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ABOMINATION

3:32 For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous.

6:16-19 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹ A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

8:7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.

11:1 A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but a just weight *is* his delight.

11:20 They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the LORD: but *such as are* upright in *their way are* his delight.

12:22 Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.

13:19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.

15:8-9 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight. ⁹ The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

15:26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.

16:5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

16:12 *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

17:15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.

20:10 Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.

20:23 Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance *is* not good.

21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

24:9 The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.

28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

29:27 An unjust man *is* an abomination to the just: and *he that is* upright in the way *is* abomination to the wicked.

ADULTERY / FORNICATION / STRANGE WOMAN

2:16-19 To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words;

¹⁷Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. ¹⁸ For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. ¹⁹ None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

5:3-21 For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil: ⁴ But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. ⁵ Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. ⁶

Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them*. ⁷ Hear me

now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. ⁸ Remove thy way far from her, and

come not nigh the door of her house: ⁹ Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: ¹⁰

Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger; ¹¹ And thou mourn at the

last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, ¹² And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised

reproof; ¹³ And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! ¹⁴ I

was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly. ¹⁵ Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and

running waters out of thine own well. ¹⁶ Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets.

¹⁷ Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. ¹⁸ Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the

wife of thy youth. ¹⁹ *Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. ²⁰ And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? ²¹ For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings. **6:24-35** To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. ²⁵ Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. ²⁶ For by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. ²⁷ Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? ²⁸ Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? ²⁹ So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. ³⁰ *Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; ³¹ But *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. ³² *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul. ³³ A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. ³⁴ For jealousy *is* the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. ³⁵ He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

7:5-27 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words. ⁶ For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, ⁷ And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, ⁸ Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, ⁹ In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: ¹⁰ And, behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. ¹¹ (She *is* loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: ¹² Now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) ¹³ So she caught him, and kissed him, *and* with an impudent face said unto him, ¹⁴ *I have* peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. ¹⁵ Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. ¹⁶ I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works*, with fine linen of Egypt. ¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. ¹⁸ Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. ¹⁹ For the goodman *is* not at home, he is gone a long journey: ²⁰ He hath taken a bag of money with him, *and* will come home at the day appointed. ²¹ With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. ²² He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; ²³ Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life. ²⁴ Harken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. ²⁵ Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. ²⁶ For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong *men* have been slain by her. ²⁷ Her house *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death. **9:13-18** A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she is* simple, and knoweth nothing. ¹⁴ For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city, ¹⁵ To call passengers who go right on their ways: ¹⁶ Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: and *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, ¹⁷ Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant. ¹⁸ But he knoweth not that the dead *are* there; *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.

11:22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, *so is* a fair woman which is without discretion.

22:14 The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

23:26-28 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. ²⁷ For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit. ²⁸ She also lieth in wait as *for* a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

23:31-33 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. ³² At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. ³³ Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

29:3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.

30:20 Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

ADVICE / COUNSEL (see also: Guidance, Instruction)

- 11:14** Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.
- 15:22** Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.
- 20:5** Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.
- 20:18** *Every* purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.
- 24:5-6** A wise man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. ⁶ For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.
- 26:4-5** Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. ⁵ Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.
- 27:9** Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

ANGER / WRATH

- 12:16** A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent *man* covereth shame.
- 14:17** *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.
- 14:29** *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
- 14:35** The king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath *is against* him that causeth shame.
- 15:1** A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.
- 15:18** A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.
- 16:14** The wrath of a king *is as* messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.
- 16:32** *He that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
- 19:11** The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.
- 19:19** A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must do it again.
- 20:2** The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul.
- 21:14** A gift in secret pacieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.
- 21:24** Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.
- 22:8** He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.
- 22:24-25** Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: ²⁵ Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.
- 25:23** The north wind driveth away rain: so *doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.
- 27:3** A stone *is* heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath *is* heavier than them both.
- 27:4** Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* outrageous; but who *is* able to stand before envy?
- 29:8** Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise *men* turn away wrath.
- 29:22** An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.
- 30:33** Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

BENEFITS OF WISDOM

- 1:9** For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.
- 1:33** But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.
- 2:11** Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

2:21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

3:2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3:4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

3:8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

3:13-18 Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. ¹⁴ For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. ¹⁵ She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. ¹⁶ Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour. ¹⁷ Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace. ¹⁸ She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

3:22-24 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. ²³ Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. ²⁴ When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

4:6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

4:8-9 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. ⁹ She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

4:10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

4:12-13 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. ¹³ Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

4:22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

BOLDNESS

21:22 A wise *man* scalesh the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

CHILDREN / DISCIPLINE / FAMILY

3:11-12 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: ¹² For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

17:6 Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

17:21 He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

17:25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

19:13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

19:18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

19:26 He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

20:7 The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.

