

Date	Verse	Reference	Comment
1 January	Here are proverbs that will help you to recognize wisdom and good advice, and understand saying with deep meaning. They can teach you how to live intelligently and how to be honest, just and fair.	Proverbs 1:2-3	The prize offered is wisdom. The style of proverbs is to provoke thought, getting under the skin by thrusts of wit, paradox, and common sense and teasing symbolism.
2 January	The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline	Proverbs 1:7	Knowledge on its full sense is a relationship; depend on revelation (wisdom) and inseparable from character (discipline.
3 January	Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.	Proverbs 1:8-9	Family values have no flashy appeal. No material advantage, no quick route to excitement and power is on offer: only the hard-won beauty and authority of goodness.
4 January	Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech.	Proverbs 1:20-21	The open proclamation, made above the noise of the market, shows that the offer of wisdom is to the man in the street, for the business of living.
5 January	Wisdom calls: If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and make my thoughts known to you.	Proverbs 1:23	Wisdom here stands for God, who longs to tell us what is on his mind and heart. Are we too busy or too proud to listen?
6 January	For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me (wisdom) will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.	Proverbs 1:32-33	'Fools' refers not to those of low intelligence, but to those who are unthinking in the moral sphere. They live more dangerously than they realize.
7 January	Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and Man.	Proverbs 3:3-4	The secret of success lies where we least expect it. The key is not the brilliant business deal, but our loyalty and care for those around us, at home and at work.

8 January	Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.	Proverbs 3: 7-8	Note the connection between morality and health.
9 January	Honour the lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; Then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.	Proverbs 3:9-10	The generalization that piety brings plenty chimes in with experience. But if it were always the case, could we ever be sure of our motives?
10 January	My Son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and not resent his rebuke, Because the lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.	Proverbs 3:11-12	We are very special to god so he will try to get through us, often through troubles and difficulties. It is vital that we do not turn away at such times, but listen.
11 January	My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment; do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.	Proverbs 3:21-22	In a world where decisions are based increasingly on the subjective feeling of the moment, this advice urges that we hold on to weighing-up the issues and balanced judgment.
12 January	Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbour, 'Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow'-when you now have it with you.	Proverbs 3:27-28	As well as being inconsiderate, delay can be serious injustice to the person depending on you.
13 January	Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding.	Proverbs 4:1	The stress on teaching in a family context demonstrates how a love of the best things will be transmitted mainly by personal influence, along the channels of affection.
14 January	Wisdom is supreme; there for get wisdom. Though it cost you all you have, get understanding.	Proverbs 4:7	What it takes is not brains or opportunity, but decision, application and perseverance. So go for it!
15 January	Put away perversity from your mouth; Keep corrupt talk far from your lips.	Proverbs 4:24	Superficial habits of talk react on the mind, so that grumbles, flippancy, and half-truths, barely meant in the first place, harden into well-established patterns of thought.

16 January	<p>Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you.</p> <p>Consider the path for your feet and take only ways that are firm.</p>	Proverbs 4:25-26	<p>Immediate decisions must be governed by the ultimate goal; at the same time the succession of steps by which vision is turned into action requires careful and practical planning.</p>
17 January	<p>My son, if you have put up security for your neighbour... Allow no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids.</p> <p>Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hands of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the flower.</p>	Proverbs 6:1,4,5	<p>An unconditional pledge is a source of great danger. We are never assured that God will underwrite every escapade we care to embark on.</p>
18 January	<p>Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!</p> <p>It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provision in summer and gathers its food at harvest.</p>	Proverbs 6:6-8	<p>The ant shames the sluggard twice over. First, in needing no boss and no producing. Second, in realizing that summer is not a time to sleep because things are good, but the time of crisis in which the battle with winter will be decided.</p>
19 January	<p>As scoundrel and villain, who goes about with a corrupt tongue, who winks with his eyes, signals with his feet and motions with his fingers... Disaster will overtake him in an instant; he will suddenly be destroyed-without remedy.</p>	Proverbs 6:12-15	<p>The mischief-maker can sow discord at will, but cannot control his destiny.</p>
20 January	<p>My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you.</p> <p>Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teaching as the apple of your eye.</p> <p>Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.</p>	Proverbs 7:1-3	<p>The best advice is useless against strong temptation unless it is thoroughly taken to heart and translated into habits.</p>
21 January	<p>Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths.</p> <p>Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are mighty throng.</p> <p>Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.</p>	Proverbs 7:25-27	<p>This refers to the adulteress, against whom the defence is threefold. First, guard your thought. Second, keep away. Third, look to the future.</p>

22 January	Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the height of along the way... beside the gates leading into the city.	Proverbs 8:1-3	God is active in seeking us. He shouts out. So our own search, earnest as it has to be, is a response, not an uncertain quest.
23 January	Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.	Proverbs 8:10-11	Life involves many choices. Watch out for those moments when you deliberately or inadvertently make a choice between material possession and knowing more of God.
24 January	Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.	Proverbs 8:34	This is wisdom speaking. Her rewards require that we listen and wait, as a matter of habit.
25 January	Whoever corrects a mocker invites insult' whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse... Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning	Proverbs 9:7,9	You can only persuade a person with an open mind.
26 January	Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you.	Proverbs 9:8	How we respond to criticism determines our character, and our destiny.
27 January	If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.	Proverbs 9:12	The ultimate gainer or loser from a person's character is the person himself. Your character is the one thing you cannot borrow, lend or escape. It is you.
28 January	Wealth that you get by dishonesty will do you no good. But honesty can save your life.	Proverbs 10:2	Moral compromise in financial affairs sets up stains, which can only end in breakdown. But integrity provides a firm foundation against the storms of life
29 January	Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth. He who gathers crop in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.	Proverbs 10:4-5	Whilst poverty is no disgrace, slackness is.

30 January	Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment.	Proverbs 10:13	Wisdom will overflow into words. But if your mind is closed, God may still deal with you, but by force, which is the logic of your own ways.
31 January	Wise men store up knowledge but the mouth of the fool invites ruin.	Proverbs 10:14	There is a time to be reticent, to hold back information for the right occasion
1 February	The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor.	Proverbs 10:15	Don't despair wealth, and don't embrace poverty out of laziness or romanticism.
2 February	The more you talk the more likely you are to sin. If you are wise, you will keep quite.	Proverbs 10:19	Therefore use words sparingly!
3 February	The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no troubles to it.	Proverbs 10:22	Only when wealth is provided and handled as a gift of God is it without attended problems.
4 February	A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct, but a man of understanding delights in wisdom.	Proverbs 10:23	Where we find our pleasure and relaxation is good guide to our present character, and to what is moulding it.
5 February	What the wicked dreads will overtake him; what the righteous desire will be granted.	Proverbs 10:24	Ultimately, what the wicked person shrinks from and what the good person longs for is God: and they must both stand before him.
6 February	Never get a lazy man to do something for you- he will be as irritating as vinegar on your teeth or smoke in your eyes.	Proverbs 10:26	The lazy person will not begin things, finish things or face things. That is why he is so exasperating.
7 February	The hopes of good men lead to joy, but wicked people can look forward to nothing.	Proverbs 10:28	Expectation cast a shadow over the present; our work, our plans, our relationships are governed by our view of the future.
8 February	The Lord abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are his delight	Proverbs 11:1	Whatever is defective in ensuring integrity in business dealing is not just of interest to God, but his delight.

