

Proverbs 17

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Better a Dry Morsel in Quietness

¹Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith, Than a house full of feasting with strife.

²A servant that dealeth wisely shall have rule over a son that dealeth shamefully, And shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

³The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; But the LORD trieth the hearts.

⁴A evil-doer giveth heed to wicked lips; And a liar giveth ear to a mischievous tongue.

⁵Whoso mocketh the poor blasphemeth his Maker; And he that is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.

- 6**Children's children are the crown of old men; And the glory of children are their fathers.
- 7**Overbearing speech becometh not a churl; Much less do lying lips a prince.
- 8**A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it; Whithersoever he turneth, he prospereth.
- 9**He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; But he that harpeth on a matter estrangeth a familiar friend.
- 10**A rebuke entereth deeper into a man of understanding Than a hundred stripes into a fool.
- 11**A rebellious man seeketh only evil; Therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
- 12**Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, Rather than a fool in his folly.
- 13**Whoso rewardeth evil for good, Evil shall not depart from his house.
- 14**The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water; Therefore leave off contention, before the quarrel break out.
- 15**He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the righteous, Even they both are an abomination to the LORD.
- 16**Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool To buy wisdom, seeing he hath no understanding?
- 17**A friend loveth at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.
- 18**A man void of understanding is he that striketh hands, And becometh surety in the presence of his neighbour.
- 19**He loveth transgression that loveth strife; He that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.
- 20**He that hath a froward heart findeth no good; And he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into evil.
- 21**He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow; And the father of a churl hath no joy.
- 22**A merry heart is a good medicine; But a broken spirit drieth the bones.
- 23**A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom, To pervert the ways of justice.
- 24**Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; But the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.
- 25**A foolish son is vexation to his father, And bitterness to her that bore him.
- 26**To punish also the righteous is not good, Nor to strike the noble for their uprightness.
- 27**He that spareth his words hath knowledge; And he that husbandeth his spirit is a man of discernment.
- 28**Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; And he that shutteth his lips is esteemed as a man of understanding.