**PROVERBS 17 FOOLISH & WISE BAPTIST EVANGELISTS**

**Pro 17:1** Better to eat a dry crust of bread with peace of mind than have a banquet in a house full of trouble – make peace, not war.

Pro 17:2 A shrewd Baptist youth will gain authority over a boss's worthless son and receive a part of the business.

Pro 17:3 Gold and silver are tested by fire, and a young brother's heart is tested by the LORD.

Pro 17:4 Evil MEN listen to evil ideas, and liars listen to lies.

Pro 17:5 If you make fun of poor unbelieving MEN, you insult the God who made them. You will be punished if you take pleasure in someone's misfortune.

Pro 17:6 Grandparents are proud of their grandchildren, just as children are proud of their parents.

Pro 17:7 Respected young Baptist brothers do not tell lies, and fools have nothing worthwhile to say.

Pro 17:8 Some young Baptists think a bribe works like magic; they believe it can do anything.

Pro 17:9 If you want MEN to like you, forgive them when they wrong you. Remembering wrongs can break up a friendship.

Pro 17:10 An intelligent young Baptist church planter learns more from one rebuke than a fool learns from being beaten a hundred times.

Pro 17:11 Death will come like a cruel messenger to wicked MEN who are always stirring up trouble.

Pro 17:12 It is better to meet a mother bear robbed of her cubs than to meet some fool busy with a stupid project.

Pro 17:13 If you repay good with evil, you will never get evil out of your house.

Pro 17:14 The start of an argument with an unbelieving MAN is like the first break in a dam; stop it before it goes any further.

Pro 17:15 Condemning the innocent or letting wicked MEN go---both are hateful to the LORD.

Pro 17:16 It does a fool no good to spend money on an education, because he has no common sense.

Pro 17:17 Young Baptist friends always show their love. What are relatives for if not to share trouble?

Pro 17:18 Only a young Baptist brother with no sense would promise to be responsible for someone else's debts.

Pro 17:19 To like sin is to like making trouble. If you brag all the time, you are asking for trouble.

Pro 17:20 Any MAN who thinks and speaks evil can expect to find nothing good---only disaster.

Pro 17:21 There is nothing but sadness and sorrow for Baptist parents and churches whose young sons do foolish things.

Pro 17:22 Being cheerful in evangelism keeps you healthy. It is slow death to be gloomy all the time.

Pro 17:23 Corrupt judges accept secret bribes, and then justice is not done.

Pro 17:24 An intelligent young Baptist worker aims at wise action, but a fool starts off in many directions.

Pro 17:25 Foolish Baptist youth bring grief to their spiritual fathers and bitter regrets to their spiritual mothers.

Pro 17:26 It is not right to make an innocent MAN pay a fine; justice is perverted when good MEN are punished.

Pro 17:27 Those young Baptist evangelists who are sure of themselves do not talk all the time. Young evangelists who stay calm have real insight.

Pro 17:28 After all, even fools may be thought wise and intelligent if they stay quiet and keep their mouths shut.