**CHAPTER** **15**

**1** 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.

**32** He that rejecteth instruction, despiseth his own soul: but he that yieldeth to reproof possesseth understanding.

**33** The fear of the Lord is the lesson of wisdom: and humility goeth before glory.