way – fear the Lord; 28:14a – “happy is the man that feareth always”

World's Way – perverse ways; 28:18b – “but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once”

Wisdom's Way – blameless walk; 28:18a – “whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved”

World's Way – waster of time; 28:19b – “he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough”

Wisdom's Way – diligent worker; 28:19a – “he that tilleth his land shall have plenty”

World's Way – eager for riches; 28:20b – “he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent”

Wisdom's Way – faithful man; 28:20a – “a faithful man shall abound with blessings”

World's Way – rest in oneself; 28:25a – “he that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife”

Wisdom's Way – rest in God; 28:25b – “but he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat”

World's Way – leans to own understanding; 28:26a – “he that trusteth in his own heart is a fool”

Wisdom's Way – walks in God's wisdom; 28:26b – “but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered”

World's Way – does not give to the poor; 28:27b – “he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse”

Wisdom's Way – giving to the poor; 28:27a – “he that giveth unto the poor shall not lack”

Proverbs 29

World's Way – wicked rule; 29:2b – “when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn”

Wisdom's Way – righteous are in power; 29:2a – “when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice”

World's Way – vents one's anger; 29:11a – “a fool uttereth all his mind”

Wisdom's Way – self-control; 29:11b – “but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards”

World's Way – unattended child; 29:15b – “but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame”

Wisdom's Way – corrected child; 29:15a – “the rod and reproof give wisdom”

World's Way – proud heart; 29:23a – “a man's pride shall bring him low”

Wisdom's Way – lowly spirit; 29:23b – “but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit”

World's Way – fear of man; 29:25a – “the fear of man bringeth a snare”

Wisdom's Way – trust in God; 29:25b – “but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe”

World's Way – detest righteous; 29:27a – “an unjust man is an abomination to the just”

Wisdom's Way – detest wicked; 29:27b – “and he that is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked”

Proverbs 30

Proverbs 31

World's Way – outside beauty of a woman; 31:30a – “favor is deceitful and beauty is vain”

Wisdom's Way – woman who fears the Lord; 31:30b – “but a woman who feareth the Lord, she shall be praised”