9 February	When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.	Proverbs 11:2	'Pride' refers to the arrogance of those who must have everything their own way. A humble spirit before God is the opposite of such an attitude, and brings its own reward.
10 February	The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.	Proverbs 11:3	From an eternal perspective, the honest thing to do. This provides an unfailing guide to some of the perplexing choices in life.
11 February	Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.	Proverbs 11:4	No way has yet been discovered of transferring bank balance across the barrier of death. Once you truly grasp this, it will change the way you live.
12 February	Righteousness rescues the honest man, but someone who can't be trusted is trapped by his own greed.	Proverbs 11:6	When caught in a difficult situation, whether a person finds a way out will depend not on their ingenuity will depend not on their integrity over the years.
13 February	When a wicked man dies, his hope perishes; all he expected from his power comes to nothing.	Proverbs 11:7	At the point of death, will the things you worked for lose their purpose and their meaning?
14 February	When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.	Proverbs 11:10	However drab the world makes virtue out to be in private life, it appreciates its benefits in public life.
15 February	A city becomes great when righteous men give it their blessing; but a city is brought to ruin by the words of the wicked.	Proverbs 11:11	A city's density is decided generally not by external events, but by what is spoken about it and within it.
16 February	It is foolish to speak scornfully of others. If you are sensible, you will keep quiet.	Proverbs 11:12	To feel superior is unwise for too soon the finger may be pointing at you.
17 February	A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.	Proverbs 11:13	The 'gossip' referred to here is malicious rather than simply indiscreet. The 'secret' may be matters discussed in committee, ore between friends.

18 February	For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure.	Proverbs 11:14	Get all the advice you can. Although one can listen to too many opinions, it is fatally easy to shut out disquieting voices.
19 February	If you promise to pay a stranger's debt, you will regret it. You are better off if you don't get involved.	Proverbs 11:15	Standing surety for a stranger makes you a hostage to fortune. You have little to gain but much to lose.
20 February	A kind- hearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth.	Proverbs 11:16	Ruthlessness is not the only way to the top, and wealth is not the only prize.
21 February	A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.	Proverbs 11:17	The deed affects the doer most.
22 February	The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.	Proverbs 11:18	Whatever end we reach will not be by some chance event, but by a series of deliberate decisions.
23 February	The Lord detests men of perverse heart but he delights in those whose ways are blameless.	Proverbs 11:20	It is not always easy to be totally honest but that is what delights God's heart.
24 February	One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.	Proverbs 11:24	The paradox that you must sometimes lose to gain is drawn from the business world but has many applications. Charity one example, and more deeply, the giving of oneself.
25 February	People curse a man who hoards gain, waiting for a higher price, but they bless the one who puts it up for sale.	Proverbs 11:26	When financial decisions provoke a public response, the moral dimension may become unusually clear.
26 February	He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it.	Proverbs 11:27	What you seek for others you will experience in your own life.
27 February	Those who depend on their wealth will fall like the leaves of autumn, but the righteous will prosper like the leaves of summer.	Proverbs 11:28	The former have a precarious existence; the latter the resilience of life and growth.
28 February	The man who brings trouble on his family will have nothing at the end.	Proverbs 11:29a	When you cause difficulty in your family, it is yourself you are damaging. Is that argument at home, or that illicit relationship, really worth pursuing?

29 February	The righteous man has a life giving influence, and a wise man wins others to wisdom.	Proverbs 11:30	We readily recognize the negative influence of evil people. Perhaps we are slower to realize the powerful influence of God-fearing and highly-principled individuals who capture others with their ideas and their values.
1 March	Anyone who loves knowledge wants to be told when he is wrong. It is stupid to hate being corrected.	Proverbs 12:1	Can you honestly say that you welcome criticism?
2 March	A man cannot be established through wickedness, but the righteous cannot be uprooted.	Proverbs 12:3	The ability to 'stand firm' in the face of financial, medical or family pressure does not depend on opportunism, but on integrity.
3 March	A good wife is her husband's pride and joy; but a wife who brings shame to her husband is like a cancer in his bones.	Proverbs 12:4	For good or ill, what we are is never simply our own affair. This is particularly obvious in the context of marriage.
4 March	The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.	Proverbs 12:5	As the person, so the policy. This truism is overlooked whenever leaders are elected on the strength of their promises rather than their principles.
5 March	Wicked men are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous stands firm	Proverbs 12:7	Time is the test.
6 March	Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant than pretend to be a somebody and have no food.	Proverbs 12:9	What price are you prepared to pay for your pride?
7 March	He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgement.	Proverbs 12:11	Opportunities for solid achievements are busily being frittered away in an age when results are expected in weeks rather than months or years.
8 March	From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the work of hands reward him.	Proverbs 12:14	Words can bring in as substantial a return as deeds. For example, they establish relationship and implant ideas.
9 March	The way of a fool seems right	Proverbs	We show ourselves wise



	to him, but wise man listens to achieve.	12:15	when we listen to reason and test ourselves for prejudice.
10 March	A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks as insult.	Proverbs 12:16	Self-control and goodwill are uncommon sense
11 March	A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies.	Proverbs 12:17	Words are a manifestation of character. So it is the person who is <u>habitually</u> truthful who will give proper evidence in a crisis.
12 March	Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.	Proverbs 12:18	Words so often have a deeper thrust, a greater power for both good and evil, than we realize.
13 March	There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil, but joy for those who promote peace.	Proverbs 12:20	What we pursue and the way we pursue it leaves its mark on our cast of mind: the plans we shape, shape us.
14 March	The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.	Proverbs 12:22	God wants integrity between what we say and what we do. In the business world, breaking contracts and failing to keep commitments constitute lies, however well-intentioned the original commitment.
15 March	A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools blurts out folly.	Proverbs 12:23	The fool gives himself away in parading his opinions rather than holding his tongue.
16 March	An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.	Proverbs 12:25	Good news would remove the cause of anxiety; a kind word gives courage to face it.
17 March	A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.	Proverbs 12:26	The need for moral reconnaissance explains why an upright person does not rush into friendship.
18 March	He who guards his lips guards his soul, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.	Proverbs 13:3	Rashness may show itself in promises, assertions, disclosures; ruin could be financial, social, physical or spiritual.
19 March	The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.	Proverbs 13:4	Laziness leaves you dissatisfied, and hence restless. It is a dangerous condition.

20 March	Righteous guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.	Proverbs 13:6	Honesty is safety. This is true at four levels: the logical, the providential, the spiritual and the eternal.
21 March	One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.	Proverbs 13:7	Don't take a person at their own valuation, nor judge by appearance.
22 March	A man's riches may ransom his life, but a poor man hears no threat.	Proverbs 13:8	Poverty has its compensations. The rich may spend their fortunes avoiding fears of which the poor are not even aware.
23 March	Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.	Proverbs 13:10	Pride is an essential ingredient in a quarrel; not, that is, in a deference of opinion, but in the clash of competing and unyielding personalities. It requires humility, one aspect of wisdom, to take advice.
24 March	Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.	Proverbs 13:11	Prudence in the spending is learned from patience in the gathering.
25 March	Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.	Proverbs 13:12	'Deferred' here means literally something 'long drawn out' It is a help to recognise the slow maturing of God's harvest.
26 March	The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death	Proverbs 13:14	The voice of divinely-taught spiritual experience is a source of both refreshment and safety.
27 March	Every prudent man acts out of knowledge, but a fool exposes his folly.	Proverbs 13:16	Character is written all over a person's conduct. So learn to discern it.
28 March	A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.	Proverbs 13:19	To set your heart on a thing is to weaken the power to assess it. It must be had at all costs, not now because of its worth, but because you have promised it to yourself.
29 March	He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.	Proverbs 13:20	There is education in friendship, with far-reaching consequences.