20:11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

20:20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

20:30 The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly.

22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

22:15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

23:13-16 Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. ¹⁴ Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell. ¹⁵ My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. ¹⁶ Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

23:22 Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

23:24-25 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him. ²⁵ Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

24:3-4 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: ⁴ And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

27:11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

28:24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of a destroyer.

29:3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.

29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.

29:17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

30:11 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

30:17 The eye *that* mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

COMPANIONS / FRIENDS (see also: Neighbor)

6:1-5 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, ² Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. ³ Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend. ⁴ Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. ⁵ Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand *of the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

13:20 He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

14:20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich *hath* many friends.

16:28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

17:9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

17:17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

17:18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

18:24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

19:4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

19:6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.

19:7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with words, yet they are wanting to him*.

22:11 He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.

22:24-25 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: ²⁵ Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

24:1-2 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. ² For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

24:21-22 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change: ²² For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

25:17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and *so* hate thee.

27:6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

27:9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

27:10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: *for better is* a neighbour *that is* near than a brother far off.

27:14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

28:7 Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men* shameth his father.

28:19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.

28:24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of a destroyer.

29:3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.

29:24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth *it* not.

COMPASSION / CRUELTY / MERCY / PITY / GIVING

11:17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own flesh.

12:10 A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.

14:21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

17:5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

17:11 An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

20:28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

21:10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

21:13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

24:11-12 If thou forbear to deliver *them that are* drawn unto death, and *those that are* ready to be slain; ¹² If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider *it*? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he know *it*? and shall *not* he render to *every* man according to his works?

24:17-18 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: ¹⁸ Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

28:8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

28:27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

29:7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: *but* the wicked regardeth not to know *it*.

29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

30:11-14 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. ¹² *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness. ¹³ *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. ¹⁴ *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

CONSCIENCE

20:27 The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

27:19 As in water face *answereth* to face, so the heart of man to man.

CORRECTION / REPROOF (see also: Instruction)

1:23-33 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. ²⁴ Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; ²⁵ But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; ²⁷ When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. ²⁸ Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: ²⁹ For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: ³⁰ They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. ³¹ Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. ³² For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

3:11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

9:7-9 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man* getteth himself a blot. ⁸ Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. ⁹ Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

10:17 He *is in* the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.

12:1 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* brutish.

13:1 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

13:8 The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.

13:18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

15:5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

15:10 Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.

15:12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

15:31-32 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. ³² He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

17:10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

19:25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.

27:5 Open rebuke *is* better than secret love.

27:6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

29:1 He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.

29:19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

COVETOUSNESS / GREED / CONTENTMENT / COMPLAINING

1:10-19 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. ¹¹ If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: ¹² Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: ¹³ We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: ¹⁴ Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: ¹⁵ My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: ¹⁶ For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. ¹⁷ Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. ¹⁸ And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives. ¹⁹ So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

12:12 The wicked desireth the net of evil *men*: but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.
13:25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.
15:27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.
16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.
19:3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.
21:25-26 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour. ²⁶ He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.
27:8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so *is* a man that wandereth from his place.
27:20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.
28:16 The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor: *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.
28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
28:22 He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.
30:8-9 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: ⁹ Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.

DEPRAVITY OF MAN

19:3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.
20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
21:8 The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.
27:22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, *yet* will not his foolishness depart from him.
30:11-14 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. ¹² *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness. ¹³ *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. ¹⁴ *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

ENVY

3:31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.
6:34 For jealousy *is* the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
14:30 A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.
23:17-18 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long. ¹⁸ For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.
24:1-2 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. ² For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.
24:19-20 Fret not thyself because of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked; ²⁰ For there shall be no reward to the evil *man*; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.
27:4 Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* outrageous; but who *is* able to stand before envy?

FAITHFULNESS / UNFAITHFULNESS

25:13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

27:8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, *so is* a man that wandereth from his place.

27:18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

FEAR

1:24-33 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; ²⁵ But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; ²⁷ When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. ²⁸ Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: ²⁹ For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: ³⁰ They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. ³¹ Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. ³² For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. ³³ But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

3:25-26 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. ²⁶ For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

10:24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

20:2 The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul.

29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

FEAR OF THE LORD

1:7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1:29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

2:5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

9:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

10:27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

14:2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.

