

Antithetical Parallelism  
Proverbs 18:1-24 (ESV)  
*"If at first you don't succeed - try, try again"*

**Instructions:**

Each of the following proverbs is an example of antithetical parallelism. For each proverb please identify:

- 1) what is being contrasted
- 2) What is the main point of the contrast
- 3) How does it apply in this day and age

**v. 2) A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,  
but only in expressing his opinion.**

**v. 4) The words of a man's mouth are deep waters;  
the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.**

**v. 12) Before destruction a man's heart is haughty,  
but humility comes before honor.**

**v. 14) A man's spirit will endure sickness,  
but a crushed spirit who can bear?**

**v. 23) The poor use entreaties,  
but the rich answer roughly.**

**v. 24) A man of many companions may come to ruin,  
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**