30 March	A poor man's field may produce abundant food, but injustice sweeps it away.	Proverbs 13:23	'The market' can too easily overwhelm the smaller business. Justice requires that it is given the opportunity to flourish.
31 March	He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.	Proverbs 13:24	It is so much easier to ignore your child's faults, either because you are too busy to notice or too tired to handle the confrontation. But love requires that we do not turn a blind eye.
1 April	He whose walk is upright fears the Lord, but he whose ways are devoids despises him.	Proverbs 14:2	Moral behavior is a response to a higher authority; every departure from God's path is a pitting of one's will, and a backing of one's judgment, against his.
2 April	Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest.	Proverbs 14:4	Orderliness can reach the point of sterility. This is not a plea for slovenliness but for the readiness to accept upheaval, and a mess to clear up, as the price of growth.
3 April	Stay away from a foolish man, for you will not find a knowledge on his lips.	Proverbs 14:7	Avoid empty encounters.
4 April	The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.	Proverbs 14:8	We tend to subordinate conduct to career, and thus reduce prudence to business-sense. But moral reflection is the essence of shrewdness.
5 April	Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among upright.	Proverbs 14:9	In their relationship both with God and with other people, fools are unconcerned at the damage they do, whereas a mark of the upright is their care to preserve goodwill.
6 April	Each heart known its own bitterness, and no one else can share its joy.	Proverbs 14:10	Some aspects of human life are solitary. Only God can share them with you.

7 April	There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.	Proverbs 14:12	A warning against the shortcut to success, aimed at those who are impatient of advice, hard work, or moral scruples.
8 April	Even in laughter the heart may ache, and joy may end in grief.	Proverbs 14:13	There is tragedy in life, from which cheerfulness offers no full or final escape.
9 April	A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps	Proverbs 14:15	A warning against being gullible, taking on hearsay what we should verify for ourselves.
10 April	A Wise Man Fears The Lord and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.	Proverbs 14:16	The dangers of overconfidence, when a person ceases to look to God and takes unnecessary risks.
11 April	A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man hated	Proverbs 14:17	The danger of acting on the state of feelings rather than the merits of the case. But cold cunning may be even worse to live with than a hot temper.
12 April	Evil men will bow down in the presence of good, and the wicked at the righteous.	Proverbs 14:19	Good and just behavior commonly wins respect, even from those with a different agenda, although not for the moment complete vindication.
13 April	The poor are shunned even by their neighbours, But the rich have many friends.	Proverbs 14:20	Poverty and loneliness often go together. This is how things are.
14 April	He who despises his neighbour sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.	Proverbs 14:21	Unkindness is a rejection of the will and the blessing of God.
15 April	Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.	Proverbs 14:22	People are generally paid in their own coin.
16 April	All hard work brings a profit, but mere talks leads only to poverty.	Proverbs 14:23	A saying to be framed and hung in all board rooms.

17 April	A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.	Proverbs 14:25	A person who will trim the facts in your favour will trim them as easily against you; a career or a life may hang on a word.
18 April	A heart at peace gives life to the body but envy rots the bones.	Proverbs 14:30	To nurse resentment is bad for the body as well as the soul: it is no sacrifice when we face up to it and renounce it.
19 April	He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honours God.	Proverbs 14:31	God created the poor, and identifies himself with them.
20 April	When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down, but even in death the righteous have a refuge.	Proverbs 14:32	Death may represent final ruin or final refuge. It pays to think now which it will be for you.
21 April	Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.	Proverbs 14:34	Here is the most searching rate of policies and achievements, based not on financial but moral criteria. Uncompromising as it is, it is fully realistic.
22 April	Kings are pleased with competent officials, but they punish those who fail them.	Proverbs 14:35	A bracing reminder not to blame luck or favoritism for any lack of recognition, but ones own shortcomings.
23 April	A gentle answer turns away wrath but a harsh word stirs up anger.	Proverbs 15:1	Calmness is commended because it allows tempers to cool. 'A harsh word' is rightly singular; a single word that hurts is enough to stir up strife.
24 April	The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.	Proverbs 15:2	The issue here is not 'much or little?' but 'Considered or unconsidered?'
25 April	The eyes of Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.	Proverbs 15:3	Do not underestimate either the range of the persistence of God's security of human affairs.
26 April	The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit	Proverbs 15:4	Words affect not only moral but the very depth's of a person's being, for good or ill. Therefore mind your tongue.

27 April	A fool spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.	Proverbs 15:5	The person who is wise in his own eyes thinks he has arrived-and indeed he has, for he will never get a step further. His problem is not intellectual; it is that he does not seriously want to be a better person and so is not open to advice and criticism.
28 April	The house of the righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings them trouble.	Proverbs 15:6	What are we storing up for ourselves on a long-term basis?
29 April	The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.	Proverbs 15:7	The unexpected collation of <u>heart</u> with <u>lips</u> makes the point that if you take care of your outlook, your influence will take care of itself.
30 April	The Lord detests the scarifies of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him. The Lord detests the way of the wicked but he loves those who pursue righteousness.	Proverbs 15:8-9	Our regular behavior matters intensely to God: determination to pursue what is right and good is God's special joy.
1 May	Not even the world of the dead can keep the Lord from knowing what is there; How then can a man hide his thoughts from God?	Proverbs 15:11	Even our innermost thoughts lie naked under God's scrutiny. So better to admit them than attempt to hide them from him.
2 May	A mocker resents correction; he will not consult the wise.	Proverbs 15:12	The song-writer Paul Simon expresses a similar thought: 'All lies in jest when a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest'.
3 May	A happy heart makes the face cheerful, But heartache crushes the spirit.	Proverbs 15:13	The heart stands for thoughts and attitudes. These, not money or circumstances, are decisive for a life free of stress and strain.
4 May	All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast.	Proverbs 15:15	Our prevailing attitude does not just colour our whole personality, but also our whole experience.
5 May	Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil. Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a	Proverbs 15:16-7	Are we prepared to sacrifice material opportunities to achieve spiritual goals?

	fattened calf with hatred.		
6 May	A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.	Proverbs 15:18	Quarrels and their solution depend on people far more than on issues.
7 May	The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway.	Proverbs 15:19	The sluggard is contrasted, a little unexpectedly, with the upright—a reminder that often there is an element of dishonesty in laziness.
8 May	Folly delights a man who lacks judgment, but a man of understanding keeps a straight course.	Proverbs 15:21	There is an element of choice in the career of the fool. The playboy follows his fancy; the man of discernment keeps his eye on the goal.
9 May	A man finds joy in giving an apt reply.	Proverbs 15:23	A few words that make no impression as a generalisation may be indelibly fixed in the mind when matched to the occasion and shaped to the task.
10 May	The Lord tears down the proud man's house but he keeps the widow's boundaries intact.	Proverbs 15:25	The widow is the natural prey of the high-handed; however, God's ability or willingness to intervene on the side of the poor should not be underestimated.
11 May	The Lord detests the thoughts of the wicked but those of the pure are pleasing to him.	Proverbs 15:26	Plans made by evil men and women are hateful to God even before they issue in words or action. So, too, God delights not just in good words and deeds, but in the planning of them.
12 May	A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hates bribes will live.	Proverbs 15:27	Bribes derange a person's scale of value. They threaten not just one's home, but one's soul.
13 May	The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.	Proverbs 15:28	Using words carefully and responsibly is not primarily a matter of the intellect, but of choice made by morally attuned character.
14 May	A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.	Proverbs 15:30	Good news is a tonic, and a person's cheerful ways can be this as well.
15 May	He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise.	Proverbs 15:31	Wisdom's schooling may be unflattering but she repays all the rigours she

