

# The Holy Bible — KJV

## Red Letter Edition

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### PROVERBS: Chapter 17

**17:1** Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.

**17:2** A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

**17:3** The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

**17:4** A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

**17:5** Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

**17:6** Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

**17:7** Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

**17:8** A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

**17:9** He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

**17:10** A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

**17:11** An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

**17:12** Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

**17:13** Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

**17:14** The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

**17:15** He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.

**17:16** Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?

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

**17:18** A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

**17:19** He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

**17:20** He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

**17:21** He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

**17:22** A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

**17:23** A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

**17:24** Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

**17:25** A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

**17:26** Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity.

**17:27** He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

**17:28** Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

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