

Proverbs 3:5

***Trust in the LORD with all
your heart and lean not on
your own understanding***



**70 Types of People in
Proverbs Expressed by
Solomon**

This Outline Gives Insights about:

A Vain Person

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70 TYPES OF PEOPLE IN PROVERBS EXPRESSED BY SOLOMON

1. Simple Person
2. Wise Person
3. Man of Understanding
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5. Innocent
6. Scornor
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9. Wicked
10. Strange Woman
11. Upright
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44. Haughty Person
45. Humble Person
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Each study for the 70 types of people presented in “Solomon” has a corresponding short verbal introduction page. Likewise a full **Hebrew** and **Greek** study will follow.

Job 24:25

And if it be not so now, who **will make me a liar**, and make my speech nothing worth?

Job 41:9

Behold, the hope of **him is in vain**: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of **him**?

Psalms 116:11

I said in my haste, All men are **liars**.

Proverbs 1:17

Surely **in vain** the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

Proverbs 3:30

Strive not with a man **without cause**, if he have done thee no harm.

Proverbs 14:5

A faithful witness **will not lie**: but a false witness will utter lies.

Matthew 6:7

But when ye pray, use not **vain repetitions**, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Matthew 15:9

But **in vain** they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

I Corinthians 15:14

And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching **vain**, and your faith is also **vain**.

II Corinthians 6:1

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in **vain**.

Ephesians 5:6

Let no man deceive you with **vain** words: for **because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience**.

Philippians 2:16

Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in **vain**, neither laboured in **vain**.

Colossians 2:8

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and **vain** deceit, **after the tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

James 2:20

But wilt thou know, O **vain** man, **that faith without works is dead**?

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Word	Pronunciation	Definition	#
sheqer	sheh'-ker	an untruth; by implication, a sham (often adverbial): KJV - without a cause, deceit (-ful), false (-hood, -ly), feignedly, liar, + lie, lying, vain (thing), wrongfully.	7
shav'	shawv	in the sense of desolating; evil (as destructive), literally (ruin) or morally (especially guile); figuratively idolatry (as false, subjective), uselessness (as deceptive, objective; also, adverbially, in vain): KJV - false (-ly), lie, lying, vain, vanity.	18
riyq	reek	emptiness; figuratively, a worthless thing; adverbially, in vain: KJV - empty, to no purpose, (in) vain (thing), vanity.	25
reyq	rake	or (shorter) req (rake); empty; figuratively, worthless: KJV - emptied (-ty), vain (fellow, man).	28
tohuw	to'-hoo	from an unused root meaning to lie waste; a desolation (of surface), i.e., desert; figuratively, a worthless thing; adverbially, in vain: KJV - confusion, empty place, without form, nothing, (thing of) nought, vain, vanity, waste, wilderness.	31

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habal	haw-bal'	to be vain in act, word, or expectation; specifically, to lead astray: KJV - be (become, make) vain.	34
saphah	saw-faw'	through the idea of termination; the lip (as a natural boundary); by implication, language; by analogy, a margin (of a vessel, water, cloth, etc.): KJV - band, bank, binding, border, brim, brink, edge, language, lip, prating, ([sea-]) shore, side, speech, talk, [vain] words.	36
hebel	heh'bel	emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: KJV - altogether, vain, vanity.	37
tohuw	to'-hoo	from an unused root meaning to lie waste; a desolation (of surface), i.e., desert; figuratively, a worthless thing; adverbially, in vain: KJV - confusion, empty place, without form, nothing, (thing of) nought, vain, vanity, waste, wilderness.	44
aven	aw-ven'	from an unused root perhaps meaning properly, to pant (hence, to exert oneself, usually in vain; to come to naught); strictly nothingness; also, trouble. vanity, wickedness; specifically, an idol: KJV - affliction, evil, false, idol, iniquity, mischief, mourners (-ing), naught, sorrow, unjust, unrighteous, vain vanity, wicked (-ness).	47

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nabab	naw-bab'	to pierce; to be hollow, or (figuratively) foolish: KJV - hollow, vain.	49
ruwach	roo'-akh	wind; by resemblance breath, i.e., a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions): KJV - air, anger, blast, breath, X cool, courage, mind, X quarter, X side, spirit ([ual]), tempest, X vain, ([whirl-]) wind (-y).	50
kazab	kaw-zab'	kazab (kaw-zab'); to lie (i.e., deceive), literally or figuratively: KJV - fail, (be found a, make a) liar, lie, lying, be in vain.	51
chinnam	khin-nawm'	gratis, i.e., devoid of cost, reason or advantage: KJV - without a cause (cost, wages), causeless, to cost nothing, free (-ly), innocent, for nothing (nought, in vain.	54
reyqam	ray-kawm'	emptily; figuratively (objective) ineffectually, (subjective) undeservedly: KJV - without cause, empty, in vain, void.	58

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battologeo	bat-tol-og-eh'-o	to stutter, i.e. (by implication) to prate tediously: KJV - use vain repetitions.	61
maten	mat'-ane	(through the idea of tentative manipulation, i.e., unsuccessful search, or else of punishment); folly, i.e. (adverbially) to no purpose: KJV - in vain.	62
kenos	ken-os'	apparently, a primary word; empty (literally or figuratively): KJV - empty, (in) vain.	63
mataioo	mat-ah-yo'-o	to render (passively, become) foolish, i.e. (morally) wicked or (specifically) idolatrous: KJV - become vain.	66
eike	i-kay'	(through the idea of failure); idly, i.e., without reason (or effect): KJV - without a cause, (in) vain (-ly).	67
mataios	mat'-ah-yos	empty, i.e. (literally) profitless, or (specifically) an idol: KJV - vain, vanity.	68
dorean	do-reh-an'	as adverb; gratuitously (literally or figuratively): KJV - without a cause, freely, for naught, in vain.	70
kenodoxos	ken-od'-ox-os	vainly glorifying, i.e., self-conceited: KJV - desirous of vain-glory.	72
mataiologia	mat-ah-yol-og-ee'-ah	random talk, i.e., babble: KJV - vain jangling.	73

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Visible Signs of a <i>Vain</i> Person				
“Thoughts” that lead to actions of a <i>Vain</i> person	Hebrew or Greek word	Insights into that word or tense of that word	Visible signs of a <i>Vain</i> person	Visible signs of a <i>non-Vain</i> person
There is in a vain person lying and falsehood and deception.	<p>sheqer</p> <p>There is a part or tense of this word meaning Vain.</p>	<p>This word is hardly a Hebrew word for vain but rather a word for false and lying. It has been rendered only a few times “vain” out of the Hebrew.</p>	<p>Jeremiah 8:8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is <i>in vain</i>.</p> <p>Proverbs 6:19 A <i>false</i> witness that speaketh lies and he that soweth discord among brethren.</p>	<p>Psalms 119:163 I hate and abhor <i>lying</i>: but thy law do I love.</p> <p>Psalms 120:2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from <i>lying</i> lips, and from a deceitful tongue.</p>

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A *Vain* Person has visible signs as to how they think:

Hebrew Word Study

sheqer (sheh'-ker); an untruth; by implication, a sham (often adverbial):

KJV - without a cause, deceit (-ful), false (-hood, -ly), feignedly, liar, + lie, lying, vain (thing), wrongfully.

Exodus 5:9

Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard *vain* words.

Exodus 20:16

Thou shalt not bear *false* witness against thy neighbour.

Exodus 23:7

Keep thee far from a *false* matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

Leviticus 6:3

Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth *falsely*; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein:

Leviticus 6:5

Or all that about which *he hath sworn falsely*; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering.

Leviticus 19:12

And ye shall not swear by my name *falsely*, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

Deuteronomy 19:18

And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a *false* witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;

I Samuel 25:21

Now David had said, Surely *in vain* have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.

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II Samuel 18:13

Otherwise I should have wrought *falsehood* against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldst have set thyself against me.

I Kings 22:22-23

And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a *lying* spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. ²³ Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a *lying* spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

II Kings 9:12

And they said, It is *false*; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel.

II Chronicles 18:21-22

And he said, I will go out, and be a *lying* spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the LORD said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so. ²² Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a *lying* spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

Job 13:4

But ye are forgers of *lies*, ye are all physicians of no value.

Job 36:4

For truly my words shall not be *false*: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

Psalms 7:14

Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth *falsehood*.

Psalms 27:12

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for *false* witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

Psalms 31:18

Let the *lying* lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

Psalms 33:17

An horse is *a vain thing* for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Psalms 35:19

Let not them that are mine enemies *wrongfully* rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

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Psalms 38:19

But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me *wrongfully* are multiplied.

Psalms 52:3

Thou lovest evil more than good; and *lying* rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

Psalms 63:11

But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak *lies* shall be stopped.

Psalms 69:4

They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies *wrongfully*, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

Psalms 101:7

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth *lies* shall not tarry in my sight.

Psalms 109:2

For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a *lying* tongue.

Psalms 119:29

Remove from me the way of *lying*: and grant me thy law graciously.