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16 May	He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.	Proverbs 15:32	Complacency is punctured by pointing out whom the unteachable person is despising: himself.
17 May	To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the reply of the tongue.	Proverbs 16:1	For all our freedom to organize, God will always determine the final outcome.
18 May	All man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the Lord.	Proverbs 16:2	God looks beneath the surface of our actions to evaluate them.
19 May	Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.	Proverbs 16:3	Our plans and activities will be no less our own for being handed over to God: only less burden some and more straightforward.
20 May	The Lord works out everything for his own ends—even the wicked for a day of disaster.	Proverbs 16:4	There are no loose ends in God's word: everything will be put to some use and matched with its proper fate.
21 May	The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: they will not go unpunished.	Proverbs 16:5	In proverbs the proud person is placed alongside the adult ever, the perjurer and similar more easily recognized sinners whom he doubtless thanks God does not resemble.
22 May	Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil.	Proverbs 16:6	The love shown by God to achieve our forgiveness requires that we demonstrate the same love in our lives as proof that our religion is genuine.
23 May	Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice.	Proverbs 16:8	Our motto should be 'honesty at all costs'.
24 May	In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.	Proverbs 16:9	God has not only the last word, but the soundest.
25 May	The lip of a king speaks as an oracle, and his mouth should not betray justice.	Proverbs 16:10	The burden of power: those in leadership bear a heavy responsibility, for people will often treat their words as if they carry divine sanction.
26 May	Honest scales and balances are from the Lord; all the weights in the bag are of his making.	Proverbs 16:11	God has a vital interest in every device to promote fair dealing; this proverbs goes even further to assert that such devices come from God himself.

27 May	Kings detest wrongdoing, for a throne is established through righteousness. kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.	Proverbs 16:12-13	Most of us wield authority in some situation, and are tempted to exchange the proper objects of abomination and delight given here.
28 May	The King's wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man will appease it. When a King's face brightens, it means life; his favour is like a rain cloud in spring.	Proverbs 16:14-15	Most of our processes power, to bring misery or happiness almost at will to certain people on account of our position, and may play the appalling role of petty tyrant.
29 May	The highway of the upright avoids evil; he who guards his way guards his life.	Proverbs 16:17	By shunning what is wrong, one is guarding one's whole being.
30 May	Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.	Proverbs 16:18	The proud person is at odds with himself, his neighbour and God. 'Destruction' may appropriately come from any quarter.
31 May	It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.	Proverbs 16:19	God is more interested in your moral values than in your financial value.
1 June	The wise of heart is called a man of discernment, and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness.	Proverbs 16:21	The wise (not necessarily clever) person cannot fail to make an impression for a discerning eye and telling speech. Those who lack judgment should not pine for recognition; only for wisdom
2 June	Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.		To say kind things when we can is a simple benefit we may bring a person, in, mind and so in body.
3 June	There is a way, which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.	Proverbs 16:25	Deceptive decision: it seems all right, but where does it lead?
4 June	The labourer's appetite works for him; his hunger drives him on.	Proverbs 16:26	This is welcome realism, though it is not the last word on incentives!
5 June	A scoundrel plots evil, and his speech is like a scoring fire. A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.	Proverbs 16:27-28	Plots, invective or a mere whisper-here are ways enough of spreading damage
6 June	A violent man entices his neighbour and leads him	Proverbs 16:29	Beware the 'tough' business colleague and the 'hard-

	down a path that is not good.		nosed' politician
7 June	He who winks with his eye is plotting perversity; he who purses his lips is bent on evil.	Proverbs 16:30	A wealth of meaning, and of mischief, can be disseminated without a word spoken.
8 June	Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.	Proverbs 16:32	Never underestimate the importance of self-control.
9 June	The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.	Proverbs 16:33	In context, this proverb is not about God's control of all random occurrences, but about his setting of all matters properly referred to him.
10 June	Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.	Proverbs 17:1	Harmonious relationships are worth considerable scarifies.
11 June	A wise servant will rule over a disgraceful son, and will share the inheritance as one of the brothers.	Proverbs 17:2	Ability generally outruns privilege.
12 June	The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart.	Proverbs 17:3	God's trials are constructive: not for finding a person out but for sorting him out.
13 June	a wicked man listens to evil lips; a liar pays attention to a malicious tongue	Proverbs 17:4	Evil words die without a welcome, and the welcome reveals the character of the listener.
14 June	Children's children are a crown to the aged, and patients are the pride of their children.	Proverbs 17:6	These positive family outcomes need to be worked at. Too often affection is soured b y mutual antipathy.
15 June	A bribe is a charm o the one who gives it; whenever he turns, he successful	Proverbs 17:8	Money talks, and the briber has confidence in the versatile usefulness of his tool. However, God views it differently.
16 June	He who covers over an offence promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.	Proverbs 17:9	Love seeks love, not ascendancy. So don't harp on about a wrong, or spread mischief around.
17 June	A rebuke impresses a man of discernment more than a hundred lashes a fool.	Proverbs 17:10	A fool can never imagine himself mistaken, and has no will to improve.
18 June	An evil man bent only on rebellion; a merciless official will be sent against him.	Proverbs 17:11	Since the rebel scorns moderation, none will be shown him. This applies as much in the boardroom and

			the staff room as on the battlefield.
19 June	Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool in his folly.	Proverbs 17:12	If a fool has an obsessive idea or project in his head, nothing will stop him; he or she is a menace.
20 June	Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.	Proverbs 17:14	Opening Such A Sluice Lets Loose More Than You can predict, control or retrieve.
21 June	A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.	Proverbs 17:17	Constancy is the hallmark of true friendship and close family ties.
22 June	A man lacking in judgment strikes hands in pledge and puts up security for his neighbour.	Proverbs 17:18	This deprecates not help for a friend in need, but a blind guarantee, which may lead the recipient to rashness and both to ruin.
23 June	A man of perverse heart does not prosper; he whose tongue is deceitful falls into trouble.	Proverbs 17:20	There are long- term costs for being devious as a short cut to success.
24 June	A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.	Proverbs 17:22	Cheerfulness is worth the effort!
25 June	A man of understanding sets his face towards wisdom, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.	Proverbs 17:24	One pursues wisdom with determination: the other lacks the required focus and concentration to find.
26 June	He who restrains his words has knowledge, and who has cool spirit is a man of understanding.	Proverbs 17:27	In one's own interest, the less said the less ammunition there is for ill wisher's; what matters more than a gush of words is a steady and consistent attitude.
27 June	He who is estranged seeks pretexts to break out against all sound judgment.	Proverbs 18:1	Look for the reasons behind a friend's harsh words not in the force of his argument but in the state of your relationship.
28 June	A fool finds no pleasure in understanding, but delights in airing his own opinions.	Proverbs 18:2	Closed mind, open mouth. How good a listener am I?
29 June	When wickedness comes, so does contempt, and with shame comes disgrace.	Proverbs 18:3	If you feel you benefit from something, which you know is wrong, watch out for its traveling companions!
30 June	The words of a man's mouth are deep waters but the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.	Proverbs 18:4	Our reluctance to give ourselves away is contrasted with the refreshing candour and

