**PROVERBS 22 GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR BAPTIST WORKERS**

**Pro 22:1** If you, my young Baptist friend, have to choose between a good reputation and great wealth, choose a good reputation.

Pro 22:2 The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD made them both with souls and eternal value.

Pro 22:3 Sensible young Baptist evangelists will see trouble coming and avoid it, but an unthinking worker will walk right into it and regret it later.

Pro 22:4 Obey the Holy Glorious LORD, be humble, and you will get rich spiritual results, honor, and a long life.

Pro 22:5 If you love your life, stay away from the traps of pornography that catch ignorant Baptist youth along the way.

Pro 22:6 Teach young brothers how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.

Pro 22:7 Poor MEN are slaves of the rich. Borrow money and you are the lender's slave.

Pro 22:8 If MEN plant the seeds of injustice, disaster will spring up, and their oppression of others will end.

Pro 22:9 Be a generous young Baptist worker and share your food with the poor. You will be honored and enriched for it.

Pro 22:10 Get rid of a conceited youth on your team, and then there will be no more arguments, quarreling, or name-calling.

Pro 22:11 If you, young Baptist church planter, love purity of heart and graciousness of speech, the mayor of the city will be your friend.

Pro 22:12 The Magnificent LORD sees to it that truth is kept safe by disproving the words of liars.

Pro 22:13 Lazy young Baptist workers stay at home; they say a gang of hooligans might get them if they go outside.

Pro 22:14 Pornography is a trap---it catches those with whom the Holy Radiant LORD is angry.

Pro 22:15 Even Baptist youth just naturally do silly, careless things, but a good spiritual punishment will teach them how to behave.

Pro 22:16 If you make gifts to rich MEN or misuse the poor to your own advantage, you will become poor yourself.

Pro 22:17 Listen, young Baptist church planter, and I will teach you what the wise have said. Study their teachings,

Pro 22:18 and you will be glad if you remember them and can **quote** them.

Pro 22:19 I want you to put your trust in the Radiant Victorious LORD; that is why I am going to tell them to you now.

Pro 22:20 I have written down thirty sayings for you, young Baptist church planter. They contain spiritual knowledge and good Godly advice,

Pro 22:21 and will teach you what divine truth really is. Then when you are sent to evangelize, you will bring back abundant spiritual fruit.

Pro 22:22 Don't take advantage of neglected MEN just because you can; don't take advantage of those MEN who stand helpless in court.

Pro 22:23 The gracious, glorious, long-suffering and merciful LORD will argue their case for them and threaten the life of any young Baptist who disdains theirs.

Pro 22:24 Don't make friends with MEN who have hot, violent tempers.

Pro 22:25 You might learn their ungodly habits and not be able to change.

Pro 22:26 Don't promise to be responsible for someone else's debts. Sooner or later **you** will have to pay and

Pro 22:27 If you should be unable to pay, they will take away even your bed.

Pro 22:28 Never move an old property line or infringe on churches that your ancestors established.

Pro 22:29 Show me a young Baptist worker who does a good job saving souls , and I will show you someone who is a better church planter than most and worthy of the company of our president.