

1. Congruity: “A man who flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his steps” (29:5).

2. Contrast: “A sated man loathes honey, but to a famished man any bitter thing is sweet” (27:7).

3. Comparison: “Like cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a distant land” (25:25).

4. Contrariety to proper order: “Why is there a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, when he has no sense?” (17:16).

5. Classification: “The naive believes everything, but the prudent man considers his steps” (14:15).

6. Priority: “A good name is to be more desired than great riches, favor is better than silver and gold” (22:1).

7. Consequences: “The sluggard does not plow after the autumn, so he begs during the harvest and has nothing” (20:4).