

Subject Study in Proverbs on PATIENCE:

I. Verses selected: Key terms - “patient” (‘arek aphim) contrasted with “quick-tempered” or “angry”

1. Prov. 12:16 “A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.”
2. Prov. 14:17 “A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.”
3. Prov. 14:29 “A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.”
4. Prov. 15:1 “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”
5. Prov. 15:18 “A hot-tempered man sirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.”
6. Prov. 16:32 “Better a patient man than a warrior and a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.”
7. Prov. 19:11 “A man’s wisdom gives him patience, It is to his glory to overlook an offense.”
8. Prov. 20: 3 “It is to a man’s honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.”
9. Prov. 20:22 “Do not say, “I’ll pay you back for this wrong!” Wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you.”
10. Prov. 22:24-25 “Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.”
11. Prov. 24:29 “Do not say, “I’ll do to him as he has done to me; I’ll pay that man back for what he did.”
12. Prov. 25:15 “Through patience a ruler can be persuaded and a gentle tongue can break a bone.”
13. Prov. 25:28 “Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.”
14. Prov. 27:4 “Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy.”
15. Prov. 29:11 “A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.”
16. Prov. 29:22 “An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.”
17. Eccles. 7:8 “The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.”

II. Initial Categories:

- A. Patience is WISE/Hot tempered is foolish
- B. Benefits/Value of Patience.
- C. Danger/Negative Results of being “quick-tempered”
- D. Forgiveness/Not taking vengeance/overlooking insult or offense