13:13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

14:16 A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

14:26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

14:27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

15:16 Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

15:33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

19:23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.
22:4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.
23:17-18 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long. ¹⁸ For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.
24:21-22 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change: ²² For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?
28:14 Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.
31:30 Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

FLATTERY

2:16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words;
6:23-24 For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life: ²⁴ To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.
7:4-5 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman: ⁵ That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.
7:21-23 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. ²² He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; ²³ Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life.
20:19 He that goeth about *as* a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.
26:28 A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.
27:6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.
27:14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.
28:23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.
29:5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

FOOL

1:7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.
10:8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.
10:23 *It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.
11:29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.
12:15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.
13:16 Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open *his* folly.
14:16 A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.
15:5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.
17:7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.
17:10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.
17:12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.
17:16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart *to it*?
17:24 Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.
18:2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.
20:3 *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

23:9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

24:7 Wisdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

26:1-12 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool. ² As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come. ³ A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back. ⁴ Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. ⁵ Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit. ⁶ He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, *and* drinketh damage. ⁷ The legs of the lame are not equal: so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools. ⁸ As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so *is* he that giveth honour to a fool. ⁹ As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools. ¹⁰ The great *God* that formed all *things* both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors. ¹¹ As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly. ¹² Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

27:22 Though thou shouldst bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

28:26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

29:20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

FORGIVENESS

10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

17:9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

19:11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

GOD

The Omniscient and Righteous Judge

5:21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

11:21 *Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

15:3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

15:11 Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

16:2 All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

16:5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

16:11 A just weight and balance *are* the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag *are* his work.

17:3 The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

21:2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

23:10-11 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless: ¹¹ For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

24:11-12 If thou forbear to deliver *them that are* drawn unto death, and *those that are* ready to be slain;

¹² If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider *it?* and he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he know *it?* and shall *not* he render to *every* man according to his works?

26:10 The great *God* that formed all *things* both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.

The Refuge of the Righteous

1:33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

3:26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

18:10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

30:5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

The Sovereign and Wise Creator

3:19-20 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. ²⁰ By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD.

16:4 The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

16:33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

19:21 *There are* many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

20:12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

20:24 Man's goings *are* of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?

21:1 The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

21:30 *There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

21:31 The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD.

22:12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

25:2 *It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter.

29:13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

29:26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but *every* man's judgment *cometh* from the LORD.

30:4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou canst tell?

GOSSIP / SLANDER

10:18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool.

11:13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

17:9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

18:8 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

20:19 He that goeth about *as* a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

25:9-10 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*; and discover not a secret to another: ¹⁰ Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

25:23 The north wind driveth away rain: so *doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

26:20-22 Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. ²¹ As coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife. ²² The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

GRACE / FAVOR

1:8-9 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: ⁹ For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

3:3-4 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

⁴ So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

3:21-22 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: ²² So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

3:34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

4:9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

8:35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

11:27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

12:2 A good *man* obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

13:15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.

14:9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.

14:35 The king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath *is against* him that causeth shame.

16:15 In the light of the king's countenance *is* life; and his favour *is* as a cloud of the latter rain.

18:22 *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

19:6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.

19:12 The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass.

21:10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

22:1 A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.

28:23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

29:26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but *every* man's judgment *cometh* from the LORD.

GUIDANCE

3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

4:18-19 But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. ¹⁹ The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

11:5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

13:6 Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

15:19 The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.

15:24 The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

16:17 The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

19:23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

20:24 Man's goings *are* of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?

22:5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

23:19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

27:12 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; *but* the simple pass on, *and* are punished.

HASTE

1:16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

7:23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life.

14:29 *He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.*

19:2 Also, *that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.*

20:21 An inheritance *may be gotten* hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

21:5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is hasty* only to want.

25:8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

28:22 He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

29:20 Seest thou a man *that is hasty* in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

HYPOCRISY

11:9 An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

INSTRUCTION / SEEKING WISDOM / TEACHABILITY

1:5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

1:7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1:8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

2:1-5 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; ² So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding; ³ Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding; ⁴ If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; ⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

3:5-8 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ⁷ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. ⁸ It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

3:21-23 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: ²² So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. ²³ Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

4:1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. ² For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. ³ For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother. ⁴ He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

4:10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

4:13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

4:20-22 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. ²¹ Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. ²² For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

5:1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding:

5:7-13 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. ⁸ Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: ⁹ Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: ¹⁰ Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger; ¹¹ And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, ¹² And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; ¹³ And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

5:22-23 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. ²³ He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

6:20-23 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: ²¹ Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck. ²² When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. ²³ For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

7:1-4 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. ² Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. ³ Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. ⁴ Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:

7:24 Harken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

8:6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.