			clarity of true wisdom.
1 July	It is not good to be partial to the wicked or to deprive the innocent of justice.	Proverbs 18:5	In disputes at work or at home, favouritism must be ruled out so that justice is done.
2 July	The words of gossip are like choice morsels; they do down to a man's inmost parts.	Proverbs 18:8	A person's reputation may be damaged by a mere whisper, unforgettable as soon as relished.
3 July	One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.	Proverbs 18:9	The lazy person is not just expensive and exasperating, but destructive.
4 July	The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it an unscalable wall.	Proverbs 18:10-11	It is not the man of God but the man of property who must draw on his imagination to feel secure.
5 July	Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honour.	Proverbs 18:12	Starting points matter. Begin with pride, end up with humiliation; start with humility, end up with honour.
6 July	A man's spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?	Proverbs 18:14	Short of health, life is hard: short of morale, it is unsustainable.
7 July	An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.	Proverbs 18:15	Those who know much know best how little they know. We can always discover more if we have an appetite to learn.
8 July	A light opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great.	Proverbs 18:16	There are dangers in giving gifts to the powerful, but there are occasions when gifts can be an innocent courtesy, and a means of building relationship.
9 July	The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him.	Proverbs 18:17	A further warning against hasty judgments. It cannot be given too often.
10 July	An offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel.	Proverbs 18:19	The visible walls of estrangement so easy to erect, so hard to demolish.
11 July	The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.	Proverbs 18:21	A warning to the talkative.

12 July	A poor man pleads for mercy, but a rich a man answers harshly.	Proverbs 18:23	Such detached reporting faces us with the ugliness of the world we live in, and reminds us to take its plains and prizes calmly.
13 July	A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is friend who sticks closer than a brother.	Proverbs 18:24	It is not the number of friends but the quality of their friendship, which counts.
14 July	It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way.	Proverbs 19:2	The chief danger for a hard working executive is that his life and energies point in no clear direction. Is he going fast, nowhere?
15 July	A man's own folly ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the Lord.	Proverbs 19:3	Passing the buck; we so often blame God for what we bring on ourselves.
16 July	Wealth brings many friends, but a poor man's friend deserts him. Many curry favour with a ruler and everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts.	Proverbs 19:4-6	Cynicism or realism? Some are fair-weather friends only, interested only in what they can get out of a relationship.
17 July	He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who cherishes understanding prospers.	Proverbs 19:8	Wisdom and understanding, which are founded on moral principle, are not a luxury: they pay their way.
18 July	A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish	Proverbs 19:9	'Lies' is a broad term including half-truths, omissions, exaggeration, misinformation. A person may escape human detection, as we all know, but not God's justice.
19 July	A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offence.	Proverbs 19:11	To show patience, even under pressure, is not to be weak-willed but to display a scarce virtue-magnanimity.
20 July	A king's rage is like the roar of a lion, but his favour is like the dew on the grass.	Proverbs 19:12	Subordinates can learn tact here, and superiors the quiet benefits of a friendly disposition.
21 July	Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.	Proverbs 19:14	A prudent spouse should be seen as a gift from God, beyond both comparison and contriving.

22 July	Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless man goes hungry.	Proverbs 19:15	Here we see the inward and outward progress of laziness, which is not static like its victim: we should always be ready to fight it.
23 July	He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.	Proverbs 19:17	A return on the money is promised, but not necessarily one's money back!
24 July	Discipline your son while there is hope do not set your heart on his destruction.	Proverbs 19:18	Indulgence can be deadly. To withhold discipline from your children is not a kindness, and the opportunity passes.
25 July	A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty: if you rescue him, you will have to do it again	Proverbs 19:19	It is not always right to rescue a person from the consequences of their own words or actions.
26 July	Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.	Proverbs 19:20	Wisdom is a long-term investment; it comes from both listening to and accepting advice, so it is built upon humility.
27 July	Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose, which prevails.	Proverbs 19:21	God has the last word
28 July	What is desired in a man is loyalty, and a poor man is better than a liar	Proverbs 19:22	What our work colleagues, our families, and God, want from us is loyalty, and also honesty.
29 July	The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not even bring it a back to his mouth!	Proverbs 19:24	The example is comically extreme. For this drone, the rare effort of beginning something has been too much; the impulse dies, the end is a mess.
30 July	A corrupt witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.	Proverbs 19:28	Beneath the cynicism is the craving for what is tainted. It betrays its presence whenever one enjoys giving or hearing a malicious twist to a story.
31 July	Penalties are prepared for mockers, and beating for the backs of fools.	Proverbs 19:29	When warnings fail, we must expect tougher measures to be used against us.

1 August	Wine is mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise	Proverbs 20:1	A warning against strong drink because it often leads on to ridicule and aggression.
2 August	A king's wrath is like the roar of a lion; he who angers him forfeits his life./	Proverbs 20:2	A reminder of the consequences of arrogance and tactlessness towards those who exercise real power in our lives.
3 August	It is a man's honour to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.	Proverbs 20:3	Do not be easily provoked. To spring to the defence of one's honour is to do it a disservice.
4 August	A sluggard does not plough in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing	Proverbs 20:4	The lazy person finds excuses for not doing necessary work at the right time. But the only yield from an excuse is-more excuses!
5 August	The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.	Proverbs 20:5	A discerning person can draw out the deeply hidden thoughts and intentions of another.
6 August	Many a man claims to have unfailing love, but a faithful man who can find?	Proverbs 20:6	The proof of faithfulness lies not in fine words, but in a fine record.
7 August	The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.	Proverbs 20:7	A parent's best legacy is not money, but integrity.
8 August	When a King sits on his throne to judge, he winnows out all evil with his eyes	Proverbs 20:8	The practiced eye of an experienced leader sifts the chaff from the wheat.
9 August	Who can say, 'I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin'?	Proverbs 20:9	Our own effort is not enough.
10 August	Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.	Proverbs 20:11	God is interested in children as such, not just as adults in the making. For them too, goodness is the test.
11 August	Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare.	Proverbs 20:13	Not just a warning, but an encouragement.
12 August	'It's no good, it's no good!' says the buyer; then off he goes and boasts about his purchase.	Proverbs 20:14	Not just a businessman's warning to the inexperienced, but a parable too-for there are also non-material assets which we can be talked into selling lightly.



