

## Chapter 16

- 1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.
- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.
- 3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.
- 4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.
- 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.
- 9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.
- 10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.
- 11 A just weight and balance are the LORD's: all the weights of the bag are his work.
- 12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.
- 14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.
- 15 In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.
- 16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather than silver!
- 17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.
- 18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.
- 19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- 20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.
- 21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
- 22 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.
- 23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.
- 24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
- 25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.
- 26 He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.
- 27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.
- 28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.
- 29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.
- 30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.
- 31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.
- 32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
- 33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.