8:10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

8:32-36 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways. ³³ Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. ³⁴ Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. ³⁵ For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. ³⁶ But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

10:8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

12:15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.

13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

13:13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

15:31-32 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. ³² He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

17:16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart *to it*?

18:1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.

18:15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

19:2 Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth.

19:8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

19:20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

19:27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to err from the words of knowledge.

21:11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

21:29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.

22:17-21 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. ¹⁸ For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips. ¹⁹ That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. ²⁰ Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, ²¹ That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

23:9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

23:12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

23:19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

23:22 Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

23:23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

23:26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

JUSTICE (see also: God, Kings, Vengeance)

18:17 *He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.*

21:3 To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

21:7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.

21:15 *It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.*

21:18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

22:16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*, and he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely come to want.

22:22-23 Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: ²³ For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

26:2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

28:4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

28:5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.

Gifts / Bribes

15:27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

17:8 A gift [bribe] *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

17:23 A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

18:16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

19:6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.

21:14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

28:21 To have respect of persons *is* not good: for for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.

29:4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

False Balance

11:1 A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but a just weight *is* his delight.

16:11 A just weight and balance *are* the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag *are* his work.

20:10 Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.

20:14 *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

20:23 Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance *is* not good.

False Witness (see also: Truth)

6:16-19 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹ A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

12:17 *He that* speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

14:5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

14:25 A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.

19:5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.
19:9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.
19:28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.
21:28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.
24:28-29 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips. ²⁹ Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.
25:18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

Perversion of Justice

17:13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
17:15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.
17:26 Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.
18:5 *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.
24:23-26 These *things* also *belong* to the wise. *It is* not good to have respect of persons in judgment. ²⁴ He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him: ²⁵ But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them. ²⁶ *Every man* shall kiss *his* lips that giveth a right answer.
25:26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is* as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

Removal of the Landmark

22:28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.
23:10-11 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless: ¹¹ For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

KINGS / PRINCES / RULERS

1:1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;
6:6-8 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: ⁷ Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, ⁸ Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.
8:15-16 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. ¹⁶ By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.
14:28 In the multitude of people *is* the king's honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.
14:35 The king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath *is* *against* him that causeth shame.
16:10 A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.
16:12-15 *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.
¹³ Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right. ¹⁴ The wrath of a king *is* as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it. ¹⁵ In the light of the king's countenance *is* life; and his favour *is* as a cloud of the latter rain.
17:7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.
17:26 Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.
19:6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.
19:10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

19:12 The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass.

20:2 The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul.

20:8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

20:26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

20:28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

21:1 The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

22:11 He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.

22:29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men*.

23:1-8 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee: ² And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite. ³ Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat. ⁴ Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. ⁵ Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. ⁶ Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: ⁷ For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee. ⁸ The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

24:21-22 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change: ²² For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

25:1 These *are* also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

25:2-7 *It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter. ³ The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings *is* unsearchable. ⁴ Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer. ⁵ Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness. ⁶ Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men*: ⁷ For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldst be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

25:15 By long forbearing *is* a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

28:2 For the transgression of a land many *are* the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding *and* knowledge the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.

28:15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor people.

28:16 The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor: *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.

28:28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

29:4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

29:12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants *are* wicked.

29:14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

29:26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but *every* man's judgment *cometh* from the LORD.

30:27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

30:28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

30:29-31 There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going: ³⁰ A lion *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any; ³¹ A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.

31:1-9 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him. ² What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows? ³ Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings. ⁴ *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: ⁵ Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. ⁶ Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. ⁷ Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and

remember his misery no more. ⁸ Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. ⁹ Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

LABOR / LAZINESS / DILIGENCE / LOVE OF SLEEP

6:6-11 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: ⁷ Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, ⁸ Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest. ⁹ How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? ¹⁰ Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: ¹¹ So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

10:4-5 He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. ⁵ He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.

10:16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

10:26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to them that send him.

12:11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain *persons is* void of understanding.

12:24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

12:27 The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.

13:4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

13:11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

14:23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

15:19 The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.

16:26 He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

18:9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

19:15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

19:24 A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.

20:13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

21:5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.

21:25-26 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour. ²⁶ He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

22:13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

22:29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men*.