13 August	Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.	Proverbs 20:15	To be justly admired, study to catch not the eye, but the ear.
14 August	Food gained by fraud tastes sweet to a man, but he ends up with a mouth full of gravel.	Proverbs 20:17	The tastes of sin today is very deferent from its taste tomorrow.
15 August	Make plans by seeking advice; if you wage war, obtain guidance.	Proverbs 20:18	Resist the temptation to rush into things, or to go it alone.
16 August	A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.	Proverbs 20:19	Your secrets may be the next to be divulged.
17 August	An inheritance quickly gained at the beginning will not be blessed at the end.	Proverbs 20:21	A reason not to be impatient if success is slow in coming.
18 August	Do not say, 'I'll pay you back for this wrong!' Wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you.	Proverbs 20:22	The certainty that God is both Judge and Saviour is the answer to our desire for vengeance.
19 August	The Lord detests differing weights, and dishonest scales do not please him.	Proverbs 20:23	Ways of cheating in business may now be more subtle and sophisticated, but God's attitude remains the same.
20 August	A man's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand his own way?	Proverbs 20:24	Disturbing or reassuring?
21 August	It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows.	Proverbs 20:25	The warning is for the impulsive person who does not count the cost before making a commitment.
22 August	A wise King winnows out the wicked; he drives the threshing wheel over them.	Proverbs 20:26	Strong leadership is essential to combat malpractice.
23 August	The lamp of the Lord searches the spirit of a man; it searches out his inmost being.	Proverbs 20:27	The spirit of a man' here means his conscience: the figure is of God carrying a lamp from room to room, and flashing it into the darkest corners.
24 August	Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure.	Proverbs 20:28	Loyalty to supporters and staff is the key to the security of a leader's position

25 August	The glory of young men is their strength, grey hair the splendour of the old.	Proverbs 20:29	Each age has its appointed excellence, to be respected and enjoyed in its time. So enough of intergenerational impatience and contempt!
26 August	The King's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.	Proverbs 21:1	Many an autocrat, pursuing his chosen course, floods or fertilizes God's field as God chooses
27 August	All of a man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart.	Proverbs 21:2	We evaluate our actions, God our motives.
28 August	To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.	Proverbs 21:3	God cannot be bought.
29 August	The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.	Proverbs 21:5	Attention to detail and thoroughness are commended over against a 'get-rich-quick' mentality.
30 August	A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapour and a deadly snare.	Proverbs 21:6	What is ill-gotten is ill-fated, not only in itself but in what it does to you.
31 August	The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do what is right.	Proverbs 21:7	Those who turn their backs on morality are often destroyed by the power-politics they embrace: it is a form of self-destruction
1 September	Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.	Proverbs 21:9	The choice here is ignominious solitude or intolerable society. Better avoid both if you can!
2 September	The wicked man craves evil; his neighbour gets no mercy from him.	Proverbs 21:10	Don't be naive about human nature: some pursue evil eagerly and ruthlessly.
3 September	If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.	Proverbs 21:13	God will do to you as you do to others.
4 September	A gift given in secret soothes anger, and a bribe concealed in the cloak pacifies great wrath.	Proverbs 21:14	The thin between 'gift' (neutral) and 'bribe' (evil) is crossed here not by the secrecy of the transaction but by the intention of the giver

5 September	When justice is done ,it is a joy to the righteous ,but dismay to evildoers.	Proverbs 21:15	Justice, or right conduct, often involves an assault on powerful and corrupt vested interests: their dismay is unlikely to be passive.
6 September	He who loves pleasure will become poor; Whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich.	Proverbs 21:17	Pleasure and wealth are incompatible goals.
7 September	He who pursues righteousness and love find life, prosperity and honour.	Proverbs 21:21	The way to achieve spiritual, material and social well being is to focus our attention not on material goals but on spiritual values.
8 September	A wise man attacks the city of the mighty And pulls down the stronghold in which they trust.	Proverbs 21:22	Sometimes it is necessary to attack a powerful enemy, and destroy the power base he relies on ,rather than bypass the issue.
9 September	He who guards his mouth his tongue Keeps himself from calamity.	Proverbs 21:23	Major problems in our lives are often caused by a slip of the tongue, our own tongue.
10 September	The proud and arrogant man 'mocker ' is his name; He behaves with overweening pride.	Proverbs 21:24	All the terms speak of aggressive insolence, such as that of the petty tyrant. But mocker is the most damning, since cynics cheapen everything they touch.
11 September	The sluggard's craving will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work. All day long he craves for more, but the righteous giver without sparing.	Proverbs 21:26-26	The sluggard lives in his world of wishing, which ruins materially, and imprisons spiritually; contrast this with the outgoing interest and energy, which God calls righteousness.
12 September	The sacrifices of the wicked is detestable- how much more so when brought with evil intent!	Proverbs 21:27	An imagined bargain with God adds insult to injury: no sop to heaven is possible.
13 September	A false witness will perish, but the word of a man who hears will endure.	Proverbs 21:28	The person who listens is the person worth listening to.
14 September	A wicked man puts up a bold front, but an upright man gives thought to his ways.	Proverbs 21:29	Bluff is no substitute for sound principles and good preparation.

15 September	There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.	Proverbs 21:30	No synthesis of ideas, analysis or policy prescription can endure in defiance of God.
16 September	The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.	Proverbs 21:31	This condemns not the earthly resources themselves but reliance on them. After you have prepared as carefully as you can, pray.
17 September	A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.	Proverbs 22:1	Not the financial power we wield but the love in which we are held is our proper joy.
18 September	Rich and poor have this in common: The lord is the Market of them all.	Proverbs 22:2	The practical challenge is to treat each individual, whatever their status, as having equal value because that is God's perspective.
19 September	A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going; and suffers for it.	Proverbs 22:3	Walk warily: blind optimism is rightly described here not as faith, but as folly.
20 September	Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.	Proverbs 22:6	Patients are encouraged to respect the individually and vocation of a child but not his or her self-will. The emphasis is on parental opportunity and duty in the formative years.
21 September	The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.	Proverbs 22:7	The economic leverage brought about by borrowing is often so great that the borrower ends up virtually in slavery. So as far as you can, avoid borrowing.
22 September	He who sows wickedness reaps trouble, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.	Proverbs 22:8	This is chiefly encouragement to the oppressed: harvest time will answer all questions.
23 September	A generous man will himself be blessed, for the share his food with the poor.	Proverbs 22:9	The incentive to be generous arises from a belief that there is more to life than what we see, touch and feel.
24 September	Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.	Proverbs 22:10	Sometimes what an institution needs is not reform but the expulsion of a troublemaker.

25 September	He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.	Proverbs 22:11	It is the equal partnership of integrity and charm, the one not diminishing the other, which is the rarity and which those in authority find so attractive.
26 September	The eyes of the Lord keep watch over knowledge, but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.	Proverbs 22:12	The contract is between truth and falsehood: when truth seems betrayed, here is encouragement for its friends.
27 September	The sluggard says "There is a lion outside!", or "I will be murdered in the streets!".	Proverbs 22:13	There is always an excuse, however implausible, for a lazy person failing to get around to doing what he doesn't want to do.
28 September	Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.	Proverbs 22:15	Stupid, stubborn behavior comes naturally to a child: will take more than words to dislodge it.
29 September	It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.	Proverbs 25:2	Only God has the unqualified right to withhold information: human leaders should know what is going on in their organizations. Hence praise here for administrative probes.
30 September	As the heavens are high and the earth is deep, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.	Proverbs 25:3	It is a mistake to think that we can ever fully grasp what is in the mind of a leader, or with confidence predict their decisions.
1 October	Remove the dross from the silver, and out comes material for the silversmith; remove the wicked from the King's presence, and his throne will be established through righteousness.	Proverbs 25:4-5	If you are worried about a leader's integrity \, or the stability of his position, focus your attention on removing undesirable advisors.
2 October	Do not exalt yourself in the kings presence, and do not claim a place among great men; it is better for him to say to you. 'Come up here' than for him to humiliate you before a noble man.	Proverbs 25- 6-7a	Better wait for the invitation to join the board of directors than push your own case and be turned down