Psalms 119:69

The proud have forged *a lie* against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

Psalms 119:78

Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me *without a cause*: but I will meditate in thy precepts.

Psalms 119:86

All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me *wrongfully*; help thou me.

Psalms 119:104

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every *false* way.

Psalms 119:118

Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is *falsehood*.

Psalms 119:128

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every *false* way.

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Psalms 119:163

I hate and abhor *lying*: but thy law do I love.

Psalms 120:2

Deliver my soul, O LORD, from *lying* lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

Psalms 144:8

Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of *falsehood*.

Psalms 144:11

Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of *falsehood*:

Proverbs 6:17

A proud look, a *lying* tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Proverbs 6:19

A *false* witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 10:18

He that hideth hatred with *lying* lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

Proverbs 11:18

The wicked worketh a *deceitful* work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

Proverbs 12:17

He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a *false* witness deceit.

Proverbs 12:19

The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a *lying* tongue is but for a moment.

Proverbs 12:22

Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

Proverbs 13:5

A righteous man hateth *lying*: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

Proverbs 14:5

A faithful witness will not lie: but a *false* witness will utter lies.

Proverbs 17:4

A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and *a liar* giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

Proverbs 17:7

Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do *lying* lips a prince.

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Proverbs 19:5

A *false* witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

Proverbs 19:9

A *false* witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.

Proverbs 20:17

Bread of *deceit* is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

Proverbs 21:6

The getting of treasures by a *lying* tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

Proverbs 25:14

Whoso boasteth himself of a *false* gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

Proverbs 25:18

A man that beareth *false* witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

Proverbs 26:28

A *lying* tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

Proverbs 29:12

If a ruler hearken to *lies*, all his servants are wicked.

Proverbs 31:30

Favour is *deceitful*, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Isaiah 9:15

The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth *lies*, he is the tail.

Isaiah 28:15

Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, *and under falsehood* have we hid ourselves:

Isaiah 32:7

The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with *lying* words, even when the needy speaketh right.

Isaiah 44:20

He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not *a lie* in my right hand?

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Isaiah 57:4

Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of *falsehood*,

Isaiah 59:3

For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken *lies*, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

Isaiah 59:13

In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of *falsehood*.

Jeremiah 3:10

And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but *feignedly*, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 3:23

Truly *in vain* is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel.

Jeremiah 5:2

And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear *falsely*.

Jeremiah 5:31

The prophets prophesy *falsely*, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Jeremiah 6:13

For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth *falsely*.

Jeremiah 7:4

Trust ye not in *lying* words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.

Jeremiah 7:8-9

Behold, ye trust in *lying* words, that cannot profit. ⁹ Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear *falsely*, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

Jeremiah 8:8

How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly *in vain* made he it; the pen of the scribes is *in vain*.

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Jeremiah 8:10

Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth *falsely*.

Jeremiah 9:3

And they bend their tongues like their bow for *lies*: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 9:5

And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak *lies*, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

Jeremiah 10:14

Every man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is *falsehood*, and there is no breath in them.

Jeremiah 13:25

This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted *in falsehood*.

Jeremiah 14:14

Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy *lies* in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a *false* vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

Jeremiah 16:19

O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited *lies*, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

Jeremiah 20:6

And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied *lies*.

Jeremiah 23:14

I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk *in lies*: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

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Jeremiah 23:25-26

I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy *lies* in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. ²⁶ How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy *lies*? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

Jeremiah 23:32

Behold, I am against them that prophesy *false* dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 27:10

For they prophesy *a lie* unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish.

Jeremiah 27:14-16

Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy *a lie* unto you. ¹⁵ For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy *a lie* in my name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you. ¹⁶ Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Harken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy *a lie* unto you.

Jeremiah 28:15

Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in *a lie*.

Jeremiah 29:9

For they prophesy *falsely* unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 29:21

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy *a lie* unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;

Jeremiah 29:23

Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken *lying* words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 29:31

Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in *a lie*:

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Jeremiah 37:14

Then said Jeremiah, It is *false*; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

Jeremiah 40:16

But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest *falsely* of Ishmael.

Jeremiah 43:2

Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest *falsely*: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

Jeremiah 51:17

Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is *falsehood*, and there is no breath in them.

Ezekiel 13:22

Because with *lies* ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

Hosea 7:1

When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit *falsehood*; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without.

Micah 2:11

If a man walking in the spirit *and falsehood* do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

Micah 6:12

For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken *lies*, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

Habakkuk 2:18

What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of *lies*, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?

Zechariah 5:4

I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth *falsely* by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

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Zechariah 8:17

And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no *false* oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

Zechariah 10:2

For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen *a lie*, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

Zechariah 13:3

And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest *lies* in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

Malachi 3:5

And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against *false* swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

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Visible Signs of a <i>Vain</i> Person				
"Thoughts" that lead to actions of a <i>Vain</i> person	Hebrew or Greek word 1 of 2	Insights into that word or tense of that word	Visible signs of a <i>Vain</i> person	Visible signs of a <i>non-Vain</i> person
<p>There can be a religious attitude in a vain person, but it is a false approval.</p> <p>Lamentations 2:14 Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.</p>	<p>shav'</p> <p>Exodus 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.</p> <p>Psalms 139:20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.</p>	<p>A word for vain, vanity and lying. Also, to move to immoral idolatry.</p> <p>Ezekiel 13:7-8 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith it; albeit I have not spoken? 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God.</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 5:11 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.</p> <p>Jeremiah 18:15 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;</p>	<p>Job 35:13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.</p> <p>Psalms 24:4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.</p> <p>Psalms 31:6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the Lord.</p>

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A Vain Person

Visible Signs of a *Vain* Person

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<p>A Vain person is so focused on themselves that they not only believe false things but are into lying.</p> <p>Job 15:31 Let not him that is deceived trust <i>in vanity</i>: for <i>vanity</i> shall be his recompence.</p> <p>Psalms 12:2 They speak <i>vanity</i> every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.</p>	<p>2 of 2</p> <p>shav'</p> <p>Deuteronomy 5:20 Neither shalt thou bear <i>false</i> witness against thy neighbour.</p> <p>Psalms 127:1-2 Except the LORD build the house, they labour <i>in vain</i> that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but <i>in vain</i>. ² It is <i>vain</i> for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.</p> <p>Psalms 144:8 Whose mouth speaketh <i>vanity</i>, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.</p>	<p>Psalms 144:11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh <i>vanity</i>, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:</p> <p>Isaiah 5:18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of <i>vanity</i>, and sin as it were with a cart rope:</p> <p>Isaiah 59:4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak <i>lies</i>; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.</p>	<p>Proverbs 30:8 Remove far from me <i>vanity</i> and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:</p> <p>Hosea 10:4 They have spoken words, swearing <i>falsely</i> in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.</p> <p>Hosea 12:11 Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are <i>vanity</i>: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.</p> <p>Jonah 2:8 They that observe <i>lying</i> vanities forsake their own mercy.</p> <p>Malachi 3:14 Ye have said, It is <i>vain</i> to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?</p>	<p>Job 11:11 For he knoweth <i>vain</i> men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider it?</p> <p>Psalms 24:4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul <i>unto vanity</i>, nor sworn deceitfully.</p> <p>Psalms 26:4 I have not sat with <i>vain</i> persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.</p> <p>Psalms 31:6 I have hated them that regard <i>lying</i> vanities: but I trust in the LORD.</p> <p>Psalms 60:11 Give us help from trouble: <i>for vain</i> is the help of man.</p>

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A Vain Person

A *Vain* Person has visible signs as to how they think:

Hebrew Word Study

shav' (shawv); or shav (shav); in the sense of desolating; evil (as destructive), literally (ruin) or morally (especially guile); figuratively idolatry (as false, subjective), uselessness (as deceptive, objective; also, adverbially, in vain): *KJV* - false (-ly), lie, lying, vain, vanity.

Exodus 20:7

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God *in vain*; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name *in vain*.

Exodus 23:1

Thou shalt not raise a *false* report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

Deuteronomy 5:11

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God *in vain*: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name *in vain*.

Deuteronomy 5:20

Neither shalt thou bear *false* witness against thy neighbour.

Job 7:3

So am I made to possess months of *vanity*, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

Job 11:11

For he knoweth *vain* men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider it?

Job 15:31

Let not him that is deceived trust *in vanity*: for *vanity* shall be his recompence.

Job 31:5

If I have walked with *vanity*, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit;

Job 35:13

Surely God will not hear *vanity*, neither will the Almighty regard it.

Psalms 12:2

They speak *vanity* every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

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Psalms 24:4

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul *unto vanity*, nor sworn deceitfully.

Psalms 26:4

I have not sat with *vain* persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

Psalms 31:6

I have hated them that regard *lying* vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

Psalms 41:6

And if he come to see me, he speaketh *vanity*: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

Psalms 60:11

Give us help from trouble: *for vain* is the help of man.

Psalms 89:47

Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men *in vain*?

Psalms 108:12

Give us help from trouble: *for vain* is the help of man.

