

TRAGEDIES that lead to WISDOM

PROVERBS



(Prov. 30:21) Under three things
the earth trembles,
Under four it cannot bear up.

*Earth = human society, community

(Prov. 30:22-23)

- ✓ a servant who becomes a king
- ✓ a fool who is full of food
- ✓ an unloved woman who is married
- ✓ a maid servant who displaces her mistress

servant > king = lack of **preparation**

fool > food = lack of **purpose**

(unloved) woman > married = lack of
appreciation

Advancement/Promotion can
be a triumph or tragedy!

If you seek advancement, these items
should occupy your attention.

SKILL (preparation)

- * Do you see a man skilled in his work?
He will not serve before obscure
men, but will serve before kings.

(Prov. 22:29)

INTEGRITY (character)

* I put Shelemiah, Zadok, and Pedaiah in charge of the storerooms and made Hanan their assistant because I considered these men trustworthy. They were made responsible for the distributing and supplies. (*Nehemiah 13:13*)

PATIENCE (trust in God... timing, purpose, etc.)

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.
Acknowledge him in everything, and he will direct your path.

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Full of food, but clueless in purpose
(foolish) is a description of
wasted **time** and **talent**.

Lack of ambition or idleness is a tragedy
and everything important cries out
against it! *Idleness* is quite different
from *rest, relaxation, or recreation*.

To live life without a vision of
usefulness/service is simply
to be a “well fed fool.”

To be married and not loved is so unbearable that it will lead either to **anguish** or **anger**!

This tragedy is **preventable** by simply
doing the **work** of love!

Love sincerely! Be devoted to one
another... honor the other above
yourself. (*Romans 12*)

Love... always protects, always hopes,
always perseveres (*1 Cor. 13*)

I do not have to **PERSONALLY**
EXPERIENCE a tragedy in order
to become **wise**. I can do so by
observing and **learning**!

The lessons are there.. am I humble
enough to receive them?

A prudent man sees danger and
takes refuge, but the simple keep
going and suffer for it. (*Prov. 22:3*)