23:20-21 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: ²¹ For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

24:30-1 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; ³¹ And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down ³² Then I saw, *and* considered *it* well: I looked upon *it*, *and* received instruction. ³³ Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: ³⁴ So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

26:13-16 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets. ¹⁴ As the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his bed. ¹⁵ The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth. ¹⁶ The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

27:23-27 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, *and* look well to thy herds. ²⁴ For riches *are* not for ever: and doth the crown *endure* to every generation? ²⁵ The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered. ²⁶ The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field.

²⁷ And *thou shalt have* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and *for* the maintenance for thy maidens.

28:19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.

31:27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

LOVE OF WISDOM

2:10-11 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; ¹¹ Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

4:5-9 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. ⁶ Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. ⁷ Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. ⁸ Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. ⁹ She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

8:17-21 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. ¹⁸ Riches and honour *are* with me; *yea*, durable riches and righteousness. ¹⁹ My fruit *is* better than gold, *yea*, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. ²⁰ I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: ²¹ That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

24:13-14 My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste: ¹⁴ *So shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

NEIGHBOR (see also: Companions)

3:28-29 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

²⁹ Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

6:29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.

11:9 An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

11:12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

12:26 The righteous *is* more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

14:20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich *hath* many friends.

14:21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

16:29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good.

18:17 *He that is* first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

19:4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

21:10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

24:28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips.

25:8-10 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame. ⁹ Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*; and discover not a secret to another: ¹⁰ Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

25:17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

25:18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

26:18-19 As a mad *man* who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, ¹⁹ So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

27:10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: *for better is* a neighbour *that is* near than a brother far off.

29:5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

OLD AGE

16:31 The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness.

17:6 Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

20:29 The glory of young men *is* their strength: and the beauty of old men *is* the gray head.

OPPRESSION

3:28-32 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

²⁹ Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. ³⁰ Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. ³¹ Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. ³² For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous.

14:31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

22:16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*, and he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely *come* to want.

22:22-23 Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: ²³ For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

28:3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

28:16 The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor: *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.

PRAYER

1:28-29 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

²⁹ For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

15:29 The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

28:5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.

28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

PRIDE / HUMILITY / BOASTING

3:7-8 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. ⁸ It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

3:34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

6:3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

6:16-17 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

11:2 *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.

13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

14:3 In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

15:25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

15:33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

16:5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

16:18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

16:19 Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

17:19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

18:12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.

20:14 *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

21:4 An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

21:24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

22:4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.

25:6-7 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men*: ⁷ For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

25:14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift *is like* clouds and wind without rain.

25:27 *It is* not good to eat much honey: *so for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory.

26:12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

26:16 The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

27:1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

27:2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

28:11 The rich man *is* wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

28:25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

30:11-14 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. ¹² *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet is* not washed from their filthiness. ¹³ *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. ¹⁴ *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

PUNISHMENT / REWARD / END OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

1:32-33 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. ³³ But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

2:21-22 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. ²² But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

6:12-15 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. ¹³ He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; ¹⁴ Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. ¹⁵ Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

8:35-36 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. ³⁶ But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

11:6-7 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness. ⁷ When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.

11:19 As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pursueth it* to his own death.

12:3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

12:7 The wicked are overthrown, and *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

12:13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

12:19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.

12:21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

12:28 In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

14:11-12 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish. ¹² There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

14:19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

14:32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

16:5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

16:17 The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

17:11 An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

17:13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

17:19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

19:5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.

19:9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.

19:16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die.

19:19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must do it again.

19:23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

19:29 Judgments are prepared for scorers, and stripes for the back of fools.

20:20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21:12 The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but* God overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.

21:15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

21:16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

21:28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

23:17-18 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long. ¹⁸ For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

24:13-14 My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste: ¹⁴ So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

24:15-16 Lay not wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place: ¹⁶ For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

24:19-20 Fret not thyself because of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked; ²⁰ For there shall be no reward to the evil *man*; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

24:21-22 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change: ²² For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

28:18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but *he that is* perverse *in his ways* shall fall at once.

29:1 He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth *his neck*, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

29:16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

29:18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

30:17 The eye *that* mocketh at *his father*, and despiseth to obey *his mother*, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

REPENTANCE

1:22-23 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? ²³ Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

4:24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

4:27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

9:6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

13:14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

13:19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.

14:27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

15:24 The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

16:17 The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

27:22 Though thou shouldst bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

REPUTATION

3:3-4 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

⁴ So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

22:1 A *good name is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.

SCORNING

1:22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

3:34 Surely he scorneth the scorers: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

9:7-8 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man* getteth himself a blot. ⁸ Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

9:12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it*.

