

## Short, Pithy Life Rules From Proverbs 25

The book of Proverbs in the Bible has many proverbs that can be applied to a business life of integrity and high standards. If your parents did not teach these to you as a matter of course, a study of these passages can help you to catch up. You will become a wise, mature, and winsome person.

See how many readings it takes to find the shorter, pithy life rule on the right that matches up to the quoted verses on the left. (Note: 'kings' referred to King Solomon, the writer, or others wanting to do right).

### Proverbs Chapter 25

vs. 2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter;  
to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

Don't promote yourself.

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

Keep Confidential stuff confidential

It's God's place to hide information,  
mine to research and find it out.

vs. 6-7 Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,  
and do not claim a place among great men;  
it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"  
than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.

Constructive criticism  
is like fine gold jewelry.

vs. 8 What you have seen with your eyes  
do not bring hastily to court,  
for what will you do in the end  
if your neighbor puts you to shame?

Get rid if sin and wickedness.

vs. 9-10 If you argue your case with a neighbor,  
do not betray another man's confidence.

Gentle, patient words  
will persuade an authority

vs. 11 A word aptly spoken  
is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

Don't hurry to give  
all the evidence you know.

vs. 12 Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold  
is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.

Don't promise what you won't deliver.

vs. 13 Like the coolness of snow at harvest time  
is a trustworthy messenger to those who send him;  
he refreshes the spirit of his masters.

Tactful, articulate words are beautiful!

vs. 14 Like clouds and wind without rain  
is a man who boasts of gifts he does not give.

Bear good news – to be appreciated by  
both your sender and the receiver.

vs. 15 Through patience a ruler can be persuaded,  
and a gentle tongue can break a bone.

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