Psalms 119:37

Turn away mine eyes from beholding *vanity*; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Psalms 127:1-2

Except the LORD build the house, they labour *in vain* that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but *in vain*. ² It is *vain* for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Psalms 139:20

For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name *in vain*.

Psalms 144:8

Whose mouth speaketh *vanity*, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

Psalms 144:11

Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh *vanity*, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

Proverbs 30:8

Remove far from me *vanity* and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

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A Vain Person

Isaiah 1:13

Bring no more *vain* oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Isaiah 5:18

Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of *vanity*, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

Isaiah 30:28

And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of *vanity*: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

Isaiah 59:4

None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak *lies*; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

Jeremiah 2:30

In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

Jeremiah 4:30

And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, *in vain* shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

Jeremiah 6:29

The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth *in vain*: for the wicked are not plucked away.

Jeremiah 18:15

Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense *to vanity*, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;

Jeremiah 46:11

Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: *in vain* shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured.

Lamentations 2:14

Thy prophets have seen *vain* and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee *false* burdens and causes of banishment.

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Ezekiel 12:24

For there shall be no more any *vain* vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 13:6-9

They have seen *vanity* and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word. ⁷ Have ye not seen a *vain* vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken? ⁸ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken *vanity*, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord GOD. ⁹ And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see *vanity*, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 13:23

Therefore ye shall see no more *vanity*, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 21:23

And it shall be unto them as a *false* divination in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

Ezekiel 21:29

Whiles they see *vanity* unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end.

Ezekiel 22:28

And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing *vanity*, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

Hosea 10:4

They have spoken words, swearing *falsely* in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

Hosea 12:11

Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are *vanity*: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

Jonah 2:8

They that observe *lying* vanities forsake their own mercy.

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Zechariah 10:2

For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told *false* dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

Malachi 3:14

Ye have said, It is *vain* to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

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It is to believe in an empty thing. (i.e.) a false or vain belief which is vanity. Something of no purpose.	<p>riyq</p> <p>Isaiah 30:7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.</p>	<p>Empty; false; worthless;</p> <p>Leviticus 26:16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.</p> <p>Leviticus 26:20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.</p>	<p>The person imagines false concepts and moves to manipulate others to also believe in vanity.</p> <p>Psalms 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?</p> <p>Jeremiah 51:58 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.</p> <p>Habakkuk 2:13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?</p>	<p>Psalms 4:2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.</p> <p>Isaiah 49:4 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.</p>

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A Vain Person

A **Vain** Person has visible signs as to how they think:

Hebrew Word Study

riyq (reek); emptiness; figuratively, a worthless thing; adverbially, in vain:

KJV - empty, to no purpose, (in) vain (thing), vanity.

Leviticus 26:16

I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed **in vain**, for your enemies shall eat it.

Leviticus 26:20

And your strength shall be spent **in vain**: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

Job 39:16

She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labour is **in vain** without fear;

Psalms 2:1

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine **a vain thing**?

Psalms 4:2

O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love **vanity**, and seek after leasing? Selah.

Psalms 73:13

Verily I have cleansed my heart in **vain**, and washed my hands in innocency.

Isaiah 30:7

For the Egyptians shall help in vain, **and to no purpose**: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.

Isaiah 49:4

Then I said, I have laboured **in vain**, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

Isaiah 65:23

They shall not labour **in vain**, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

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Jeremiah 51:34

Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an *empty* vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicacies, he hath cast me out.

Jeremiah 51:58

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour *in vain*, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

Habakkuk 2:13

Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very *vanity?*

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Visible Signs of a *Vain* Person

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<p>They pursue foolish people and foolish ideas that over time end up in loss. However they talk big and have ideas that at first sound great. Ideas of deception.</p>	<p>reyq</p> <p>Judges 9:4 And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired <i>vain</i> and light persons, which followed him.</p>	<p>Worthless; empty; vain; emptied;</p> <p>Genesis 41:27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven <i>empty</i> ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.</p>	<p>II Chronicles 13:7 And there are gathered unto him <i>vain</i> men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.</p>	
<p>Proverbs 28:19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after <i>vain</i> persons shall have poverty enough.</p> <p>Proverbs 12:11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth <i>vain</i> persons is void of understanding.</p>	<p>II Samuel 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of <i>the vain fellows</i> shamelessly uncovereth himself!</p> <p>II Kings 4:3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even <i>empty</i> vessels; borrow not a few.</p>	<p>Judges 7:16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with <i>empty</i> pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.</p> <p>Judges 11:3 Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered <i>vain</i> men to Jephthah, and went out with him.</p>	<p>Isaiah 29:8 It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, <i>and</i> his soul <i>is empty</i>: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.</p>	<p>Nehemiah 5:13 Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, <i>and emptied</i>. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.</p>

INSIGHTS FROM PROVERBS

A Vain Person

A *Vain* Person has visible signs as to how they think:

Hebrew Word Study

reyq (rake); or (shorter) req (rake); empty; figuratively, worthless:

KJV - emptied (-ty), vain (fellow, man).

Genesis 37:24

And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was *empty*, there was no water in it.

Genesis 41:27

And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven *empty* ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

Deuteronomy 32:47

For it is not a *vain* thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Judges 7:16

And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with *empty* pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

Judges 9:4

And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired *vain* and light persons, which followed him.

Judges 11:3

Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered *vain* men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

II Samuel 6:20

Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of *the vain fellows* shamelessly uncovereth himself!

II Kings 4:3

Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even *empty* vessels; borrow not a few.

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II Chronicles 13:7

And there are gathered unto him *vain* men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

Nehemiah 5:13

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Proverbs 12:11

He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth *vain* persons is void of understanding.

Proverbs 28:19

He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after *vain* persons shall have poverty enough.

Isaiah 29:8

It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, *and* his soul *is empty*: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

Ezekiel 24:11

Then set it *empty* upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the scum of it may be consumed.

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<p>They pursue things that bring little or no results.</p> <p>I Samuel 12:21 And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after <i>vain</i> things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.</p>	<p>tohuw</p> <p>Psalms 107:40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander <i>in the wilderness</i>, where there is no way.</p>	<p>Confusion; waste; vain; vanity; empty; desolation;</p>	<p>John 6:18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.</p> <p>Isaiah 29:21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just <i>for a thing of nought.</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 40:17 All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, <i>and vanity.</i></p> <p>Isaiah 40:23 That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth <i>as vanity.</i></p>
<p>Isaiah 59:4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in <i>vanity</i>, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.</p>		<p>Isaiah 24:10 The city of <i>confusion</i> is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.</p> <p>Isaiah 41:29 Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind <i>and confusion.</i></p>		

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A Vain Person

A *Vain* Person has visible signs as to how they think:

Hebrew Word Study

tohuw (to'-hoo); from an unused root meaning to lie waste; a desolation (of surface), i.e., desert; figuratively, a worthless thing; adverbially, in vain:

KJV - confusion, empty place, without form, nothing, (thing of) nought, vain, vanity, waste, wilderness.

Genesis 1:2

And the earth was *without form*, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Deuteronomy 32:10

He found him in a desert land, *and in the waste* howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

I Samuel 12:21

And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after *vain* things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

Job 6:18

The paths of their way are turned aside; they go *to nothing*, and perish.

Job 12:24

He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander *in a wilderness* where there is no way.

Job 26:7

He stretcheth out the north over *the empty place*, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Psalms 107:40

He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander *in the wilderness*, where there is no way.

Isaiah 24:10

The city of *confusion* is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

Isaiah 29:21

That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just *for a thing of nought*.

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Isaiah 34:11

But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of *confusion*, and the stones of emptiness.

Isaiah 40:17

All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, *and vanity*.

Isaiah 40:23

That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth *as vanity*.

Isaiah 41:29

Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind *and confusion*.

Isaiah 44:9

They that make a graven image are all of them *vanity*; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

Isaiah 45:18-19

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not *in vain*, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. ¹⁹ I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me *in vain*: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

Isaiah 49:4

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength *for nought*, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

Isaiah 59:4

None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in *vanity*, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

Jeremiah 4:23

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was *without form*, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.

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<p>II Kings 17:15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.</p>	<p>habal</p> <p>Job 27:12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain?</p>	<p>A word to lead astray and to take advantage of others.</p> <p>Jeremiah 2:5 Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?</p>	<p>Psalms 62:10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.</p>	<p>Jeremiah 23:16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.</p>

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A **Vain** Person has visible signs as to how they think:

Hebrew Word Study

habal (haw-bal') to be vain in act, word, or expectation; specifically, to lead astray:

KJV - be (become, make) vain.

II Kings 17:15

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Job 27:12

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II Kings 18:20 Thou sayest, (but they are but <i>vain</i> words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?	saphah	-	Isaiah 36:5 I say, sayest thou, (but they are but <i>vain</i> words) I have counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?	-

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Hebrew Word Study

saphah (saw-faw'); or (in dual and plural) sepheth (sef-eth'); through the idea of termination; the lip (as a natural boundary); by implication, language; by analogy, a margin (of a vessel, water, cloth, etc.):
KJV - band, bank, binding, border, brim, brink, edge, language, lip, prating, ([sea-]) shore, side, speech, talk, [*vain*] words.