13:1 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

14:6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.
14:9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.
15:12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.
18:3 When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach [scorn].
19:25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.
19:28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.
19:29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.
21:11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.
21:24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.
22:10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.
24:9 The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.
29:8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise *men* turn away wrath.

SELF-CONTROL

16:32 *He that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.
25:16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.
25:27-28 *It is* not good to eat much honey: so *for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory. ²⁸ He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city *that is* broken down, *and* without walls.
29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

SELF-LOVE / SELF-CONFIDENCE / SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS / SELF-DECEPTION

16:2 All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.
16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
18:2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.
20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?
20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
21:2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.
25:27 *It is* not good to eat much honey: so *for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory.
27:2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.
28:26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.
30:12 *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness.

SERVANTS / MASTERS

11:29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.
12:9 *He that is* despised, and hath a servant, *is* better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

14:35 The king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.

17:2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

19:10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

22:7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

25:13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

27:18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

29:12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants *are* wicked

29:19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

29:21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become *his* son at the length.

30:10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

30:21-22 For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear: ²² For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

SIMPLE / NAÏVE

1:4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

1:22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

1:32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

7:7-10 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,
⁸ Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, ⁹ In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: ¹⁰ And, behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

8:5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

9:4-6 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, ⁵ Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled. ⁶ Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

9:13-17 A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she is* simple, and knoweth nothing. ¹⁴ For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city, ¹⁵ To call passengers who go right on their ways: ¹⁶ Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: and *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, ¹⁷ Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.

14:15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.

14:18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19:25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.

21:11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

22:3 A prudent *man* foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

27:12 A prudent *man* foreseeeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; *but* the simple pass on, *and* are punished.

SORROW / JOY / DEPRESSION / ADVERSITY

2:14 Who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

5:18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

10:10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

10:22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

12:20 Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace *is* joy.

12:25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

14:10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

14:13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

15:13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

15:15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.

15:21 Folly *is* joy to *him that is* destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

15:23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*

15:30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh the bones fat.

17:17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

17:21 He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

17:22 A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

17:25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

21:15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

23:15-16 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. ¹⁶ Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

23:24-25 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him.
²⁵ Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

23:29-30 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? ³⁰ They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

24:10 *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* small.

24:17-18 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: ¹⁸ Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

25:20 As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon nitre, so *is* he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

25:25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so *is* good news from a far country.

27:9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

28:12 When righteous *men* do rejoice, *there is* great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

29:2-3 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. ³ Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.

29:6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

31:25 Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

SOWING AND REAPING

12:14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.

13:15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.

13:21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

13:25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

14:11-12 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish. ¹² There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

14:14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

16:20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he.

17:2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

17:19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

17:20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

18:7 A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

19:8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

20:17 Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

20:21 An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

20:25 *It is* a snare to the man *who* devoureth *that which is* holy, and after vows to make enquiry.

21:7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.

21:13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

21:21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22:5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

22:8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

22:9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

22:16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*, *and* he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely *come* to want.

22:22-23 Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: ²³ For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

23:29-30 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? ³⁰ They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

26:3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

26:27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28:10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good *things* in possession.

28:27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

29:6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

31:30-31 Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

SPEECH (see also: Flattery, Gossip, Justice – False Witness, Truth)

2:12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things;

4:24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

5:3 For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil:

6:1-2 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, ² Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

6:12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.

8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

10:6 Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

10:11 The mouth of a righteous *man is* a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

10:13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod *is* for the back of him that is void of understanding.

10:14 Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

10:18-21 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool. In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise. ²⁰ The tongue of the just *is as* choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth. ²¹ The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

10:31-32 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out. ³² The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* frowardness.

11:9 An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

11:12-13 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace. ¹³ A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

12:6 The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

12:13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

12:14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

12:18-19 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* health. ¹⁹ The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.

12:22-23 Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight. ²³ A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

12:25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

13:3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

14:3 In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

14:23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

15:1-2 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. ² The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

15:4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.

15:23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*

15:26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.

15:28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD.

16:10 A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

16:13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

16:21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

16:23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

16:24 Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

16:27-30 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire. ²⁸ A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends. ²⁹ A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good. ³⁰ He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

17:7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

17:20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

17:27-28 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. ²⁸ Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of understanding.

18:4 The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.

18:6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

18:7 A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

18:13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it*, *it is* folly and shame unto him.

18:20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

19:1 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

19:7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with words, yet they are* wanting to *him*.

