

Proverbs for Pandemics
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Advice—Listen to advice/counsel/rebuke/correction/discipline
Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid (12:1; cf. 3:11-12; 10:17; 11:14; 12:15; 15:22, 32; 19:20; 27:5)

Parents and children—If you love your children, you will discipline them
Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death (19:18; cf. 13:24; 15:5; 19:18; 22:6; 29:17)

Self-control—Don't overdo it, even with good things
Whoever loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and olive oil will never be rich. (21:17; cf. 15:16; 23:1-3, 4, 20-21, 29-35; 25:16-17, 27, 28; 29:11)

Work/Laziness—Don't be lazy but work hard
Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. (10:4; cf. 6:6-11; 12:11, 14, 23; 19:15; 20:13; 24:30-34; 28:19)

Giving—the Lord will reward those who give to the poor
*Whoever oppresses the **poor** shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God* (14:31; cf. 11:24; 19:17; 21:13, 25-26; 22:9; 25:21; 28:27; 29:7, 14; 31:9; 31:20)

Friends—choose friends carefully, a good one is extremely valuable
A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity (17:17; cf. 12:26; 18:24; 19:4, 6; 22:24; 27:6, 9)

Talking, Gossip—guard your tongue and don't be or associate with someone who talks too much
Fools find no pleasure in understanding, but delight in airing their own opinions (18:2; cf. 4:24; 8:8; 10:8; 11:12, 13; 12:18; 13:3; 15:26, 28; 16:24; 17:27; 20:19; 26:20)

Conflict/Strife/Quarreling—It is foolish to stir up a quarrel
The last item in the list of things the Lord hates is: a person who stirs up conflict in the community (6:16, 19; cf. 6:12-14, 10:12; 13:10; 15:18; 16:28; 17:14, 19; 20:3; 26:21; 29:22; 30:33)

Forgiveness—It is good to overlook or drop a matter
Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult (12:16; cf. 10:12; 17:9; 19:11)

Pride/Humility—pride leads to ruin and humility leads to blessing
Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall (16:18; cf. 8:13; 11:2; 13:10; 15:33; 16:5, 18, 19; 18:12; 21:4, 24; 22:4; 29:23)