

Study Guide for July 15th, 2012. Wisdom for Rulers and Citizens: Selected Proverbs.

Introduction: What are key concerns for you as we head into the election process?

1. What qualities and actions make for a wise or noble king (ruler)? Consider . . .

16:12-13 “Kings detest wrongdoing, for a throne is established through righteousness.
Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.”

20:26 “A wise king winnows out the wicked; he drives the threshing wheel over them.”

20:28 “Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure.”

25:4-5 “Remove the dross from silver, and out comes material for the silversmith;
Remove the wicked from the king’s presence, and his throne will be established
through righteousness.

29:4 “By justice a king gives country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it
down.

29:14 “If a king judges the poor with fairness, his throne will always be secure.”

2. What qualities and actions make for a foolish or wicked king (ruler)? Consider . . .

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.” (Prov. 14:34)