

28 In the path of justice is life: but the byeway leadeth to death.

Chapter 13

A wise son heareth the doctrine of his father: but he that is a scorner, heareth not when he is reproved.

2 Of the fruit of his own month shall a man be filled with good things: but the soul of transgressors is wicked.

3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his soul: but he that hath no guard on his speech shall meet with evils.

4 The sluggard willeth, and willeth not: but the soul of them that work, shall be made fat.

5 The just shall hate a lying word: but the wicked confoundeth, and shall be confounded.

6 Justice keepeth the way of the innocent: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

7 One is as it were rich, when he hath nothing and another is as it were poor, when he hath great riches.

8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but he that is poor, beareth not reprehension.

9 The light of the just giveth joy: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10 Among the proud there are always contentions: but they that do all things with counsel, are ruled by wisdom.

11 Substance got in haste shall be diminished: but that which by little and little is gathered with the hand, shall increase.

12 Hope that is deferred afflicteth the soul: desire when it cometh, is a tree of life.

13 Whosoever speaketh ill of any thing, bindeth himself for the time to come: but he that feareth the commandment, shall dwell in

peace. Deceitful souls go astray in sins: the just are merciful, and shew mercy.

14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, that he may decline from the ruin of death.

15 Good instruction shall give grace: in the way of scorners is a deep pit.

16 The prudent man doth all things with counsel: but he that is a fool, layeth open his folly.

17 The messenger of the wicked shall fall into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

18 Poverty and shame to him that refuseth instruction: but he that yieldeth to reproof shall be glorified.

19 The desire that is accomplished, delighteth the soul: fools hate them that flee from evil things.

20 He that walketh with the wise, shall be wise: a friend of fools shall become like to them.

21 Evil pursueth sinners: and to the just good shall be repaid.

22 The good man leaveth heirs, sons, and grandsons: and the substance of the sinner is kept for the just.

23 Much food is in the tillage of fathers: but for others it is gathered without judgment.

24 He that spareth the rod, hateth his son: but he that loveth him, correcteth him betimes.

25 The just eateth and filleth his soul: but the belly of the wicked is never to be filled.

Chapter 14

A wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish will pull down with her hands that also which is built.

2 He that walketh in the right way, and feareth God, is despised by him that goeth by an infamous way.

3 In the mouth of a fool is the rod of pride: but the lips of the wise preserve them.

4 Where there are no oxen, the crib is empty: but where there is much corn, there the strength of the ox is manifest.

5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a deceitful witness uttereth a lie.

6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: the learning of the wise is easy.

7 Go against a foolish man, and he knoweth not the lips of prudence.

8 The wisdom of a discreet man is to understand his way: and the imprudence of fools erreth.

9 A fool will laugh at sin, but among the just grace shall abide.

10 The heart that knoweth the bitterness of his own soul, in his joy the stranger shall not intermeddle.

11 The house of the wicked shall be destroyed: but the tabernacles of the just shall flourish.

12 There is a way which seemeth just to a man: but the ends thereof lead to death.

13 Laughter shall be mingled with sorrow, and mourning taketh hold of the ends of joy.

14 A fool shall be filled with his own ways, and the good man shall be above him.

15 The innocent believeth every word: the discreet man considereth his steps. No good shall come to the deceitful son: but the wise servant shall prosper in his dealings, and his way shall be made straight.

16 A wise man feareth, and declineth from evil: the fool leapeth over, and is confident.

17 The impatient man shall work folly: and the crafty man is hateful.

18 The childish shall possess folly, and the prudent shall look for knowledge.

19 The evil shall fall down before the good: and the wicked before the gates of the just.

20 The poor man shall be hateful even to his own neighbour: but the friends of the rich are many.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour, sinneth: but he that sheweth mercy to the poor, shall be blessed. He that believeth in the Lord, loveth mercy.

22 They err that work evil: but mercy and truth prepare good things.

23 In much work there shall be abundance: but where there are many words, there is oftentimes want.

24 The crown of the wise, is their riches: the folly of fools, imprudence.

25 A faithful witness delivereth souls: and the double dealer uttereth lies.

26 In the fear of the Lord is confidence of strength, and there shall be hope for his children.

27 The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to decline from the ruin of death.

28 In the multitude of people is the dignity of the king: and in the small number of the people the dishonour of the prince.

29 He that is patient, is governed with much wisdom: but he that is impatient, exalteth his folly.

30 Soundness of heart is the life of the flesh: but envy is the rottenness of the bones.

31 He that oppresseth the poor, upbraideth his maker: but he that hath pity on the poor, honoureth him.

32 The wicked man shall be driven out in his wickedness: but the just hath hope in his death.

33 In the heart of the prudent resteth wisdom, and it shall instruct all the ignorant.

34 Justice exalteth a nation: but sin maketh nations miserable.

35 A wise servant is acceptable to the king: he that is good for nothing shall feel his anger.

Chapter 15

A mild answer breaketh wrath: but a harsh word stirreth up fury.

2 The tongue of the wise adorneth knowledge: but the mouth of fools bubbleth out folly.

3 The eyes of the Lord in every place behold the good and the evil.

4 A peaceable tongue is a tree of life: but that which is immoderate, shall crush the spirit.

5 A fool laugheth at the instruction of his father: but he that regardeth reproofs shall become prudent. In abundant justice there is the greatest strength: but the devices of the wicked shall be rooted out.

6 The house of the just is very much strength: and in the fruits of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise shall disperse knowledge: the heart of fools shall be unlike.

8 The victims of the wicked are abominable to the Lord: the vows of the just are acceptable.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: he that followeth justice is beloved by him.

10 Instruction is grievous to him that forsaketh the way of life: he that hateth reproof shall die.

11 Hell and destruction are before the Lord: how much more the hearts of the children of men?

12 A corrupt man loveth not one that reproveth him: nor will he go to the wise.

13 A glad heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by grief of mind the spirit is cast down.

14 The heart of the wise seeketh instruction: and the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the poor are evil: a secure mind is like a continual feast.

16 Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasures without content.

17 It is better to be invited to herbs with love, than to a fatted calf with hatred.

18 A passionate man stirreth up strifes: he that is patient appeaseth those that are stirred up.

19 The way of the slothful is as a hedge of thorns: the way of the just is without offence.

20 A wise son maketh a father joyful: but the foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Folly is joy to the fool: and the wise man maketh straight his steps.

22 Designs are brought to nothing where there is no counsel: but where there are many counsellors, they are established.

23 A man rejoiceth in the sentence of his mouth: and a word in due time is best.

24 The path of life is above for the wise, that he may decline from the lowest hell.

25 The Lord will destroy the house of the proud: and will strengthen the borders of the widow.

26 Evil thoughts are an abomination to the Lord: and pure words most beautiful shall be confirmed by him.

27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house: but he that hateth bribes shall live. By mercy and faith sins are purged away: and by the fear of the Lord every one declineth from evil.

28 The mind of the just studieth obedience: the mouth of the wicked overfloweth with evils.

29 The Lord is far from the wicked: and he will hear the prayers of the just.

30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the soul: a good name maketh the bones fat.

31 The ear that heareth the reproofs of life, shall abide in the midst of the wise.