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## (#28) The Proverbs of Solomon 10:19-22-A Fool And His Money

**Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom ([1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10](#)), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

**Proverbs 10:19-21:** It is truth that the mouth speaks what is in the heart, and the heart speaks through the mouth. The more words a person uses, generally, the easier it is to sin with the mouth, and, the greater effort is being put in to hide a sin. Not an earthen heart (dirty) but a "righteous" heart produces words as precious as "choice silver." On the other hand, if the "heart" is "wicked," the words it uses will be of "little" value. "Lips" speaking from a "righteous" heart "feed many" (produce much good), whereas, the heart that "lacks wisdom" speaks "foolishly" (has no worth).

This is a theme carried out in other **Proverbs:**

- **12:17-** words of "truth" from a heart of "righteousness," or a heart of "deceit" speaks "false witness;"
- **14:5-** a heart of "faithful witness" speaks "no lie," or the heart of "false witness" will speak "lies;"
- **14:25-** "true witness" in the heart "delivers (saves) souls," but a "deceitful" heart speaks "lies."

Lying, falsifying information, comes from within. Those known for their lying are "liars," not just slips of the tongue. All liars are children of the Devil ([John 8:44](#)) and bound for hell ([Revelation 21:8](#)) unless they repent. Jesus absolutely taught this:

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil of the treasure brings forth evil things. ([Matthew 12:34-35](#))

There are occupations that are notoriously associated with lying, such as lawyers, used car salesmen, politicians, contractors, advertisers and journalists. *One wonders why people keep putting so much trust in them without thoroughly checking out their statements!* Why expect lawyers to establish truth in legal matters? Why re-elect politicians who are deceitful? Why buy papers/ magazines that misrepresent information so? Why spend time and money on shopping trips

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when the merchandise is not "as advertised?" Why buy cars from those whose claims cannot be trusted without a "second opinion?" Why let contractors sell their agreements to build to others who aren't under the original contract? When lying is accepted as "the way everyone does business," then whom can anyone trust?

**Verse 22:** True wealth come from the LORD's "blessing," and He "adds no sorrow with it." When life is lived according to God's Wisdom, blessings abound, and there is no regret. But sorrow comes with those who obtain wealth by their standards, not God's:

- **Proverbs 13:11:** "Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase;"
- **Proverbs 13:22:** "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous;"
- **Proverbs 20:21:** "An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning Will not be blessed at the end;"
- **Proverbs 28:22:** "A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him."

Dishonest wealth "will be diminished," that is, easy come, easy go. The sinner's wealth "is stored up for the righteous," that is, it will not remain in the family's hands for long, since righteous principles are not passed along with the wealth. It is criminal for all who make it difficult, or impossible, for "a good man" to leave his "inheritance to his children's children." Inheritance taxes, "death taxes," are against God's Will!

