

## A SHORT CONCORDANCE to The Proverbs

### **Abomination**

There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers (6:16-19)  
A false balance is abomination to the Lord (11:1; Cf. 20:23)  
The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord (15:8; 21:27; Cf. also 3:32; 6:16; 8:7; 11:20; 12:22; 13:19; 15:8-9, 26; 16:5, 12; 17:15; 21:27; 24:9; 26:25; 28:9)

### **Acknowledge**

In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight (3:6)

### **Adultery**

So is the one who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her will not go unpunished (6:29)

### **Anger** (see also Wrath)

A man of great anger shall bear the penalty, For if you rescue him, you will only have to do it again (19:19)  
Do not associate with a man given to anger; Or go with a hot-tempered man, (22:24; cf. v. 25)  
An angry man stirs up strife, And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression (29:22; cf. 15:18)

### **Ant**

Go to the ant, O sluggard, Observe her ways and be wise, (6:6)  
The ants are not a strong folk, But they prepare their food in the summer; (30:25)

### **Beauty**

As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion (11:22)

### **Beginning**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction. (1:7; 9:10)  
The Lord possessed me in the beginning (8:22)  
The beginning of strife is like letting out water, So abandon the quarrel before it breaks out (17:14)

### **Boast**

"Bad, bad," says the buyer; But when he goes his way, then he boasts (20:14)  
Like clouds and wind without rain Is a man who boasts of his gifts falsely (25:14)  
Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth (27:1)

### **Chasten, Correct**

My son, do not reject the discipline of the Lord, Or loathe His reproof (3:11)

### **Child**

It is by his deeds that a lad distinguishes himself If his conduct is pure and right (20:11)  
Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it (22:6)  
Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him (22:15)  
Do not hold back discipline from the child, Although you beat him with the rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with the rod, And deliver his soul from Sheol (23:13-14)

### **Conscience**

The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the innermost parts of his being (20:27)

### **Contentment**

The righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite, But the stomach of the wicked is in want (13:25)  
A tranquil heart is life to the body, But passion is rottenness to the bones (14:30)  
He who profits illicitly troubles his own house, But he who hates bribes will live (15:27)

**Counsel**

“They would not accept my counsel, They spurned all my reproof” (1:30)

Where there is no guidance, the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory. (11:14; cf. 15:22; 20:18)

Many are the plans in a man’s heart, But the counsel of the Lord, it will stand. (19:21; Cf. 21:30)

A wise man is strong, And a man of knowledge increases power. For by wise guidance you will wage war, And in abundance of counselors there is victory (24:5-6)

Oil and perfume make the heart glad, So a man’s counsel is sweet to his friend. (27:9)

**Discernment**

A righteous man hates falsehood, But a wicked man acts disgustingly and shamefully (13:5)

A plan in the heart of a man is like deep water, But a man of understanding draws it out (20:5)

**Discipline**

He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, But he who forsakes reproof goes astray (10:17)

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof is stupid (12:1)

A wise son accepts his father’s discipline, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke (13:1)

Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline, But he who regards reproof will be honored (13:18)

Stern discipline is for him who forsakes the way; He who hates reproof will die (15:10)

He who neglects discipline despises himself, But he who listens to reproof acquires understanding (15:32)

Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death (19:18)

When the scoffer is punished, the naive becomes wise; But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge (21:11)

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him (22:15)

Do not hold back discipline from the child, Although you beat him with the rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with the rod, And deliver his soul from Sheol (23:13-14)

A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the back of fools (26:3)

The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother (29:15)

Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul (29:17)

He who pampers his slave from childhood Will in the end find him to be a son (29:21)

**Dog**

As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool\_ to his folly (26:11)

Like one who takes a dog by the ears Is he who passes by and meddles with strife not belonging to him (26:17)

**Eat**

When you sit down to dine with a ruler, Consider carefully what is before you (23:1)

Have you found honey? Eat only what you need, Lest you have it in excess and vomit it (25:16)

She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness (31:27)

**Enemies**

When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him (16:7)

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles (24:17)

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink (25:21)

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy (27:6)

**Entice**

My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent (1:10)

**Envy**

Do not envy a man of violence, And do not choose any of his ways (3:31; cf. 23:17)

Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood, But who can stand before jealousy? (27:4; cf. 14:30)

## **Eyes**

Let your eyes look directly ahead, And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you (4:25)

the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord (5:21; cf. 15:3)

All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the Lord weighs the motives (16:2)

Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has understanding, But the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth. (17:24; Cf. 27:20)

## **Faithfulness**

Drink water from your own cistern, And fresh water from your own well. Should your springs be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? Let them be yours alone, And not for strangers with you (5:15-17)

Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters (25:13)

A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished (28:20)

## **Fall**

For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again, But the wicked stumble in time of calamity. Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles (24:16-17)

He who digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him (26:27; cf. 28:10)

## **Family**

A foolish son is destruction to his father, And the contentions of a wife are a constant dripping. House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the Lord (19:13-14)

He who assaults his father and drives his mother away Is a shameful and disgraceful son (19:26)

It is better to live in a corner of a roof, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman (21:9; also, 25:24)

It is better to live in a desert land, Than with a contentious and vexing woman (21:19).

Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it (22:6)

The eye that mocks a father, And scorns a mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it (30:17)

## **Fear**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction (1:7)

“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate” (8:13)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you (9:10-11)

The fear of the Lord prolongs life, But the years of the wicked will be shortened (10:27)

He who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord, But he who is crooked in his ways despises Him (14:2)

A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, But a fool is arrogant and careless (14:16)

In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And his children will have refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, That one may avoid the snares of death (14:26-27)

Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, Than great treasure and turmoil with it (15:16)

The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, And before honor comes humility (15:33)

By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, And by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil. (16:6)

The fear of the Lord leads to life, So that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil (19:23)

The reward of humility *and* the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor and life. (22:4)

Do not let your heart envy sinners, But live in the fear of the Lord always. Surely there is a future, And your hope will not be cut off (23:17-18)

My son, fear the Lord and the king; Do not associate with those who are given to change; For their calamity will rise suddenly, And who knows the ruin that comes from both of them? (24:21-22)

How blessed is the man who fears always, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity (28:14)

The fear of man brings a snare, But he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted (29:25)

## **Finances**

My son, if you have become surety for your neighbor, Have given a pledge for a stranger, If you have been snared with the words of your mouth, Have been caught with the words of your mouth, Do this then, my son, and deliver yourself; Since you have come into the hand of your neighbor, Go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor. Do not give sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids; Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hunter's hand, And like a bird from the hand of the fowler (6:1-5)

Prepare your work outside, And make it ready for yourself in the field; Afterwards, then, build your house (24:27)

### **Fools**

Wisdom is too high for a fool, He does not open his mouth in the gate (24:7)

Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him. Answer a fool as his folly deserves, Lest he be wise in his own eyes. He cuts off his own feet, and drinks violence Who sends a message by the hand of a fool. Like the legs which hang down from the lame, So is a proverb in the mouth of fools. Like one who binds a stone in a sling, So is he who gives honor to a fool. Like a thorn which falls into the hand of a drunkard, So is a proverb in the mouth of fools. Like an archer who wounds everyone, So is he who hires a fool or who hires those who pass by. Like a dog that returns to its vomit Is a fool who repeats his folly (26:4-11)

A stone is heavy and the sand weighty, But the provocation of a fool is heavier than both of them (27:3)

### **Friendship**

Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you. Do not devise harm against your neighbor, While he lives in security beside you (3:28-29)

So is the one who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her will not go unpunished (6:29)

Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding your intimate friend (7:4)

With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered (11:9)

He who despises his neighbor lacks sense, But a man of understanding keeps silent (11:12)

The righteous is a guide to his neighbor, But the way of the wicked leads them astray (12:26)

The poor is hated even by his neighbor, But those who love the rich are many. He who despises his neighbor sins, But happy is he who is gracious to the poor (14:20-21)

A perverse man spreads strife, And a slanderer separates intimate friends. A man of violence entices his neighbor, And leads him in a way that is not good (16:28-29)

He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends (17:9)

A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity. A man lacking in sense pledges, And becomes surety in the presence of his neighbor.(17:17-18)

A man of many friends comes to ruin, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother (18:24)

Wealth adds many friends, But a poor man is separated from his friend (19:4)

Many will entreat the favor of a generous man, And every man is a friend to him who gives gifts. All the brothers of a poor man hate him; How much more do his friends go far from him! He pursues them with words, but they are gone. (19:6-7)

He who loves purity of heart And whose speech is gracious, the king is his friend (22:11)

Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, And do not deceive with your lips (24:28)

Do not go out hastily to argue your case; Otherwise, what will you do in the end, When your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor, And do not reveal the secret of another (25:8-9)

Let your foot rarely be in your neighbor's house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you. Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow Is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor. (25:17-18)

Like a madman who throws Firebrands, arrows and death, So is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "Was I not joking?" (26:18-19)

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy (27:6)

Oil and perfume make the heart glad, So a man's counsel is sweet to his friend. Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend, And do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother far away (27:9-10)

He who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in the morning, It will be reckoned a curse to him (27:14)

Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another (27:17)

A man who flatters his neighbor Is spreading a net for his steps (29:5)

### **Gift**

A wicked man receives a bribe from the bosom To pervert the ways of justice (17:23; cf. 29:4)  
A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men (18:16; cf. 19:6; 21:14)

### **Glory**

A gray head is a crown of glory; It is found in the way of righteousness (16:31; cf. 17:6; 20:29)  
A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression (19:11)  
It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter (25:2)  
It is not good to eat much honey, Nor is it glory to search out one's own glory (25:27)

### **Gold**

"My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, And my yield than choicest silver." (8:19)  
As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion (11:22)  
The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the Lord tests hearts (17:3; 27:21)  
Like apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken in right circumstances (25:11)

### **Gossip**

For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down (26:20).

