### Proverbs

## Chapter 13

1A wise son does as his father directs,  
 While those who won’t listen will meet with destruction.  
  
2From the fruit of righteous lips, good people will eat,  
 As the lives of the lawless are all wiped away.  
  
3Those who keep watch on the things that they say  
 Are also keeping watch on their lives;  
 While those who let their lips go  
 Are turning their lives into failure.  
  
4While idle men think of the things that they want,  
 Hardworking hands bring results.  
  
5The righteous hate words that aren’t true,  
 While the lies of the wicked bring themselves shame.  
  
6Righteousness guards the ways of the honest,  
 While the irreverent are led into sin.  
  
7There are those who seek wealth and get nothing;  
 And there are those who put themselves low that get rich.  
  
8A man’s wealth may be used to ransom his life,  
 While the poor have nothing to fear.  
  
9The righteous will always have light,  
 While the light of the irreverent is extinguished.  
  
10Those practicing evil, [shout] insults,  
 While the wise argue just with themselves.  
  
11Things gained in haste by the lawless  
 Will soon lose all of their value,  
 As things that are gathered by the righteous  
 Will keep on growing in worth.  
  
12Those who plan in their hearts to help others  
 Are better than those who just promise  
 And raise [false] hopes in [the poor].  
  
A tree of life is the will to do good;  
 13But those who hate to do what’s right  
 Will be hated for that very same reason.  
  
Those who deceive will get nothing good,  
 While the wise ways of a servant will prosper.  
  
14The Law is a well of life to the wise,  
 Which turns them away from death’s snares.  
  
15Understanding what’s good, brings [God’s] favor…  
 Knowing and considering [His] Law, is what’s good.  
 But the roads of all those who hate it  
 Are the paths that lead to destruction.  
  
16A wise man acts on the things he’s learned,  
 While the fool continues in his evil ways.  
  
17A hasty king will find trouble…  
 But wise counselors can save him from this.  
  
18Poverty and dishonor are removed by instruction,  
 And those following correction, will be blest.  
  
19The irreverent desire whatever delights them.  
 But, ignorance is all they accomplish.  
  
20Those who travel with the wise will be wise,  
 While those traveling with fools will also be fools.  
  
21Sinners will do evil things.  
 While the righteous will do what’s good.  
  
22A good man will inherit the sons of his sons,  
 And the wealth of the impious is reserved for the righteous.  
  
23The righteous will spend many years with their wealth,  
 While the wicked will suddenly perish.  
  
24Those who don’t spank them, dislike their sons,  
 While those who love them give careful correction.  
  
25The righteous will eat and make their lives full,  
 As the lives of the godless go lacking.