

BIBLE VERSES for SUCCESS

PROVERBS

CHAPTER 1

- 2: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight.
- 3: for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair.
- 7: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- 14: Throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse.
- 15: My son, do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths.
- 20: Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square.
- 23: Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings.
- 25: Since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke.
- 26: I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you; I will mock when calamity overtakes you.
- 29: Since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord.

CHAPTER 2

- 4: And if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure.
- 6: For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- 16-18: Wisdom will save you also from the adulterous woman, from the wayward woman with her seductive words,¹⁷ who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God.¹⁸ Surely her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead.

CHAPTER 3

- 3: Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4: Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.
- 9: Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.
- 10: then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.
- 25: Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked.

CHAPTER 4

- 7: The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

CHAPTER 5

- 9: Lest you lose your honor to others and your dignity to one who is cruel.
- 10: Lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich the house of another.
- 13: I would not obey my teachers or turn my ear to my instructors.
- 14: And I was soon in serious trouble in the assembly of God's people.

CHAPTER 6

- 6: Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!
- 10: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest.
- 11: And poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

CHAPTER 8

- 10: Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold.
- 11: For wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.
- 20: I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice.
- 21: Bestowing a rich inheritance on those who love me and making their treasuries full.
- 35: For those who find me find life and receive favor from the Lord.
- 36: But those who fail to find me harm themselves; all who hate me love death.

CHAPTER 9

- 10: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

CHAPTER 10

- 3: The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
- 4: Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.
- 5: He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.
- 9: Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.
- 22: The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, without painful toil for it.

CHAPTER 11

- 1: The Lord detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with him.
- 23: The desire of the righteous ends only in good, but the hope of the wicked only in wrath.
- 28: Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.
- 29: Whoever brings ruin on their family will inherit only wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise.

CHAPTER 12

- 2: Good people obtain favor from the Lord, but he condemns those who devise wicked schemes.
- 9: Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant than pretend to be somebody and have no food.
- 11: Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense.
- 23: The prudent keep their knowledge to themselves, but a fool's heart blurts out folly.
- 24: Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor.
- 27: The lazy do not roast any game, but the diligent feed on the riches of the hunt.

CHAPTER 13

- 7: One person pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.
- 16: All who are prudent act with knowledge, but fools expose their folly.
- 20: Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.
- 22: A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

CHAPTER 14

- 4: Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox come abundant harvests.
- 8: The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.
- 15: The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.
- 23: All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

CHAPTER 15

- 19: The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway.
- 22: Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.
- 31: Whoever heeds life-giving correction will be at home among the wise.
- 32: Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.

CHAPTER 16

- 3: Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.
- 4: The Lord works out everything to its proper end—even the wicked for a day of disaster.
- 5: The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.
- 16: How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!
- 18: Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.
- 20: Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.

CHAPTER 17

- 16: Why should fools have money in hand to buy wisdom, when they are not able to understand it?
- 27: The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered.
- 28: Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.

CHAPTER 18

- 9: One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.
- 13: To answer before listening—that is folly and shame.
- 15: The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.
- 16: A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.
- 21: The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
- 22: He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD

CHAPTER 19

- 2: Desire without knowledge is not good—how much more will hasty feet miss the way!
- 8: The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.
- 15: Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless go hungry.
- 17: Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.
- 20: Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.
- 22: What a person desires is unfailing love; better to be poor than a liar.

CHAPTER 20

- 4: Sluggards do not plow in season; so at harvest time they look but find nothing.
- 6: Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?
- 10: Differing weights and differing measures—the Lord detests them both.
- 13: Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare.
- 14: “It’s no good, it’s no good!” says the buyer—then goes off and boasts about the purchase.
- 15: Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.
- 18: Plans are established by seeking advice; so if you wage war, obtain guidance.
- 21: An inheritance claimed too soon will not be blessed at the end.

CHAPTER 21

- 5: The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.
- 17: Whoever loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and olive oil will never be rich.
- 20: The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.
- 25: The craving of a sluggard will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work.
- 26: All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing.

CHAPTER 22

- 1: A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.
- 4: Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life.
- 7: The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.
- 9: The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.
- 13: The sluggard says, "There's a lion outside! I'll be killed in the public square!"
- 26: Do not be one who shakes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts.
- 27: If you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you.
- 29: Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.

CHAPTER 23

- 4: Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness.
- 12: Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.
- 18: There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.
- 21: For drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

CHAPTER 24

- 3: By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established.
- 4: Through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.
- 5: The wise prevail through great power, and those who have knowledge muster their strength.
- 10: If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength!
- 16: For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.
- 19: Do not fret because of evildoers or be envious of the wicked.
- 27: Put your outdoor work in order and get your fields ready; after that, build your house.
- 30: I went past the field of a sluggard, past the vineyard of someone who has no sense.
- 31: Thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins.
- 32: I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw.
- 33: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest.
- 34: And poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

CHAPTER 25

- 2: It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.
- 6: Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among his great men.
- 7: It is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.
- 17: Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house—too much of you, and they will hate you.

CHAPTER 26

- 12: Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.
- 13: A sluggard says, “There’s a lion in the road, a fierce lion roaming the streets!”
- 14: As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed.
- 15: A sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.
- 16: A sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven people who answer discreetly.

CHAPTER 27

- 1: Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.
- 2: Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips.
- 17: As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
- 18: The one who guards a fig tree will eat its fruit, and whoever protects their master will be honored.
- 23: Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.
- 24: For riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.

CHAPTER 28

- 8: Whoever increases wealth by taking interest or profit from the poor amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor.
- 14: Blessed is the one who always trembles before God, but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.
- 18: The one whose walk is blameless is kept safe, but the one whose ways are perverse will fall into the pit.
- 19: Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty.
- 20: A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.
- 22: The stingy are eager to get rich and are unaware that poverty awaits them.
- 27: Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.

CHAPTER 29

- 1: Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy.
- 18: Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom’s instruction.
- 23: Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor.
- 25: Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

CHAPTER 30

- 5: Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
- 25: Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer.

CHAPTER 31

- 3: Do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings.
- 10: A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.
- 11: Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.
- 27: She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

GENESIS 2:12

The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.

GALATIANS 6:7, 9

7: Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

9: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

JOSHUA 1:7-9

⁷“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

ECCLESIASTES 10:10, 19

10: If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.

19: A feast is made for laughter, wine makes life merry, and money is the answer for everything.

ECCLESIASTES 11: 4, 6, 10

4: Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.

6: Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

10: So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body, for youth and vigor are meaningless.

DEUTERONOMY 28:1-14

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. ²All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

³You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

⁴The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

⁵Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.

⁶You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

⁷The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.

⁸The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

⁹The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in obedience to him. ¹⁰Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you. ¹¹The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

¹²The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. ¹³The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. ¹⁴Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

EXODUS 23: 20-31

²⁰“See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. ²¹Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him. ²²If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you. ²³My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out. ²⁴Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces. ²⁵Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, ²⁶and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

²⁷“I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. ²⁸I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. ²⁹But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. ³⁰Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.

³¹“I will establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, and from the desert to the Euphrates River. I will give into your hands the people who live in the land, and you will drive them out before you.