# Bible Alive 365 – Day #160

## Proverbs 19-21

**Proverbs 19:1-29** Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool. **2** Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth. **3** The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD. **4** Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour. **5** A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape. **6** Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts. **7** All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, *yet* they *are* wanting *to him.* **8** He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good. **9** A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish. **10** Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes. **11** The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression. **12** The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass. **13** A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping. **14** House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD. **15** Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger. **16** He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die. **17** He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. **18** Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying. **19** A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him,* yet thou must do it again. **20** Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. **21** *There are* many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand. **22** The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man *is* better than a liar. **23** The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil. **24** A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again. **25** Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge. **26** He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach. **27** Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to err from the words of knowledge. **28** An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity. **29** Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

**Proverbs 20:1-30** Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. **2** The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul. **3** *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. **4** The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing. **5** Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out. **6** Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? **7** The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him. **8** A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes. **9** Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? **10** Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD. **11** Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right. **12** The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them. **13** Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread. **14** *It is* naught, *it is*

naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth. **15** There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel. **16** Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman. **17** Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. **18** *Every* purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war. **19** He that goeth about *as* a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips. **20** Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness. **21** An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed. **22** Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee. **23** Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance *is* not good. **24** Man's goings *are* of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way? **25** *It is* a snare to the man *who* devoureth *that which is* holy, and after vows to make enquiry. **26** A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them. **27** The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly. **28** Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy. **29** The glory of young men *is* their strength: and the beauty of old men *is* the gray head. **30** The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly.

**Proverbs 21:1-31** The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will. **2** Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts. **3** To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice. **4** An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin. **5** The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want. **6** The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death. **7** The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment. **8** The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right. **9** *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house. **10** The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes. **11** When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge. **12** The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness. **13** Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard. **14** A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath. **15** *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity. **16** The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead. **17** He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich. **18** The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright. **19** *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman. **20** *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up. **21** He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour. **22** A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof. **23** Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles. **24** Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath. **25** The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour. **26** He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not. **27** The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind? **28** A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly. **29** A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way. **30** *There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD. **31** The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD.