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Book of Proverbs

**Lord, search me, and know my heart:
try me and know my thoughts.
Determine if there is any offensive way
in me, and lead me in the way of
everlasting.**

**Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me,
and know my thoughts: And see if there be any
wicked way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting.**

Psalm 139: 23-24

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Proverbs Chapters 1-9

Chapter 1

Lord God, thank You for giving king Solomon, the son of king David, the wisdom, understanding, and willingness, to share these proverbs.

Lord God, for Your glory, help me understand these proverbs, and apply their principles to my everyday life.

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

Proverbs 1: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that these proverbs were given, to teach wisdom and instruction, and make sense of words of understanding.

Lord God, through these proverbs, cause me to know wisdom and instruction.

Lord God, through these proverbs, cause me to understand wise sayings.

To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

Proverbs 1: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that these proverbs were given, to teach wise behavior, righteousness, justice, and equity.

Lord God, through these proverbs, cause me to learn wise behavior, and what is true, just, and fair.

To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

Proverbs 1: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that these proverbs were given, to give prudence to the simple, and knowledge and discretion to the young.

Lord God, through these proverbs, cause me to receive prudence, knowledge, and discretion.

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

Proverbs 1: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that through these proverbs, a wise man will hear and will increase learning, and a man of understanding will obtain wise counsels.

Lord God, cause me to hear and increase learning, and to seek after wise counsels.

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

Proverbs 1: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the proverbs were presented here, to give understanding of a proverb, with the interpretation, the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

Lord God, through these proverbs, cause me to understand a proverb, with the interpretation, the words of the wise, and their riddles.

To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

Proverbs 1: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the fear of You is the beginning of knowledge.

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Lord God, cause me to fear You, and obtain knowledge, wisdom, and instruction.

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

Proverbs 1: 7

Lord God, cause me to listen to people You have placed in authority, especially those giving me wise counsel and directing me to obey Your commands, and keep me from forsaking their instruction.

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

Proverbs 1: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the instruction of my father, and the law of my mother should be an ornament of grace to my head, and chains about my neck.

Lord God, cause me to follow the instruction of my parents, and authorities that have taught me in Your word. Make them an ornament of grace on my head, and an ornament of great worth around my neck.

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

Proverbs 1: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not let sinners entice me.

Lord God, when immoral people entice me, keep me from giving into temptations.

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

Proverbs 1: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that I should stay away from those who devise evil things. Those who say, "We will lie in wait for blood, let us ambush the innocent without reason. Let's swallow them alive, like the grave, and whole, like those who go down to the pit. We will take their precious goods, and will fill our house with plunder. Throw in your lot with us, and we will all share in the wealth."

Lord God, cause me to not walk in the way of bad company, or murderers, or join with them in their plans.

If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

Proverbs 1: 11-15

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that murderer's feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood.

Lord God, keep my feet from running to evil, and keep me from making haste to shed blood.

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

Proverbs 1: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that murderers set traps for their victims in the sight of others.

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that murderers lie in wait for their own blood, and set an ambush for their own lives.

Lord God, cause me to not foolishly set traps for others, which instead takes my own life, and is actually an ambush on myself.

Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives. And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives.

Proverbs 1: 17-18

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the ways of those who are greedy for unjust gain, are the same as a murderer, they both take away the life of the owner.

Lord God, cause me to not be greedy for gain.

So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

Proverbs 1: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that wisdom cries out, and utters her voice in the streets.

Lord God, cause me to hear wisdom, as she cries out, and as she utters her voice in the streets.

Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

Proverbs 1: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that wisdom cries out at the head of noisy streets, and she speaks at the entrance of the city gates.

Lord God, cause me to hear wisdom, when she cries out at the head of noisy streets, and when she speaks at the entrance of the city gates.

She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,

Proverbs 1: 21

Lord God, thank You for presenting Your wisdom to simpletons, scorners, and fools.

Lord God, take away my love for sin, my delight in scorning, and my hate of knowledge.

Lord God, give me a heart to seek after wisdom, and knowledge.

How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

Proverbs 1: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that we are to turn at Your reproof.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that if we turn at Your reproof, then You will pour Your Spirit out on us, and will make Your words known to us.

Lord God, cause me to turn when You correct me, pour Your Spirit out on me, and make Your words known to me.

Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Proverbs 1: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You have called, and have stretched out Your hand, but no man regarded.

Lord God, cause me to listen when You call, and pay attention when You stretch out Your hand.

Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

Proverbs 1: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You have offered counsel that was not heeded, and given rebuke that was not accepted.

Lord God, cause me to heed Your counsel, and accept Your rebuke.

But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

Proverbs 1: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You will laugh at the calamity of those who will not listen to You or turn at Your reproof, and You will mock them when their fear comes.

Lord God, cause me to listen to You, pay attention when You stretch out Your hand, take heed to Your counsel, and turn at Your rebuke.

I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

Proverbs 1: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that for them who will not listen when You call, pay attention when You stretch out Your hand, take heed of Your counsel, and accept Your rebuke, their fear will come as desolation, their destruction will come as a whirlwind, and distress and anguish will come upon them.

Lord God, cause me to listen when You call, pay attention when You stretch out Your hand, take heed of Your counsel, and accept Your rebuke.

When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

Proverbs 1: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who hated knowledge, and did not choose to fear You, will call on You, but You will not answer, they will seek You, but will not find You.

Lord God, cause me to love knowledge.

Lord God, cause me to fear You.

Lord God, when I call on You, answer me. When I seek You, cause me to find You.

Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

Proverbs 1: 28-29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those will not accept Your counsel, will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who despise Your correction, will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

Lord God, cause me to receive Your instruction.

Lord God, cause me to cherish Your correction.

They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

Proverbs 1: 30-31

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the turning away of the simple will kill them.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that he prosperity of fools will destroy them.

Lord God, keep me from wandering into the path of evil

Lord God, give me wisdom, so I will not be destroyed by prosperity.

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

Proverbs 1: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever hearkens to You will dwell in safety.

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever hearkens to You will be at ease from the dread of evil.

Lord God, cause me to listen to You intently, and to respond correctly to Your instruction.

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

Proverbs 1: 33

Chapter 2

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to receive Your words, and hide Your commandments within me.

Lord God, cause me to receive Your words, and hide Your commandments within me.

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

Proverbs 2: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to incline my ear to wisdom, and my heart to understanding.

Lord God, incline my ear to wisdom, and my heart to understanding.

So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

Proverbs 2: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to call out for understanding, and cry out for knowledge, seeking it as for silver, and hidden treasures.

Lord God, cause me to call out for understanding, and cry out for knowledge, seeking it as for silver, and hidden treasures.

Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

Proverbs 2: 3-4

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, to those who receive Your words, hide Your commandments within them, incline their ears to wisdom, and their hearts to understanding, and cry out for knowledge, seeking it as for silver, and hidden treasures, that they will understand the fear of You, and find the knowledge of You.

Lord God, cause me to receive Your words, and hide Your commandments within me, incline my ear to wisdom, and my heart to understanding, and cause me to cry out for knowledge, seeking it as for silver, and hidden treasures, so I may understand the fear of You, and find the knowledge of You.

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

Proverbs 2: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You give wisdom, and out of Your mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

Lord God, cause to hear Your words of knowledge and understanding, and receive wisdom.

For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You lay up sound wisdom for the righteous. and are a shield to those who walk uprightly.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You are a shield to those who walk uprightly.

Lord God, cause me be righteous, and to walk righteously.

He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

Proverbs 2: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of Your saints, shall understand righteousness, judgment, equity, and every good path.

Lord God, preserve my way, as you keep the paths of judgment, so I may understand righteousness, judgment, equity, and every good path.

He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

Proverbs 2: 8-9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when wisdom enters someone's heart, and knowledge is pleasant to their soul, then discretion will preserve them, and understanding will keep them.

Lord God, place wisdom in my heart, and make knowledge pleasant to my soul, causing discretion to preserve me, and understanding to keep me.

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

Proverbs 2: 10-11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when wisdom enters my heart, and knowledge is pleasant to my soul, discretion will preserve me, and understanding will keep me, and they will

To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;

Proverbs 2: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when wisdom enters my heart, and knowledge is pleasant to my soul, discretion will preserve me, and understanding will keep me, and they will deliver me from evil men who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness.

Lord God, cause discretion to preserve me, and understanding to keep me, and deliver me from evil men, who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness.

Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

Proverbs 2: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when wisdom enters my heart, and knowledge is pleasant to my soul, discretion will preserve me, and understanding will keep me, and they will deliver me from evil men, who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of evil.

Lord God, cause discretion to preserve me, and understanding to keep me, and deliver me from evil men, who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of evil.

Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

Proverbs 2: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when wisdom enters my heart, and knowledge is pleasant to my soul, discretion will preserve me, and understanding will keep me, and they will deliver me from evil men, whose ways are crooked, and are devious in their paths.

Lord God, cause discretion to preserve me, and understanding to keep me, and deliver me from evil men, whose ways are crooked, and are devious in their paths.

Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:

Proverbs 2: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when wisdom enters my heart, and knowledge is pleasant to my soul, discretion will preserve me, and understanding will keep me, and they will deliver me from immoral women, and strangers who flatter with their words.

Lord God, cause discretion to preserve me, and understanding to keep me, and deliver me from immoral women, and strangers who flatter with their words.

To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;

Proverbs 2: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when wisdom enters my heart, and knowledge is pleasant to my soul, discretion will preserve me, and understanding will keep me, and they will deliver me from immoral women who have forsaken the companion of their youth, and have forgotten the covenant of their God.

Lord God, cause discretion to preserve me, and understanding to keep me, and deliver me from immoral women who have forsaken the companion of their youth, and have forgotten the covenant of their God.

Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

Proverbs 2: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that immoral women, and the immoral woman who flatters with her words, who has forsaken the companion of her youth, and has forgotten the covenant of her God, has a house that inclines to death, and her paths to the dead.

Lord God, keep me from immorality, from flattering with my words, from forsaking the companion of my youth, and from forgetting Your covenant.

For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

Proverbs 2: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that none who go to the immoral woman who flatters with her words, who has forsaken the companion of her youth, and has forgotten the covenant of her God return again, neither do they take hold of the paths of life.

Lord God, keep me from relationships that are not glorifying to You, and do not please You, and from activities that turn me away from the paths of life.

None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

Proverbs 2: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom enters someone's heart, and knowledge is pleasant to their soul, then discretion will preserve them, and understanding will keep them, so they may walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of righteousness.

Lord God, cause wisdom to enter my heart, and knowledge to be pleasant to my soul, so discretion may preserve me, understanding will keep me, and I may walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of righteousness.

That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

Proverbs 2: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the upright will dwell in the land, and the perfect will remain in it.

Lord God, cause me to be upright, to dwell in the land, and to remain in it.

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

Proverbs 2: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wicked will be cut off from the earth, and transgressors will be rooted out of it.

Lord God, cause me to upright and dwell in the land, and not be found among the wicked that will be cut off from the earth, or the transgressors that will be rooted out of it.

But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

Proverbs 2: 22

Chapter 3

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that someone who does not forget Your law, and lets their heart keep Your commandments, will have length of days, a long life, and peace added to them.

Lord God, teach me Your law, and incline my heart to keep Your commandments, so that I may have many days, a full life, and peace.

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

Proverbs 3: 1-2

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that someone who does not let mercy and truth forsake them, but binds them around their neck, and writes them on the table of their heart, will find favor and good understanding in Your sight, and in the sight of man.

Lord God, teach me to be merciful and truthful, to have favor and a good name in Your sight, and in the sight of men.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Proverbs 3: 3-4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who trusts in You with all their heart, does not lean on their own understanding, and in all their ways acknowledges You, will be directed by You in their paths.

Lord God, fill my heart with confident and trust in You, so I will not rely on my own understanding. Cause me to acknowledge You in all my ways, and to rely on You to direct my paths.

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

Proverbs 3: 5-6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who is not wise in their own eyes, fears You, and departs from evil, shall experience healing of their body, and strengthening of their bones.

Lord God, keep me from being wise in my own eyes, and lead me away from evil.

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

Proverbs 3: 7-8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who honors You with their substance, and the first fruits of their increase, shall have barns filled with plenty, and presses bursting out with new wine.

Lord God, place it in my heart to honor You with the substance of what You have given me, and the first fruits of my increase.

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Proverbs 3: 9-10

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that we should not despise Your chastening, or become weary of Your correction.

Lord God, keep me from despising Your chastening, or becoming weary of Your correction.

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

Proverbs 3: 11-12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You give correction to those You love, just as a father gives correction to the son he delights in.

Lord God, cause me to receive Your correction, as a Father corrects the son he loves.

For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Proverbs 3: 11-12

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that finding finding wisdom, and getting understanding, brings happiness.

Lord God, cause me to be happy, by finding wisdom, and getting understanding.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Proverbs 3: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom, and understanding, are better than the merchandise of silver, and better than receiving fine gold.

Lord God, cause me to value wisdom and understanding, more than silver or gold.

Lord God, cause me to find wisdom, and get understanding.

For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

Proverbs 3: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom is more precious than rubies, and there is nothing I could desire, that could be compared to her.

Lord God, cause my desire to be for wisdom.

Lord God, cause me to seek after, and receive wisdom.

She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Proverbs 3: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that wisdom has length of days in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left hand.

Lord God, cause me to seek after, and receive wisdom.

Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Proverbs 3: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Lord God, cause me to seek after, and receive wisdom.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Proverbs 3: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her, and those who retain her will be happy.

Lord God, cause me to seek after, and receive wisdom.

Lord God, cause me to embrace wisdom, and be happy in her embrace.

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

Proverbs 3: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that by wisdom You have founded the earth, and by understanding You established the heavens.

The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

Proverbs 3: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that by Your knowledge the deeps were divided, and the clouds drop down the dew.

By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

Proverbs 3: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who keep sound wisdom and discretion, and do not let them depart from their eyes, will find they are life to their soul, and grace to their neck.

Lord God, cause me to keep sound wisdom and discretion, and do not let them depart from my eyes.

Lord God, cause sound wisdom and discretion to be life to my soul, and grace to my neck.

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

Proverbs 3: 21-22

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that someone who keeps sound wisdom and discretion, and does not let them depart from his eyes, will walk safely in Your way and his foot will not stumble.

Lord God, cause me to keep sound wisdom and discretion, and do not let them depart from my eyes.

Lord God, through sound wisdom and discretion, cause me to walk safely.

Lord God, through sound wisdom and discretion, keep my feet from stumbling.

Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

Proverbs 3: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that someone who keeps sound wisdom and discretion, and does not let them depart from his eyes, will lie down and not be afraid, and when they lie down, their sleep will be sweet.

Lord God, cause me to keep sound wisdom and discretion, and do not let them depart from my eyes.

Lord God, through sound wisdom and discretion, cause me to lie down and not be afraid.

Lord God, through sound wisdom and discretion, when I lay down, cause my sleep to be sweet.

When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

Proverbs 3: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who keeps sound wisdom and discretion, and does not let them depart from his eyes, does not need to be afraid of sudden fear, or the desolation of the wicked, when it comes.

Lord God, cause me to keep sound wisdom and discretion, and do not let them depart from my eyes.

Lord God, through sound wisdom and discretion, cause me to not be afraid of sudden fear.

Lord God, through sound wisdom and discretion, cause me to not be afraid of the destruction of the wicked.

Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

Proverbs 3: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who keeps sound wisdom and discretion, and does not let them depart from his eyes, has You for their confidence, and You will keep their foot from being taken.

Lord God, cause me to keep sound wisdom and discretion, and do not let them depart from my eyes.

Lord God, through sound wisdom and discretion, keep my feet from being caught in a trap.

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

Proverbs 3: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not withhold good from those whom it is due, when it is in the power of my hand to do it.

Lord God, cause me to give to others what they are due, and to not delay when it is within my power to do it.

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

Proverbs 3: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not say to my neighbor, "Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give", when I have it by me to give.

Lord God, cause me to not say to my neighbor, "Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give", when I have it to give to them today.

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

Proverbs 3: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not devise evil against my neighbor, who trusts me, and lives near me.

Lord God, cause me to not devise evil against my neighbor, and cause him to dwell by me securely.

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

Proverbs 3: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not strive against a man without cause, if he has not harmed you.

Lord God, keep me from picking fights with others without a cause, when they have not harmed me.

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

Proverbs 3: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not envy the oppressor, and to choose none of his ways.

Lord God, cause me to not envy those who oppress others.

Lord God, keep me from oppressing others.

Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

Proverbs 3: 31

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that devious people are an abomination to You, but You are a friend to the upright

Lord God, cause me to practice righteousness, and to abide with You as a friend.

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

Proverbs 3: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Your curse is in the house of the wicked, but You bless the habitation of the just.

Lord God, cause me to be just, and someone you desire to bless.

The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

Proverbs 3: 33

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You scorn the scorers, but You give grace to the lowly.

Lord God, cause me to be humble, and give me grace.

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

Proverbs 3: 34

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wise will inherit glory, but You hold up fools to dishonor.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and inherit glory.

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

Proverbs 3: 35

Chapter 4

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that we should listen to the instruction of a father, and be attentive, so we may gain understanding.

Lord God, cause me to pay attention to the instruction given by the father in this proverb, so I may gain understanding.

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

Proverbs 4: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You give good doctrine, and we should not forsake Your law.

Lord God, cause me to not forsake Your law.

For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

Proverbs 4: 2

Lord God, thank You for this wisdom and instruction, by the writer of this proverb, who was the son of his father, and tender and precious to his mother. His father had taught him saying, "Your heart must hold on to my words. Keep my commandments and live."

Lord God, cause this father's words to be retained in my heart, and cause me to keep these commandments, and live.

For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

Proverbs 4: 3-4

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction to his son, to get wisdom, and get understanding. To not forget them, and to not turn away from the words of his mouth.

Lord God, cause me to get wisdom and understanding, and keep me from forgetting them.

Lord God, cause me to not turn away from Your wisdom.

Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

Proverbs 4: 5

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that if his son does not forsake wisdom, she will preserve him, and if he loves her, she will keep him.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that if I do not forsake wisdom, and I love her, she will preserve me, and she will keep me. Cause me to not forsake wisdom, but to love her.

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

Proverbs 4: 6

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that wisdom is the principle thing, therefore his son should get wisdom, and with wisdom, he should get understanding.

Lord God, cause me to get wisdom, and in doing so, get understanding.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Proverbs 4: 7

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that if his son exalts wisdom, wisdom will promote his son

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that if his son embraces wisdom, wisdom will honor his son

Lord God, cause me to exalt and embrace wisdom.

Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

Proverbs 4: 8

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that if his son exalts and embraces wisdom, he will be given an ornament of grace on his head, and a crown of glory.

Lord God, cause me to exalt and embrace wisdom.

Lord God, cause my head to receive an ornament of grace.

Lord God, cause me to receive a crown of glory.

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

Proverbs 4: 9

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that if his son hears, and receives his sayings, he will be given many years of life.

Lord God, cause me to hear, and receive, the sayings of this father.

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

Proverbs 4: 10

Lord God, thank You for this father's truth, that he has taught his son in the way of wisdom, and has led him in right paths.

Lord God, thank You for this teaching, that is in the way of wisdom, and is able to lead in right paths.

Lord God, cause me to receive this teaching that is in the way of wisdom.

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

Proverbs 4: 11

Lord God, thank You for this father's truth, that because his son was taught in the way of wisdom, and was led in right paths, that when his son walks, his steps will not be hindered, and when he runs, he will not stumble.

Lord God, thank You for this teaching, that is in the way of wisdom, and is able to lead in right paths.

Lord God, cause this teaching in the way of wisdom, to keep my feet from stumbling, and my steps from being hindered.

When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

Proverbs 4: 12

Lord God, thank You for this father's truth, that his son should take firm hold of instruction that is in the way of wisdom, and not let her go, but guard her, for she is his life.

Lord God, cause me to readily receive instruction in the way of wisdom, keep her, guard her, and not let her go, for she is my life.

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

Proverbs 4: 13

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that his son should not enter into the path of the wicked, and should not walk in the way of the evil. He should avoid it, not pass by it, turn away from it, and pass it by.

Lord God, cause me to not enter into the path of the wicked, and not walk in the way of evil. Cause me to avoid it, not pass by it, turn away from it, and pass it by.

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

Proverbs 4: 14-15

Lord God, thank You for this father's truth, that evil men do not sleep, unless they have done what is evil. They are robbed of sleep, unless they have made someone fall.

Lord God, cause me to not enter into the path of the wicked, and not walk in the way of evil. Cause me to avoid it, not pass by it, turn away from it, and pass it by.

For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

Proverbs 4: 16

Lord God, thank You for this father's truth, that evil men eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

Lord God, keep me from eating the bread of wickedness, and from drinking the wine of violence.

Lord God, cause me to not be evil.

For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

Proverbs 4: 17

Lord God, thank You for this father's truth, that the path of the just is as the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full light of day.

Lord God, cause my ways to be just, and my path to shine more and more, until it is full of light.

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4: 18

Lord God, thank You for this father's truth, that those who are wicked are in darkness, and they do not know what makes them stumble.

Lord God, infuse me with righteousness, so my path will be illuminated with Your light.

The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

Proverbs 4: 19

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that his son should attend to his words, and incline his ear to his sayings.

Lord God, cause me to attend to these words, and incline my ear to these sayings.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Proverbs 4: 20

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that his son should not let his words and saying depart from his eyes, and they should be kept in the midst of his heart.

Lord God, cause me to understand these words and sayings, keep them in my sight, and hold them in my heart.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

Proverbs 4: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Your words, and saying, kept in the midst of our hearts, will be life to those who find them, and health to their flesh.

Lord God, cause me to find Your words and sayings, that are life to those who find them, and healing to their flesh.

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

Proverbs 4: 22

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that his son should keep his heart with all diligence, because out of it are the issues of life.

Lord God, cause me to keep my heart with all diligence, for out of my heart are the issues of life.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 4: 23

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that his son should put away deceitful speech, and put perverse lips far from him.

Lord God, take strong willed disobedience from my mouth, and take perverseness from my lips.

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

Proverbs 4: 24

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that his son's eyes should look straight ahead, and his gaze should be directly before him.

Lord God, cause my eyes to look straight ahead, and my gaze to be directly in front of me.

Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Proverbs 4: 25

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, that his son should ponder the paths of his feet, and all his ways should be established.

Lord God, cause me to ponder the paths of my feet, and all my ways to be established.

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Proverbs 4: 26

Lord God, thank You for this father's instruction, for his son to not turn to the right, or the left, and to keep his foot from evil.

Lord God, cause me to not turn to the right, or the left, and keep my foot from evil.

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

Proverbs 4: 27

Chapter 5

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that I should attend to Your wisdom, and bow my ear to Your understanding.

Lord God, direct my attention to Your wisdom, and give me understanding of Your insight.

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

Proverbs 5: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that by attending to Your wisdom, and bowing my ear to Your understanding, I may regard discretion, and my lips may keep knowledge.

Lord God, direct my attention to Your wisdom, and give me understanding of Your insight, so I may walk with discretion, and my speech may demonstrate knowledge.

That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

Proverbs 5: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, but her speech is smoother than oil.

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

Proverbs 5: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that in the end, the adulteress woman is as bitter as wormwood, and sharp as a double-edged sword.

But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.

Proverbs 5: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, the adulteress woman's feet go down to death, and her steps head straight to the grave.

Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

Proverbs 5: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the adulteress woman does not consider the path of life, she is wandering in her ways, and does not know her ways are unstable.

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

Proverbs 5: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that we should hear You now, and not depart from the words of Your mouth.

Lord God, cause me to hear You, and not depart from the words of Your mouth.

Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

Proverbs 5: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to remove our way far from the adulteress woman, and to not go near the door of her house.

Lord God, cause me to stay away from adulteress women, and from going near the door of their house.

Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

Proverbs 5: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who do not remove themselves from the adulteress woman, give their honor to others, and their years to the cruel.

Lord God, keep me from the adulteress woman, and from giving my honor to others, and my years to the cruel.

Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

Proverbs 5: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who do not remove themselves from the adulteress woman, let strangers be filled with their wealth, and give their labors to the house of a foreigner.

Lord God, keep me from the adulteress woman, and from letting my wealth, and labors, go to the house of a stranger.

Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;

Proverbs 5: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who do not remove themselves from the adulteress woman, groan at the end of their life, when their flesh and body are consumed.

Lord God, keep me from the adulteress woman, and from groaning at the end of my life, when my flesh and body are consumed.

And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

Proverbs 5: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who do not remove themselves from the adulteress woman, when they are groaning at the end of their life, when their flesh and body are consumed, say, "How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof. I didn't obey my teachers or listen closely to my mentors. I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly."

And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

Proverbs 5: 12-14

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to drink water out of our own cistern, and running water out of our own well.

Lord God, cause me to satisfy my need for intimacy, only with my spouse.

Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

Proverbs 5: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to let our fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

Lord God, cause myself and my spouse to have as many children as You desire, and wish to bless.

Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

Proverbs 5: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, for the fountains we disperse abroad, and let run in the streets, to come from our own cistern, or well, and not from a strangers.

Lord God, bless me in a marriage, to a wise and righteous spouse. Cause us to be faithful to each other, to have children together, and to not having any immoral or adulterous relationships.

Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

Proverbs 5: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to let my fountains be blessed.

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to rejoice with the wife of my youth.

Lord God, cause my children to be blessed, and cause me to rejoice with the wife of my youth.

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

Proverbs 5: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to find all the joys of physical pleasures with our wives, and not with any other women, and to always be captivated by her love.

Lord God, cause me to find all the joys of physical pleasures with my wife, and not with any other women, and to always be captivated by her love.

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.

Proverbs 5: 19

Lord God, keep me from being captivated by an adulteress, and from embracing the bosom of another man's wife.

And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

Proverbs 5: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the ways of a man are before Your eyes, and You examine all his paths.

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

Proverbs 5: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wicked shall be taken by his own iniquities, and he shall be held with the cords of his sins.

Lord God, cause me to keep away from wickedness, and not be caught up in the cords of my sin.

His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

Proverbs 5: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wicked man will die without instruction, and will be led astray by his own folly.

Lord God, cause me to keep away from wickedness, and not be led astray by my own folly.

He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Proverbs 5: 23

Chapter 6

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that if I have put myself in my neighbors power, by becoming surety for my him, or if I enter into a pledge for a stranger, I need to humble myself, and go plead with my neighbor. I should not sleep, or slumber, but should save myself like a bird from the hand of a fowler.

My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. 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. Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

Proverbs 6: 1-5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the ant is an example of wisdom, who having no guide, overseer, or ruler, prepares its provisions in the summer, and gathers its food during the harvest.

Lord God, direct me to labor in the proper seasons, so I will have the provisions, and food You desire for me.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; Consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

Proverbs 6: 6-8

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that when a sluggard continues in his sleep, and in his slumber, and folds his hands to rest, poverty shall come upon him like a robber, and his need, like a bandit.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker. Make work available, and give me the ability to do it.

How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

Proverbs 6: 9-11

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a worthless, wicked man, walks with a deceitful mouth.

Lord God, cause me to not be a worthless, wicked person, who goes about with a perverse mouth.

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

Proverbs 6: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a worthless, wicked person winks with his eyes, signals with his feet, and gestures with his fingers, as signs, and signals for evil.

Lord God, cause my movements, actions, and gestures to be pure, and not a method to carry out evil.

He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

Proverbs 6: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a worthless, wicked person has perverseness in his heart, devises evil continually, and stirs up trouble.

Lord God, keep perverseness from my heart, evil from my plans, and discord from my actions.

Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.

Proverbs 6: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a worthless, wicked person shall have calamity come upon him suddenly, and shall be broken without remedy.

Lord God, cause me to not be a worthless, evil man, who has calamity come upon him suddenly, and is broken without remedy.

Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

Proverbs 6: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that there are six things You hate, and seven that are an abomination to You.

Lord God, cause me to understand the things You hate, and that are an abomination to You, and keep me from getting entangled in them.

These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

Proverbs 6: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You hate a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, and they are also an abomination to You.

Lord God, keep me from becoming entangled in pride, lying, and murder.

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Proverbs 6: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You hate a heart that devises wicked imaginations, and feet that are swift in running to evil, and they are also an abomination to You.

Lord God, keep my heart from devising wicked schemes, and my feet from rushing into evil.

An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

Proverbs 6: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You hate a false witness that speaks lies, and he that sows discord among brethren, and they are also an abomination to You.

Lord God, cause my testimonies to be true, and keep me from sowing discord among brothers.

A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 6: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that I should keep my father's commandment, and I should not forsake the law of my mother.

Lord God, cause me to keep the commandments of my father, and not forsake the law of my mother.

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Proverbs 6: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that I should bind my father's commandment, and my mother's law upon my heart, and I should tie them around my neck.

Lord God, cause my father's commandments, and the law of my mother to be bound continually on my heart, and to be tied around my neck.

Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

Proverbs 6: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that wherever I go, if I have bound my father's commandment and my mothers law continually on my heart, and tied them around my neck, they will lead me. When I sleep, they will keep me, and when I wake up, they will talk with me.

Lord God, cause my father's commandments, and the law of my mother to lead me where I go, keep me when I sleep, and talk with me when I am awake.

When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

Proverbs 6: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that my father's commandments are a lamp, and my mother's law is light, and reproofs and instruction are the way to life.

Lord God, make my father's commandments my lamp, and my mother's law my light. Incline my heart to accept corrective discipline as my path to life.

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Proverbs 6: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that my father's commandments are a lamp, and my mother's law is light, and reproofs and instruction are the way to life, that will keep me from being taken in by the flattery of an immoral woman.

Lord God, by way of my father's commandment, and my mothers law, keep me from the immoral woman, and do not let her seduce me with the flattery of her tongue.

To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

Proverbs 6: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that my father's commandments are a lamp, and my mother's law is light, and reproofs and instruction are the way to life, that will keep me from lusting after the beauty of an immoral woman, and from letting her captivate me with her eyes.

Lord God, by way of my father's commandment, and my mothers law, keep me from lusting after the beauty of an immoral woman in my heart, and do not let her captivate me with her eyes.

Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

Proverbs 6: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a prostitute brings others to poverty, and an adulteress preys on their life.

Lord God, keep me from losing my substance with a prostitute, and keep me from losing my life with an adulterous woman.

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.

Proverbs 6: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man can not carry fire next to his chest, and his clothes not be burned.

Lord God, keep me from unrighteous behavior that will ultimately be very harmful to me.

Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

Proverbs 6: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man can not go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned.

Lord God, keep me from entangling myself in transgressions that will ultimately be very harmful to me.

Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

Proverbs 6: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that any man who goes in to his neighbor's wife, and touches her, will not be innocent.

Lord God, keep me from transgressing, and becoming entangled with another man's wife.

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

Proverbs 6: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that if a thief has stolen food to satisfy his hunger, he should not be despised, but he should restore what he stole, seven times, even giving all the substance of his house.

Lord God, cause me to not despise a thief, if he stole to satisfy his hunger.

Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Proverbs 6: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding, and he that does it destroys his own soul.

Lord God, keep me from committing adultery.

But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

Proverbs 6: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever commits adultery with a woman will get a wound and dishonor, and his disgrace will not be wiped away.

Lord God, keep me from the sin of adultery.

A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

Proverbs 6: 33

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that jealousy makes a man furious, and he will not spare when he takes revenge.

For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

Proverbs 6: 34

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a jealous man will not accept compensation, release his fury for a bribe, or be persuaded by lavish gifts.

He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

Proverbs 6: 35

Chapter 7

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction to keep Your words, and to lay up Your commandments within me.

Lord God, cause me to obey Your words, and treasure Your commandments within me.

My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

Proverbs 7: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your Truth, that by keeping Your commandments I can live, and for Your instruction, to make Your law as the apple of my eye.

Lord God, cause me to keep Your commandments, and live, and make Your law the apple of my eye.

Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Proverbs 7: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to bind Your laws on my fingers, and write them on the tablet of my heart.

Lord God, cause Your laws to be bound on my fingers, and write them on the tablet of my heart.

Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

Proverbs 7: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to say to Wisdom, You are my sister, and to call understanding, my kinswoman, that they may keep me from the immoral woman, from the stranger who flatters with her words.

Lord God, make wisdom my sister, and understanding my kinswoman. Cause them to keep me from the immoral woman, and the stranger that flatters with her words.

Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

Proverbs 7: 4-5

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to listen to You, and to pay attention to the words of Your mouth. To not let our hearts turn aside to the ways of the adulteress, and don't stray into her paths.

Lord God, cause me to listen to You, and take heed of Your words. Keep my heart from the ways of the adulteress, and keep me from straying into her paths.

Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

Proverbs 7: 24-25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the adulteress has cast down many victims, and many strong men have been slain by her.

Lord God, keep my heart from the way of the adulteress, and keep me from straying into her paths, so I will not be cast down, and I will not be slain by her.

For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.

Proverbs 7: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the adulteress' house is the way to the grave, descending to the chambers of death.

Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 7: 27

Chapter 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom calls out, and understanding makes her voice heard.

Lord God, cause me to hear, when wisdom cries out, and when understanding puts forth her voice.

Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

Proverbs 8: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom is on the heights overlooking the road, where the paths meet, she takes her stand.

Lord God, cause me to hear the wisdom, that is spoken by Your creation.

She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

Proverbs 8: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom is beside the gates at the entrance to the city, and at the main entrance she cries out.

Lord God, cause me to hear wisdom, that is spoken at the gate.

She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

Proverbs 8: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom cries out to men, and the voice of wisdom is to the sons of man.

Lord God, cause me to take heed of the cries, and voice of wisdom, that is spoken to mankind.

Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.

Proverbs 8: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, for the simple to understand wisdom, and for fools to be of an understanding heart.

Lord God, cause me to understand wisdom, and to be of an understanding heart.

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

Proverbs 8: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom speaks of excellent things, and the opening wisdom's lips will be right things.

Lord God, cause me to hear the excellent, and right things that wisdom speaks.

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

Proverbs 8: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom speaks truth, and wickedness is an abomination is to wisdom's lips.

Lord God, cause me to hear truth spoken by wisdom, and to avoid wickedness speech, which is an abomination to wisdom.

For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

Proverbs 8: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom's words are spoken in righteousness, and there is nothing deceptive or perverse in them.

Lord God, cause me to hear the righteous words of wisdom, that are not deceptive or perverse in any way.

All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

Proverbs 8: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom's words are plain to those who are discerning, and right to those who find knowledge.

Lord God, cause me to be discerning, and find knowledge, so that wisdom's words will be plain to me.

They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

Proverbs 8: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your command, to receive instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold.

Lord God, cause me to receive Your instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold.

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

Proverbs 8: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things that are desired are not to be compared to it.

Lord God, cause me to value wisdom, more than anything else I desire.

For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Proverbs 8: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom dwells with prudence, and possesses knowledge and discretion.

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

Proverbs 8: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that to fear You, is to hate evil, and that You hate pride, arrogance, the way of evil, and the perverse mouth.

Lord God, cause me to fear You and hate evil, pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth.

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

Proverbs 8: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truths, that counsel, and sound wisdom are Yours, and You are understanding, and have strength.

Lord God, write upon the tablet of my heart, that counsel, and sound wisdom are Yours, and You are understanding, and have strength.

Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.

Proverbs 8: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that by You kings reign, and rulers decree what is just.

By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

Proverbs 8: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that by You, princess rule, and nobles, and all who govern justly.

By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

Proverbs 8: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You love them that love You, and those that seek You early will find You.

Lord God, place it in my heart to love You.

Lord God, incline my heart to seek You early, so I may find You.

Lord God, love me.

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

Proverbs 8: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that riches and honor are with You, which are enduring wealth and righteousness.

Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

Proverbs 8: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Your fruit is better than fine gold, and Your revenue is better than choice silver.

My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

Proverbs 8: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You lead in the way of righteousness, and along the paths of judgment, that You may cause those who love You to inherit substance, and You will fill their treasures.

Lord God, let me walk with You in the way of righteousness, and in the paths of justice. As I walk along the paths You would have me walk, You are kind to grant me an inheritance, and to fill my treasure.

I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

Proverbs 8: 20-21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You possessed wisdom in the beginning of Your way, and before Your works of old.

The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

Proverbs 8: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You set up wisdom from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth was.

I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

Proverbs 8: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom was brought forth, when there were no depths, or fountains abounding with water.

When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Proverbs 8: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom was brought forth, before the mountains were shaped, and before the hills were established.

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

Proverbs 8: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom was brought forth, before You made the earth and the fields, and the dust of the earth.

While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

Proverbs 8: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom was there when You prepared the heavens, and when You set a compass on the face of the earth.

When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

Proverbs 8: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom was there when You established the clouds above, and when You established the fountains of the deep.

When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

Proverbs 8: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom was there when You marked out the foundations of the earth, and You assigned the sea it's limit, so the waters would not transgress Your command.

When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

Proverbs 8: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that after You established the earth, wisdom was by You, as one brought up with You. Wisdom was Your delight every day, always rejoicing before You.

Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

Proverbs 8: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom rejoiced in the inhabitable areas of the earth, and her delights were with mankind.

Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

Proverbs 8: 31

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction to hearken unto You, for blessed are those who keep Your ways.

Lord God, cause me to listen intently to Your words, keep Your ways, and receive Your blessing.

Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

Proverbs 8: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your command, to hear instruction, be wise, and do not refuse it.

Lord God, cause me to hear instruction, be wise, and not refuse it.

Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Proverbs 8: 33

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that they are blessed who hear You, watch daily at Your gates, and wait at the post of Your doors.

Lord God, cause me to hear You, watch daily at Your gates, and wait by the posts of Your doorway.

Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

Proverbs 8: 34

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever finds You, finds life, and shall obtain Your favor.

Lord God, cause me to find You, find life, and obtain favor from You.

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

Proverbs 8: 35

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who sin against You, wrong their own soul, and they that hate You, love death.

Lord God, keep me from sinning against You, to do well for my soul, and to love life.

But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

Proverbs 8: 35-36

Chapter 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom has built a house, and has hewn out seven pillars.

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

Proverbs 9: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom has prepared her meat, mixed her wine, and set her table.

She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

Proverbs 9: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom has sent out her maidens to call out from the highest points of the city.

She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

Proverbs 9: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to forsake the foolish, and live, and go in the way of understanding.

Lord God, cause me to forsake the foolish, so I may live, and guide me in the way of understanding.

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

Proverbs 9: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that someone who reproves a scorner, will get himself shame, and he that rebukes a wicked man, gets himself a blot.

Lord God, cause me to not rebuke a scorner, which results in abuse, and to not rebuke a wicked man, which results in injury.

He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.

Proverbs 9: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that if You correct a scorner, he will hate You. If You rebuke a wise man, he will love You.

Lord God, make me wise, so I will love those who rebuke me, and keep me from hating those who reprove me.

Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

Proverbs 9: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that if you give instruction to a wise man, he will be yet wiser, if you teach a just man, he will increase in learning.

Lord God, give me instruction, and make me wiser. Teach me, and increase my knowledge.

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 9: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the fear of You is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of You is understanding.

Lord God, cause me to fear You, so I may be wise, and give me knowledge of You, so I may get understanding.

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

Proverbs 9: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You are the one who can multiply days, and can increase the years of one's life.

Lord God, multiply my days, and extend the years of my life, as long as it glorifies You.

For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

Proverbs 9: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that if you are wise, wisdom will reward you, and if you are a mocker, you will bear the consequences.

Lord God, help me be wise and seek after You, putting away foolish ways, that I myself would have to bear.

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

Proverbs 9: 12

Proverbs Chapters 10-22

Chapter 10

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a wise son makes his father glad, but a foolish son is heaviness to his mother.

Lord God, cause me to be one who would make my father glad, and not be heaviness to my mother.

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

Proverbs 10: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.

Lord God, instead of storing up wickedness which profits nothing, cause me to have righteousness that delivers from death.

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

Proverbs 10: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that You will not allow the righteous to go hungry, but You cast away the substance of the wicked.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and provide me with substance.

The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

Proverbs 10: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a person who deals with a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Lord God, cause me to have a diligent hand, and a heart that seeks to do Your will.

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Proverbs 10: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that it is wise to gather during summer, but sleeping during harvest causes shame.

Lord God, cause me to be someone who gathers during the summer, and does not sleep during the harvest.

He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

Proverbs 10: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that blessings are on the head of the just, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

Lord God, cause me to be just and experience blessings, and to keep from wickedness and violence.

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

Proverbs 10: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the memory of the just is blessed, and the name of the wicked shall rot.

Lord God, cause me to be a just person, whose memories of me are blessed.

The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

Proverbs 10: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wise in heart accepts commands, but foolish lips will fall.

Lord God, place in me a wise heart that receives commandments, that keeps me from falling.

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

Proverbs 10: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that someone who walks in integrity, lives securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.

Lord God, cause me to walk in integrity, with security, and keep me from crooked paths.

He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

Proverbs 10: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that those whose mind and mouth are not in agreement cause sorrow, and foolish lips will come to ruin.

Lord God, cause my mind and mouth to be in agreement, and keep my speech full of wisdom.

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

Proverbs 10: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the mouth of the righteous is a well of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and make my mouth a fountain of life.

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

Proverbs 10: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins.

Lord God, give me a heart to love, and to not stir up strife.

Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

Proverbs 10: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that wisdom is found in the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment.

Lord God, give my mind discernment, and my lips wisdom. Keep me from being void of understanding, and from requiring punishment.

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.

Proverbs 10: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the fool is near destruction.

Lord God, cause me to store up knowledge, and keep my mouth from inviting ruin.

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

Proverbs 10: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a rich man's wealth is his strong city, and the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

Proverbs 10: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the labor of the righteous tends to life, but the fruit of the wicked to sin.

Lord God, cause my labors to bring me life, and keep me far from ruin.

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

Proverbs 10: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that those who follow instruction are on the path to life, but those who refuse correction go astray.

Lord God, cause me to follow instruction, and to not refuse correction.

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

Proverbs 10: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who hide hatred with lying lips, and those who utter slander, are fools.

Lord God, cause me to be truthful, be wise, and not spread slander.

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

Proverbs 10: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that when there are many words spoken, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

Lord God, cause me to be a person of few words, and one who holds my tongue.

In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

Proverbs 10: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little worth.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, with a tongue of choice silver.

The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

Proverbs 10: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of understanding.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, with lips that feed many. Cause fools to seek after wisdom, so they may live.

The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

Proverbs 10: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, Your blessing makes rich, and You add no sorrow with it.

Lord God, make me a person worthy of Your blessing, which is given without sorrow added to it.

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

Proverbs 10: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, a fool finds pleasure in evil conduct, but a man of understanding has wisdom.

Lord God, cause me to be understanding, and have wisdom.

It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

Proverbs 10: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that what the wicked dreads will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and give me a righteousness where you will be pleased to grant my desires.

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

Proverbs 10: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the storm passes, the wicked are no more, but the righteous are secure forever.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and secure forever.

As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

Proverbs 10: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that it is like vinegar to the teeth, and smoke to the eyes, to those who send a lazy man to do something.

Lord God, cause me to be hard working, and a joy to those who offer me work.

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

Proverbs 10: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that fearing You prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be shortened.

Lord God, cause me to live long, in fear of You, and keep me from shortening my days through wickedness.

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

Proverbs 10: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the hope of the righteous will be gladness, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous with the hope of gladness. Do not let my expectation perish.

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

Proverbs 10: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Your ways are a refuge for the righteous, but destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to have refuge in Your ways.

The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

Proverbs 10: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the righteous will not be uprooted, but the wicked will not inherit the earth.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to dwell safely in the land.

The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

Proverbs 10: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the mouth of the just brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut out.

Lord God, cause me to be just, and my speech to bring forth wisdom.

The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

Proverbs 10: 31

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked speak what is perverse.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to know what is acceptable, and keep my mouth from speaking perverse things.

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.

Proverbs 10: 32

Chapter 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a false balance is an abomination to You, but a just weight is Your delight.

Lord God, help me be honest, and deal fairly with others.

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

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, when pride comes, the comes shame, but with the lowly is wisdom.

Lord God, cause me cast away pride, to be humble and find wisdom.

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

Proverbs 11: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perverseness of transgressors will destroy them.

Lord God, cause integrity to be my guide, and transgressions to cease.

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

Proverbs 11: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that riches will not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Lord God, prepare me with righteousness, not riches, for the day of wrath, and cause righteousness to deliver me from death.

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

Proverbs 11: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the righteousness of the blameless keeps his way straight, but the wicked falls by his own wickedness.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, blameless, and keep my ways straight.

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

Proverbs 11: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the righteousness of the upright rescues them, but the treacherous are trapped by their own desires.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous and upright, and cause righteousness to deliver me.

The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.

Proverbs 11: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when a wicked man dies, his expectations perish, and the hope of unjust men perish.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous and just, so when I die, my expectation and hope will not perish.

When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth.

Proverbs 11: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the righteous are delivered out of trouble, and the wicked come in his stead.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous and delivered out of trouble.

The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

Proverbs 11: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a hypocrite destroys his neighbor with his mouth, but through knowledge the just will be delivered.

Lord God, cause me to be just, so through knowledge I will be delivered, if an ungodly neighbor tries to destroy me with his mouth.

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

Proverbs 11: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that when it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.

Lord God, cause it to go well with the righteous, so the city will rejoice, and cause there to be shouts of joy, when the wicked perish.

When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

Proverbs 11: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that by the blessing of the the upright, a city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

Lord God, cause our cities to be exalted by the blessing of the upright, and keep it from being overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

Proverbs 11: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever belittles his neighbor, lacks sense, but a man of understanding holds his peace.

Lord God, cause me to not belittle, or show contempt towards my neighbors, but cause me to hold my peace.

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

Proverbs 11: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a talebearer reveals secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit, conceals a matter.

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

Proverbs 11: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that where there is no counsel, people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety,

Lord God, cause me to disregard counsel, and fall, but cause me to seek a multitude of counselors, and stay safe.

Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 11: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever is surety for a stranger will suffer for it, but he that hates such agreements is protected.

Lord God, cause me to hate surety arrangements for strangers, so I will not suffer from them.

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

Proverbs 11: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a gracious woman retains honor, and strong men retain riches.

Lord God, help me retain honor, and not strive to retain riches.

A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.

Proverbs 11: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever is merciful benefits himself, but a cruel man brings disaster on himself.

Lord God, cause me to benefit myself by being merciful, and not bring disaster on myself, by being cruel.

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

Proverbs 11: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the wages of the wicked are deceitful, but the one who sows righteousness, will receive a sure reward.

Lord God, cause me to sow righteousness, and to receive a sure reward.

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

Proverbs 11: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that true righteousness leads to life, but he who pursues evil will die.

Lord God, cause me to be steadfast in righteousness, and live.

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

Proverbs 11: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that You detest whoever has a perverse heart, but You delight in those whose ways are blameless.

Lord God, cause my ways to be blameless, and make me Your delight.

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

Proverbs 11: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wicked will not go unpunished, but the descendents of the righteous will be delivered.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and my offspring to be delivered.

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

Proverbs 11: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a beautiful woman who lacks discretion, is like a jewel of gold in a pig's snout.

Lord God, cause me to have discretion, and not be like a jewel of gold in a pig's snout.

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

Proverbs 11: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the desire of the righteous turns out well, but the the wicked should expect wrath.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to know all is well.

The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

Proverbs 11: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that one can give freely, yet gain even more, and another person can withhold what he should give, and comes to poverty.

Lord God, cause me to give freely, and not withhold what should be given.

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

Proverbs 11: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a generous man will prosper, and whoever waters, will be watered himself.

Lord God, cause me to have a generous heart, and to refresh others.

The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

Proverbs 11: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that people will curse those who withhold grain, but blessings come to those who sell it.

Lord God, cause me to not withhold what You have provided for Your people, but bless me as I distribute Your provisions

He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

Proverbs 11: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever searches for good, finds favor, but if someone looks for trouble, it will come to him.

Lord God, cause me to diligently seek good, and find favor.

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

Proverbs 11: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever trusts in riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and flourish, and to not trust in riches, and fall.

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

Proverbs 11: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever troubles his own house will inherit the wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.

Lord God, keep me from troubling my own house, only to receive what is empty and worthless. Cause me to be wise, not becoming a servant to others, but only to You.

He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

Proverbs 11: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he that wins souls is wise.

Lord God, cause me to righteous, bearing fruit of the tree of life, and wise, so that I win souls.

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

Proverbs 11: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the righteous is repaid on earth, how much more the wicked and the sinner.

Lord God, help me consider Your truth, that the righteous are recompensed in the earth, and much more the wicked and the sinner.

Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

Proverbs 11: 31

Chapter 12

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever loves instruction, loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.

Lord God, cause me to love instruction, knowledge, and correction.

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

Proverbs 12: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a good man obtains Your favor, and a man of wicked devices, You will condemn.

Lord God, cause me put off all wickedness, and in uprightness of heart, obtain Your favor.

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

Proverbs 12: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that no one is established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous is immovable.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and my root of righteousness unable to be moved.

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

Proverbs 12: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a virtuous woman is a crown to her husband, but she who shames him is like rottenness in his bones.

Lord God, give my wife a heart for virtue, and take away any desire for her to cause shame.

Lord God, cause me to be a virtuous wife, a crown to my husband, and always guarding against causing shame.

Lord God, cause me to have a virtuous wife, a crown to me, who guards against causing shame.

A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 12: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the thoughts of the righteous are just, but the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, my thoughts just, and my counsels from being deceitful.

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

Proverbs 12: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the mouth of the upright delivers them.

Lord God, cause me to be upright, and my speech a deliverer of life.

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

Proverbs 12: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the wicked are overthrown and perish, but the house of the righteous will stand.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and my house to stand firm.

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

Proverbs 12: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever has wisdom will be commended, but whoever has a perverse heart, will be despised.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and commendable because of my wisdom.

A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

Proverbs 12: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that it is better to be lowly, and have a servant, than to honor Yourself and lack bread.

Lord God, cause me to not act important and lack bread, but to prefer dishonor, yet have my needs tended to.

He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

Proverbs 12: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a righteous man cares about his animals health, but even the compassionate acts of the wicked are cruel.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and have a righteous concern for animals that are in my care.

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

Proverbs 12: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever tills his land will be satisfied with bread, but whoever pursues worthless things, lacks sense.

Lord God, cause me to seek after work that is able to provide substance, and not pursue worthless endeavors that will cause me to go hungry.

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

Proverbs 12: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the wicked desire what evil men have, but the root of the righteous yields fruit.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and my root to yield fruit, and to not desire the bounty of evil men.

The wicked desireth the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.

Proverbs 12: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the wicked are snared by the transgression of their lips, but the righteous man escapes trouble.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to come out of trouble, leaving the wicked to be snared by the transgression of their lips.

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

Proverbs 12: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a man will be satisfied with good, by the fruit of his mouth, and the work of a man's hand will reward him.

Lord God, cause the fruit of my mouth, to satisfy me with good, and cause me to be rewarded for the work of my hands.

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.

Proverbs 12: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who follows the advise of counsel is wise.

Lord God, cause me to follow the advise of wise counsel, and to not proceed down foolish paths.

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

Proverbs 12: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a fool's displeasure is known at once, but the prudent man overlooks an insult.

Lord God, cause me to overlook insults, and to not make my displeasure known at once.

A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.

Proverbs 12: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever speaks the truth gives honest testimony and declares righteousness, but a false witness utters deceit.

Lord God, cause me to declare righteousness by speaking the truth, and giving honest testimony.

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

Proverbs 12: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a wise man's words promote health, and are not rash, piercing like a sword.

Lord God cause me to be wise, and cause my words to promote health, not being rash, and piercing like a sword.

There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

Proverbs 12: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that truthful lips will endure forever, but a lying tongue is only for a moment.

Lord God, cause me to have truthful speech, which will be established forever.

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

Proverbs 12: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, but to those who promote peace, there is joy.

Lord God, cause me to be a promoter of peace, and to have joy.

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

Proverbs 12: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that no disaster overcomes the righteous, but the wicked are full of misery.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and keep disaster from overcoming me.

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

Proverbs 12: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that lying lips are an abomination to You, but they that deal truly are Your delight.

Lord God, cause me to deal truly, and honestly, and making me Your delight.

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

Proverbs 12: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a prudent man knows to keep some things to himself, but the heart of fools blurts out folly.

Lord God, cause me to be prudent, not blurting out everything I know, and to know when it is best to leave something unsaid.

A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

Proverbs 12: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the hand of the diligent will rule, but laziness leads to forced labor.

Lord God, cause me to be diligent, and a hard worker.

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

Proverbs 12: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word cheers him up.

Lord God, cause me to give others a good word, that will take away their anxiety, and make them glad.

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

Proverbs 12: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the righteous are more excellent than their neighbor, but the way of the wicked seduces them.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and not able to be seduced by the way of the wicked.

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

Proverbs 12: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the slothful man does not roast what he took in hunting, but the substance of the diligent man is precious.

Lord God, cause me to not waste the provisions I have been given, but to treat them as precious.

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

Proverbs 12: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that in the way of righteousness there is life, and in the pathway of righteousness there is no death.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, staying in the way of life, and on the path where there is no death.

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

Proverbs 12: 28

Chapter 13

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scorner does not hear rebuke.

Lord God, cause me to be as a wise son, hearing my fathers instruction, and also hearing rebuke.

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

Proverbs 13: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that from the words of his mouth, a man will enjoy good things, but the desire of transgressors is violence.

Lord God, cause me to eat what is good, because of the fruit of my mouth, and to stay far away from violence.

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

Proverbs 13: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a man that keeps control of his mouth, also keeps control of his life. The man that does not control his mouth, brings destruction.

Lord God, cause me to keep control of my mouth, and my life.

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

Proverbs 13: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the soul of the sluggard has desires that are not met, but the soul of the diligent will have much.

Lord God, cause me to be diligent in my work, so You might bless me with good things.

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

Proverbs 13: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a righteous man hates lying, but a wicked man brings shame and disgrace.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, hate lying, and not come to shame or disgrace.

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

Proverbs 13: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that righteousness guards people of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and guarded in my integrity, keeping wickedness from overthrowing me.

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

Proverbs 13: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that some make themselves rich, yet have nothing, and others make themselves poor, yet have great riches.

Lord God, whether I am poor, or rich, cause me to not waste money making a show of it, but to use the resources You have given me to help others when I can.

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

Proverbs 13: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a man's riches may ransom his life, but a poor man does not hear such threats.

Lord God, keep any wealth I may have from placing me in danger.

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

Proverbs 13: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, my lamp to shine brightly, and never be put out.

The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

Proverbs 13: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that pride brings contention, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

Lord God, instead of having pride, and contention, cause me to accept advice and gain wisdom.

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

Proverbs 13: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but those who gather by labor will increase.

Lord God, cause me to gain by labor, and experience increase, rather than gain through fraud, and have it dwindle.

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

Proverbs 13: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

Lord God, keep me from making any great desires for things in this world, but cause my anticipation to be for the hope You have placed in me.

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

Proverbs 13: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that those who despise the word will be destroyed, but those who fear the commandments will be rewarded.

Lord God, cause me to fear Your commandments, and expect Your rewards.

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

Proverbs 13: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning men from the snares of death.

Lord God, cause wise teachers to turn me, and my fellow man, from the snares of death.

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

Proverbs 13: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that good sense wins favor, but the way of transgressors is hard.

Lord God, cause me to increase in wisdom, grow in favor, and put away transgressions.

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

Proverbs 13: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that sensible men act according to knowledge, but a fool flaunts his folly.

Lord God, cause me to be sensible, and act according to knowledge, and not according to folly.

Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

Proverbs 13: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy courier brings healing.

Lord God, cause me to be a faithful, trustworthy, messenger of Your word.

A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

Proverbs 13: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, poverty and shame will come to him that refuses instruction, but he that regards reproof will be honored.

Lord God, give me a heart to honor reproof and instruction.

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

Proverbs 13: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest in turning from evil.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, make my fulfill my desires sweet to my soul, and give me a heart that is happy to depart from evil.

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

Proverbs 13: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that those who walk with wise men will be wise, but a companion of fools will be destroyed.

Lord God, cause me to walk with wise men, and be wise.

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

Proverbs 13: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that evil pursues sinners, but to the righteous, good will be repaid.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to be repaid with good.

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

Proverbs 13: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, and the wealth of a sinner is laid up for the just.

Lord God, cause me to use my wealth prudently, honoring You with my substance, and to be able to leave an inheritance to my children's children.

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Proverbs 13: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a poor man's field may produce abundant food, but without justice, it is swept away.

Lord God, cause me to be able to utilize the resources I have allotted to me, to bring me the substance You wish to bless me with.

Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.

Proverbs 13: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

Lord God, cause me to love my children, and to discipline them appropriately.

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

Proverbs 13: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the righteous eat to the satisfying of his soul, but the belly of the wicked shall want.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and have food to satisfy and sustain me.

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

Proverbs 13: 25

Chapter 14

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pluck it down with her hands.

Lord God, give me wisdom, that causes my house to be built, and not torn down.

Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

Proverbs 14: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that he who walks uprightly, fears You, but he who is perverse in his ways, despises You.

Lord God, cause me to walk uprightly and fear You, rather than be perverse and despise You.

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

Proverbs 14: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a fools talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.

Lord God, cause wisdom to rest in my heart, and the words of my lips to protect me.

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

Proverbs 14: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest.

Lord God, give me wisdom, and understanding, of what things to keep hold of that give strength and service to Your cause.

Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox.

Proverbs 14: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a faithful witness will not lie, but a false witness will utter lies.

Lord God, incline my heart to be a faithful witness, that will not utter lies.

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

Proverbs 14: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, but knowledge is easy to him that has understanding.

Lord God, cause me to have understanding, and make knowledge come easily to me.

A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

Proverbs 14: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to stay away from foolish men, because there are no words of knowledge to be learned.

Lord God, cause me to not hang around with the foolish, and with those who have no words of knowledge.

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

Proverbs 14: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that sensible men consider their way, but the folly of fools deceives them.

Lord God, cause me to be prudent, make good choices, and have a correct understanding of my ways.

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

Proverbs 14: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that fools mock at sin, but among the righteous there is favor.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and show me favor.

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

Proverbs 14: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the heart knows its own bitterness, and no one can share its joy.

Lord God, thank you for explaining that there are things in my heart, that only I can know, and only I can truly experience the pain or joy.

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

Proverbs 14: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the house of the wicked will be overthrown, but the tent of the upright will flourish.

Lord God, cause me to be upright, and my tent to flourish, while the houses of the wicked are overthrown.

The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

Proverbs 14: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that there is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and understand truth, so I may walk in the paths of life.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Proverbs 14: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that even in laughter the heart may ache, and joy may end in grief.

Lord God, thank You for the understanding that a sorrowful heart, even while laughing, can still be experiencing a lot of pain.

Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.

Proverbs 14: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the backslider in heart will be filled with the fruit of his ways, and a good man will be filled with the fruit of his ways.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and filled with the fruit of a good man's ways.

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

Proverbs 14: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that simple believe everything, but the sensible man considers his steps.

Lord God, cause me to be prudent, and carefully consider my steps.

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

Proverbs 14: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a wise man fears and departs from evil, but the fool is arrogant and careless.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, depart from evil, and to not be arrogant or careless.

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

Proverbs 14: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a quick tempered man acts foolishly, and a man of evil schemes is hated.

Lord God, keep me from having a quick temper, and from devising evil.

He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

Proverbs 14: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the simple inherit foolishness, but the sensible are crowned with knowledge.

Lord God, cause me to be prudent, and crowned with knowledge.

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

Proverbs 14: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the evil bow before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

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

Proverbs 14: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the poor is hated even by his own neighbor, but the rich have many friends.

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

Proverbs 14: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that it is a sin for someone to despise their neighbor, but someone who has mercy on the poor, is happy.

Lord God, cause me to not despise my neighbor, but place in my heart mercy for the poor.

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

Proverbs 14: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that those who devise evil are living in error, but mercy and truth will be to them that devise good.

Lord God, cause me to be one who devises good, and finds mercy and truth

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

Proverbs 14: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that in all labor there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Lord God, cause me to perform labor, and not just make mention of it.

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

Proverbs 14: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the crown of the wise is their wealth, but the foolishness of fools produces foolishness.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and increase wealth, not foolishness.

The crown of the wise is their riches: but the foolishness of fools is folly.

Proverbs 14: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.

Lord God, cause me to be a truthful witness, that saves lives, and is not deceitful.

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

Proverbs 14: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the fear of You is strong confidence, and the children of those who fear You will have a place of refuge.

Lord God, in the Fear of You, let me find strong confidence, and my children a place of refuge.

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

Proverbs 14: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the fear of You is a fountain of life, and allows departure from the snares of death.

Lord God, cause my fear of You to be a fountain of life, that keeps me from the snares of death.

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

Proverbs 14: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a large population is a king's splendor, but a shortage of people is a prince's devastation.

Lord God, You are a glorious King, and many are the people who worship You, and place themselves under Your Lordship and rule.

In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.

Proverbs 14: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that someone who is slow to wrath has great understanding, but someone who is quick tempered exalts folly.

Lord God, help me be slow to wrath, and not exalt foolishness.

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

Proverbs 14: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

Lord God, give my heart tranquility, and cause me to not envy.

A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

Proverbs 14: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that those who oppress the poor, are a reproach to You, but those who honor You, have mercy on the poor.

Lord God, cause me have mercy on the poor, never oppress them, and thereby show You honor.

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

Proverbs 14: 31

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that the wicked are overthrown by their evildoing, but the righteous have a refuge when they die.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and give me hope, and a refuge when I die.

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

Proverbs 14: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that wisdom rests in the heart of those who have understanding, but in the hearts of fools it is made known.

Lord God, cause wisdom to rest in my heart, and not just be known to my heart.

Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but that which is in the midst of fools is made known.

Proverbs 14: 33

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Lord God, cause righteousness to exalt all nations of the earth, taking sin far from them.

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Proverbs 14: 34

Lord God, thank You for Your principle, that a king's favor is toward a wise servant, but his wrath is against him that causes shame.

Lord God, cause me to be Your wise servant, and to not cause You any shame.

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

Proverbs 14: 35

Chapter 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.

Lord God, teach me to use a soft answer, and not stir up anger.

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Proverbs 15: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the tongue of the wise makes knowledge commendable, but the mouth of fools pour out foolishness.

Lord God, cause my speech to make knowledge attractive, and to not pour out foolishness.

The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

Proverbs 15: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Your eyes are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to observe righteousness at all times and places.

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Proverbs 15: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a devious tongue breaks the spirit.

Lord God, cause me to have a tongue that brings healing, and does not break the spirit.

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

Proverbs 15: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a fool despises his father's instruction, but whoever regards correction is prudent.

Lord God, cause me to respect my father's instruction, and to regard correction.

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

Proverbs 15: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that in the house of the righteous is much treasure, but trouble accompanies the income of the wicked.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and my household righteous, and to expect treasures without the troubles.

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

Proverbs 15: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the lips of the wise spread knowledge, but the hearts of fools do not.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and my lips to spread knowledge.

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

Proverbs 15: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You detest the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright is Your delight.

Lord God, cause me to be upright, offer You prayers, and have them be pleasing to You.

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

Proverbs 15: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the way of the wicked is an abomination to you, but You love those that follow after righteousness.

Lord God, cause me to follow after righteousness, and to have Your love.

The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

Proverbs 15: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that correction is grievous to those who forsake the way, and those who hate correction will die.

Lord God, cause me to not forsake the way, and to regard correction.

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

Proverbs 15: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that hell and destruction are before Your eyes, and also the hearts of the children of men.

Lord God, give me a pure heart that loves You, as all things are forever before You.

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

Proverbs 15: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a mocker does not love one who corrects him, and he will not consult the wise.

Lord God, cause me to love those who correct me, and to seek wise counsel.

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

Proverbs 15: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a joyful heart makes a face cheerful, but when the heart is sad, it crushes the spirit.

Lord God, cause me to have a joyful heart.

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

Proverbs 15: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the heart of those who have understanding, seek knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on foolishness.

Lord God, cause me to have understanding, and my heart to seek knowledge.

The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

Proverbs 15: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that all the days are afflicted with evil, but he that is of a merry heart has a continual feast.

Lord God, keep affliction from me, to make my heart merry, and to continually enjoying Your blessings.

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

Proverbs 15: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to have little with the fear of You, than great treasure, and trouble with it.

Lord God, cause me to fear You, with whatever wealth, or poverty is for my good.

Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

Proverbs 15: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to have a dinner of herbs where there is love, than a fattened ox with hatred.

Lord God, cause me to be loving to others, and to have loving people around me, and give us whatever substance is for our good.

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Proverbs 15: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wrathful man stirs up strife, but he that is slow to anger quiets contention.

Lord God, help me be slow to anger, and not stir up strife.

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

Proverbs 15: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the way of the slothful is like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the righteous is a highway.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, a hard worker, and make my paths easy to travel.

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

Proverbs 15: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, make my father glad, and to not despise my mother.

A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

Proverbs 15: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that foolishness delights a man who lacks judgment, but a man with understanding walks a straight path.

Lord God, cause me to not be delighted with foolishness, but cause me to walk uprightly.

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

Proverbs 15: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that without counsel, plans fail, but with many advisers, they succeed.

Lord God, cause me to act with proper counsel and advice, and to not act rashly on my own judgment.

Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

Proverbs 15: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man has joy from giving an apt answer, and a word spoken timely spoken can be delightful.

Lord God, cause me to give fitting answers, and to speak words in a timely manner.

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

Proverbs 15: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the path of life leads upwards for the wise, so he might be able to turn away from Sheol, below.

Lord God, cause my paths to be righteous and lead upwards, so I may stay away from the grave.

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

Proverbs 15: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You will destroy the house of the proud, but You will establish the border of the widow.

Lord God, because I am a widow, establish my border, and keep me from pride.

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

Proverbs 15: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to You, but the words of the pure are pleasant words.

Lord God, cause me to be pure, and my words pleasant, and keep my thoughts from being an abomination to You.

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

Proverbs 15: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are greedy of gain, trouble their own house, but those who hate gifts shall live.

Lord God, cause me to not desire to profit dishonestly, and to not be greedy of gain.

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

Proverbs 15: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the heart of the righteous study to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and study to give the right answer, and keep my mouth from speaking evil things.

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

Proverbs 15: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You are far from the wicked, but You hear the prayer of the righteous.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and hear my prayers.

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

Proverbs 15: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that bright eyes gladden the heart, and good news brings health to the bones.

Lord God, cause my eyes to make hearts rejoice, and give me good news, that will cause good health.

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

Proverbs 15: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who listen to life giving correction, will dwell among the wise.

Lord God, cause me to receive, and listen to life giving rebukes, and make my dwelling among the wise.

The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

Proverbs 15: 31

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who refuse instruction, despise their own soul, but those who listens to correction, acquire understanding.

Lord God, cause me to accept instruction, and listen to correction, and give me understanding.

He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

Proverbs 15: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the fear of You, is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor, is humility.

Lord God, cause me to fear You, be instructed in wisdom, and have humility.

The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Proverbs 15: 33

Chapter 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You prepare men's hearts, and You provide the answer of their mouths.

Lord God, prepare my heart, provide the answer of my tongue, and cause me to seek after righteousness.

The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

Proverbs 16: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that all the ways of man are clean in his own eyes, but You weigh the motives.

Lord God, cause my ways to be clean, and my motives to be pure in Your sight.

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

Proverbs 16: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who commits their works to You, will have their plans succeed.

Lord God, cause my works to be committed to You, and establish my thoughts.

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

Proverbs 16: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that all things are made for Yourself, even the wicked for the day of evil.

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

Proverbs 16: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever has a proud heart is an abomination to You, and even if they are in agreement with others, they will not go unpunished.

Lord God, cause me to not be proud in heart, or an abomination to You.

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

Proverbs 16: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that mercy and truth purge iniquity, and the fear of You causes men to depart from evil.

Lord God, cause me to fear You, depart from evil, and cause mercy and truth to purge my iniquity.

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

Proverbs 16: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when a man's ways please You, You make even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Lord God, cause my ways to please You, and make my enemies to be at peace with me.

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

Proverbs 16: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to have a little with righteousness, than great revenues with injustice.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and whether I have a little, or a lot, cause justice to prevail.

Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

Proverbs 16: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man's heart devises his way, but You direct his steps.

Lord God, as I make my plans, please direct my way.

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

Proverbs 16: 9

Lord God, place it on the hearts of kings, to seek You for the words of their mouth, and to not transgress in judgment.

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

Proverbs 16: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a just weight and balance are Yours, and all the weights in the bag are Your work.

Lord God, cause me to always use a just weight and balance.

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

Proverbs 16: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for thrones are established by righteousness.

Lord God, cause the kings of the earth, to stay away from wickedness.

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

Proverbs 16: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that kings delight in righteous lips, and they love those who speak right.

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

Proverbs 16: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a king's fury is a messenger of death, but a wise man appeases it.

The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

Proverbs 16: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when a king's face lights up, there is life, and his favor is like the clouds that bring the spring rain.

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

Proverbs 16: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is much better to get wisdom than gold, and to get understanding rather than silver.

Lord God, cause me to choose getting wisdom, over riches.

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

Proverbs 16: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the highway of the upright is to depart from evil, and he that keeps his way preserves his soul.

Lord God, cause my ways to be righteous, and to departure from evil, keeping righteous paths, and preserving my soul.

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

Proverbs 16: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Lord God, keep me from pride and from harboring an arrogant spirit, so I may stay away from destruction, and avoid a fall.

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Lord God, cause me to choose being lowly in spirit among the poor, than to share the plunder with the proud.

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

Proverbs 16: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who give thought to the word will discover good, and those who trust in the Lord will be blessed.

Lord God, cause me to give thought to the word, and to trust in You.

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

Proverbs 16: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wise in heart will be called prudent, and pleasant speech increases learning.

Lord God, cause me to be wise in heart, and to use pleasant words when instructing.

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

Proverbs 16: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that understanding is a wellspring of life unto those who have it, but the instruction of fools is folly.

Lord God, cause me to draw from understanding that is a wellspring of life, and to stay away from the instruction of fools.

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

Proverbs 16: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wise heart instructs its mouth, and increases learning with its speech.

Lord God, cause me to have a wise heart that guides my mouth, and cause my lips to promote instruction.

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

Proverbs 16: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul, and health to the body.

Lord God, teach me to use pleasant words that are sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Proverbs 16: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that there is a way that seems right to a man, but the end is the ways of death.

Lord God, cause me to disregard ways that may seem right to men, but the end is in the ways of death, and cause me to follow ways which end in the ways of life.

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Proverbs 16: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a laborer's hunger drives him to labor.

Lord God, give me the desire to labor, without the need to hunger.

He that laboreth laboreth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

Proverbs 16: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that ungodly men dig up evil, and in their lips, there is a burning fire.

Lord God, cause me to not dig up evil, and keep my lips from producing strife or contentions.

An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.

Proverbs 16: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a dishonest man sows strife, and a gossip separates close friends.

Lord God, keep me from sowing strife, and from gossiping.

A forward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

Proverbs 16: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that violent men entice their neighbors, and lead them in ways that are not good.

Lord God, cause me to not be violent, and to not lead my neighbors in ways that are not good.

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

Proverbs 16: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that violent men shut their eyes to meditate on ways to commit sin, and their lips bring evil things to pass.

Lord God, cause me to not devise sinful things, and to not speak, and cause evil things to pass.

He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

Proverbs 16: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that gray hair is a crown of glory, it is found in the way of righteousness.

Lord God, cause me to be found in the way of righteousness.

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

Proverbs 16: 31

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are slow to anger, are better than the mighty, and those who rule their spirit, than those who take a city.

Lord God, cause me to be slow to anger, and to rule my spirit well.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Proverbs 16: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from You.

Lord God, thank You for governing this world, even when it seems to be by chance.

The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.

Proverbs 16: 33

Chapter 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to have a dry morsel of food, and quietness, than a house full of sacrifices with strife.

Lord God, cause me to have a quiet demeanor, and my house to be peaceful.

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

Proverbs 17: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wise servant who has rule over a son that causes shame, will have a part of the inheritance among the brethren.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and to gain an inheritance.

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

Proverbs 17: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the refining pot is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, but You try the hearts.

Lord God, cause me to pass through times of Your testing, and come out with a purified heart.

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

Proverbs 17: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who is wicked gives heed to false lips, and a liar gives ear to a spiteful tongue.

Lord God, cause me to disregard evil and spiteful speech, but incline my ear to wisdom.

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

Proverbs 17: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who mock the poor are a reproach to You who made them, and you take personally the mistreatment of them.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are glad at others calamities, will not go unpunished.

Lord God, cause me to consider the poor, to help them, and not be glad when calamity overcomes a foe.

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

Proverbs 17: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Children's Children are the crown of old men, and the glory of children are their fathers.

Lord God, cause me to consider my children's children as a crown, and the that life has dimensions that stretch far into the future.

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

Proverbs 17: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that excellent speech is not fitting for a fool, and much less, lying lips are not fitting for a prince.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous with excellent speech, and cause the words of my lips to be true.

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

Proverbs 17: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a present is a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor, wherever he turns, he prospers.

Lord God, cause me to not make consideration of bribes, and keep me from being part of the injustices they may cause.

A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

Proverbs 17: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that love prospers when sin is covered, and those who repeat a matter separate friends.

Lord God, cause me to overlook transgressions, and to not repeat matters that are better left alone.

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

Proverbs 17: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that verbal correction changes the heart of a wise man, more than a hundred stripes changes the heart of a fool.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and to regard wise reproof.

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

Proverbs 17: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that an evil man seeks rebellion, so a cruel messenger will be sent against him.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to not seek rebellion.

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

Proverbs 17: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better for a man to meet a bear robbed of her cubs, than a fool in his folly.

Lord God, keep me from the path of fools in their folly.

Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

Proverbs 17: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who reward evil for good, will not have evil depart from their house.

Lord God, cause me to not reward evil for good, and keep evil from entering my house.

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

Proverbs 17: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the beginning of strife is like breaching a dam, so it is best to stop contentions, before a quarrel breaks out.

Lord God, cause me to stop contentions before they start, and avoid quarreling.

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

Proverbs 17: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who justify the wicked, and condemn the just, are both an abomination to You.

Lord God, keep me from justifying the wicked, or condemning the just.

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

Proverbs 17: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is useless for a fool to try and get wisdom, as he has no heart for it.

Lord God, cause me to have a heart to gain wisdom, and to be established in it.

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

Proverbs 17: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a friend loves at all times, and a brother's love is especially seen in adversity.

Lord God, cause me to value my friends who love at all times, and my brothers who are there for me in adversity.

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

Proverbs 17: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man void of understanding, strikes a pledge for someone who is deemed insolvent or dishonest, and whose own word to insure a transaction is not sufficient.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and not strike hands in pledge for others.

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

Proverbs 17: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who love strife, also love transgression.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who trusts in fancy walls and gates, or exhibit boastful speech, seek their own destruction.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to not love strife, or transgression. Cause me to not trust in fancy walls or gates, or boast of them with my mouth.

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

Proverbs 17: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those with a crooked heart will not find good.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those with deceitful speech will fall into evil.

Lord God, cause me to have a righteous heart, and a righteous tongue.

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

Proverbs 17: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that he who is the parent of a fool, does it to his sorrow, and his father does not have joy.

Lord God, cause my children to be wise, and seek after wisdom, and cause me to have joy in them.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, seek after wisdom, and give my father joy.

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

Proverbs 17: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a merry heart does good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.

Lord God, give me a merry heart, and keep me from having a crushed spirit.

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

Proverbs 17: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wicked man takes secret bribes to pervert the course of justice.

Lord God, cause me to not be involved in the giving or taking of secret bribes, and keep me from being a victim of improper justice, by others who are perverting justice.

A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

Proverbs 17: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom is in the presence of those who have understanding, but the eyes of the fool wander aimlessly.

Lord God, cause me to have wisdom always before me, and keep my mind fixed on it.

Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

Proverbs 17: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

Lord God, cause me not to be a grief to my father, or bitterness to my mother.

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

Proverbs 17: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not good to punish the just.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not good to resist good rulers.

Lord God, cause me to not punish the just, or resist rulers that are good.

Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity.

Proverbs 17: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who have knowledge are of few words, and a man of understanding is gracious and easy to get along with.

Lord God, cause my words to be few, but pleasant, and make me gracious and easy to get along with.

He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

Proverbs 17: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that even a fool, when he keeps quiet, is counted wise, and he that shuts his lips, is esteemed a man of understanding.

Lord God, incline my heart to keep silent, when it is not wise for me to speak.

Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

Proverbs 17: 28

Chapter 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that desiring wisdom, those having separated themselves, can seek after and study wisdom, but should not forget about others around them.

Lord God, cause me to seek after wisdom with my whole heart, and not become unconcerned about the needs of others.

Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.

Proverbs 18: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that fools do not delight in understanding, but like to express their own heart.

Lord God, cause me to delight in understanding, and to place it's truths in my heart.

A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

Proverbs 18: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wicked come, they bring with them contempt, dishonor, and disgrace.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and not bring contempt, dishonor, or disgrace to myself, or to those around me.

When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

Proverbs 18: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the words of a man are like deep waters, and a fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.

Lord God, cause there to be fountains of wisdom around me, so I may drink, and cause me to be a fountain of wisdom, so others may also drink.

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

Proverbs 18: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not good to respect the wicked in judgment, or deprive the righteous of justice.

Lord God, cause me to not be involved with the wicked being shown partiality in judgment, or the righteous being deprived of justice.

It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

Proverbs 18: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that fools quickly enter into contention, and their rash language ensnares them.

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

Proverbs 18: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a fools mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snares of his soul.

Lord God, do not let my mouth destroy me, or my lips snare my soul.

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

Proverbs 18: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the words of a gossip are like sweet morsels, that go into a man's mind and heart.

Lord God, keep me from being a gossip, and from being around those who spread these evil words.

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.

Proverbs 18: 8 (NIV)

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are slack in their work, and those who are very wasteful.

Lord God, cause me to work hard, and not waste what is given me.

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

Proverbs 18: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Your name is a strong tower, and the righteous run into it and are safe.

Lord God, Your name is a strong tower. Cause me to be righteous, and able to run to it to find safety.

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

Proverbs 18: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a rich man's wealth is his fortified city, and in his imagination, it is like a high wall.

Lord God, cause me to trust in You, and not in wealth.

The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

Proverbs 18: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a proud heart leads to destruction, and humility leads to honor.

Lord God, cause me to have a humble heart, and to act in humility.

Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

Proverbs 18: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who answer a matter before they hear it are foolish, and it is folly and shame to him.

Lord God, cause me to listen to a matter, before declaring an answer.

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

Proverbs 18: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that being ill, and the trials of life are all bearable, but to have a crushed spirit is unbearable.

Lord God, give me Your joy, and Your hope, and cause me to impart it to others.

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

Proverbs 18: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who would learn, and become wise, give their attention to wisdom.

Lord God, cause me to desire wisdom, and to place knowledge in my heart.

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

Proverbs 18: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man's gift can open doors, and can bring him before great men.

Lord God, cause me to use the gifts You have given me in a way that suits Your purposes, and does not overturn justice.

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

Proverbs 18: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who is first to tell their side will seem right, but it is important to hear both sides before coming up with a judgment.

Lord God, cause me to have the wisdom to hear both sides of a matter, before coming up with a judgment.

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

Proverbs 18: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that at one time, casting lots was the accepted way to stop contentions, and make peace between the mighty.

Lord God, when appropriate to settle minor trivialities, cause me to know when to cast lots, and stop contentions. For important matters, cause matters to be settled appropriately in my life, through what is known of Your will.

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

Proverbs 18: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that an offended brother is harder to win than a fortified city, and his contentions are like bars of a castle.

Lord God, cause me to be careful not to offend those closest to me, but if I do, help break down the barriers, so I can restore those relationships.

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

Proverbs 18: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the words of our lips provide an abundant harvest, in which we will be filled.

Lord God, cause me to speak righteously, and to be filled from the fruit that they bring.

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

Proverbs 18: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Lord God, cause me to speak righteous words, from my heart, that bring life, and to eat of fruit that they bring.

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

Proverbs 18: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that he who finds a wife, finds a good thing, and obtains favor from You.

Lord God, help me find a good wife, and obtain Your favor.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

Proverbs 18: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wealth can cause those who have it to become cruel, and poverty can cause those who have it to bend low.

Lord God, cause me to not be hardened against the poor because of my temporal wealth, but to be gracious in relieving their sufferings.

The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

Proverbs 18: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, friends are won by continually showing ourselves friendly, and there can be friends who are closer than a brother.

Lord God, cause me to have a heart of friendliness, to love those around me, and to have friends who are closer than a brother.

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

Proverbs 18: 24

Chapter 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to be poor and walk in integrity, than to speak perversely and be a fool.

Lord God, cause me to walk in integrity, and to speak righteously.

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

Proverbs 19: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that to be without wisdom is not good, and those who act before getting wisdom, even if they have zeal, are sinning.

Lord God, cause me to know wisdom, and give me a heart to walk in it.

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

Proverbs 19: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the foolishness of men brings them to ruin, and then they rage against You.

Lord God, cause me to walk in righteous, and enjoy the path You lead me.

The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

Proverbs 19: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wealth attracts friends, but a poor man is separated from his friend.

Lord God, cause me to not separate myself from the poor, but to keep them as friends.

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

Proverbs 19: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a false witness will not go unpunished, and those who speak lies, will not escape.

Lord God, cause me to not be a false witness, or the victim of a false witness.

A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

Proverbs 19: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that many seek a generous man's favor, and everyone is a friend of one who gives gifts.

Lord God, cause me to cherish, and have loving concern for the needy.

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

Proverbs 19: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the poor are hated by their brethren, and their friends go far from them. They pursue them with words, but they are not responsive.

Lord God, cause me to love the brethren, especially if they are poor, and to not be neglectful of them.

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.

Proverbs 19: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that he that gets wisdom, loves his own soul, and he that keeps understanding, shall find good.

Lord God, help me get wisdom, and keep understanding.

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

Proverbs 19: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a false witness will not go unpunished, and those who speak lies will perish.

Lord God, cause me to be a truthful witness, and to not lie.

A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.

Proverbs 19: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not right for a fool to live in luxury, or for a servant to rule over princes.

Lord God, cause my heart to understand, just as ruling over others is meant for princes, the joys of holy living are meant for those whose heart is set on wisdom.

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

Proverbs 19: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man's discretion can defer his anger, and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

Lord God, cause me to use sound judgment to control my anger, and mercy to overlook transgressions.

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

Proverbs 19: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a king's wrath is to be dreaded, and his favor to be eagerly sought.

Lord God, cause me to fear You, and to eagerly seek Your favor.

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

Proverbs 19: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a foolish son is his father's ruin, and a quarreling wife is like a constant dripping.

Lord God, first, cause me to be full of wisdom, and live wisely. Then, by my example, and through Your spirit, guide those around me to filled with wisdom, and live wisely

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

Proverbs 19: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that house and riches are the inheritance of father's, and a prudent wife is from the Lord.

Lord God, I may, or may not have an abundant inheritance from my father, but I desire wisdom above all, and ask You to bring a wise, and sensible spouse into my life.

House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Proverbs 19: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that slothfulness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle soul will suffer hunger.

Lord God, cause me to be hard working, and not inclined to slothful living.

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

Proverbs 19: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who keep Your commandments keep their own soul, but those who are careless in their ways will die.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that to obey Your commandments is a kindness to myself, and to despise them is to seal my own destruction.

Lord God, cause me to keep Your commandments, and give life to my soul.

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

Proverbs 19: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that he that has pity on the poor, lends to You, and those that have given, You will pay him again.

Lord God, cause me to have pity on the poor, lending to them, and looking to You for replenishment.

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

Proverbs 19: 17

Lord God, thank You for instruction, to discipline our children while there is hope, and to not be party to their destruction.

Lord God, cause me to use wisdom in properly disciplining my children while there is hope.

Lord God, when You see I am disobedient, and there is still hope, do not deny me the chastening I need, to set me on a path to life.

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

Proverbs 19: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those with a hot temper will bear the penalty, and if we rescue them, we will have to do it again.

Lord God, cause me to not overstep, and help out those bearing the consequences of their wicked behavior, but use Your power to chasten them correctly, and bring them back into the fellowship, where we love one another, and bear each others burdens.

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

Proverbs 19: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to hear counsel, and receive instruction, so we may gain knowledge, and wisdom, with each passing day.

Lord God, cause me to listen to counsel, and receive instruction, so I may grow in wisdom and understanding.

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

Proverbs 19: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we may make many plans, but Your purposes will always prevail.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that although I may have things planned in my heart, they will not happen if you have a different plan.

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

Proverbs 19: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to have an honest compassion for people, and be too poor to help them, than to have say you have compassion, but prove it is not true by not helping when you are able.

Lord God, cause me to prove my compassion for the poor and needy, by helping them when I am able.

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

Proverbs 19: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the fear of You tends to life, and he that fears You rests content, and will not be visited by harm.

Lord God, cause me to fear You, have life, be satisfied, and not be visited with evil.

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

Proverbs 19: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are slothful, may have the food they they need to sustain life in a bowl, and have their hand in the bowl, but will not even lift their hand out of the bowl, and bring the food to their mouth.

Lord God, cause me to not be slothful, especially with Your Word, which is able to bring me eternal life.

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

Proverbs 19: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when punishing a scoffer, the simple may see, and learn wisdom, and when correcting someone who has understanding, he will increase in wisdom.

Lord God, cause me to be one who accepts correction, and increases in wisdom.

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

Proverbs 19: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the son who lashes out at his father, and chases away his mother, is a son that causes shame, and brings reproach.

Lord God, cause me to be someone who respects my mother and father, and those who have responsibility over me.

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

Proverbs 19: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we not listen, or take heed of evil instruction, that leads us away from the words of knowledge and wisdom.

Lord God, cause me to not give my attention to evil instruction, that would lead me away from knowledge and wisdom.

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

Proverbs 19: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that an ungodly witness scoffs at justice, and the mouth of the wicked takes in iniquity.

Lord God, cause me to be a truthful witness, and to not despise justice.

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

Proverbs 19: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that judgments and punishments are certain, and appropriate for scoffers, and fools.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and keep me from the judgments awaiting scoffers and fools.

Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

Proverbs 19: 29

Chapter 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging, and whoever is deceived by them is not wise.

Lord God, cause me to not misuse alcohol, or to be someone considered as not wise because of it.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Proverbs 20: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the fear of the king is as the roaring of a lion, and those who provoke him to anger sin against their own soul.

Lord God, cause me to submit to the authority of the government, and cause me to submit to the ordinances of man for Your sake, so as not to sin against my soul.

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

Proverbs 20: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is an honor for a man to cease from strife, but a fool will quarrel.

Lord God, help me to stay away from strife and quarreling.

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

Proverbs 20: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the lazy person will not plow because it is too cold, and will beg in harvest, because his fields are empty.

Lord God, cause me to work hard, and do what is needful, even when it is not comfortable.

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

Proverbs 20: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the prudent are quiet, not revealing everything they know, but a man of understanding actively seeks their wisdom, and will be able to draw good counsel from them.

Lord God, cause me to receive good counsel from those who have wisdom and understanding.

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

Proverbs 20: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that most men boast of their goodness, but are liars.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, wise, and merciful, and make my love for others be evident through my actions.

Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

Proverbs 20: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a just man walks in his integrity, and blessed are his children after him.

Lord God, cause me to walk in integrity, and cause my children to receive Your blessing.

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

Proverbs 20: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a good government should oppose evil.

Lord God, cause the government in my country, and those throughout the world to oppose evil.

Lord God, if You have placed me in charge of anything, cause me to oppose evil, and honor righteousness.

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

Proverbs 20: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that no one can say they have made their heart clean, and they are pure from sin.

Lord God, cause me to know that I can not purify myself from sin, and can not cleanse myself my sin, but cause me to be cleansed of my sin by receiving Your son, Jesus Christ, who is able to purify me.

Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

Proverbs 20: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that false weights and measures are an abomination to You.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man is not practicing righteousness, if his business dealings are dishonest.

Lord God, cause my business dealings to be honest, and truthful.

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

Proverbs 20: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that even a child is known by the way he acts, whether what he does is pure, and whether it is right.

Lord God, cause me to do what is pure, and right.

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

Proverbs 20: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that ears that hear, and eyes that see, are given to us from You.

Lord God, thank You for my eyesight, and for the ability to hear.

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

Proverbs 20: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who love sleep may come to poverty, but those who wake up will be satisfied with bread.

Lord God, cause me to not slumber longer than is necessary, and to receive substance for myself and my family.

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

Proverbs 20: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that there are some who claim that a product they wish to buy has little value, but once purchased, they boast of getting a great deal because of their wit.

Lord God, cause me to be discerning when someone is claiming that what I am selling has little value, and do not let me be taken advantage of with dishonest words.

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

Proverbs 20: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that there is gold, and there are rubies, but the words of knowledge are a precious jewel.

Lord God, cause me to seek for wisdom, and draw from those who have knowledge, like it is a precious jewel.

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

Proverbs 20: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when someone is giving surety for a stranger, make sure and get some collateral, and hold the collateral in pledge if surety is put up for an immoral woman.

Lord God, cause me to have the wisdom to receive collateral when dealing with someone putting up surety for a stranger, and to hold it in pledge if they are putting up surety for an immoral woman.

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

Proverbs 20: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that what is gained by deceit may seem pleasant at first, but the final result is far from it.

Lord God, cause me to not have gain through deceit, and to not have to deal with the consequences.

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

Proverbs 20: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, Seek counsel before starting a project, and only make war with good advice.

Lord God, cause me to seek counsel before starting a project, and obtain good advice before making war.

Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

Proverbs 20: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a gossip betrays confidence.

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to avoid those who are gossipers

Lord God, cause me to avoid association with those who gossip.

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

Proverbs 20: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who curse their mother or father, will have their lamp put in obscure darkness.

Lord God, give me respect for my parents and those in authority over me, and keep my lamp shining.

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

Proverbs 20: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that an inheritance gotten hastily may not be blessed.

Lord God, oversee how and when I get substance, so I will use it wisely, and You will bless it.

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

Proverbs 20: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not say that we will pay back evil, but to wait on You, and You will save us.

Lord God, watch over me, and when evil comes, cause me to show restraint, and wait for You save me.

Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

Proverbs 20: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that differing weights are an abomination to You, and a false balance is not good.

Lord God, cause me to deal fairly, and to not use dishonest means to increase my wealth.

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

Proverbs 20: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man's steps are directed by You, and it is not possible for us to have understanding of where we are going, or where we will end up.

Lord God, give me divine guidance, so I will know what to do, and where to go.

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

Proverbs 20: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is a snare to devote something to You, and then later recant that decision.

Lord God, cause me to make wise deliberation before making a commitment to You, and once committed, give me the ability and strength to stick to it.

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

Proverbs 20: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wise king scatters the wicked, and gives them punishment for their crimes.

Lord God, cause the governments to be wise, and to deal wisely with evil.

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

Proverbs 20: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that our spirit is Your lamp, and You being a light, are able to search our most inward parts.

Lord God, search me, and cause me to be wise, and use Your light to lead me in the direction You want me to go.

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Proverbs 20: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that mercy and truth preserve kings, and their throne is upheld by merciful love.

Lord God, cause kings to be preserved with mercy and truth, and uphold their throne by mercy.

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

Proverbs 20: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the glory of young men is their strength, and the beauty of old men is their gray hair.

Lord God, cause me to be a strong youth, and live a righteous life with gray hair.

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

Proverbs 20: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Your chastening cleanses away evil, and can cleanse even the inner parts.

Lord God, cause Your chastening to make me wise, righteous, and to follow the paths You have for me.

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

Proverbs 20: 30

Chapter 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a king's heart is in Your hand, and You turn them whatever way You wish.

Lord God, cause the king's hearts to be turned toward righteousness.

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

Proverbs 21: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that men think they are right in what they do, but You search their hearts.

Lord God, cause my actions to be righteous, and my motives to be pure.

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

Proverbs 21: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that to do justice and judgment, is more acceptable to You than sacrifice.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous and perform acts of justice.

To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

Proverbs 21: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the proud, and their posterity, is sin.

Lord God, give me a humble and meek heart, and make the works of my hands righteous in Your sight.

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

Proverbs 21: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that diligence leads to plenty, and those who are hasty to want.

Lord God, cause me to be diligent in my work, and to not be hasty, trying to gain everything too quickly.

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

Proverbs 21: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that getting treasures by a lying tongue, is a fleeting vapor, and a snare of death.

Lord God, cause me to not use lies, or deceit, to obtain substance or wealth.

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

Proverbs 21: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wealth gotten through illicit means will not satisfy, and will also bring judgment.

Lord God, cause my substance to be earned by righteous means, and not by dishonesty, or through injustice.

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

Proverbs 21: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the ways of the guilty are crooked, but the ways of the pure, are upright.

Lord God, cause me to be upright, and my ways to be pure.

The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.

Proverbs 21: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to dwell in the corner of roof, than to dwell in a house with a contentious woman.

Lord God, cause me to pick a good spouse, that has a quiet spirit.

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

Proverbs 21: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, those who are wicked desire evil, and they are not pleased with their neighbors.

Lord God, cause me to discerning, that the wicked will not spare their friends if they get in the way.

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

Proverbs 21: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the innocent receive wisdom when they see wicked men punished, and the wise receive knowledge through instruction.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, so I may receive knowledge through instruction, or innocent, so I can receive wisdom by observing the punishment of the wicked.

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

Proverbs 21: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the righteous understand the future of the wicked, and knows You will overthrow them for their wickedness.

Lord God, give me understanding, that the prosperity of the wicked is temporary, because it is certain You will overthrow them.

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

Proverbs 21: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who stop their ears at the cries of the poor, will also cry himself and not be heard.

Lord God, cause me to be charitable, and to help those in need.

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

Proverbs 21: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a gift can pacify anger, and is best done in secret, but should not be used to pervert justice.

Lord God, cause me to know when a gift given in secret can break down anger, and wrath, and keep me from using bribes to avert justice.

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

Proverbs 21: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when justice is executed it is a joy to the righteous, but terror to those who practice iniquity.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to have joy when judgment is done.

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

Proverbs 21: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who wander out of the way of understanding, will dwell in the assembly of the dead.

Lord God, cause me to stay in the way of understanding, and to not wander from it.

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

Proverbs 21: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who love pleasure will become poor, and those who love wine and oil, will not become rich.

Lord God, cause me to not love pleasure, wine, or oil, but to love wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

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

Proverbs 21: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wicked are made to suffer for the cause of the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the faithless step into the place of the upright, and Your wrath, passing by the upright, will fall on the faithless.

Lord God, cause me to have understanding that sometimes wicked people are punished, so the guiltless will be delivered.

The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

Proverbs 21: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with an angry and contentious woman.

Lord God, cause me to pick a spouse that is not contentious and angry, but has a gentle and quiet spirit.

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

Proverbs 21: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are wise keep oil and treasures in their dwelling, and the foolish spend everything.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, to keep treasures in my dwelling, and to not spend everything.

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

Proverbs 21: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who follows after righteousness and mercy, finds life, righteousness, and honor.

Lord God, cause me to follow after righteousness and mercy, and find life, righteousness, and honor.

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

Proverbs 21: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom is greater than physical might, and even a fortress can not stand up to it.

Lord God, cause me to have wisdom, and to subdue the plans of the wicked.

A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

Proverbs 21: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who guard their mouth and tongue, keep their souls from trouble.

Lord God, cause me to watch what I say, and what words I use, to keep my soul from troubles.

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

Proverbs 21: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a scoffer is the name given to someone who is arrogant, and haughty, and who acts with excessive pride.

Lord God, cause me to not be arrogant, haughty, or act with excessive pride.

Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

Proverbs 21: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the desire of the slothful will kill him, because his hands refuse to labor.

Lord God, cause me to not be slothful, and to take opportunities to labor with my hands.

The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

Proverbs 21: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are lazy, want but they do not have, but the righteous have enough to give away, and do not lack.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, hard working, and have plenty to be able to give to those in need.

He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

Proverbs 21: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wicked sacrifice, it is an abomination, and much more, when they bring it with evil intent.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, so my sacrifices will be acceptable in Your sight.

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

Proverbs 21: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a false witness will perish, but a man who speaks sincerely, will be received.

Lord God, cause me to be a truthful witness, and to not speak of things that are not known to me.

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

Proverbs 21: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wicked continue in evil with no concern, but the upright consider their ways, and walk in Your paths.

Lord God, cause me to be upright, to walk along righteous paths, and to watch for Your leading.

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

Proverbs 21: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that there is no wisdom, understanding, or counsel against You.

Lord God, cause me to be discerning, that no true wisdom, or philosophy, will speak against You.

There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

Proverbs 21: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that although the horse is prepared for the day of battle, the deliverance is from You.

Lord God, when the wicked come against me, cause me to trust in You for deliverance.

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

Proverbs 21: 31

Chapter 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a good name is better than great riches, and loving favor is better than silver or gold.

Lord God, cause me to choose a good name, and loving favor, over silver or gold.

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

Proverbs 22: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the rich and poor have a common bond, You are maker of the all.

Lord God, cause me to not envy those wealthier than myself, and to not despise those who are poorer, as You made us all.

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

Proverbs 22: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, and the simple ignores it and is punished.

Lord God, cause me to foresee evil, and hide in Your Son, and to not be foolish and pretend like it is nothing.

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

Proverbs 22: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that through humility, and the fear of You, are riches, honor, and life.

Lord God, cause me to be meek, humble, and to fear You.

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

Proverbs 22: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that thorns and snares are in the path of the disobedient, and the obedient will be far from them.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and obedient, and to be kept away from the thorns and snares in the paths of the wicked.

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

Proverbs 22: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a child trained up in the way he should go, will not depart from it when he gets old.

Lord God, cause me to be trained up in the way I should go, and to train up those who come after me, in the way they should go.

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

Proverbs 22: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

Lord God, cause me to not be poor, and to be discerning with my finances, and to not be a borrower of money, which would place me in servitude to pay back the debt.

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

Proverbs 22: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who sow iniquity will reap worthless things, and their power to do evil will be destroyed.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to not sow iniquity.

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

Proverbs 22: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are generous will be blessed, as they share their food with the poor.

Lord God, cause me to be generous, and to share my substance with the poor.

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

Proverbs 22: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the scorner is cast out, contentions will go out, and strife and reproach will cease.

Lord God, cause me to not be someone who scoffs, or scorns, and cause me to not be around those who do.

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

Proverbs 22: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who loves pureness of heart, because of the grace of his lips, the king shall be his friend.

Lord God, cause me to love pureness of heart, for my lips shall be graceful, and You shall be my friend.

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

Proverbs 22: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Your eyes preserve knowledge, and You overthrow the words of transgressors.

Lord God, thank You for preserving knowledge, and for overthrowing the words of treacherous men.

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

Proverbs 22: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone slothful will make up a story about a lion being in the streets, just so he will not have to leave his house.

Lord God, cause me to not be lazy, or to make up excuses not to work.

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

Proverbs 22: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who fraternize with immoral women, will fall into the pit of immorality and be destroyed.

Lord God, cause me to walk with You, and to not be deceived by the flattering words of an immoral woman.

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

Proverbs 22: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that foolishness is bound in the heart of the child, but the rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Lord God, cause me to receive the correct amount of discipline for foolishness to be driven from me, and as a parent, give me the wisdom to discipline correctly to drive foolishness from my children.

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

Proverbs 22: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who oppress the poor to increase their riches, and those who give to the rich to seek favors, will surely come to poverty.

Lord God, cause me to not oppress the poor for my gain, and to not give money to the rich to gain their favor.

He that oppressteth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.

Proverbs 22: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to pay attention and listen to the saying of the wise, and to apply our hearts to understanding.

Lord God, cause me to pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise, and to apply my heart to Your knowledge.

Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

Proverbs 22: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is a pleasant thing if we keep the words of the wise, and Your knowledge with us, and to have them ready on our lips.

Lord God, cause me to keep the words of the wise, and Your knowledge with me, and ready to share them with those seeking wisdom.

For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

Proverbs 22: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Your word teaches to trust in You.

Lord God, cause my trust to be in You.

That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

Proverbs 22: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You have provided to us excellent things in counsel and knowledge.

Lord God, thank You for writing excellent things in counsel and knowledge. Cause me to know the certainty of words of truth, that I might answer the words of truth to those who send to me.

Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, 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?

Proverbs 22: 20-21

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not rob the poor, because they are poor, or take advantage of the helpless when there is opportunity.

Lord God, cause me to not rob the poor, or take advantage of the helpless.

Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

Proverbs 22: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who rob the poor, because they are poor, or take advantage of the helpless when there is opportunity, will have their souls spoiled when You plead their cause.

Lord God, cause me to not rob the poor, or take advantage of the helpless.

For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

Proverbs 22: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not make friends with those who are angry, and do not go with those who are furious.

Lord God, cause me to not make friends with the angry, or to go with the furious.

Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

Proverbs 22: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who make friends with those who are angry, and who go with those who are furious, will learn their ways, and it will be a snare to their soul.

Lord God, cause me to not make friends with the angry, or to go with the furious.

Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

Proverbs 22: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not strike hands and become surety for a debt.

Lord God, cause me to not strike hands, and become surety for a debt.

Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.

Proverbs 22: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not strike hands and become surety for a debt.

Lord God, cause me to not strike hands, and become surety for a debt.

If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

Proverbs 22: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not remove the ancient landmark which our fathers have set.

Lord God, cause me to not remove ancient landmarks that our fathers have set.

Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

Proverbs 22: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a diligent man will stand before kings, and will not stand before mean men.

Lord God, cause me to be diligent in business, and to not stand before mean men.

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

Proverbs 22: 29

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Chapter 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when sitting before a table of excess, that we should consider diligently what is placed before us. And to put a knife to our throat if we are given to gluttony.

Lord God, cause me to be careful not to over eat, when abundant and delicious food is set before me.

When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.

Proverbs 23: 1-2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that delicacies at a table can be deceptive.

Lord God, cause me to not be given to appetite, and when an abundance of delicacies are set before me, cause me to make proper food choices.

Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat.

Proverbs 23: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we should not overwork to become rich, and those who have understanding should cease.

Lord God, cause me to not weary myself to become rich, and give me wisdom to show restraint.

Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

Proverbs 23: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not set our eyes on riches, for riches will sprout wings, and fly away towards heaven.

Lord God, cause me to not weary myself trying to get rich, for riches make themselves wings, and fly away as an eagle.

Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

Proverbs 23: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not wise to eat with those who have an evil eye, or to desire his delicacies.

Lord God, cause me to not eat the bread of an evil man, or desire the delicacies he offers.

Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

Proverbs 23: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those with an evil eye, may tell you to eat and drink, but their heart is not with you.

Lord God, cause me to be careful to not accept every man's invitation to dine, as some say to eat and drink, but inwardly they are despising of your presence.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Proverbs 23: 7

Lord God, cause me to be wise of whose food I eat, so the experience will not sour my stomach.

The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

Proverbs 23: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if You speak in the ear of a fool, he will despise the wisdom of Your words.

Lord God, keep me from being a fool, and despising when wisdom is spoken to me.

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

Proverbs 23: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not move the ancient boundary markers.

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not encroach the boundaries of the fatherless.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You are their redeemer, are mighty, and You will please their cause against those who violate these instructions

Lord God, cause me to respect ancient boundaries, and to not infringe on the boundaries of the fatherless, and defenseless.

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

Proverbs 23: 10-11

Lord God, make my heart long for instruction, and my ears, for words of knowledge.

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

Proverbs 23: 12

Lord God, guide me to properly correct my child, while keeping him safe, and delivering his soul from the bondage of sin.

Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

Proverbs 23: 13-14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if a son's heart is wise, a father's heart will rejoice.

Lord God, cause my son's heart to be wise, so I may rejoice. Cause my heart to be wise, so You may rejoice.

My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

Proverbs 23: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a father's inmost being will rejoice, when his son speaks right things.

Lord God, cause my son to speak right things, so I may rejoice. Cause me to speak right things so You may rejoice.

Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Proverbs 23: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we are not to envy sinners, but we are to be in fear of You all day long. In the end, those who fear You will not have their expectations cut off.

Lord God, cause my heart to not envy sinners, but to be in fear of You all day long, for You have given me a future hope, and my expectation shall not be cut off.

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

Proverbs 23: 17-18

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that a son should listen, be wise, and keep his heart on the right path.

Lord God, cause me to listen, become wise, and keep my heart on the right path.

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

Proverbs 23: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not associate with those who drink too much, or are gluttonous eaters of meat.

Lord God, keep me from the company of those who drink too much, or are gluttonous eaters of meat.

Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

Proverbs 23: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that drunkards and gluttons will come to poverty, and their drowsiness will clothe them with rags.

Lord God, keep me from becoming a drunkard, or a gluttonous eater of food, that would cause me to be poor, and clothed in rags.

For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

Proverbs 23: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that a son should listen intently to the father who gave him life, and not despise his mother when she is old.

Lord God, cause me to listen intently to my father, and not despise my mother when she is old.

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

Proverbs 23: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that we should buy should buy - and not sell - truth. And we should get wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

Lord God, cause me to buy truth, and not sell it. And to get wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

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

Proverbs 23: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the father of the righteous has great joy, and he that fathers a wise child delights in him.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, the type of person that makes his father have great joy, and the type whose father delights in him.

The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

Proverbs 23: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a child whose father has great joy, and delights in him, will make his father and mother glad, and his mom will delight in him.

Lord God, cause me to be a child whose father has great joy, who delights in him, who makes his father and mother glad, and whose mom delights in him.

Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

Proverbs 23: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a son should give his father his heart, and his eyes should observe his ways.

Lord God, make my ways upright, so my son may give me his heart, and observe the ways of righteousness, as I have given You my heart, and observe Your righteousness.

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

Proverbs 23: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a prostitute is a deep ditch, and an adulteress woman is a narrow pit, who lie in wait for a prey, and multiplies the unfaithful among men.

Lord God, cause me to not be taken in by a prostitute, or an adulterous woman, and be placed among the transgressors.

Lord God, cause me to not be a prostitute, or an adulterous woman, multiplying the unfaithful among men.

For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

Proverbs 23: 27-28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who linger over wine, and go looking for mixed wine, have woe, sorrow, contentions, babbling, wounds without cause, and redness of eyes.

Lord God, cause me to not linger over wine, or go looking for mixed wine.

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

Proverbs 23: 29-30

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that alcohol can be alluring, and can try to seduce one to drink it.

Lord God, keep me from being seduced by the allure of alcohol, and wine.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

Proverbs 23: 31

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that taken to it's end, alcohol can bite like a serpent, and sting like a viper.

Lord God, cause me to not be ensnared by the drinking of alcohol.

At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Proverbs 23: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that alcohol can cause lust for immoral women, and make one's heart utter perverse things.

Lord God, keep me from alcohol, and from lusting after immoral women, and uttering perverse things.

Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Proverbs 23: 33

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that indulging of alcohol is likened to lying in the sea, where we will drown, or lying on the top of a mast, where we will fall and be broken to pieces.

Lord God, keep me from alcohol, and from activities that would lead to my destruction.

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.

Proverbs 23: 34

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who drink alcohol can be put in a stupor, where they do not know what they are doing, or what is being done to them, yet they will seek it again.

Lord God, keep me from alcohol, from being insensible to everything around me, and yet desiring to do it again.

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.

Proverbs 23: 35

Chapter 24

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not be envious of evil men, and do not desire to be with them.

Lord God, cause me to not envy evil men, or desire to be with them.

Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

Proverbs 24: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that evil men's hearts devise violence, and their words stir up trouble.

Lord God, cause me to not envy men whose heart's devise violence, and whose lips speak of trouble.

For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

Proverbs 24: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding, it is established.

Lord God, cause my house to be built through wisdom, and established by understanding.

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

Proverbs 24: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when a house is built through wisdom, and established by understanding, knowledge will fill the rooms with all precious and pleasant riches.

Lord God, cause knowledge to fill the rooms of my house, with all pleasant and precious riches.

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wise man is strong, and a man of knowledge increases strength.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, be strong, and increase my strength.

A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

Proverbs 24: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that war should be made by wise counsel, and through a multitude of counselors, there is safety.

For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 24: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom is too high for a fool, and he does not open his mouth in the gate.

Lord God, cause me to be possess wisdom, and to be able to open my mouth in the gate.

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

Proverbs 24: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a person who devises to do evil, shall be called a mischievous person.

Lord God, keep me from devising to do evil, or from being called mischievous.

He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

Proverbs 24: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the thought of foolishness is sin, and the scoffer is an abomination to men.

Lord God, cause me to not devise foolishness, and to not jeer, mock, treat something with contempt, or call out in derision.

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

Proverbs 24: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who faint in the day of adversity, their strength is small.

Lord God, give me strength in the day of adversity.

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

Proverbs 24: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we should stand up for those we know are innocent, but will be slain for a matter they are not guilty of.

Lord God, cause me to stand up for the innocent, and not neglect to plead their cause.

If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;

Proverbs 24: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if we do not stand up for the innocent, who are to be slain for offenses they are not guilty of, You, who keeps are soul will know it, and shall render back to us according to our work.

Lord God, cause me to stand up for the innocent, and not neglect to plead their cause, lest You will know of it, and this transgression will be upon me.

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?

Proverbs 24: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wisdom should be to the soul, as honey is good, and sweet to the taste.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when knowledge and wisdom are found, there will be a reward, and the expectation of it will not be cut off.

Lord God, cause me to seek the knowledge of wisdom, gain a reward, and not be disappointed.

My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste: 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.

Proverbs 24: 13-14

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to wicked men, not to lie in wait against the dwelling of the righteous, or destroy his resting place, as the just man will fall and rise again, but the wicked will fall into ruin.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and not go up against the righteous.

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

Proverbs 24: 15-16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we should not rejoice when our enemy falls, and we should not have a glad heart when he stumbles.

Lord God, cause me to not rejoice when my enemy falls, and do not let my heart be glad when he stumbles.

Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

Proverbs 24: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if we rejoice when our enemy falls, or our heart is glad when he stumbles, it would displease You, and You would turn away Your wrath from him.

Lord God, cause me to not rejoice when my enemy falls, and do not let my heart be glad when he stumbles, as You would see my sin, be displeased, and turn away Your wrath from him.

Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

Proverbs 24: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not fret because of evildoers, or be envious of the wicked.

Lord God, cause me to not fret because of evildoers, or be envious of the wicked.

Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;

Proverbs 24: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that there shall be no reward to the evil man, and the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

Lord God, teach me not to fret because of evil men, or be envious of the wicked, for there is no reward for an evil man, and the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

Proverbs 24: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to fear You, and the king, and to not associate with those who are rebels.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a rebel's destruction will come suddenly, and who knows what calamities they may bring.

Lord God, cause me to fear You, and the government, and to not associate with those who would rebel against either.

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

Proverbs 24: 21-22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not good to have respect of person's in judgment.

Lord God, cause me not to not show partiality in judgment, and keep me from receiving an unjust judgment, from those who do.

These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

Proverbs 24: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who say to the wicked, "You are righteous" will be cursed by people, and denounced by nations.

Lord God, cause me to not say to the wicked, "You are righteous".

He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

Proverbs 24: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who rebuke the wicked, will have delight, and a good blessing will come upon them.

Lord God, cause me to be one who rebukes the wicked.

But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

Proverbs 24: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that an honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

Lord God, cause me to a person who gives honest answers.

Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.

Proverbs 24: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction to plan and prepare our fields, before building a house.

Lord God, cause me to plan ahead, and make preparations for a harvest, before building a house.

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

Proverbs 24: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not be a witness against a neighbor without cause, and to not deceive with my lips.

Lord God, cause me to not witness against someone without cause, and to not deceive with my lips.

Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

Proverbs 24: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not say we will pay someone back for what they have done to us.

Lord God, thank You for promise, that You will pay them back for what they have done.

Lord God, cause me to no pay anyone back for what they have done to me, but to leave retribution, if it is due, to you.

Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

Proverbs 24: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that by looking at a lazy man's vineyard, grown over with thorns, covered in nettles, and the walls broken down, we can consider the sight, and receive instruction.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker, that has understanding, and keeps up with things that need to be done.

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

Proverbs 24: 30-32

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that with a little sleep, a little slumber, and a little folding of the hands, poverty will come as a robber, and want will come as an armed man.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker, that does not put off things that need to be done.

Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

Proverbs 24: 33-34

Chapter 25

Lord God, thank You for these proverbs of Solomon, copied by the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah.

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

Proverbs 25: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You are all knowledgeable and do not need advice or assistance from any other.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the kings of this earth need to search out the truth of claims, in order to be reasonable and just.

Lord God, cause kings, and governments, to seek righteous counsel, seek for truth in judgment, and attempt to impart justice to their people.

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

Proverbs 25: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the reasons for the actions of rulers, and their secrets, can not be known by the common person.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that although kings search out other men, their inward thoughts are not discoverable.

The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.

Proverbs 25: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that just as taking away dross from silver makes it more pure, taking away wicked counsel from before a king, will establish his throne in righteousness.

Lord God, cause the rulers of our country to cast off wicked counsels, and establish our government in righteousness.

Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer. Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

Proverbs 25: 4-5

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not stand before a king, or stand in a place of honor, unless you are instructed to be there.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to be asked to move in to a place of honor, than to be standing in the place of honor, and be asked to move to a lower place.

Lord God, incline me to not feel entitled to occupy a place of honor, unless those in charge have placed me there.

Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men: 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.

Proverbs 25: 6-7

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not enter into court hastily.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who hastily take their neighbors to court, will be in a difficult situation, and will be put to shame, if they lose their case.

Lord God, cause me to be discerning, and to not be in haste to bring charges against my neighbor, especially if my claims may be unjust.

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.

Proverbs 25: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to bring up any disputes we may have with our neighbor himself, and to not divulge these conversations to others.

Lord God, cause me to discuss problems with my neighbor privately.

Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another:

Proverbs 25: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if we do not discuss our problems with a neighbor privately, but instead take them to an open forum, we might be put to shame, and bring public reproach on ourselves.

Lord God, cause me to discuss problems with my neighbor privately.

Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away

Proverbs 25: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a word spoken at the right time, is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Lord God, cause me to speak the right words at the appropriate time.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Proverbs 25: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wise person giving correction to a person who wants to be obedient, is a beautiful thing.

Lord God, cause me to have a yearning for obedience, and make it a joy when I receive wise correction.

As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

Proverbs 25: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the coolness of snow is refreshing on a day of hot work.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a faithful messenger is refreshing to those who send him.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a faithful messenger refreshes the soul of his masters.

Lord God, cause me to be a faithful messenger of Your word, and to be trustworthy in my speech.

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.

Proverbs 25: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who boast of a gift that they did not give, are like clouds, and wind without rain.

Lord God, cause me to not boast of giving things that I did not give.

Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

Proverbs 25: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a ruler can be persuaded by patience, and a gentle words can make a powerful impression.

Lord God, cause me to be patient in my persuasions, and to use gentle speech.

By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

Proverbs 25: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if we find honey, only eat what is sufficient, as you can get sick from eating too much, and vomit.

Lord God, cause me to eat things in moderation, and not over indulge.

Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

Proverbs 25: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is best to not spend too much time in a neighbors house, else he will weary of you, and hate you.

Lord God, cause me to not spend too much time with my friends, where they get tired of having me around, and stop enjoying my company.

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

Proverbs 25: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that bearing false witness against your neighbor can cause a lot of pain, and do much injury.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that bearing false witness against your neighbor is like a maul, a sword, or a sharp arrow.

Lord God, cause me to be truthful, and to not bear false witness against anyone.

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

Proverbs 25: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that trusting in an unreliable person in times of trouble, is like a broken tooth, or a foot out of joint.

Lord God, cause me to be reliable, and trustworthy.

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

Proverbs 25: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever sings songs to a heavy heart, is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, or pours vinegar on soda.

Lord God, cause me to not be merry towards someone with a heavy heart.

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.

Proverbs 25: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to give my enemy food if he is hungry, and drink if he is thirsty.

Lord God, cause me to give my enemies food if they are hungry, and water if they are thirsty.

If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

Proverbs 25: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that I should give my enemies food if they are hungry, and drink if they are thirsty. If they are not won over, it will aggravate their sin and punishment, and heap the burning coals of Your wrath on their heads, and it will earn me a reward.

Lord God, incline my heart to give my enemies food to eat when they are hungry, and water to drink when they are thirsty. If there are contentions, let it be because of them.

For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

Proverbs 25: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that as a north wind brings forth rain, so does a gossiper bring forth an angry countenance.

Lord God, keep me from gossiping, and making someone angry with me.

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

Proverbs 25: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house with a quarrelsome wife.

Lord God, give me a gentle and quiet spirit, so my house can be filled with peace, and harmony.

It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

Proverbs 25: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that as cold water is to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

Lord God, cause me to bring good news to those who have waited for it, and who long to hear it.

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

Proverbs 25: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the righteous are oppressed by the wicked, their power to do good is destroyed.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to not bow down before the wicked.

A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

Proverbs 25: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that just as eating too much honey is not good, neither is it good to seek intently for the honor and applause of men.

Lord God, cause me to be humble, and to not do righteous works, striving to be seen by men.

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

Proverbs 25: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who has no rule over his own spirit, is like a city that is broken down and without walls.

Lord God, cause me to have rule over my spirit, so I am not like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Proverbs 25: 28

Chapter 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that snow is not fitting in the summer, rain is not fitting during harvest, and honor is not fitting for a fool.

Lord God, cause me to not give honor to a foolish person.

As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

Proverbs 26: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, the innocent will escape from a curse, like a bird escapes from a fowler.

Lord God, thank You for the confidence, that an undeserved curse, will not harm those who are innocent.

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

Proverbs 26: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that as whips are for horses, and bridles are for donkeys, so are rods for the fools back.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and not need punishment to get me to listen to You.

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

Proverbs 26: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not answer a fool in the same way a fool would answer.

Lord God, cause me not to answer a fool in the same way a fool would answer.

Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

Proverbs 26: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that an answer to a fool should be wise, convincing, reprovng, and will put him to shame.

Lord God, cause me to be able to give wise, convincing, and reprovng answers to fools, that will put them to shame.

Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

Proverbs 26: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not wise to use a fool to do important work.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that sending a fool to deliver a message, is like cutting off your own feet.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that sending a fool to deliver a message, will result in a lot of damage.

Lord God, cause me to be wise when selecting someone for an important work.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, if You, or someone else chooses me to do some important work.

He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage.

Proverbs 26: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a fool will distort a parable, so it will not teach a proper message.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and to be able to impart wisdom correctly.

The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

Proverbs 26: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that giving honor to a fool is something that is not right, and should be avoided.

Lord God, cause me to no give honor to fools.

As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool.

Proverbs 26: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a parable in the mouth of a fool, is like a thorn in the hand of a drunkard.

Lord God, cause me to be discerning, and cautious, if I should hear a fool speak a parable.

As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

Proverbs 26: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that someone who hires a fool, or any passer-by, is like an archer who wounds at random.

Lord God, cause me to not hire a fool, or just any passer by.

Like an archer who wounds at random is he who hires a fool or any passer-by.

Proverbs 26: 10 (NIV)

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that like a dog returns to his vomit, fools repeat their foolishness.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and to cease foolish ways.

As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

Proverbs 26: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are wise in their own eyes, are worse than a fool.

Lord God, cause me to not be wise in my own eyes.

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

Proverbs 26: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the lazy will make up excuses to not do work.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker, and to not make up excuses why I can not work.

The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.

Proverbs 26: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are slothful spend a lot of time in bed.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker, and to not get excessive sleep.

As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

Proverbs 26: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, those who are slothful, are too lazy to do what it takes to feed themselves.

Lord God, cause me to be a hard worker, and to not be too lazy to provide substance.

The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

Proverbs 26: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are lazy are wise in their own minds, than seven men that can answer sensibly.

Lord God, cause me to be hard working, and to not be arrogant.

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

Proverbs 26: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is like taking a dog by the ears, when someone passes by, and meddles in strife not belonging to him.

Lord God, keep me from meddling in strife that I have no part in.

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

Proverbs 26: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who play harmful practical jokes are hostile in their spirit.

Lord God, cause me to be honest, have self control, and to have concern and respect for the well being and welfare of my neighbors.

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

Proverbs 26: 18-19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that where there is no wood, the fire goes out. And where there is no gossiper, the strife ceases.

Lord God, keep me from gossiping, and from being around those who gossip, so I might also be kept from strife.

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

Proverbs 26: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a quarrelsome man kindles strife.

Lord God, keep me from from being quarrelsome, and from being around those who are quarrelsome, so I might be kept from strife.

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

Proverbs 26: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the words of a talebearer are like wounds, that go down to the innermost parts of the belly.

Lord God, keep me from gossiping, and from the harm it causes.

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

Proverbs 26: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that an common earthen vessel, with a thin sheet of silver to make it look extremely valuable, looks good, but it is not worth anything.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that smooth words from an evil heart, sound good, but are not worth anything.

Lord God, cause my words to be honest and pure, and my speech to be sincere.

Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

Proverbs 26: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who hate, disguise themselves with their speech, and they harbor deceit in their heart.

Lord God, cause me to love others, and to not harbor deceit in my heart.

He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

Proverbs 26: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not believe the speech of those who hate.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that in hearts of those who hate, are seven abominations.

Lord God, cause me to love, and to have honest speech that can be believed.

When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

Proverbs 26: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who hate, and have covered their hatred in deceit, their evil will be revealed in the assembly.

Lord God, cause me to love, and to not cover hatred with deceit.

Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.

Proverbs 26: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who dig a pit will fall in it.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who roll a stone, will have it roll back on them.

Lord God, cause me to not set a trap for others.

Lord God, cause me to not do something that will crush someone.

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

Proverbs 26: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who lie, hate those who are hurt by their lie.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who have a flattering mouth, causes ruin.

Lord God, cause me to love others, and to not tell lies that may hurt them.

Lord God, cause me to be sincere, and to not use flattery as a way to get something in return.

A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

Proverbs 26: 28

Chapter 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we are not to boast of tomorrow, for we do not know what tomorrow may bring.

Lord God, cause me to not boast of tomorrow, for I do not know what tomorrow may bring.

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

Proverbs 27: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we are not to praise ourselves, that if praise is due us, it should come unsolicited from others.

Lord God, give my heart wisdom, to not praise myself.

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

Proverbs 27: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your wisdom, that as a stone is heavy, and sand is weighty, but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

Lord God, keep me from having a fool's wrath, and from experiencing the wrath of fools.

A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

Proverbs 27: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your wisdom, that wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous, but it is wise to stay away from ungoverned passion.

Lord God, keep me out of the path of those who are full of jealousy, or have ungoverned passions.

Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

Proverbs 27: 4 (NIV)

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that open rebuke is better than secret love.

Lord God, cause me to consider open rebuke, as better than secret love.

Open rebuke is better than secret love.

Proverbs 27: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wounds of a friend are faithful, but kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Lord God, cause me to accept the wounds of a friend, and be cautious of kisses from an enemy.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Proverbs 27: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who believe they have it all can not appreciate the things You provide them, as much as those who have want.

Lord God, cause me to appreciate the things You have provided me, and to understand how good You have been.

Lord God, cause me to be desirous of more wisdom, and to continue to seek after it.

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

Proverbs 27: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a man that wanders from his place, is like a bird that wanders from her nest.

Lord God, keep me safe, and from wandering away from my home.

As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.

Proverbs 27: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that ointment and perfume can rejoice the heart.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the sweetness of a friend that arises from his hearty counsel, can rejoice the heart.

Lord God, cause me to have friends that give me earnest counsel, that rejoices my heart.

Lord God, cause me to be someone, who my friends deems sweet by my earnest counsel, and who also rejoices their hearts.

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

Proverbs 27: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that friends are a good help in times of need, and can be better than a relative who is distant.

Lord God, cause me to cultivate friendships, be friendly to others, and to be able to call on them in times of need.

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.

Proverbs 27: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is important to be wise, so our father will not suffer reproach for our disobedience.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and obedient, so I will not bring shame to those who watch over me.

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

Proverbs 27: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are prudent, foresee evil and hide themselves, but the simple proceed and pay the penalty.

Lord God, cause me to foresee evil, and hide in Your Son, and to not be foolish, and proceed like it will not matter.

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

Proverbs 27: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to get collateral for someone who is putting up surety for a stranger, and to hold it in pledge if they are putting up surety for an immoral woman.

Lord God, cause me to have the wisdom to receive collateral when dealing with someone putting up surety for a stranger, and to hold it in pledge if they are putting up surety for an immoral woman.

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

Proverbs 27: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that rising early in the morning to bless a friend with a loud voice, will be counted as a curse to him.

Lord God, keep me from praising others inappropriately, when praise for the new day should go to You.

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

Proverbs 27: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a continual dropping on a rainy day, and a contentious woman are alike.

Lord God, cause me to be wise when picking someone to marry, and to stay away from contentious women.

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

Proverbs 27: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is just as hard to restrain the wind, than to conceal a contentious wife.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is just as hard to grasp oil in your hand, than to conceal the conduct of a contentious wife.

Lord God, cause me to be wise when choosing who to marry, and to not choose a contentious women.

Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.

Proverbs 27: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that fellowship with others is important for us.

Lord God, cause me to have fellowship with others, and especially with those who fear You.

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

Proverbs 27: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who care caretakers of a fig tree will eat of it's fruit.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are their master's servant will be honored.

Lord God, cause me to be Your servant, and to be rewarded with the fruit that is from You.

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

Proverbs 27: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that as water reflects the face, the heart reflects the person.

As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.

Proverbs 27: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, of the similarity between hell and destruction unable to be satisfied, and man's lust unable to be satisfied.

Lord God, cause me to put off the lust of this world, and to make You my desire.

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Proverbs 27: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a fining pot shows the purity of silver.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a fining pot can demonstrate the purity of silver.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a furnace can demonstrate the purity of gold.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that praise can demonstrate the purity of man.

Lord God, cause me to be able to be given praise, without becoming puffed up and prideful.

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

Proverbs 27: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that even if a fool were ground like grain, it is not possible to separate his foolishness from him.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to walk with an upright heart.

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

Proverbs 27: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to be diligent to know the state of our flocks, and to look well into our herds.

Lord God, cause those that care for Your church, to be diligent of it's condition, and to make sure the people are tended to.

Lord God, cause me to give due diligence to the care of my business, giving it forethought, and the attention it needs.

Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

Proverbs 27: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that riches are not forever, and the crown's of rulers are not always passed to the next generation.

Lord God, cause me to be diligent about my business, because wealth can be lost, and kings can be taken from a throne, but a properly run business can continue to provide.

For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?

Proverbs 27: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the hay appears, and the tender grass shows itself, and the herbs of the mountain are gathered.

Lord God, thank You for Your reassurance that You are able to provide the means for my business to work, even in the most barren areas, if I have maintained diligence, given it careful consideration, and spent time caring for it.

The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

Proverbs 27: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if I have given diligence, thought, and effort to my business, I will be able to utilize the provisions You will make available to prosper my business. I will be able to run the business with Your provisions, and will have enough food and clothing for my household, and for those who have assisted me.

Lord God, cause me to give the proper amount of diligence, thought, and effort to my business, so You will be able to provide the needed provisions at the appropriate time, so my family, and my helpers, will have enough food to eat and clothes to wear.

The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field. And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

Proverbs 27: 26-27

Chapter 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the wicked flee, even when no one pursues.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the righteous are as bold as a lion.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous and bold as a lion, with no fear of pursuit by seekers of justice.

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

Proverbs 28: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those countries who rebel against You, will have one ruler after another.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that governments will endure, when it's rulers have understanding and knowledge.

Lord God, cause those in the government of the whole earth, to have understanding and knowledge, and cause their rule to endure.

Lord God, cause those in the government of my country, to have understanding and knowledge, and cause their rule to endure.

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.

Proverbs 28: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a ruler, who does not have much himself, will oppress the poor.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a poor man who is ruling over others, and who is oppressing the poor, is like a sweeping rain which doesn't leave any food.

Lord God, cause rulers in power to have enough substance, so they are not inclined to oppress the poor.

A poor man that oppreseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

Proverbs 28: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who forsake the law, praise those who are wicked.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who keep the law, contend with the wicked.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, keep the law, and strive against the wicked.

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

Proverbs 28: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that evil men do not understand judgment, but they who seek the Lord understand all things.

Lord God, cause me to seek after You, inherit understanding, and matters of judgment.

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

Proverbs 28: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is better to be poor and walk in uprightness, than to be rich and perverse in your ways.

Lord God, cause me to be poor with integrity, if having riches would pervert my ways.

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

Proverbs 28: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever keeps the law is a wise son, but he that is a companion of riotous men, shames his father.

Lord God, cause me to be a wise son, who keeps the law, and from being a companion of disorderly men, which would shame my father.

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

Proverbs 28: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who charge exorbitant interest from others, and unjustly gain wealth, will have their wealth taken from them and given to the poor.

Lord God, cause me to be discerning when loaning money, so I do not become rich by usury and unjust gain.

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

Proverbs 28: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who turn their ear away from hearing the law, even his prayer will be an abomination.

Lord God, cause me to seek after Your laws, and to place them in my heart.

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

Proverbs 28: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who cause the righteous to go astray in an evil way, will fall into his own pit.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the upright will inherit good things.

Lord God, cause me to walk uprightly, and to have a good inheritance.

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.

Proverbs 28: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are rich, are wise in their own conceit.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are poor, have understanding, and will discern a rich man's motives.

Lord God, cause me to use my wealth righteously, where even the poor will discern my desire to walk uprightly, be humble, and know Your law.

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

Proverbs 28: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the righteous triumph, there is great glory.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wicked come into power, people hide themselves.

Lord God, cause the righteous to triumph, and keep the wicked from rising to power.

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

Proverbs 28: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who cover their sins will not prosper.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who confess their sin's and forsake them, will have mercy.

Lord God, cause me to not conceal my sins, but to confess them, and forsake them.

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

Proverbs 28: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who always fear You are happy.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who harden their heart, will fall into calamity.

Lord God, cause me to fear You always, and to not harden my heart.

Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

Proverbs 28: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a wicked ruler over poor people is like a roaring lion, and a charging bear.

Lord God, cause those who rule over the poor to be righteous.

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

Proverbs 28: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a ruler who hates covetousness, will prolong his days.

Lord God, cause those who rule, to have understanding, and to hate covetousness.

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

Proverbs 28: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are murderers will be a fugitive until death, and no one should help them.

Lord God, cause me to not protect a murderer against receiving justice.

A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

Proverbs 28: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who walk blamelessly will be saved.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are perverse in their ways will fall suddenly.

Lord God, cause me to walk blamelessly, and to not be perverse in my ways.

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

Proverbs 28: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who till their land will have plenty of bread.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who follow worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.

Lord God, cause me to work hard, following the path You would have me go, and I will look to You for my substance.

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

Proverbs 28: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are faithful will have many blessings.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who hasten to be rich, will not go unpunished.

Lord God, cause me to be faithful, and not in a hurry to become rich.

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

Proverbs 28: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is not good to show partiality, because for a piece of bread, a man will transgress.

Lord God, cause me to not show partiality, or be a respecter of persons.

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

Proverbs 28: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are in a hurry to get rich, looks on others with evil intent.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are in a hurry to get rich, do not consider that poverty will come upon him.

Lord God, cause me to not be in a hurry to get rich, but to walk uprightly, and give to those who have need.

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

Proverbs 28: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who rebuke someone, will find more favor than someone else who uses flattery.

Lord God, cause my mouth to rebuke others when it is appropriate, and to stay away from flattering with my lips.

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

Proverbs 28: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who rob their father or mother, and say it is not a transgression is a companion of a man who destroys.

Lord God, should I rob my mother or father, give me discernment that it is a transgression.

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

Proverbs 28: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are prideful, stir up strife.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who put their trust in You, will be made fat.

Lord God, cause me to not be prideful, and to put my trust in You,

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

Proverbs 28: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who trust in their own heart are fools.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who walk wisely, will be delivered.

Lord God, cause me to not trust in myself, but to trust in You, and walk wisely.

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

Proverbs 28: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever gives to the poor will not lack, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.

Lord God, cause me to give to the poor and not lack, keeping the curse of hiding my eyes from the poor from me.

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

Proverbs 28: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wicked rise in power, men hide.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when wicked rulers perish, the righteous flourish.

Lord God, cause the wicked to not rise in power, but to perish.

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

Proverbs 28: 28

Chapter 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, whoever hardens his neck after much reproof, will suddenly be destroyed beyond remedy.

Lord God, keep me from repeatedly rejecting wisdom and reproof, and afterward being destroyed without remedy.

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

Proverbs 29: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn.

Lord God, place righteous people in authority over me, over my country, and over the whole world.

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

Proverbs 29: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who love wisdom, make their father rejoice.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who keep company with prostitutes destroys his wealth.

Lord God, cause me to love wisdom, and my father to rejoice.

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

Proverbs 29: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that through justice, a government gives a country stability.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, a government that accepts bribes, overthrows their country.

Lord God, cause the governments of this earth to be established through justice, and keep bribes far from them.

Lord God, cause the government of my country to be established through justice, and keep bribes far from them.

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

Proverbs 29: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who flatter their neighbor, spreads a net for their feet.

Lord God, cause me to not flatter my neighbor.

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

Proverbs 29: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that there is a snare in the transgression of an evil man.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the righteous sing, and rejoice.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, to sing, and to rejoice.

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

Proverbs 29: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the righteous consider the cause of the poor, but the wicked do not understand such knowledge.

Lord God, cause me to consider the cause of the poor, and not be unconcerned about their situation.

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

Proverbs 29: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that men who have a contemptuous disregard for Your laws, bring their city into a snare.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wise men turn away wrath.

Lord God, cause the whole earth to be filled with wise men.

Lord God, cause my city, and country, to be filled with wise men.

Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.

Proverbs 29: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wise have a controversy with the foolish, the foolish will rage, or laugh, but there will be no rest.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, and to be kept from controversies with foolish people.

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

Proverbs 29: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that bloodthirsty men hate the upright, but the just seek his soul.

Lord God, cause me to be concerned for the upright, and seek good for his soul.

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

Proverbs 29: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that foolish people vent all their anger.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wise men keep themselves under control, and quietly hold in harsh words.

Lord God, cause me to be wise, keep myself under control, and refrain from speaking angry words.

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

Proverbs 29: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when a government hearkens to lies, all of it's officials will be wicked.

Lord God, cause all the governments of the earth, to not give heed to lies.

Lord God, cause the governments of my city, and country, to not give heed to lies.

If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.

Proverbs 29: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You gave sight to both the poor man, and to the oppressor.

Lord God, thank You for creating, and placing value on all men; giving the poor, hope, and giving all a chance to repent, and to fear You.

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

Proverbs 29: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the king who faithfully judges the poor, will have his throne established forever.

Lord God, cause those in authority around the world, to be faithful judges of the poor.

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

Proverbs 29: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that punishment, and correction give wisdom.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a child left to himself, brings his mother to shame.

Lord God, cause me to receive the correct punishments, and corrections from my parents, or those who are in authority over me, to cause me to receive wisdom.

Lord God, cause me to impart the correct punishments, and corrections to my children, so they will receive wisdom.

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

Proverbs 29: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wicked increase, sin increases.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when the wicked increase, and sin increases, the righteous will look upon their downfall.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to look upon the downfall of the wicked.

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

Proverbs 29: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to correct our sons.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who correct their son, will be given rest.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who correct their son, will cause him to be a delight to their soul.

Lord God, cause my parents to give me the appropriate correction, so I may give them rest, and be a delight to their soul.

Lord God, cause me to wisely, and appropriately, correct my son.

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

Proverbs 29: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who keep Your law, will be happy.

Lord God, cause me to be righteous, and to keep Your law.

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

Proverbs 29: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a stubborn servant will not be corrected by words. Just because he understand what you say, he will not respond

Lord God, cause me to be a diligent and obedient servant, always willing to be in service to You.

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

Proverbs 29: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if a man is hasty in his words, there is more hope for a fool than for him.

Lord God, cause me to not be hasty in my words.

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

Proverbs 29: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who bring up their servant from a child, in the end will find him to be a son.

Lord God, cause me to be Your servant, and to be a son, and an heir to You.

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

Proverbs 29: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that an angry man stirs up strife, and a hot-tempered man abounds in transgressions.

Lord God, keep me from being angry and stirring up strife, and from being hot-tempered, abounding in transgression.

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

Proverbs 29: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a person's pride will bring him low.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a person who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.

Lord God, cause me to be lowly in spirit, and to not be prideful.

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

Proverbs 29: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are partners with a thief, hate their own soul.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are partners with a thief, swear to tell the truth, but do not.

Lord God, cause me to not be partner with a thief, or be in the position of a false witness.

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

Proverbs 29: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is a snare to fear man.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who put their trust in the Lord will be safe.

Lord God, cause me to trust in You, and to not fear man.

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

Proverbs 29: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that many seek a rulers favor, but a man receives justice from You.

Lord God, keep me mindful, that although I may seek the favor of rulers, judgment comes from You.

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

Proverbs 29: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that just as the wicked are despised by the godly, the righteous are despised by the wicked.

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

Proverbs 29: 27

Chapter 30

Lord God, thank You for this word, that came by the way of Agur the son of Jakesh, to Ithiel, and Ucal.

Lord God, cause me to understand these proverbs, and apply their principles to my everyday life.

The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

Proverbs 30: 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the words of this parable were not things taught, or learned by men, or revealed by an educated man, but were ordained by You.

Lord God, cause me to understand and apply the following verses.

Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

Proverbs 30: 2-3

Lord God, thank You for these questions, You asked through Agur, to confound the wise.

Lord God, thank You for Your question, "Who has ascended up into heaven, or descended? Thank You for Your answer, **And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.** John 3:13

Lord God, cause me to know You are the one who is described here. You gather the winds in Your fists. You have bound the waters in a garment. You have established the ends of the earth. Your Son, is Jesus Christ, and He is the one who has ascended up into heaven, and descended.

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?

Proverbs 30: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that every word of Yours is pure.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You are a shield to those who put their trust in You.

Lord God, cause me to put my trust in You, and know that every word of Yours is pure.

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

Proverbs 30: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that he who adds to Your words, may receive Your reproof.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that he who adds to Your words, will be found to be lying.

Lord God, give me understanding of Your word, and keep me from adding to it.

Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Proverbs 30: 6

Lord God, thank You for these model requests to You, from Agur.

Lord God, cause me to have similar requests, and to seek to have them fulfilled.

Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die:

Proverbs 30: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that vanity and lies should be something we strive to not have around us.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that both poverty, and riches, should be something we strive to not be given.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that poverty should be avoided, as it can lead to stealing, and a dishonoring of Your character.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wealth should be avoided, as it can cause me not to know You.

Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: 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.

Proverbs 30: 8-9

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, that it is best to not meddle with another person's servants.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, to not accuse another man's servant unjustly.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who unjustly accuse another man's servant, may get cursed, and may have God's wrath fall on them.

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

Proverbs 30: 10

Lord God, cause my, thank You for Your truth, that the eye that mocks at his father, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the eye that despises to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.

Lord God, cause my eye to not mock at my father, or despise to obey my mother.

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.

Proverbs 30: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if someone has foolishly exalted themselves, or has planned evil, they should put their hand on their mouth.

Lord God, when I am of proud speech, or have evil thoughts, cause me to cover my mouth in shame.

If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

Proverbs 30: 32

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that churning milk, brings forth butter.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wringing the nose, brings forth blood.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that stirring up anger, brings forth strife.

Lord God, cause me to not stir up anger.

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.

Proverbs 30: 33

Chapter 31

Lord God, as Lemuel in Hebrew, means "Devoted To God", thank You for giving the following prophecy to king Lemuel, through his mother.

The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

Proverbs 31: 1

Lord God, thank You for giving words to king Lemuel's mother, on what to say to her son, the son of her womb, the son of her vows.

What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

Proverbs 31: 2

Lord God, thank You for Your prophesy, advising a king, devoted to God, to not give his strength to women, or his ways to that which destroys kings.

Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

Proverbs 31: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your prophecy to king Lemuel, that he should not drink wine, and his princes should not drink strong drink, for they might forget the law, and pervert the judgment of those who are afflicted.

It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

Proverbs 31: 4-5

Lord God, thank You for Your prophecy to king Lemuel, that instead of drinking wine or strong drink himself, and thereby denying justice to the afflicted, these items should be for those with heavy hearts, and for those ready to perish.

Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

Proverbs 31: 6

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wine and strong drink are not for kings, and princes, but are useful for some to forget their poverty, and others to not remember their misery.

Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

Proverbs 31: 7

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to a king, that he should open his mouth for those who are not able to speak for themselves, or are destitute, and especially those who are appointed to die.

Lord God, cause those in high places, to open their mouths, for the cause of the innocent who are unable to speak for themselves, are destitute, or are scheduled to be executed.

Lord God, if I know someone is innocent, and unable to speak for themselves, are destitute, or are scheduled to be executed, cause me to speak out for their cause.

Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

Proverbs 31: 8

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to a king, that he should open his mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Lord God, cause those in high places, to open their mouths, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31: 9

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it is hard to find a virtuous woman, and her worth is far above rubies.

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31: 10

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the husband of a virtuous wife, safely trusts in her, and he does not lack anything good.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

Proverbs 31: 11

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife does her husband good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31: 12

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife seeks wool, and flax, and works diligently with her hands.

She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

Proverbs 31: 13

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife rises while it is still dark, and provides food for her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

Proverbs 31: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife rises while it is still dark, and provides food for her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

Proverbs 31: 15

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife evaluates a field and buys it, and out of her earnings, she plants a vineyard,

She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

Proverbs 31: 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong for the task.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

Proverbs 31: 17

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife perceives that her merchandise is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

Proverbs 31: 18

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife lays her hand to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

Proverbs 31: 19

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife stretches out her hand to the poor, and reaches forth her hands to the needy.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

Proverbs 31: 20

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

Proverbs 31: 21

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife makes herself coverings of tapestry, and her clothing is silk and purple.

She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

Proverbs 31: 22

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife's husband is known at the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

Proverbs 31: 23

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife makes fine linen and sells it, and delivers sashes to the merchants.

She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

Proverbs 31: 24

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a strength and honor are a virtuous wife's clothing, and she will rejoice in time to come.

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

Proverbs 31: 25

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife opens her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

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

Proverbs 31: 26

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a virtuous wife looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

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

Proverbs 31: 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the children of a virtuous wife, arise and call her blessed, and her husband praises her also.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Proverbs 31: 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that many daughters have done virtuous things, but a virtuous wife can do more virtuous acts, than they can do in theirs.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

Proverbs 31: 29

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that favor is deceitful, beauty is vain, but a woman who fears You, will be praised.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31: 30

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that a woman who fears You should be given the rewards of her labor, and her own works will praise her at the city gate.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31: 31

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