

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 Froward Person**

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70 TYPES OF PEOPLE IN PROVERBS EXPRESSED BY SOLOMON

1. Simple Person
2. Wise Person
3. Man of Understanding
4. Fool
5. Innocent
6. Scorner
7. Evil Person
8. **FROWARD PERSON**
9. Wicked
10. Strange Woman
11. Upright
12. Transgressor
13. Cruel Person
14. Sluggard
15. Naughty Person
16. False Witness
17. Whorish woman
18. Adulteress
19. Thief
20. Harlot
21. Poor Person
22. Diligent Person
23. Rich Person
24. Unjust
25. Hypocrite
26. Talebearer
27. Faithful Person
28. Gracious Person
29. Brutish Person
30. Virtuous Person
31. Perverse Person
32. Vain Person
33. Prudent Person
34. Slothful Person
35. Backslider
36. Angry Person
37. Deceiver
38. Hasty of Spirit
39. Envious Person
40. Wrathful Person
41. Proud Person
42. Pure Person
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44. Haughty Person
45. Humble Person
46. Lowly Person
47. Whisperer
48. Violent Person
49. Liar
50. Waster
51. Brother
52. Ungodly
53. Mocker
54. Brawling Woman
55. Contentious Person
56. Furious Person
57. Riotous Eaters of Flesh
58. Drunkard
59. Glutton
60. Mischievous Person
61. Reprover
62. Unfaithful Person
63. Backbiter
64. Conceited Person
65. Flatterer
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The command to us is to “Hate Evil”. It then describes ingredients of evil:

- (1) Pride,
- (2) Arrogancy
- (3) The evil way
- (4) The froward mouth

This person thinks that life centers around them (pride). They act in such a way it does get them attention and/or reaction. Knowledge is a serious promoter of pride, (knowledge puffs up). As time goes by, they learn how to express their pride, so it gets more response. This leads to the person believing they really are special (arrogancy). They now turn to manipulation of others to maintain their special status they think they have in this arrogancy. This manipulation is called the evil way. It leads to reaction from people and they resort to talking and acting unreasonably (i.e.)(froward mouth/frowardness).

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This leads a person with this problem to be a problem for people. The pride leads to contention. “Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.”

Proverbs 13:10

It then leads to a problem with strife. A person who struggles with pride “kindles” strife. As it gets worse in their life and arrogancy sets in they tend to “sow” strife.

Proverbs 16:28

A *froward* man **soweth strife**: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

This sowing strife is from a person who is covetous, stubborn, disloyal, and exaggerates (blows things out of proportion to scare others into doing things their way). Of the 5 progressive levels of fools, this is the 3rd level.

Proverbs 19:1

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is perverse in* his lips, and is a fool.

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Let us look more at sowing discord

Proverbs 6:16-19

These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹ A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Notice God hates only 6 of the 7. The reason He does not hate “**sowing discord**” is because it is telling the truth about a person with the intent to hurt them (this is an abomination). An abomination deals with “the motive of the heart” being wrong.

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15 Visible Signs of a Froward Person and of Frowardness

1. Stubborn

I Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

2. Disloyal (will sooner or later stick a knife in your back)

3. Exaggerate (blows things out of proportion to get you fearful to do things their way.)

4. Kindle Strife

5. Sows Strife Later

6. Can be nice to people (no one can deceive you unless they are nice to you. But you can lie to a person and not be nice.)

7. Foolish in their ways

8. Covetous (They want what others have.) (Covetous is not the same as envy, envy is wanting the glory from what others have.)

9. Early stages of anger

10. They are reactionary

11. They tend to ask questions that challenge your methods

12. They sow discord (telling the truth about another with the intention to hurt them).

13. They struggle with quality financial decisions They deserve things. Tend to ignore financial issues that are critical in the long run.

14. Can remember things that did not happen

15. Can forget things that did happen

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tahpukah - (tah-poo-kaw')

A perversity or fraud: *KJV* - (very) froward (-ness, thing), perverse thing. This root together with its derivatives appears 118 times in the OT. The verb accounts for the majority of these, being used ninety-four times (Qal, fifty-five times; Niphal thirty-four times; Hophal, once; Hithpael, four times).

The root h¹pak figures prominently in connection with three themes of Scripture. First, it is found in association with the expression of God's anger and wrath upon unrepentant Sodom and Gomorrah: Gen 19:21,25,29; Deut 29:22 *; Isa 13:19; Jer 20:16; Jer 49:18; Jer 50:40; Amos 4:11; Lam 4:6. Perhaps the use of this verb will shed light on the exact nature of the catastrophe. That it was a volcanic eruption seems unlikely. On the other hand, to translate h¹pak in these instances as "annihilate" would suggest the disastrous effects of an earthquake, accompanied by lightning which ignited the natural gases of the Jordan Valley area, producing the terrible inferno (and cf. Job 28:5).

