



## Ancient Words of Wisdom: Volume 1

### **Ancient Words of Wisdom (1-32): Proverbs 10:1-32**

“The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a glad father, But a foolish son is the grief of his mother. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death. The Lord will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked. He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame. Blessings are on the head of the righteous, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked. The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot. The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall. He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will become known. He who winks with the eye causes trouble, But a prating fool will fall. The mouth of the righteous is a well of life, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked. Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins. Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding,

But a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding. Wise people store up knowledge, But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction. The rich man's wealth is his strong city; The destruction of the poor is their poverty. The labor of the righteous leads to life, The wages of the wicked to sin. He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray. Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool. In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little. The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom. The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it. To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a man of understanding has wisdom. The fear of the wicked will come upon him, And the desire of the righteous will be granted. When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation. As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him. The fear of the Lord prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened. The hope of the righteous will be gladness, But the expectation of the wicked will perish. The way of the Lord is strength for the upright, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity. The righteous will never be removed, But the wicked will not inhabit the earth. The mouth of

the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.” Proverbs 10:1-32 NKJV

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1. *“The proverbs of Solomon: A **wise son** makes a glad father, But a **foolish son** is the grief of his mother.” Proverbs 10:1 NKJV*

### **Worldview**

- Ask any father and he will tell you that a child who is applying their knowledge of God to their decisions in life is like oxygen to his lungs.
- Ask any mother what it feels like to have a child who is running from God and she will tell you it is like breathing with your head inside a plastic bag.

2. *“Treasures of **wickedness** profit nothing, But **righteousness** delivers from death.” Proverbs 10:2 NKJV*

### **Profit**

- Anything you gain in life that has been inspired by, supported by, or will promote evil, will leave you feeling utterly empty.
- Gain things in congruence with God’s will and you will feel life and abundance.

3. “The Lord will not allow **the righteous soul** to famish, But He casts away **the desire of the wicked.**” Proverbs 10:3 NKJV

**Provision**

- The mind, will, emotions, intentions, inspirations, and motivations that are animated by God’s will and desires will prosper a man.
- But, God will not empower the cravings of evil thoughts intentions, and actions.

4. “He who has **a slack hand** becomes poor, But **the hand of the diligent** makes rich.” Proverbs 10:4 NKJV

**Work Ethic**

- The man who is loose and sloppy with the allocation of his physical resources, like his time and efforts, will accomplish very little and be surrounded by poverty.
- The man who is sharp and focussed on specific efforts with specific goals and intentions, and utilizes his time wisely, can expect great rewards.

5. “He who **gathers in summer** is a wise son; He who **sleeps in harvest** is a son who causes shame.” Proverbs 10:5 NKJV

**Preparation**

- ☑ When it's time to reap a harvest a wise man is prepared. He arrives at the proper time with the proper equipment.
- ☑ Nothing left on the vine until it rots will provide nourishment for the body, nor bring a profit at the market. The wastefulness is a complete embarrassment.

6. *"Blessings are on **the head of the righteous**, But violence covers **the mouth of the wicked**."* Proverbs 10:6 NKJV

☑ **Intentions**

- ☑ The thoughts and intents of a man's heart are always known by the Lord and the man who authentically wishes to please God lives in favor.
- ☑ But, everything that emanates from an evil man's being is diametrically opposed to the ways of the Lord, and aggressively attacks God's truth.

7. *"**The memory of the righteous** is blessed, But **the name of the wicked** will rot."* Proverbs 10:7 NKJV

☑ **Reputation**

- ☑ A godly man will develop an excellent reputation because of the life he lived and the lives he impacted for the kingdom of God. That is how he will be remembered when he is gone.

- ☑ A man bent on evil will soon be forgotten as his body begins to rot in the grave.

8. *“The **wise in heart** will receive commands, But a **prating fool** will fall.” Proverbs 10:8 NKJV*

☑ **Receptivity**

- ☑ There is something wonderful about a man who stays quite long enough to listen to wise counsel.
- ☑ A man who never stops talking is exhausting to the people around him, has no time to listen to anything beneficial, and will pay a hefty price for his ill-advised unenlightened impetuous choices.