Out of the 145 verses there are only two times it is rendered *vain*. We have listed these two.

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<p>Psalms 94:11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are <i>vanity</i>.</p> <p>Psalms 31:6 I have hated them that regard lying <i>vanities</i>: but I trust in the LORD.</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 4:8 There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also <i>vanity</i>, yea, it is a sore travail.</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 6:9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also <i>vanity</i> and vexation of spirit.</p>	<p>Hebel</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 6:9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also <i>vanity</i> and vexation of spirit.</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 7:6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is <i>vanity</i>.</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 7:15 All things have I seen in the days of my <i>vanity</i>: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that longeth his life in his wickedness.</p>	<p>A word to lead people astray; empty ; vanity;</p> <p>II Kings 17:15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed <i>vanity</i>, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 6:2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is <i>vanity</i>, and it is an evil disease</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of <i>thy vanity</i>: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.</p>	<p>Proverbs 21:6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is <i>a vanity</i> tossed to and fro of them that seek death.</p> <p>Proverbs 13:11 Wealth gotten by <i>vanity</i> shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 4:4 Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This is also <i>vanity</i> and vexation of spirit.</p> <p>Jeremiah 51:18 They are <i>vanity</i>, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.</p> <p>Jonah 2:8 They that observe lying <i>vanities</i> forsake their own mercy.</p>	<p>Psalms 78:33 Therefore their days did he consume <i>in vanity</i>, and their years in trouble.</p> <p>Proverbs 31:30 Favour is deceitful, <i>and</i> beauty is <i>vain</i>: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.</p> <p>Psalms 39:11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is <i>vanity</i>. Selah.</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 2:26 For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is <i>vanity</i> and vexation of spirit.</p>

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Hebrew Word Study

hebel (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) habel (hab-ale'); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb:

KJV - altogether, vain, vanity.

Deuteronomy 32:21

They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger **with their vanities**: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

I Kings 16:13

For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger **with their vanities**.

I Kings 16:26

For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger **with their vanities**.

II Kings 17:15

And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed **vanity**, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.

Job 7:16

I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are **vanity**.

Job 9:29

If I be wicked, why then labour I **in vain**?

Job 21:34

How then comfort ye me in **vain**, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?

Job 27:12

Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus **altogether vain**?

Job 35:16

Therefore doth Job open his mouth **in vain**; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

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Psalms 31:6

I have hated them that regard lying *vanities*: but I trust in the LORD.

Psalms 39:5-6

Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether *vanity*. Selah. ⁶ Surely every man walketh in a *vain* shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

Psalms 39:11

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is *vanity*. Selah.

Psalms 62:9

Surely men of low degree are *vanity*, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter *than vanity*.

Psalms 78:33

Therefore their days did he consume *in vanity*, and their years in trouble.

Psalms 94:11

The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are *vanity*.

Psalms 144:4

Man is like to *vanity*: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

Proverbs 13:11

Wealth gotten *by vanity* shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

Proverbs 21:6

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is *a vanity* tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

Proverbs 31:30

Favour is deceitful, *and* beauty is *vain*: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Ecclesiastes 1:2

Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, *vanity of vanities*; all is *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 1:14

I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is *vanity* and vexation of spirit.

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Ecclesiastes 2:1

I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 2:11

Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was *vanity* and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:15

Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 2:17

Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is *vanity* and vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 2:19

And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 2:21

For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is *vanity* and a great evil.

Ecclesiastes 2:23

For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 2:26

For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is *vanity* and vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 3:19

For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 4:4

Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This is also *vanity* and vexation of spirit.

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Ecclesiastes 4:7

Then I returned, and I saw *vanity* under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 4:8

There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also *vanity*, yea, it is a sore travail.

Ecclesiastes 4:16

There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is *vanity* and vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 5:7

For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are *also divers vanities*: but fear thou God.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 6:2

A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is *vanity*, and it is an evil disease.

Ecclesiastes 6:4

For he cometh in *with vanity*, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

Ecclesiastes 6:9

Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also *vanity* and vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 6:12

For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of *his vain* life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 7:6

For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 7:15

All things have I seen in the days of my *vanity*: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth his life in his wickedness.

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Ecclesiastes 8:10

And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 8:14

There is *a vanity* which is done upon the earth; that there be just men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 9:9

Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of *thy vanity*: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 11:8

But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 11:10

Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are *vanity*.

Ecclesiastes 12:8

Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is *vanity*.

Isaiah 30:7

For the Egyptians shall help *in vain*, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.

Isaiah 49:4

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, *and in vain*: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

Isaiah 57:13

When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; *vanity* shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

Jeremiah 2:5

Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after *vanity*, and are become vain?

Jeremiah 8:19

Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and *with* strange *vanities*?

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Jeremiah 10:3

For the customs of the people are *vain*: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

Jeremiah 10:8

But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of *vanities*.

Jeremiah 10:15

They are *vanity*, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

Jeremiah 14:22

Are there any *among the vanities of* the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

Jeremiah 16:19

O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, *vanity*, and things wherein there is no profit.

Jeremiah 51:18

They are *vanity*, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

Lamentations 4:17

As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our *vain* help: in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us.

Jonah 2:8

They that observe lying *vanities* forsake their own mercy.

Zechariah 10:2

For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort *in vain*: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

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<p>Job 6:18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go <i>to nothing</i>, and perish.</p> <p>I Samuel 12:21 And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after <i>vain</i> things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are <i>vain</i>.</p>	tohuw	<p>A waste; For nothing; Vain; Vanity</p> <p>Isaiah 29:21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just <i>for a thing of nought</i>.</p>	<p>Isaiah 59:4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in <i>vanity</i>, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.</p>	<p>Job 12:24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander <i>in a wilderness</i> where there is no way.</p> <p>Psalms 107:40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander <i>in the wilderness</i>, where there is no way.</p>

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Hebrew Word Study

tohuw (to'-hoo); from an unused root meaning to lie waste; a desolation (of surface), i.e., desert; figuratively, a worthless thing; adverbially, in vain:

KJV - confusion, empty place, without form, nothing, (thing of) nought, vain, vanity, waste, wilderness.

Genesis 1:2

And the earth was **without form**, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Deuteronomy 32:10

He found him in a desert land, **and in the waste** howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

I Samuel 12:21

And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after **vain** things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are **vain**.

Job 6:18

The paths of their way are turned aside; they go **to nothing**, and perish.

Job 12:24

He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander **in a wilderness** where there is no way.

Job 26:7

He stretcheth out the north over **the empty place**, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Psalms 107:40

He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander **in the wilderness**, where there is no way.

Isaiah 24:10

The city of **confusion** is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

Isaiah 29:21

That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just **for a thing of nought**.

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Isaiah 34:11

But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of *confusion*, and the stones of emptiness.

Isaiah 40:17

All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, *and vanity*.

Isaiah 40:23

That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth *as vanity*.

Isaiah 41:29

Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind *and confusion*.

Isaiah 44:9

They that make a graven image are all of them *vanity*; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

Isaiah 45:18-19

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not *in vain*, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. ¹⁹ I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me *in vain*: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

Isaiah 49:4

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength *for nought*, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

Isaiah 59:4

None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in *vanity*, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

Jeremiah 4:23

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was *without form*, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.

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<p>Psalms 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and <i>vanity</i>.</p> <p>Jeremiah 4:14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy <i>vain</i> thoughts lodge within thee?</p>	<p>aven</p> <p>Zechariah 10:2 For the idols have spoken <i>vanity</i>, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.</p>	<p>Iniquity; Vain; Vanity; Unjust; False; Evil; Wicked; Mischief;</p>	<p>Proverbs 22:8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap <i>vanity</i>: and the rod of his anger shall fail.</p>	<p>Isaiah 58:9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking <i>vanity</i>;</p>

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Hebrew Word Study

'aven (aw-ven'); from an unused root perhaps meaning properly, to pant (hence, to exert oneself, usually in vain; to come to naught); strictly nothingness; also, trouble. vanity, wickedness; specifically, an idol:

KJV - affliction, evil, false, idol, iniquity, mischief, mourners (-ing), naught, sorrow, unjust, unrighteous, vain vanity, wicked (-ness).

Psalms 10:7

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and *vanity*.

Proverbs 22:8

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Isaiah 41:29

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Jeremiah 4:14-15

O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy *vain* thoughts lodge within thee? ¹⁵ For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth *affliction* from mount Ephraim.

Zechariah 10:2

For the idols have spoken *vanity*, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

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Job 11:12 For <i>vain</i> man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt.	nabab naw-bab'	to pierce; to be hollow, or (figuratively) foolish: KJV - hollow, vain.	Jeremiah 52:21 And concerning the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof was four fingers: it was <i>hollow</i> .	-

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nabab (naw-bab'); to pierce; to be hollow, or (figuratively) foolish:
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Exodus 27:8

Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

Exodus 38:7

And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar *hollow* with boards.

