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## Proverbs

### Proverbs 21 New International Version

21 In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that he channels toward all who please him.

2 A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart.

3 To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart—the unplowed field of the wicked—produce sin.

5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

6 A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.[a]

7 The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do what is right.

8 The way of the guilty is devious, but the conduct of the innocent is upright.

9 Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.

10 The wicked crave evil; their neighbors get no mercy from them.

11 When a mocker is punished, the simple gain wisdom; by paying attention to the wise they get knowledge.

12 The Righteous One[b] takes note of the house of the wicked and brings the wicked to ruin.

13 Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.

14 A gift given in secret soothes anger, and a bribe concealed in the cloak pacifies great wrath.

15 When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.

16 Whoever strays from the path of prudence comes to rest in the company of the dead.

17 Whoever loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and olive oil will never be rich.

18 The wicked become a ransom for the righteous, and the unfaithful for the upright.

19 Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and nagging wife.

20 The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

21 Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity[c] and honor.

22 One who is wise can go up against the city of the mighty

and pull down the stronghold in which they trust.

23 Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity.

24 The proud and arrogant person—"Mocker" is his name—

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behaves with insolent fury.

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.

27 The sacrifice of the wicked is detestable— how much more so when brought with evil intent!

28 A false witness will perish, but a careful listener will testify successfully.

29 The wicked put up a bold front, but the upright give thought to their ways.

30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.

31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.

Footnotes Proverbs 21:6 Some Hebrew manuscripts, Septuagint and Vulgate; most Hebrew manuscripts vapor for those who seek death Proverbs 21:12 Or The righteous person Proverbs 21:21 Or righteousness



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## Gianna Treap Earns Dean's List Recognition at Valdosta State University

VALDOSTA, GA (01/13/2026)-- Valdosta State University congratulates Gianna Treap of Camden, South Carolina, for earning a spot on the Fall 2025 Dean's List.

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### Lancaster County Council Retreat Workshop Agenda for January 21, 2026

The Lancaster County Council will hold a retreat workshop meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, starting at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room at the Lancaster County Airport Terminal at 286 Aviation Boulevard, Lancaster, SC 29720.

Lancaster County Council welcomes comments and input from citizens who may not be able to attend Council meetings in person. Written comments may be submitted via mail to ATTN: Sherrie Simpson, Post Office Box 1809, Lancaster, SC, 29721, by email to Sherrie Simpson at ssimpson@lancastercountysc.gov or by on-line submission by selecting the "Citizens Comments" link located on the County website homepage under the Agendas and Minutes quick link at https://www.lancastercountysc.gov/. Comments must be no longer than approximately 3 minutes when

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The agenda is posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and also on the County website. Please use the following link below to find a copy of the agenda packet (with attachments) for the January 21, 2026. County Council Retreat Workshop Agenda: https://lancastercountysc.portal.civiclek.com/ Look for the meeting date on the left side of the page and then click into the Lancaster County Council box below Lancaster County Council meeting, Council Chambers ...