9. *“He who walks with **integrity** walks securely, But he who **perverts his ways** will become known.” Proverbs 10:9 NKJV*

☑ **Authenticity**

- ☑ If a man’s lifestyle and choices are in alignment with God’s will and with what he outwardly portrays, he will have no concern when who he is behind the scenes is exposed. That is because he is who he say he is and his actions are congruent with his beliefs.
- ☑ But, if he is just a complete hypocrite and who he claims to be is a complete sham once someone sees behind the

curtain, all his lies and deception will be revealed.  
Everything hidden eventually comes into the light.

10. “He who **winks with the eye** causes trouble, But a **prating fool** will fall.” Proverbs 10:10 NKJV

**Deception**

- A schemer can't be trusted under any circumstances. He is always disingenuous.
- A man who never stops talking is exhausting to be around and is too self-consumed to recognize deception. It is easy to take advantage of him.

11. “The **mouth of the righteous** is a well of life, But violence covers **the mouth of the wicked**.” Proverbs 10:11 NKJV

**Harvest**

- A man in whom there is great reverence for the ways of God speaks life over those around him and into every situation. He reaps a harvest of rewards.
- He who loves the ways of evil yields rot and decay, like one who spreads poison over freshly planted crops.

12. “**Hatred** stirs up strife, But **love** covers all sins.” Proverbs 10:12 NKJV

☑ **Duality**

- ☑ These two could not be more opposite. Hatred makes room and even causes iniquity, whereas love conquers sin and death.

13. “**Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, But a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.**” Proverbs 10:13 NKJV

☑ **Consequences**

- ☑ Those who speak only after they know what will please the Lord and who make thoughtful decisions with God in mind are blessed.
- ☑ The man who follows the desires of his own heart and who chases what will satisfy his flesh will find only punishing curses.

14. “**Wise people store up knowledge, But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.**” Proverbs 10:14 NKJV

☑ **Foresight**

- ☑ A wise man seeks wise counsel and calls on what he has learned in times of need. His choices help him advance.
- ☑ A fool makes decisions on his own with no long term strategy. He will end in failure.



15. “The **rich man’s wealth** is his strong city; The **destruction of the poor** is their poverty.” Proverbs 10:15 NKJV

**Stewardship**

- Seeking wealth should not be your end goal, but if prioritized correctly it will afford a man many advantages.
- Irresponsible behavior that leaves a man destitute causes him to have fewer options and offers him less opportunities.

16. “The **labor of the righteous** leads to life, The **wages of the wicked** to sin.” Proverbs 10:16 NKJV

**Production**

- Work for what is noble, work honestly, and work for God, and you will have abundance.
- Work for what is dark, promote unrighteousness and sin, and work for self-gratification, and darkness will overtake you like a plague.

17. “He who **keeps instruction** is in the way of life, But he who **refuses correction** goes astray.” Proverbs 10:17 NKJV

**Obstinance**

- ☑ It takes humility and meekness for a man to hear wise counsel and to alter his course onto the narrow road because of it. But, the payoff is great and the outcome is abundant for his body, soul, and spirit.
- ☑ Pride and hubris blind a man to wise counsel and opens the gate to the wide road that leads to destruction.

18. “Whoever **hides hatred** has lying lips, And whoever **spreads slander** is a fool.” Proverbs 10:18 NKJV

☑ **Self-deception**

- ☑ Enmity, bitterness, and unforgiveness are like a poisonous seeds planted in a man’s heart, but he will vehemently deny they exist. The fruit that grows from it is deception and false testimony.
- ☑ This hatred is never satisfied alone, so it feeds the soul and ignites an all-consuming desire to claim others are involved in its deceit, treachery, and self-deception.

19. “In the **multitude of words** sin is not lacking, But he who **restrains his lips** is wise.” Proverbs 10:19 NKJV

☑ **Discretion**

- ☑ A wise man says less and is likely to sin less.

- ☑ He who is quick to listen and slow to speak is he who is available to be guided by the Holy Spirit, instead of his carnal reflexes.

20. “The **tongue of the righteous** is choice silver; The **heart of the wicked** is worth little.” Proverbs 10:20 NKJV

☑ **Resources**

- ☑ There is a treasure trove of riches available to a man who imparts the grace of God from his lips.
- ☑ But a tongue fueled by darkness leads to poverty of both resources and relationships.