Job 11:12

For *vain* man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt.

Jeremiah 52:21

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Job 15:2 Should a wise man utter <i>vain</i> knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?	ruwach roo'-akh	wind; by resemblance breath, i.e., a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions): <i>KJV</i> - air, anger, blast, breath, X cool, courage, mind, X quarter, X side, spirit ([<i>-ual</i>]), tempest, X vain, ([<i>whirl-</i>]) wind (<i>-y</i>).	Job 16:3 Shall <i>vain</i> words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?	-

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Only two verses had the word *vain* interpretation out of about 300 Verses.

Job 15:2

Should a wise man utter *vain* knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

Job 16:3

Shall *vain* words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?

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<p>Job 41:9 Behold, the hope of him <i>is in vain</i>: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?</p>	<p>kazab kaw-za</p> <p>Job 24:25 And if it be not so now, who <i>will make me a liar</i>, and make my speech nothing worth?</p> <p>Job 34:6 <i>Should I lie</i> against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.</p>	<p>to lie (i.e., deceive), literally or figuratively: KJV - fail, (be found a, make a) liar, lie, lying, be in vain.</p> <p>Psalms 78:36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, <i>and they lied</i> unto him with their tongues.</p>	<p>Psalms 116:11 I said in my haste, All men are <i>liars</i>.</p> <p>Ezekiel 13:19 And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, <i>by your lying</i> to my people that hear your lies?</p>	<p>Proverbs 14:5 A faithful witness <i>will</i> not <i>lie</i>: but a false witness will utter lies.</p> <p>Proverbs 30:6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, <i>and thou be found a liar</i>.</p>

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kazab (kaw-zab'); to lie (i.e., deceive), literally or figuratively:
KJV - fail, (be found a, make a) liar, lie, lying, be in vain.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, **that he should lie**; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Judges 16:10

And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me **lies**: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

Judges 16:13

And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me **lies**: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.

II Kings 4:16

And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, **do not lie** unto thine handmaid.

Job 6:28

Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you if **I lie**.

Job 24:25

And if it be not so now, who **will make me a liar**, and make my speech nothing worth?

Job 34:6

Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.

Job 41:9

Behold, the hope of him **is in vain**: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?

Psalms 78:36

Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, **and they lied** unto him with their tongues.

Psalms 89:35

Once have I sworn by my holiness **that I will not lie** unto David.

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Psalms 116:11

I said in my haste, All men are *liars*.

Proverbs 14:5

A faithful witness *will* not *lie*: but a false witness will utter lies.

Proverbs 30:6

Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, *and thou be found a liar*.

Isaiah 57:11

And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that *thou hast lied*, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

Isaiah 58:11

And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters *fail* not.

Ezekiel 13:19

And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, *by your lying* to my people that hear your lies?

Micah 2:11

If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood *do lie*, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

Habakkuk 2:3

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not *lie*: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

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<p>Proverbs 1:17 Surely <i>in vain</i> the net is spread in the sight of any bird.</p>	<p>chinnam khin-nawm’</p> <p>Proverbs 3:30 Strive not with a man <i>without cause</i>, if he have done thee no harm.</p>	<p>gratis, i.e., devoid of cost, reason, or advantage: <i>KJV - without a cause (cost, wages), causeless, to cost nothing, free (-ly), innocent, for nothing (nought, in vain.</i></p>	<p>Proverbs 23:29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds <i>without cause</i>? who hath redness of eyes?</p>	<p>Isaiah 52:3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves <i>for nought</i>; and ye shall be redeemed without money.</p>

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Hebrew Word Study

chinnam (khin-nawm'); gratis, i.e., devoid of cost, reason or advantage:
KJV - without a cause (cost, wages), causeless, to cost nothing, free (-ly), innocent, for nothing (nought, in vain).

Genesis 29:15

And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me *for nought*? tell me, what shall thy wages be?

Exodus 21:2

If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free *for nothing*.

Exodus 21:11

And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out *free* without money.

Numbers 11:5

We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt *freely*; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

I Samuel 19:5

For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David *without a cause*?

I Samuel 25:31

That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood *causeless*, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

II Samuel 24:24

And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of *that which doth cost me nothing*. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

I Kings 2:31

And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the *innocent* blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

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I Chronicles 21:24

And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings *without cost*.

Job 1:9

Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God *for nought*?

Job 2:3

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him *without cause*.

Job 9:17

For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds *without cause*.

Job 22:6

For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother *for nought*, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

Psalms 35:7

For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which *without cause* they have digged for my soul.

Psalms 35:19

Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me *without a cause*.

Psalms 69:4

They that hate me *without a cause* are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

Psalms 109:3

They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me *without a cause*.

Psalms 119:161

Princes have persecuted me *without a cause*: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

Proverbs 1:11

If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent *without cause*:

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Proverbs 1:17

Surely *in vain* the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

Proverbs 3:30

Strive not with a man *without cause*, if he have done thee no harm.

Proverbs 23:29

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds *without cause*? who hath redness of eyes?

Proverbs 24:28

Be not a witness against thy neighbour *without cause*; and deceive not with thy lips.

Proverbs 26:2

As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse *causeless* shall not come.

Isaiah 52:3

For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves *for nought*; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

Isaiah 52:5

Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away *for nought*? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

Jeremiah 22:13

Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour's service *without wages*, and giveth him not for his work;

Lamentations 3:52

Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, *without cause*.

Ezekiel 6:10

And they shall know that I am the LORD, and that I have not said in *vain* that I would do this evil unto them.

Ezekiel 14:23

And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done *without cause* all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD.

Malachi 1:10

Who is there even among you that would shut the doors *for nought*? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

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<p>Jeremiah 50:9 For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return <i>in vain</i>.</p>	<p>reyqam ray-kawm'</p> <p>Deuteronomy 16:16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD <i>empty</i>:</p>	<p>emptily; figuratively (objective) ineffectually, (subjective) undeservedly: KJV - without cause, empty, in vain, void.</p>	<p>Psalms 7:4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that <i>without cause</i> is mine enemy)</p>	<p>Psalms 25:3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress <i>without cause</i>.</p>

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Hebrew Word Study

reyqam (ray-kawm'); empty; figuratively (objective) ineffectually, (subjective) undeservedly:

KJV - without cause, empty, in vain, void.

Genesis 31:42

Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now *empty*. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

Exodus 3:21

And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go *empty*:

Exodus 23:15

Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me *empty*.)

Exodus 34:20

But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me *empty*.

Deuteronomy 15:13

And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away *empty*:

Deuteronomy 16:16

Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD *empty*:

Ruth 1:21

I went out full, *and* the LORD hath brought me home again *empty*: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

Ruth 3:17

And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not *empty* unto thy mother in law.

I Samuel 6:3

And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not *empty*; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

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II Samuel 1:22

From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not *empty*.

Job 22:9

Thou has sent widows away *empty*, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

Psalms 7:4

If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that *without cause* is mine enemy)

Psalms 25:3

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress *without cause*.

Isaiah 55:11

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me *void*, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Jeremiah 14:3

And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels *empty*; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads.

Jeremiah 50:9

For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return *in vain*.

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—	battologeo	To say over and over.	Matthew 6:7 But when ye pray, use not <i>vain repetitions</i> , as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.	—

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Greek Word Study

battologeo (bat-tol-og-eh'-o); from Battos (a proverbial stammerer) to stutter, i.e. (by implication) to prate tediously:

KJV - use vain repetitions.

Matthew 6:7

But when ye pray, use not *vain repetitions*, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

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Mark 7:7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.	maten	To no purpose.	Matthew 15:9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.	—

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Greek Word Study

maten (mat'-ane); (through the idea of tentative manipulation, i.e., unsuccessful search, or else of punishment); folly, i.e. (adverbially) to no purpose: *KJV* - in vain.

Matthew 15:9

But *in vain* they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Mark 7:7

Howbeit *in vain* do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

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<p>Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and <i>vain</i> deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.</p> <p>I Thessalonians 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in <i>vain</i>.</p>	<p>kenos</p> <p>I Thessalonians 2:1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not <i>in vain</i>:</p>	<p>Empty; Vain;</p> <p>James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O <i>vain</i> man, that faith without works is dead?</p>	<p>II Corinthians 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in <i>vain</i>.</p> <p>Ephesians 5:6 Let no man deceive you with <i>vain</i> words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.</p>	<p>I Corinthians 15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching <i>vain</i>, and your faith is also <i>vain</i>.</p> <p>I Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not <i>in vain</i> in the Lord.</p>

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Greek Word Study

kenos (ken-os'); apparently a primary word; empty (literally or figuratively):

KJV - empty, (in) vain.

Mark 12:3

And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away **empty**.

Luke 1:53

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent **empty** away.

Luke 20:10-11

And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away **empty**. ¹¹ And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty.

Acts 4:25

Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine **vain** things?

I Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not **in vain**; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

I Corinthians 15:14

And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching **vain**, and your faith is also **vain**.

I Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not **in vain** in the Lord.

II Corinthians 6:1

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in **vain**.

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Galatians 2:2

And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in *vain*.

Ephesians 5:6

Let no man deceive you with *vain* words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Philippians 2:16

Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in *vain*, neither laboured in *vain*.

Colossians 2:8

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and *vain* deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

I Thessalonians 2:1

For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not *in vain*:

I Thessalonians 3:5

For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in *vain*.

James 2:20

But wilt thou know, O *vain* man, that faith without works is dead?

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Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but <i>became vain</i> in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.	mataioo	Wicked; Become vain;	Their foolish heart is darkened.	—

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Greek Word Study

mataioo (mat-ah-yo'-o); to render (passively, become) foolish, i.e. (morally) wicked or (specifically) idolatrous:

***KJV* - become vain.**

Romans 1:21

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but *became vain* in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

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I Corinthians 15:2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed <i>in vain</i> .	eike Colosians 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, <i>vainly</i> puffed up by his fleshly mind,	Without a cause; without reason;	Galatians 3:4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet <i>in vain</i> .	Galatians 4:11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour <i>in vain</i> .

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Greek Word Study

eike (i-kay'); (through the idea of failure); idly, i.e., without reason (or effect):

KJV - without a cause, (in) vain (-ly).

Romans 13:4

For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword *in vain*: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

I Corinthians 15:2

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed *in vain*.

Galatians 3:4

Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet *in vain*.

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<p>I Corinthians 3:20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are <i>vain</i>.</p>	<p>mataios</p> <p>I Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is <i>vain</i>; ye are yet in your sins.</p>	<p>Profitless; vain;</p> <p>I Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your <i>vain</i> conversation received by tradition from your fathers;</p>	<p>Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and <i>vain</i>.</p>	<p>James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is <i>vain</i>.</p>

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Greek Word Study

mataios (mat'-ah-yos);empty, i.e. (literally) profitless, or (specifically) an idol:

KJV - vain, vanity.

Acts 14:15

And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these **vanities** unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

I Corinthians 3:20

And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are **vain**.

I Corinthians 15:17

And if Christ be not raised, your faith is **vain**; ye are yet in your sins.

Titus 3:9

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and **vain**.

James 1:26

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is **vain**.

I Peter 1:18

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your **vain** conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

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Visible Signs of a <i>Vain</i> Person				
“Thoughts” that lead to actions of a <i>Vain</i> person	Hebrew or <i>Greek</i> word	Insights into that word or tense of that word	Visible signs of a <i>Vain</i> person	Visible signs of a <i>non-Vain</i> person
<p>II Corinthians 11:7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God <i>freely</i>?</p>	<p>dorean</p> <p>Romans 3:24 Being justified <i>freely</i> by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:</p>	<p>Without a cause.</p> <p>Galatians 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead <i>in vain</i>.</p>	<p>John 15:25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me <i>without a cause</i>.</p>	<p>Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: <i>freely</i> ye have received, <i>freely</i> give.</p>

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A *Vain* Person has visible signs as to how they think:

Greek Word Study

dorean (do-reh-an'); as adverb; gratuitously (literally or figuratively):

KJV - without a cause, freely, for naught, in vain.

Matthew 10:8

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: *freely* ye have received, *freely* give.

John 15:25

But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me *without a cause*.

Romans 3:24

Being justified *freely* by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

II Corinthians 11:7

Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God *freely*?

Galatians 2:21

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead *in vain*.

II Thessalonians 3:8

Neither did we eat any man's bread *for nought*; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

Revelations 21:6

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life *freely*.

Revelations 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life *freely*.

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—	kenodoxos	<i>Self-conceited</i>	Galatians 5:26 Let us not be <i>desirous of vain glory</i> , provoking one another, envying one another.	—

A *Vain* Person has visible signs as to how they think:

Greek Word Study

kenodoxos (ken-od'-ox-os); vainly glorifying, i.e., self-conceited:

KJV - desirous of vain-glory.

Galatians 5:26

Let us not be *desirous of vain glory*, provoking one another, envying one another.

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Titus 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:	mataiologia and mataiologos	Babble; Random talk;	I Timothy 1:6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;	—

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I Timothy 1:6

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Perilous Times

A TEACHING ON “THE PROGRESIVE GROWTH” OF VANITY BY A VAIN PERSON

As we go through these scriptures, we will first do so with three different translations of the Bible. Then we will come back and give you a series of visible signs **that are progressive in nature** on how to be able to tell if a man has this problem in his life and if he does not change, what the result will be.

II Timothy 3:1-2

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves.

We have heard: “He needs to love himself more.”

The Bible says that perilous times will be when men shall be lovers of their own selves.

We have heard: “He needs to **manage** his problem attitude.”

The Bible would have him resolve the problem.

II Timothy 3:1-9

1. This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. (When we read this, it is often thought to mean something like earthquakes, earth shattering things, or nuclear war but the Bible says in the following verse):

2. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4. Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5. Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

We know we are told to love ourselves, but the Bible says “perilous times” will come when men love themselves. We have a false philosophy in life. We think it is important to accept yourself as God has made you, but when you fall in love with just yourself and just what makes you happy, then you have a problem. We have been told that this person needs to manage his attitude, but the Bible says to resolve that attitude, not to manage it.

6. For of this sort are they, which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

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7. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. **(These two men were magicians and tried to give Moses a hard way to go.)**

9. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

II Timothy 3: 1-9 (J. B. Phillips Version)

But you must realize that in the last days the times will be full of danger. Men will become utterly self-centered, greedy for money, full of big words. They will be proud and abusive, without any regard for what their parents taught them. They will be utterly lacking in gratitude, reverence, and normal human affections. They will be remorseless, scandalmongers, uncontrolled and violent and haters of all that is good. They will be treacherous, reckless and arrogant, loving what gives them pleasure instead of loving God. They will maintain a façade of “religion”, but their life denies its truth. Keep clear of people like that.

From their number comes those creatures who worm their way into people’s houses and find easy prey in silly women with an exaggerated sense of sin and assorted desires—who are always anxious to learn and yet never able to grasp the truth. These men are as much enemies to the truth as Jannes and Jambres were to Moses. Their minds are distorted, and they are traitors to the faith. But in the long run they will not get very far. Their folly will become as obvious to everybody as did that of Moses’ opponents.

II Timothy 3: 1-9 (Barkley Version)

You must realize this—that in the last days difficult times will set in. For men will live a life that is centered in self; they will be lovers of money, braggarts, arrogant, lovers of insult, disobedient to their parents, thankless, regardless even of the ultimate decencies of life, without human affection, implacable in hatred, reveling in slander, ungovernable in their passions, savage, not knowing what the love of good is, treacherous, headlong in word and action, inflated with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. They will maintain the outward form of religion, but they will deny its power. Avoid such people. In the same way as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these also oppose the truth, men whose minds are corrupt, and whose faith is counterfeit. But they will not get much further, for their folly will be as clear to all as that of those ancient imposters.

***We include the Barkley version of this scripture as it is interesting how he pulled it all together.**

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Let us look at this outline and review how it works. **This is a progressive outline.** This may be a new thought for you. All the 24 points are progressive steps in one's life. The man goes from stage to stage, like being a young child growing up and all the way through life, all through **progressive** stages. This outline shows stages and visible signs of a person falling in love with himself.

Let us now come back and show ***the end of the story***. The end of the story is mentioned at the beginning. The end of the story says, "Men shall be lovers of themselves," and that also is the end, or last, of these 24 progressive stages.

We will address in this outline what it means when he says, "Men shall be lovers of themselves." The phrase, "in love with themselves" is from the Greek word "Phil-autos." "Phil" means loving and "Autos," means to be reflective of oneself and to express distinction from others and then to act in exclusion of others. Just thinking of oneself.

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The “Progressive” Stages and Visible Signs of a Person in Love with Themselves

The words “In love with their own selves” is from the **Greek** word Philautos.

Phil----Loving

Autos (av'to's)----“To be reflective of oneself”—“to express distinction of self from others”—“to act at the exclusion of others.”

