**CHAPTER** **12**

**1** He that loveth correction, loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is foolish.

**2** He that is good, shall draw grace from the Lord: but he that trusteth in his own devices doth wickedly.

**3** Men shall not be strengthened by wickedness: and the root of the just shall not be moved.

**4** A diligent woman is a crown to her husband: and she that doth things worthy of confusion, is a rottenness in his bones.

**5** The thoughts of the just are judgments: and the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

**6** The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood: the mouth of the just shall deliver them.

**7** Turn the wicked, and they shall not be: but the house of the just shall stand firm.

**8** A man shall be known by his learning: but he that is vain and foolish, shall be exposed to contempt.

**9** Better is the poor man that provideth for himself, than he that is glorious and wanteth bread.

**10** The just regardeth the lives of his beasts: but the bowels of the wicked are cruel.

**11** He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that pursueth idleness is very foolish. He that is delighted in passing his time over wine, leaveth a reproach in his strong holds.

**12** The desire of the wicked is the fortification of evil men: but the root of the just shall prosper.

**13** For the sins of the lips, ruin draweth nigh to the evil man: but the just shall escape out of distress.

**14** By the fruit of his own mouth shall a man be filled with good things, and according to the works of his hands it shall be repaid him.

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

**16** A fool immediately sheweth his anger: but he that dissembleth injuries is wise.

**17** He that speaketh that which he knoweth, sheweth forth justice: but he that lieth, is a deceitful witness.

**18** There is that promiseth, and is pricked as it were with a sword of conscience: but the tongue of the wise is health.

**19** The lip of truth shall be steadfast for ever: but he that is a hasty witness, frameth a lying tongue.

**20** Deceit is in the heart of them that think evil things: but joy followeth them that take counsels of peace.

**21** Whatsoever shall befall the just man, it shall not make him sad: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

**22** Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord: but they that deal faithfully please him.

**23** A cautious man concealeth knowledge: and the heart of fools publisheth folly.

**24** The hand of the valiant shall bear rule: but that which is slothful, shall be under tribute.

**25** Grief in the heart of a man shall bring him low, but with a good word he shall be made glad.

**26** He that neglecteth a loss for the sake of a friend, is just: but the way of the wicked shall deceive them.

**27** The deceitful man shall not find gain: but the substance of a just man shall be precious gold.

**28** In the path of justice is life: but the by-way leadeth to death.