21. “The **lips of the righteous** feed many, But **fools die** for lack of wisdom.” Proverbs 10:21 NKJV

☑ **Sustenance**

- ☑ Man cannot live on bread alone, but is also fed by every word that enters his ears.
- ☑ Speak blessings and you will impart life to the hearers; spew forth curses and the hearers shrivel and die because they are severed from the source of life, the vine that feeds them.

22. “The  **blessing of the Lord**  makes one rich, And He adds  **no sorrow**  with it.” Proverbs 10:22 NKJV

**Favor**

- All good things come down from heaven from the Father of light and life.
- There is nothing more abundant than a life fueled by the blessings of God, and there is never a downside.

23. “To  **do evil**  is like sport to a fool, But a  **man of understanding**  has wisdom.” Proverbs 10:23 NKJV

**Fulfillment**

- A man trapped in his wicked ways sees life as a competition that he must win to feel fulfilled. The game never ends and he is never ahead, nor ever wins.
- A man who prefers others is always joyful because when others win he is thoroughly satisfied.

24. “The  **fear of the wicked**  will come upon him, And the  **desire of the righteous**  will be granted.” Proverbs 10:24 NKJV

**Alignment**

- What a man fears most is what a man receives most often; he has aligned himself with evil desires and the evil he desires is what he receives.

- ☑ When a man delights in the Lord, trusts in the Lord, and obeys the ways of the Lord, the desires of his heart are fulfilled by God.

25. “When **the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.**” Proverbs 10:25 NKJV

☑ **Protection**

- ☑ An evil man builds his house on quicksand; any disturbance at all will cause it to sink into oblivion.
- ☑ But, a man of God knows there is no other foundation but God. He builds his house on the Rock and when the storms come it will stand because the foundation is permanent.

26. “As **vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him.**” Proverbs 10:26 NKJV

☑ **Reliability**

- ☑ There is nothing dependable about an employee who moves like a sloth and whose work-ethic is lethargic.
- ☑ Any assignment he is responsible to complete will only erode faith in him and cause sorrow to his employer.

27. “The **fear of the Lord** prolongs days, But **the years of the wicked** will be shortened.” Proverbs 10:27 NKJV

**Reverence**

- Everything God commands is meant to add value to a man’s life in quality and quantity. A wise man reveres God and adheres to His instructions.
- An evil man invites curses over his life by ignoring God’s instructions and his life is miserable and his time limited.

28. “The **hope of the righteous** will be gladness, But the **expectation of the wicked** will perish.” Proverbs 10:28 NKJV

**Expectations**

- A man of God is willing to endure the trials of life because he knows the favorable outcome is more than he can ask, think, or imagine.
- There is nothing good in which to find hope for a man whose life is animated by wickedness; his outlook for the future is grim.

29. “**The way of the Lord** is strength for the upright, But destruction will come to the **workers of iniquity**.” Proverbs 10:29 NKJV

**Obedience**

- ☑ All good things are possible for those who are energized by the Lord for their inspiration, motivation, direction, and obedience to His commands.
- ☑ Many who perish will say they depended on the Lord, but they were lying as revealed by their sinful behavior. Sin is lawlessness.

30. “**The righteous** will never be removed, But **the wicked** will not inhabit the earth.” Proverbs 10:30 NKJV

☑ **Destiny**

- ☑ The inheritance for those who trust in the Lord is permanent and glorious.
- ☑ The inheritance for those who do not trust in the Lord is also permanent—but miserable.

31. “**The mouth of the righteous** brings forth wisdom, But **the perverse tongue** will be cut out.” Proverbs 10:31 NKJV

☑ **Sustainability**

- ☑ There is no limit to the amount of fruit that can come from the words of those who honor God in all they say.
- ☑ But the man who vomits perversity will have his opinions ignored and ultimately his voice will be stifled.

32. “The **lips of the righteous** know what is acceptable, But **the mouth of the wicked** what is perverse.” Proverbs 10:32 NKJV

**Access**

- A man willing to speak the truth of God is a man in whom God can trust with His truth.
- An evil man will be fed information from a depraved, deviant, immoral source; from that source his words are crafted.

**NEXT TEACHING**

Ancient Words of Wisdom: Volume 2 (Proverbs 11:1-31)