Progressive Stages	Greek Word	Insights into the Greek Word	Visible Signs	Conflicts
1. Covetous (an attitude of wanting “vs” giving)	philarguros	Wanting what another has. I Samuel:15:23	While growing up the person gets stubborn . It leads to wanting one’s own way and wanting what others have.	<i>Inner Conflict</i>
2. Boaster (an attitude that glories in vanity)	alazon	This is the word for braggart and vagrant. Their bragging makes them into an outsider.	The person “gets” stuff and brags about it. They tend to further remove themselves from responsibility.	<i>Inner Conflict</i>
3. Proud (an attitude of being superior)	huperephanos	To appear above others.	They now act haughty .	<i>Inner Conflict</i>
4. Blasphemer (an attitude of being verbally abusive)	blasphemous	To rail on others. To use anger to get one’s way.	They tear others up who disagree with them and their ways.	<i>Inner Conflict</i>
5. “Disobedient” to parents (an attitude of not being open to instruction but claim they are)	apeithes	Cannot be persuaded by those in authority.	They are determined to throw off authority . They become closed off to instruction.	<i>Inner Conflict</i>
6. Unthankful (an attitude of being apart from grace [graceless])	acharistos A=negative charis=Greek word for “grace”	Thankless	They now see little reason to be grateful. They tend to only be grateful if it is to their advantage. (“Gratefulness is the gateway to stop backsliding.”)	<i>Inner Conflict</i>

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7. Unholy (an attitude of being negative about holy things but in a subtle way)	anosios A=Negative N=Euphonic hoslos=holy	To act separate from God's ways.	The person now throws off rules of behavior. They expect others to accept this.	<i>Inner Conflict</i>
8. Without natural affection. (All 3 words are one Greek word.) (a negative attitude of expressing affection towards spouse)	astorgos (used as a fanciful etymology that associated the word with stork and baby stories)	"Cannot cherish affectionately." The transition to fully loving themselves is near its fullness. This leaves little room for natural affection.	They now develop deeper conflicts in relationships because they become hard-hearted. It is hard "at times" to be around them, like "walking on eggs."	<i>Relationship Conflicts</i>
9. Trucebreakers (an attitude of being untrue to a promise because of entering into it up front as a lie)	aspondos A=Negative sponde=wit h a truce	Truceless. Implacable. To agree but not mean it.	Their promise or commitment to change themselves or their behavior and to improve a relationship means—nothing! They can say they will change their actions but have no interest in changing themselves.	<i>Relationship Conflicts</i>
10. False Accusers (an attitude that always accuses others to hide their real problem)	diabolos	Greek word for devil or slanderer. They blame others for what they do.	They develop a full-scale ability and desire to blame others or to blame circumstances for their faults. The process they use is diabolos. It is to be satanically influenced.	<i>Relationship Conflicts</i>
11. Incontinent (an attitude of unrestraint)	akrates	Without self-control. Powerless.	It is common to buy on impulse, to overextend, and be self-centered even at the expense of family. It is common to be powerless to resist temptation.	<i>Relationship Conflicts</i>

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12. Fierce (an attitude from one who forgets God and is not tame [i.e., not gentle])	anemeros	From a negative particle. To make lame, savage. People who have been around them leave feeling “drained.”	It is to attack anyone who disagrees. These are “ verbal abusers ” to the family. They can be savage in their anger.	<i>Relationship Conflicts</i>
13. “Despiser” of those that are good. (All these words are one Greek word). (an attitude of despising those they cannot live like)	aphilagathos A=Negative phileo=love agathos=good	Hostile to virtue. To feel superior to others.	When confronted and encouraged to act morally correct and to be gracious is to have this person “look down their nose” and to despise those that are good.	<i>Relationship Conflicts</i>
14. Traitor (an attitude that expresses oneself as a friend but turns against you)	prodotes Luke 6:16 uses word as a title for Judas	Betrayer. You cannot put your hope or trust in this person. Untrustworthy. Deceiver.	Just when they show times of “surrender,” to change their ways, they betray people who are trying to work with them. Untrustworthy!	<i>Relationship Conflicts</i>
15. Heady (an attitude of making headstrong, reckless decisions)	propetes	To fall headlong into one’s ways. --Rash— To make quick impulse decisions as a fool.	The person now is “Rash” with their actions. They do extreme things to get their way or to prove they can get their way.	<i>Relationship Conflicts</i>
16. High-minded (an attitude that wraps the person in conceit and speaks in tempestuous ways “like the wind talking”)	tuphoo From Greek word “tuphos”- smoke-	To inflate with self-conceit. To envelope with smoke.	Because the person is caught up in self-conceit, they wrap themselves in smoke or to hide who they really are. They now talk with words that are manipulative and out of conceit. Master manipulators, until they get found out.	<i>Relationship Conflicts</i>

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17. Lover of Pleasure (an attitude of lusting for one's own way at the expense of others)	philedonos	Fond of pleasure. To focus on things that bring short-term pleasure versus wise long-term planning.	Because of "loving themselves," they focus on buying for their desires even at the expense of family. They see their needs as primary.	<i>Relationship Conflicts</i>
18. Having a form of Godliness (an attitude that can agree with Christian teaching, but it does not change this person)	para-eisago- "Privily" To run alongside truth and to "use" truth for their benefit	It is somewhat easy to get into tradition. Para-dosis. Para=to run alongside. Dosis=giving. "To make believe they are giving themselves."	They can get into Religion "vs" Christianity. This has a temporary good feeling, but it is hypocritical. What they believe does not work.	<i>Advanced Conflicts with God</i>
19. But denying the power thereof. (an attitude that forsakes the right way and refuses that which is right)	----	----	They can know "about" God but deny God's ways and deny God. They lack the fear of the Lord.	<i>Advanced Conflicts with God</i>
20. They creep into houses. (an attitude of clothing oneself with manipulative deception to trick people to enter their "world")	enduno	An attitude of clothing oneself with manipulative deception. To trick people to get into their company or family.	They learn the art of hiding anger through manipulation, "they creep." They "Act" okay but lie and deceive their way into relationships.	<i>Advanced Conflicts with God</i>
21. They resist the truth. (an attitude of opposing doing the right thing)	anthistemi Anti=against histemi=to stand	To withstand.	To confront them with the truth is to see them "resist" and be the victim.	<i>Advanced Conflicts with God</i>
22. Men of corrupt minds. (an attitude of handling people deceitfully and dishonestly to get one's way)	katphtheiko	To spoil quality relationships entirely. (a huckster for sordid personal advantage)	They set out to destroy relationships. They have the amazing ability to spoil entirely what is best for them to continue to love themselves.	<i>Advanced Conflicts with God</i>

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23. They are reprobate. (an attitude from a mind God cannot approve and is rejected by God)	adokimos (The reference is to the great test as to if Christ is in the person, i.e., men whose moral sense is perverted and whose minds are clouded with their own speculation.)	Unapproved, rejected. "A" means negative, "dokimos" means, approved negatively. Not standing a test.	They are like a castaway. Rejected, unapproved. They will sacrifice all to love themselves. Depression is common.	<i>Conflict with God and Man</i>
24. Manifest (an attitude of full denial and no acceptance of guilt)	ekdelos (An intensive form of the Greek word, to signify "quite" evident.)	Wholly evident. To be exposed.	They will become exposed to all that their manipulation was totally self-serving , and their anger was to control others.	<i>Conflict with God and Man</i>

*****Attitudes Are Cumulative*****

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**Oswald Chambers said that “depression is the result
Of the heart getting knocked out of love with itself.”**

The solution is to not only change the person’s ways but to change the person. (Anger resolution-not anger management) If, however, the choice is made to stay in love with oneself, then it will be at the expense of relationships and financial hindrance or loss.

II Timothy 3: 1-9 (J. B. Phillips Version)

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II Timothy 3 (KJV)

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Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words

A Vain Person - **Hebrew**

BREATH/Vanity

hebel OT:1892, "breath; vanity; idol." Cognates of this noun occur in Syriac, late Aramaic, and Arabic. All but 4 of its 72 occurrences are in poetry (37 in Ecclesiastes).

First, the word represents human "breath" as a transitory thing: "I loathe it; I would not live always: let me alone; for my days are vanity [literally, but a breath]" Job 7:16.

Second, **hebel** means something meaningless and purposeless: "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity" Eccl 1:2.

Third, this word signifies an "idol," which is unsubstantial, worthless, and vain: "They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities..." Deut 32:21 — the first occurrence

act emptily, become vain. Denominative verb.

vapor, breath.

The denominative verb appears five times in the OT, four times in the Qal and once in the Hiphil (Jer 23:16). Of particular interest here are the parallel verses Jer 2:5 and II Kings 17:15; They went after vanities and "became vain." (Niv: "They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.") Two inexorable principles are illustrated here: (1) every man takes on to some degree the character and nature of the God he worships; (2) the characteristic of all false gods is that they destroy their worshippers.

hebel. Vapor, breath, vanity. This substantive is translated almost exclusively by the KJV as "vanity." Except for the passages in Eccl, where the RSV concurs with the KJV, the RSV generally leans to the translation "breath" or "worthless." The noun appears seventy-one times in the OT. Thirty-six times it is used in Eccl, where it occurs at least once in each of the twelve chapters except chapter ten.

The proper name, Abel, the second son of Adam, is also written hebel. Whether or not there is a connection between this and the substantive under discussion is another matter. Most of the Hebrew lexicons have connected "Abel" with the cognate Akkadian word ablu/ aplu "son." One will note that Abel is named in Gen 4 without any explanation, a fact that can hardly be without significance since almost all the proper names in Genesis are explained by assonances.

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The basic meaning of hebel is "wind" or "breath." This is illustrated best in Isa 57:13, "The wind (rûaḡ) will carry them off, a breath (hebel) will take them away," and Prov 21:6, "The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor (hebel nidd¹p)." The verb nad¹p, meaning "to drive," is most often used in connection with the wind as the driving force (e.g., Ps 1:4; Ps 68:3 *).