3 October	What you have seen with your eyes do not bring hastily to court, for what will you do in the end if your neighbour puts you to shame?	Proverbs 25:7b-8	A warning against jumping to conclusions: one seldom knows the full facts, or interprets them perfectly.
4 October	Argue your case with your neighbour himself, and do not disclose another's secret; lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.	Proverbs 25:9-10	There is wisdom in the healthy directness advocated here. To run to the law, or to involve a third party, is usually to run away from the duty of personal relationship.
5 October	A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in setting of silver.	Proverbs 25:11	The simile here speaks of attractiveness, value and craftsmanship. To speak directly to a colleague about a problem, for example, need not be a heavy handed process.
6 October	Like an ear-ring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.	Proverbs 25:12	Reproof is one of the few things it is more blessed to receive than to give.
7 October	Like the coolness of snow at harvest time is a trustworthy messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the spirit of his masters.	Proverbs 25:13	Managers deeply appreciate loyalty and reliability, especially when asking staff to convey their thinking at meeting they cannot attend.
8 October	Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of gifts he does not give	Proverbs 25:14	The big talker who gives promises that never materialize brings frustration as well as disappointment.
9 October	Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.	Proverbs 25:15	Quiet persistence and a refusal to be provoked may win surprising victories.
10 October	If you find honey, eat just enough- too much of it and you will vomit.	Proverbs 25:16	Beyond God's 'enough' lies not ecstasy, but nausea.
11 October	Seldom set foot in your neighbour's house-too much of you, and he will hate you.	Proverbs 25:17	Knowing when to stay away: this is an example of the good manners, which show concern for other people's feelings and convenience.
12 October	Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbour.	Proverbs 25:18	Battered, cut about, pierced, all describe what it feels like to be falsely represented by a colleague.

13 October	Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.	Proverbs 25:19	Watch out for misplaced confidence. The problem addressed here is not primarily incompetence, but disloyalty. Don't wait for a crisis to bring it to light.
14 October	Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.	Proverbs 25:20	Beware of being hearty at the wrong time. It can be unwelcome, even cruel.
15 October	If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.	Proverbs 15:21-22	Kindness is sweeter than revenge. 'Burning coals' represent the pangs which are far better felt now as shame than later as punishment.
16 October	Like a muddied spring or a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way to the wicked.	Proverbs 25:26	A good man's compromise imperils, or at least deprives, the many who have learnt to rely on him: the stream still flows, the name still reassures.
17 October	Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control	Proverbs 25:28	If one fails to control temper or appetites, one can be defeated by an enemy, or by life, without a fight.
18 October	Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, honour is not fitting a fool.	Proverbs 26:1	Not only incongruity, but damage, results from imprudent evaluations of character. Our present age through the media, is especially prone to idolize lightweight personalities.
19 October	A whip for the horse, a halter for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools!	Proverbs 26:3	This is written for us both as people dealing with fools ourselves. Those who invite the rod are those who ignore less compelling forms of communication.
20 October	Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself. Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.	Proverbs 26:4-5	The dilemma of those who would reason with the unreasonable. You can't win.
21 October	Like cutting off one's feet or	Proverbs	The delegate responsibility

	drinking violence is the sending of a message by the hand of a fool.	26:6	unwisely is to ask for trouble.
22 October	Like tying a stone in a sling, is the giving of honour to a fool	Proverbs 26:8	The procedure is nonsensical, for the stone is there to be slung out. So is the fool.
23 October	The sluggard says, 'there is a lion in the road, a fierce lion roaming the streets!.	Proverbs 26:13	Lazy people have no idea they are lazy. They see themselves not as shirkers, but as 'realists'.
24 October	The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly.	Proverbs 26:16	The lazy person probably interprets his pig-headedness as a fine 'sticking to his guns'. He cannot be bothered to think things through.
25 October	Like one who seizes a dog by the ears is a passer-by who meddles in a quarrel not his own.	Proverbs 26:17	There are times when the best advice is, 'Mind your own business'.
26 October	Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down. As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.	Proverbs 26:20-21	It is people, not facts, that make quarrels and keep quarrels going.
27 October	Gossip is so tasty! How we love to swallow it!	Proverbs 26:22	One's attitude to another person may be deeply affected by a mere whisper, unforgettable as soon as relished.
28 October	If a man digs a pit, he will fall into it; if man rolls a stone, it will roll back on him.	Proverbs 26:27	To set a trap is to invite a worse self-injury than anything one may inflict on another.
29 October	A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin.	Proverbs 26:28	Deceit, whether it hurts or soothes, is practical hatred, for truth is vital and pride fatal to right decisions.
30 October	Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.	Proverbs 27:1	Self-confident business executives who estimate profits in advance should pause to consider that we couldn't predict accurately even one day ahead.
31 October	Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else and not your own lips.	Proverbs 27:2	Self-praise is common coin: that from others is hard to counterfeit.



1 November	Stone is heavy and sand a burden, but provocation by a fool is heavier than both	Proverbs 27:3	A fool gives himself away as soon as he opens his mouth, for he knows no restraint and has no sense of proportion.
2 November	Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?	Proverbs 27:4	Jealousy (or burning resentment) is healthy if intolerance of a usurper, morbid if mere envy. It is always dangerous when provoked, corrosive when cherished.
3 November	Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.	Proverbs 27:5-6	Frank talking between friends may be painful, but is of infinity more value than a love which never challenges or rebukes.
4 November	He who is full loathes honey, but to the hungry even what is bitter tastes sweet.	Proverbs 27:7	This parable about possessions, among other things, bears on the disposition we acquire by the level of comfort we choose.
5 November	Like a bird that strays from its nest is a man who strays from his home.	Proverbs 27:8	The issue is not homelessness but desertion of family duty; it condemns not the fugitive nor the pilgrim, but the rolling stone and the office-based workaholic.
6 November	Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.	Proverbs 27:9	Friendship is at best when issues are explored together in depth.
7 November	Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father, and do not go to your brother's house when disaster strikes you-better a neighbour nearby than a brother far away.	Proverbs 27:10	In a crisis neighbours and friends are often more help than relatives.
8 November	If a man loudly blesses his neighbour early in the morning, it will be taken as a curse.	Proverbs 27:14	It not only matters what we say, but how and when we say it.
9 November	As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.	Proverbs 27:17	Friendship should be bracing and challenging as well as reassuring.

10 November	He who tends a fig-tree will eat its fruit, and he who looks after his master will be honoured.	Proverbs 27:18	In a world which places a premium on personal advancement, here is encouragement to loyal service.
11 November	As water reflects a face so a man's heart reflects the man	Proverbs 27:19	Your thoughts and attitudes confront you, and your colleagues, with the shape of your character.
12 November	Death and Destruction are never satisfied, and neither are the eyes of man.	Proverbs 27:20	An ominous warning of the extent and dangers of human greed.
13 November	The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise he receives.	Proverbs 27:21	When people praise you, you face possibly the most searching of all tests of character; but remember the role of the crucible is to refine not merely to analyses.
14 November	Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give attention to your herds; for riches do not endure for ever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.	Proverbs 27:23-24	Past success is no guarantee of future prosperity, so today keep a watchful eye on detail.
15 November	The wicked man flees though no-one pursues, but the righteous are as hold as a lion.	Proverbs 28:1	Clear conscience creates confidence.
16 November	When a land transgresses it has many rulers; but with men of understanding and knowledge its stability will long continue.	Proverbs 28:2	A nation's political and social stability does derive from its economic performance, but from the moral character of its citizens
17 November	A poor man who oppresses the poor is a beating rain that leaves no food.	Proverbs 28:3	This tyranny of poor on poor has the double bitterness of betrayal and squalor: it is well compared with freakish rain, which brings havoc instead of advantage.
18 November	Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully.	Proverbs 28:5	Those unconcerned about God's perspective often cannot decide what would be a just outcome, let alone carry it though.