By extension, God promises the same treatment to Jerusalem (2 Kings 21:13); Nineveh (Jonah 3:4); the unbelieving nations (Hag 2:22; parallel with š¹mad) and generally "the wicked" (Prov 12:7). Man is also capable of "overthrowing" (i.e. reducing to vassalage) another city (1 Chron 19:3; 2 Sam 10:3) or even mountains (Job 28:9, something God does too, Job 9:5).

The second theme of Scripture in the development of which h¹pak appears frequently is the miracles surrounding Israel's exodus from Egypt and her pilgrimage in the wilderness. Most often the verb describes God's actions in turning the Nile into blood (Ex 7:17,20; Ps 78:44; Ps 105:29, and cf. the reference to the streams of Edom becoming pitch in Isa 34:9). The mind of Pharaoh and his servants was "changed" upon hearing of the escape of the Israelites (Ex 14:5); God even "turned" the hearts of the Egyptians to hate his people (Ps 105:25). To make Israel's escape good God "turned" the sea into dry land (Ps 66:6). The Lord "turned" a strong west wind which drove the locusts into the Red Sea (Ex 10:19). God had "turned" the rod into a serpent (Ex 7:15). He "turned" the rock unto a pool of water (Ps 114:8). While passing through the territory of Moab Israel was the intended recipient of a curse from the hired professional seer Balaam, but God "turned" Balaam's curse into a blessing (Deut 23:6 *; Neh 13:2).

The third theme is the biblical description of the symptoms of leprosy as described in Lev 13. In this one chapter the root h¹pak appears nine times (Lev 13:3,4,10,13,16,17,20,25,55), mostly in connection with the hair turning white as a sign of leprosy.

Elsewhere it is of interest to note that h¹pak in the translation "to turn" is neutral in meaning, as is one of its synonyms šûb. That is, it may mean to turn (from) good to bad with either God or man as the subject. "I will turn your feasts into mourning" (Amos 8:10). "Against me he turns his hand" (in judgment as opposed to blessing, Lam 3:3).

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With man as the subject cf. "you have turned into a degenerate vine (Jer 2:21); "those whom I love have turned against me (Job 19:19); "you have turned justice into poison" (Amos 6:12). It may indicate a change in attitude from joy to chagrin (with man, Lam 1:20; with God, Hos 11:8).

On the other hand, h¹pak may be used positively in the sense of turning the doleful into the joyful, the bad into the good. Cf. "I will turn their mourning into joy" (Jer 31:13 and also Ps 30:12 *). "He turned the curse of Balaam into a blessing" (Deut 23:6 * and Neh 13:2). "He (i.e. Saul) shall be changed into another man" (1 Sam 10:6). This root is used to describe the about-face in the fortunes of the diasporic Jews living in Babylon in the days of Persian hegemony: Est 9:1,22.

hepek. **Contrary, contrariness, perversity, a substantive that occurs three times in the OT:** Ezek 16:34 (twice) in a graphic description of Judah's life of harlotry; and in Isa 29:16 "o your distortions" (of Israel).

h¹pkâ. **Overthrow, a noun only in** Gen 19:29 in connection with Sodom and Gomorrah.

mahpkâ. **Overthrow.** Five of its six uses refer to God's action on Sodom and Gomorrah, the exception being Isa 1:7.

mahpeket. **Stocks,** Jer 20:2-3; Jer 29:26; 2 Chron 16:10. It may not be clear what shape these ancient stocks took. Probably they were quite different from those of colonial days, but the details are not certain.

tahp¹kâ. **Perversity.** Of its nine uses eight are in Proverbs (and cf Deut 32:20). This substantive is always translated by the KJV as "froward" or "frowardness" except Prov 23:33 and in the RSV by "perverse, perverted, perverseness." It is a sin connected mostly with the mouth (Prov 2:12; Prov 10:31-32; Prov 16:30) and also with the heart (Prov 6:14); the eyes (Prov 16:30); and the mind (Prov 23:33).

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FROWARD see CROOKED

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skolios, "curved, crooked," was especially used (a) of a way, Luke 3:5, with spiritual import (see Prov 28:18, Sept.); it is set in contrast to **orthos** and **euthus**, "straight"; (b) metaphorically, of what is morally "crooked," perverse, froward, of people belonging to a particular generation, Acts 2:40 (KJV, "untoward"); Phil 2:15; of tyrannical or unjust masters, 1 Peter 2:18, "froward"; in this sense it is set in contrast to **agathos**, "good."