There are three basic categories or contexts in which hebel is used. First, it is used as a designation for false gods worshipped by the people of God and hence is usually translated in this context by the RSV as "idols": Deut 32:21; I Kings 16:13,26; II Kings 17:15; Jer 2:5; Jer 8:19 (parallel to pesel); Jer 10:8,15; Jer 51:18; Jonah 2:9 ; Ps 31:7 *.

Secondly, the term represents the individual and sometimes exasperating sentiments of individuals: Isa 49:4 where the servant Israel says, "I have labored in vain (rîq); I have spent my strength for nothing (tœhû) and vanity (hebel)." Job complains about the brevity and uncertainty of his life (Job 7:16). Cf. the similar idea in the Psalter: Ps 39:6 Ps 39:7 Ps 39:12 *; Ps 62:10 *; Ps 78:33 (in which hebel is parallel to beh¹lâ, from the root b¹hal "to hasten"): Ps 94:11; Ps 144:4 (hebel parallel to sel). Hence, hebel seems to mean here "short-lived."

Third is the cluster of references found in Ecclesiastes (thirty-six). These may be grouped into several subdivisions. First are those passages in which the author states his inability to find fulfillment in work, both in his failure to be creative and in his lack of control over the privilege of free disposition of his possessions; this is "vanity": Eccl 2:11,19,21,23; Eccl 4:4,8; Eccl 6:2. Second are those verses in which the author struggles with the idea that the connection between sin and judgment, righteousness and final deliverance is not always direct or obvious. This is an anomaly about life, and it is "vanity": Eccl 2:15; Eccl 6:7-9; Eccl 8:10-14. The meaning of hebel here would be "senseless." Thirdly are those verses in which the author laments the shortness of life; this is "vanity": Eccl 3:19; Eccl 6:12; Eccl 11:8,10. Life, in its quality, is "empty" or "vacuous" (and thus unsubstantial), and in its quantity is "transitory."

Rather than the above observations being final conclusions about life by the author of Eccl, perhaps they reveal something of his method and his concealed premise. He may be attempting to demonstrate man's inability to find meaning to life unaided by divine revelation and interruption. This solo quest will always end in futility.

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Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words

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VAIN, IN VAIN, VAINLY

A. Adjectives.

1. kenos "empty," with special reference to quality, is translated "vain" (as an adjective) in Acts 4:25; 1 Cor 15:10,14 (twice); Eph 5:6; Col 2:8; James 2:20; in the following the neuter, *kenon*, follows the preposition *eis*, "in," and denotes "in vain," 2 Cor 6:1; Gal 2:2; Phil 2:16 (twice); 1 Thess 3:5. See EMPTY, B, where the applications are enumerated.

2. mataios "void of result," is used of (a) idolatrous practices, Acts 14:15, RV, "vain things" (KJV, "vanities"); (b) the thoughts of the wise, 1 Cor 3:20; (c) faith, if Christ is not risen, 1 Cor 15:17; (d) questionings, strifes, etc., Titus 3:9; (e) religion, with an unbridled tongue, James 1:26; (f) manner of life, 1 Peter 1:18. For the contrast between No. 1 and No. 2 see EMPTY.

Note: For *mataiologoi*, Titus 1:10, see TALKERS (vain).

B. Verbs.

1. mataioo "to make vain, or foolish," corresponding in meaning to A, No. 2, occurs in Rom 1:21, "became vain."

2. kenoo "to empty," corresponding to A, No. 1, is translated "should be in vain" in 2 Cor 9:3, KJV. See EFFECT, EMPTY, VOID.

C. Adverbs.

1. maten properly the accusative case of *mate*, "a fault, a folly," signifies "in vain, to no purpose," Matt 15:9; Mark 7:7.

2. dorean the accusative of *dorea*, "a gift," is used adverbially, denoting (a) "freely" (see FREE, D); (b) "uselessly," "in vain," Gal 2:21, KJV (RV, "for nought"). See CAUSE, A, under "without a cause."

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mataiotes "emptiness as to results," akin to **mataios** (see EMPTY, VAIN), is used (a) of the creation, Rom 8:20, as failing of the results designed, owing to sin; (b) of the mind which governs the manner of life of the Gentiles, Eph 4:17; (c) of the "great swelling words" of false teachers, 2 Peter 2:18.

Note: For **mataios**, in the neut. plur. in Acts 14:15, "vanities," see VAIN, A, No. 2 (a).

eschatos (es'-khat-os); a superlative probably from NT:2192 (in the sense of contiguity); farthest, final (of place or time): - **ends of, last, latter end, lowest, uttermost.**

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chalepos (khal-ep-os'); perhaps from NT:5465 through the idea of reducing the strength; difficult, i.e., dangerous, or (by implication) furious: - **fierce, perilous**.

kairos (kahee-ros'); of uncertain affinity; an occasion, i.e., set or proper time: X always, opportunity, (convenient, due) season, (due, short, while) time, a while. Compare NT:5550. *times*

gar (gar); a primary particle; properly, assigning a reason (used in argument, explanation or intensification; often with other particles): - **and, as, because (that), but, even, for, indeed, no doubt, seeing, then, therefore, verily, what, why, yet**.

philautos (fil'-ow-tos); from NT:5384 and NT:846; fond of self, i.e., selfish: - **lover of oneself**.

philarguros (fil-ar'-goo-ros); from NT:5384 and NT:696; fond of silver (money), i.e., avaricious: - **covetous**.

alazon (al-ad-zone'); from ale (vagranacy); braggart: - **boaster**.

huperephanos (hoop-er-ay'-fan-os); from NT:5228 and NT:5316; appearing above others (conspicuous), i.e. (figuratively) haughty: - **proud**.

blasphemos (blas'-fay-mos); from a derivative of NT:984 and NT:5345; scurrilous, i.e., calumnious (against men), or (specially) impious (against God): - **blasphemer (-mous), railing**.

apeithes (ap-i-thace'); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:3982; unpersuadable, i.e., contumacious: - **disobedient**.

acharistos (ach-ar'-is-tos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of NT:5483; thankless, i.e., ungrateful: - **unthankful**.

anosios (an-os'-ee-os); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:3741: - **unholy**.

astorgos (as'-tor-gos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of stergo (to cherish affectionately); hard-hearted towards kindred: - **without natural affection**.

aspondos (as'-pon-dos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a derivative of NT:4689; literally, without libation (which usually accompanied a treaty), i.e. (by implication) truceless: - **implacable, trucebreaker**.

diabolos (dee-ab'-ol-os); from NT:1225; a traducer; specially, Satan [compare OT:7854]: - **false accuser, devil, slanderer**.

akrates (ak-rat'-ace); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:2904; powerless, i.e., without self-control: - **incontinent**.

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anemeros (an-ay'-mer-os); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and hemeros (lame); savage: **-fierce.**

aphilagathos (af-il-ag'-ath-os); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:5358; hostile to virtue: **-despiser of those that are good.**

prodotes (prod-ot'-ace); from NT:4272 (in the sense of giving forward into another's [the enemy's] hands); a surrender: **-betray, traitor.**

propetes (prop-et'-ace'); from a compound of NT:4253 and NT:4098; falling forward, i.e., headlong (figuratively, precipitate): **-heady, rash [-ly].**

tuphoo (toof-o'-o); from a derivative of NT:5188; to envelop with smoke, i.e. (figuratively) to inflate with self-conceit: **-high-minded, be lifted up with pride, be proud.**

philedonos (fil-ay'-don-os); from NT:5384 and NT:2237; fond of pleasure, i.e., voluptuous: **-lover of pleasure.**

dunamis (doo'-nam-is); from NT:1410; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):

- ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

apotrepo (ap-ot-rep'-o); from NT:575 and the base of NT:5157; to deflect, i.e. (reflexively) avoid: **-turn away.**

enduno (en-doo'-no); from NT:1772 and NT:1416; to sink (by implication, wrap [compare NT:1746]) on, i.e. (figuratively) sneak: **-creep.**

aichmalotizo (aheekh-mal-o-tid'-zo); from NT:164; to make captive: **-lead away captive, bring into captivity.**

gunaikarion (goo-nahee-kar'-ee-on); a diminutive from NT:1135; a little (i.e., foolish) woman: **-silly woman.**

hamartia (ham-ar-tee'-ah); from NT:264; a sin (properly abstract): **-offence, sin (-ful).**

anthistemi (anth-is'-tay-mee); from NT:473 and NT:2476; to stand against, i.e., oppose: **-resist, withstand.**

katphtheiro (kat-af-thi'-ro); from NT:2596 and NT:5351; to spoil entirely, i.e. (literally) to destroy; or (figuratively) to deprave: **-corrupt, utterly perish.**

adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:1384; unapproved, i.e., rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): **-castaway, rejected, reprobate.**

ekdelos (ek'-day-los); from NT:1537 and NT:1212; wholly evident: **-manifest.**