

Old Testament

**Pro 17:1** Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife.

**Pro 17:2** A servant who deals wisely will rule over a son who acts shamefully and will share the inheritance as one of the brothers.

**Pro 17:3** The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and the LORD tests hearts.

**Pro 17:4** An evildoer listens to wicked lips, and a liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.

**Pro 17:5** Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.

**Pro 17:6** Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers.

**Pro 17:7** Fine speech is not becoming to a fool; still less is false speech to a prince.

**Pro 17:8** A bribe is like a magic stone in the eyes of the one who gives it; wherever he turns he prospers.

**Pro 17:9** Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

**Pro 17:10** A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.

**Pro 17:11** An evil man seeks only rebellion, and a cruel messenger will be sent against him.

**Pro 17:12** Let a man meet a she-bear robbed of her cubs rather than a fool in his folly.

**Pro 17:13** If anyone returns evil for good, evil will not depart from his house.

**Pro 17:14** The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so quit before the quarrel breaks out.

**Pro 17:15** He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the LORD.

**Pro 17:16** Why should a fool have money in his hand to buy wisdom when he has no sense?

**Pro 17:17** A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

**Pro 17:18** One who lacks sense gives a pledge and puts up security in the presence of his neighbor.

**Pro 17:19** Whoever loves transgression loves strife; he who makes his door high seeks destruction.

**Pro 17:20** A man of crooked heart does not discover good, and one with a dishonest tongue falls into calamity.

**Pro 17:21** He who sires a fool gets himself sorrow, and the father of a fool has no joy.

**Pro 17:22** A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

**Pro 17:23** The wicked accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the ways of justice.

**Pro 17:24** The discerning sets his face toward wisdom, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.

**Pro 17:25** A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.

**Pro 17:26** To impose a fine on a righteous man is not good, nor to strike the noble for their uprightness.

**Pro 17:27** Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

**Pro 17:28** Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.

**Pro 18:1** Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

**Pro 18:2** A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

**Pro 18:3** When wickedness comes, contempt comes also, and with dishonor comes disgrace.

**Pro 18:4** The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.

**Pro 18:5** It is not good to be partial to the wicked or to deprive the righteous of justice.

**Pro 18:6** A fool's lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating.

**Pro 18:7** A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

**Pro 18:8** The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body.

**Pro 18:9** Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys.

**Pro 18:10** The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

**Pro 18:11** A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his imagination.

**Pro 18:12** Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.

**Pro 18:13** If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.

**Pro 18:14** A man's spirit will endure sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?

**Pro 18:15** An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

**Pro 18:16** A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before the great.

**Pro 18:17** The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.

**Pro 18:18** The lot puts an end to quarrels and decides between powerful contenders.

**Pro 18:19** A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city, and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.

**Pro 18:20** From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips.

**Pro 18:21** Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

**Pro 18:22** He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.

**Pro 18:23** The poor use entreaties, but the rich answer roughly.

**Pro 18:24** A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

### New Testament

**2Co 2:1** For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you.

**2Co 2:2** For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained?

**2Co 2:3** And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all.

**2Co 2:4** For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

**2Co 2:5** Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure--not to put it too severely--to all of you.

**2Co 2:6** For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough,

**2Co 2:7** so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

**2Co 2:8** So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.

**2Co 2:9** For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything.

**2Co 2:10** Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ,

**2Co 2:11** so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

**2Co 2:12** When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord,

**2Co 2:13** my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

**2Co 2:14** But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

**2Co 2:15** For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing,

**2Co 2:16** to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

**2Co 2:17** For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.