

PROVERBS 32

Portrait of the man of integrity

32 Who can find a man of integrity? The just [man] walketh in his integrity: his children [are] blessed after him. (20:7)

2 He is wise and will hear and will increase learning; and as a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels. (1:5)

3 He walks in the way of good [men], and keeps the paths of the righteous. (2:20)

4 Therefore, he finds favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. (3:4)

5 His children hear his instruction and attend to know understanding. (4:1)

6 He avoids the strange woman (5:8) and rejoices with the wife of his youth. (5:18)

7 For he keeps the commandment of his father and forsakes not the law of his mother: (6:20)

8 Blessed is he for he heareth me[wisdom], watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. (8:34)

9 He receives [instruction] and becomes yet wiser: Because he is a righteous man, he will receive teaching and increase in learning. (9:9)

10 As a wise son, he gathereth in summer. (10:5)

11 His strength enables him to obtain riches. (11:16)

12 And his worthy wife is a crown to his life. (12:4)

13 For he even shows tender mercies to the life of his beast. (12:10)

14 Because he tilleth his land, he has stored up plenty of bread. (12:11)

15 Because he is diligent, his hand bears rule. (12:24)

16 Because he walks with wise men, he is wise. Fools are not his companions. (13:20)

17 He is good and leaves an inheritance to his children's children. (13:22)

18 For he hath so loved his son that he hath chasteneth him. (13:24)

19 And his ways please Jehovah, so that the Lord maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. (16:7)

20 Slow to anger, he ruleth his spirit as a victorious commander. (16:32)

21 In old age his children's children are a crown to him; and the glory of his children are his glory. (17:6)

22 His words are [as] deep waters; a wellspring of wisdom like a flowing brook. (18:4)

23 He knoweth his wife is a good thing because the Lord has favored him to have found her, a prudent wife. (18:22, 19:14)

24 Because he shows himself friendly, he has friends, for he is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. (18:24)

25 Diligent in his business, he stands before kings and not before *mere* men. (22:29)

26 He holds not correction from his child; (23:13)

27 Neither is he found among winebibbers, nor gluttonous eaters of flesh. (23:20)

28 Yet, he hearkens unto his father that begat him and despises not his mother when she is old. (23:22)

29 As iron sharpeneth iron; so he sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. (27:17)

30 Because he hideth not his eyes from the poor, he does not lack. (28:27)

31 As a husband, he is known in the gates, where he sitteth among the elders of the land.

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