19:28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

20:15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

20:20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

22:11 He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.

22:12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

22:13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

22:14 The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

23:9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

23:31-33 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.³² At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.³³ Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

24:1-2 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.² For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

24:7 Wisdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

25:11-12 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.¹² As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprove upon an obedient ear.

25:15 By long forbearing *is* a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

25:23 The north wind driveth away rain: *so doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

26:23 Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross.

27:2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

29:20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

30:11-14 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.¹² *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet is* not washed from their filthiness.¹³ *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.¹⁴ *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

31:26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

STRIFE / CONTENTION

3:30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

15:18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

16:28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

17:1 Better *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices *with* strife.

17:9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

17:14 The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

17:19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

18:6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

18:18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

18:19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

19:13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

20:3 *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

21:9 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

21:19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

22:10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

23:29-30 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? ³⁰ They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

25:8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

26:17 He that passeth by, *and* meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.

26:20 Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

26:21 As coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

27:15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

28:25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

29:9 *If* a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.

29:22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

30:33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

SUBMISSION TO THE LORD

16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

21:29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.

SURETY

6:1-5 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, ² Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. ³ Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend. ⁴ Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. ⁵ Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand *of the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

11:15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart *for it*: and he that hateth suretiship is sure.

17:18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

20:16 Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

22:26-27 Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are sureties for debts. ²⁷ If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

27:13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

TREASURE / WEALTH / POVERTY (See also: Compassion, Coveteousness, Labor)

Principles Regarding Material Wealth & Poverty

- 3:9-10** Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: ¹⁰ So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
- 5:10** Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger;
- 10:15-16** The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city: the destruction of the poor *is* their poverty. ¹⁶ The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.
- 10:22** The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.
- 11:16** A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.
- 11:24-26** There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty. ²⁵ The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. ²⁶ He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it*.
- 12:9** *He that is* despised, and hath a servant, *is* better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.
- 13:8** The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.
- 13:11** Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.
- 13:18** Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.
- 13:22** A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.
- 14:4** Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.
- 14:20** The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich *hath* many friends.
- 14:24** The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.
- 14:31** He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.
- 15:16-17** Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith. Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
- 16:8** Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.
- 16:19** Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- 17:1** Better *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices *with* strife.
- 17:5** Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.
- 18:11** The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.
- 18:23** The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.
- 19:1** Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
- 19:4** Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.
- 19:7** All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with words, yet they are* wanting *to him*.
- 19:14** House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.
- 19:17** He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.
- 19:22** The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man *is* better than a liar.
- 20:21** An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.
- 21:5** The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.
- 21:6** The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.
- 21:13** Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

21:17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

21:20 *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

22:2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all.

22:4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.

22:7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

22:9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

22:16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*, *and* he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely *come* to want.

22:22-23 Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: ²³ For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

23:20-21 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: ²¹ For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

24:27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

27:7 The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

27:23-27 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, *and* look well to thy herds. ²⁴ For riches *are* not for ever: and doth the crown *endure* to every generation? ²⁵ The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered. ²⁶ The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field. ²⁷ *And thou shalt have* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and *for* the maintenance for thy maidens.

28:3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

28:6 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than *he that is* perverse *in his ways*, though he *be* rich.

28:8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

28:11 The rich man *is* wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

28:22 He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

28:27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

29:13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

30:8-9 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: ⁹ Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.

True Riches

1:9 For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

2:4-5 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; ⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

3:13-16 Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. ¹⁴ For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. ¹⁵ She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. ¹⁶ Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.

3:35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

8:10-11 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. ¹¹ For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

8:18-21 Riches and honour *are* with me; *yea*, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit *is* better than gold, *yea*, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. ²⁰ I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: ²¹ That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

15:6 In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

16:16 How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

20:15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

22:1 A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Vanity of Earthly Riches

10:2-3 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death. ³ The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

11:4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

11:28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

13:7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.

23:4-5 Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. ⁵ Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

TREE OF LIFE / FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

3:18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

11:30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

13:14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

14:27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

15:4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

16:22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly.

TRIALS / TESTING / ADVERSITY

17:3 The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

24:10 *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* small.

27:1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

27:21 As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so *is* a man to his praise.

27:22 Though thou shouldst bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, *yet* will not his foolishness depart from him.

TRUST IN THE LORD

3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

22:17-19 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. ¹⁸ For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips. ¹⁹ That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

28:25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

30:5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

TRUTH / DECEIT (see also: Justice – False Witness)

3:3-4 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

⁴ So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

3:28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

6:16-17 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

8:7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.

