**CHAPTER** **14**

**1** 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 end 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 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.