19 November	Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse.	Proverbs 28:6	To decide how much a person is worth, you first have to choose the measuring stick and the timescale.
20 November	He who keeps the law is a discerning son, but a companion of gluttons disgrace his father.	Proverbs 28:7	What reveals a person's level of discernment is not native intellect or wit, but those he listens to and spends his time with.
21 November	He who increases his wealth by exorbitant interest amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor.	Proverbs 28:8	Financiers are warned to examine themselves for public and spiritual legitimacy, or to risk losing all.
22 November	If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.	Proverbs 28:9	Religious observance is an insult to God when we are not prepared to change the way we live.
23 November	He who leads the upright along an evil path will fall into his own trap, but the blameless will receive a good inheritance.	Proverbs 28:10	Readiness to use other people for one's own ends always involves a fatal element of self-corruption.
24 November	A rich man may be wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has discernment sees through him.	Proverbs 28:11	The manager who likes the sound of his own voice does not necessary gain the respect of those who work for him.
25 November	When the righteous triumph, there is great elation; but when the wicked rise to power, men go into hiding.	Proverbs 28:12	Although virtue may sometimes seem unimportant and unexciting people celebrate when it flourishes and pay a heavy price when it declines.
26 November	He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.	Proverbs 28:13	Guilt causes physical as well as psychological suffering and has negative knock-on effects in every part of life: but there is a way forward.
27 November	Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked man ruling over a helpless people. A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment, but he who hates ill gotten gain will enjoy long life.	Proverbs 28:15-16	The tyrant, whether in politics, business or the public services, is destructive, brutish, unstoppable, stupid and generally short-lived.

28 November	He whose walk is blameless is kept safe, but he whose ways are perverse will suddenly fall.	Proverbs 28:18	Nothing to hide, nothing to fear.
29 November	He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.	Proverbs 28:19	Here is the case for putting aside some of your wilder dreams, and focusing your energy on more limited objectives which are to hand.
30 November	A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.	Proverbs 28:20	People's underlying motivation in their work has long-term consequences for their well being.
1 December	To show partiality is not good yet a man will do wrong for a piece of bread.	Proverbs 28:21	This is about injustice to others though favoritism. The price for such injustice can go even lower than a piece of bread, to as little as the sought-after approval of a stronger personality.
2 December	A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him.	Proverbs 28:22	A grudging or prasing spirit ensures inner poverty, even while the outer hoard lasts. Such is the miser's miscalculation.
3 December	He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favour than he who has a flattering tongue.	Proverbs 28:23	In the end frankness is more appreciated than flattery.
4 December	He who robs his father or mother and says, 'it's not wrong' he is partner to him who destroys.	Proverbs 28:24	Plundering one's parents can be done though more subtle means than over theft. The callousness of it is moral murder, a stab to the heart.
5 December	He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.	Proverbs 28:26	The wisdom, which leads to true security, is not self-taught, but comes from God.
6 December	He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.	Proverbs 28:27	When we ignore the poor, it is we who are the losers

7 December	A man who remains stiff necked after man y rebukes will suddenly be destroyed without remedy.	Proverbs 29:1	Seldom is there so little hope: when the crisis finally comes, after repeated warnings, there will be no way out.
8 December	When the righteous thrive; the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.	Proverbs 29:2	A nation's happiness is determined by the moral character of its leaders
9 December	A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father, but a companion of prostitutes squanders hi wealth.	Proverbs 29:2 29:3	For better or worse, 'no man is an island'.
10 December	By justice a king gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down.	Proverbs 29:4	In politics long-term stability is depended on a leader's moral integrity; the same applies in business.
11 December	Whoever flatters his neighbour is spreading a net for his feet.	Proverbs 29:5	Flattery can all too easily and falsely inflate self-esteem, induce cravings for position or wealth, and invite ill-judged actions.
12 December	An evil man is snared by his own sin, but a righteous one can sing and be glad.	Proverbs 29:6	Freedom of thought, action and expression are the reward of those who are not entangled by their own moral failures.
13 December	The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.	Proverbs 29:7	We know who 'the poor' are the unemployed, those living in high rise flats on run-down estates, those without family and friends. The issue is-do we can care about them
14 December	Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger	Proverbs 29:7 29:8	Political in fighting brings a quick sense of power, while peaceable wisdom' must work and wait.
15 December	If a wise man goes to court with a fool, the fool rages and scoffs, and there is no peace.	Proverbs 29:9	There is no arguing calmly with a fool, who will adopt any approach but the quietly objective.
16 December	Bloodthirsty men hate a man of integrity and seek to kill the upright.	Proverbs 29:10	Those who seek to live a life of integrity must expect opposition. Criticism, character assassination and even murder are par for the course.
17 December	A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.	Proverbs 29:11	The proverb speaks of anger not merely checked, but overcome.

18 December	If a ruler listens to lies, all his officials become wicked.	Proverbs 29:12	The incidence of flattery, misrepresentation, and exaggeration in an office depends on the boss's willingness to listen to these lies
19 December	The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: the Lord gives sight to the eyes of both.	Proverbs 29:13	In God's common providence, rich and poor, powerful and powerless, are equally dependant on him, and equally dependent on him, and equally accountably to him.
20 December	If a king judges the poor with fairness, his throne will always be secure.	Proverbs 29:14	The test of a leader, and his hidden strength, is the extent to which he keeps faith with those who can put lease pressure for him.
21 December	When the wicked thrive, so does sin, but the righteous will see their downfall.	Proverbs 29:16	When evaluating the costs and benefits of corrupt practices, in private or in public, one should take the long view.
22 December	Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.	Proverbs 29:17	Through discipline t o delight: in the painful moments, keep your eye on the future.
23 December	Where there is no revelation, the people cast off reitrait; but blessed is he who keeps the law.	Proverbs 29:18	Morality in both public and private life depends on the knowledge of God. Without it, socially is critically at risk; with it, an individual has great prospects.
24 December	Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.	Proverbs 29:20	Speaking before thinking carries a high cost.
25 December	If a a man pampers his servant from youth, he will bring grief in the end.	Proverbs 29:21	A warning to the indulgent boss.
26 December	An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.	Proverbs 29:22	'Angry' and 'hot-tempered' describe a general disposition, not a temporary state. It is not just relationships with colleagues which are affected, but our relationship with God.
27 December	A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honour.	Proverbs 29:23	The more you strive for recognition, the less likely you are to achieve it

<p>28 December</p>	<p>The accomplice of a thief is his own enemy; he is put under oath and dare not testify</p>	<p>Proverbs 29:24</p>	<p>One moral compromise leads to another.</p>
<p>29 December</p>	<p>Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.</p>	<p>Proverbs 29:25</p>	<p>Only by recognizing God's authority, and depending on him for support, is a person beyond the reach of dangerous peer pressure.</p>
<p>30 December</p>	<p>Many seek an audience with a ruler, but it is from the Lord that man gets justice.</p>	<p>Proverbs 29:26</p>	<p>Accessibility and reliability of outcome both suggest that we should give priority to taking our cause to God rather than to human decision-makers.</p>
<p>31 December</p>	<p>The righteous detest the dishonest; the wicked detest the upright.</p>	<p>Proverbs 29:27</p>	<p>Common interests and mutual attraction at various levels may mask this incompatibility; nothing can negate it.</p>

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