

# **TALK 2**

## **Wisdom for Our Times: Politics**

1. Profile of a Wise King (29:2, 11:1, 1:7, 20:8, 17:23, 25:2)

2. Profile of a Wise Citizen (14:35, 22:29, 16:13, 25:15)

3. Profile of the Wise King (8:15-16, 21:1)

## Talk 2 Passages

Proverbs 29:2

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

Proverbs 11:1

The Lord detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with him.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 20:8

When a king sits on his throne to judge, he winnows out all evil with his eyes.

Proverbs 17:23

The wicked accept bribes in secret to pervert the course of justice.

Proverbs 25:2

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

Proverbs 14:35

A king delights in a wise servant, but a shameful servant arouses his fury.

Proverbs 22:29

Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.

Proverbs 16:13

Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value the one who speaks what is right.

Proverbs 25:15

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

Proverbs 8:15-16

By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just; by me princes govern, and nobles—all who rule on earth.

Proverbs 21:1

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