10:18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool.

11:18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure reward.

12:5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit.

12:19-20 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment. ²⁰ Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace *is* joy.

12:22 Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.

13:5 A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

14:8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

14:22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.

17:4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

17:7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

19:22 The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man *is* better than a liar.

20:17 Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

20:28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

21:6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

22:20-21 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, ²¹ That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

23:3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat.

23:23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

24:28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips.

26:18-19 As a mad *man* who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, ¹⁹ So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

26:24-26 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; ²⁵ When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart. ²⁶ *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.

26:28 A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

27:6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

28:8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

29:12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants *are* wicked.

29:13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

30:6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

30:8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me

31:30 Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

VENGEANCE

20:22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

24:17-18 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: ¹⁸ Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

24:28-29 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips. ²⁹ Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

25:21-22 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: ²² For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

VIOLENCE / PLOTTING / MISCHIEF / REBELLION

1:10-19 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. ¹¹ If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: ¹² Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: ¹³ We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: ¹⁴ Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: ¹⁵ My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: ¹⁶ For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. ¹⁷ Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. ¹⁸ And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives. ¹⁹ So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

2:11-15 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: ¹² To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things; ¹³ Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴ Who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked; ¹⁵ Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths:

4:16-17 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall. ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

6:12-15 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. ¹³ He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; ¹⁴ Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. ¹⁵ Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

6:16-19 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹ A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

10:6 Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

10:11 The mouth of a righteous *man is* a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

10:23 *It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

11:27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

12:6 The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

12:21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.

13:17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador *is* health.

16:27-30 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire. ²⁸ A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends. ²⁹ A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good. ³⁰ He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

17:11 An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

17:20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

24:1-2 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. ² For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

24:8 He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

24:15-16 Lay not wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place: ¹⁶ For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

28:14 Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

28:17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

30:11-14 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. ¹² *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet is* not washed from their filthiness. ¹³ *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. ¹⁴ *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

WINE / DRUNKENNESS / INDULGENCE (see also: Self-Control)

3:9-10 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: ¹⁰ So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

4:17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

9:1-5 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: ² She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. ³ She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city, ⁴ Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, ⁵ Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.

20:1 Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

21:17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

23:1-8 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee: ² And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite. ³ Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat.

⁴ Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. ⁵ Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. ⁶ Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: ⁷ For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee. ⁸ The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

23:20-21 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: ²¹ For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

23:29-35 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? ³⁰ They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. ³¹ Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. ³² At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. ³³ Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. ³⁴ Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. ³⁵ They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

26:9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

28:7 Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men* shameth his father.

31:4-7 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: ⁵ Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. ⁶ Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. ⁷ Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

WIVES / WOMEN (see also: Adultery)

Foolish Women

19:13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

21:9 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

21:19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

25:24 *It is* better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

27:15-16 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. ¹⁶ Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, *which* bewrayeth *itself*.

30:21-23 For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear: ²² For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat; ²³ For an odious *woman* when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

Prudent Women

5:15-19 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. ¹⁶ Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets. ¹⁷ Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

¹⁸ Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. ¹⁹ *Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

11:16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.

12:4 A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.

14:1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

18:22 *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

19:14 House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

31:10-31 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies. ¹¹ The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. ¹² She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. ¹³ She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. ¹⁴ She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. ¹⁵ She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. ¹⁶ She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. ¹⁷ She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. ¹⁸ She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night. ¹⁹ She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. ²⁰ She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet. ²² She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple. ²³ Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. ²⁵ Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. ²⁶ She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness. ²⁷ She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her. ²⁹ Many daughters have done

virtuously, but thou excellest them all. ³⁰ Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

WORD OF GOD

1:23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

2:1-6 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; ² So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding; ³ Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding; ⁴ If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; ⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

3:1-2 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: ² For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

6:20-24 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: ²¹ Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck. ²² When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. ²³ For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life: ²⁴ To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

7:1-5 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. ² Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. ³ Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. ⁴ Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman: ⁵ That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.

8:6-10 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things. ⁷ For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips. ⁸ All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them. ⁹ They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. ¹⁰ Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

10:17 He *is in* the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.

13:13-14 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

¹⁴ The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

13:18 Poverty and shame *shall be* to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

15:31-32 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. ³² He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

19:16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die.

22:17-21 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. ¹⁸ For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips. ¹⁹ That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. ²⁰ Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, ²¹ That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

23:12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

24:13-14 My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste: ¹⁴ So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

28:4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

28:7 Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men* shameth his father.

28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

29:18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

30:5-6 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him. ⁶ Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.