### **Harlot** (see also **Woman**)

For on account of a harlot one is reduced to a loaf of bread, And an adulteress hunts for the precious life.  
A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, But he who keeps company with harlots wastes his wealth (29:3; cf. 6:26)

### **Hate**

"How long, O naive ones, will you love simplicity? And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing, And fools hate knowledge?" (1:22; cf. 8:36)  
"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate." (8:13; cf. 13:5; 15:27)  
Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions (10:12)

### **Hear**

He who gives an answer before he hears, It is folly and shame to him (18:13)  
The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The Lord has made both of them (20:12)

### **Heart**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding (3:5)  
Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life (4:23)  
The perverse in heart are an abomination to the Lord, But the blameless in their walk are His delight (11:20)  
A man will be praised according to his insight, But one of perverse mind will be despised (12:8)  
Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy (12:20)  
The heart knows its own bitterness, And a stranger does not share its joy (14:10)  
A tranquil heart is life to the body, But passion is rottenness to the bones (14:30)  
A joyful heart makes a cheerful face, But when the heart is sad, the spirit is broken. The mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on folly. All the days of the afflicted are bad, But a cheerful heart has a continual feast (15:13-15)  
A joyful heart is good medicine, But a broken spirit dries up the bones (17:22)  
Who can say, "I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin?" (20:9)  
The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes (21:1)  
Do not let your heart envy sinners, But live in the fear of the Lord always (23:17)  
Give me your heart, my son, And let your eyes delight in my ways (23:26)  
An arrogant man stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the Lord will prosper (28:25)

### **Honeycomb**

For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, And smoother than oil is her speech (5:3)  
A sated man loathes honey, But to a famished man any bitter thing is sweet (27:7)

## **Honor**

Honor the Lord from your wealth, And from the first of all your produce (3:9)  
Lest you give your vigor (honor, KJV) to others, And your years to the cruel one (5:9)  
The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, And before honor comes humility (15:33; 18:12)  
Grandchildren are the crown of old men, And the glory of sons is their fathers (17:6)  
Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man, But any fool will quarrel (20:3)  
Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old (23:22)  
Like snow in summer and like rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool (26:1)  
Like one who binds a stone in a sling, So is he who gives honor to a fool (26:8)

## **Hope**

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But desire fulfilled is a tree of life (13:12)  
The wicked is thrust down by his wrongdoing, But the righteous has a refuge when he dies (14:32)

## **House**

Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars (9:1)  
The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands (14:1)  
Prepare your work outside, And make it ready for yourself in the field; Afterwards, then, build your house (24:27)  
Four things are small on the earth, But they are exceedingly wise: The ants are not a strong folk, But they prepare their food in the summer; The badgers are not mighty folk, Yet they make their houses in the rocks; The locusts have no king, Yet all of them go out in ranks; The lizard you may grasp with the hands, Yet it is in kings' palaces (30:24-28)

## **Humility** (see also, **Pride**)

When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom (11:2)  
Better is he who is lightly esteemed and has a servant, Than he who honors himself and lacks bread (12:9)  
It is better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud (16:19)  
Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, But humility goes before honor (18:12)  
Do not claim honor in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of great men; For it is better that it be said to you, "Come up here," Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen (25:6-7)  
Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips (27:2)  
A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor (29:23)  
Surely I am more stupid than any man, And I do not have the understanding of a man. Neither have I learned wisdom, Nor do I have the knowledge of the Holy One. Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His son's name? Surely you know! (30:2-4)

## **Instruction**

The one who despises the word will be in debt to it, But the one who fears the commandment will be rewarded. The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, To turn aside from the snares of death (13:13-14)  
A fool does not delight in understanding, But only in revealing his own mind (18:2)  
He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, But he who is careless of his ways will die (19:16)  
Listen to counsel and accept discipline, That you may be wise the rest of your days (19:20)

## **Integrity**

The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the falseness of the treacherous will destroy them (11:3)  
A righteous man who walks in his integrity-- How blessed are his sons after him (20:7)  
Like a trampled spring and a polluted well Is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked (25:26)

## **Jealousy**

Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood, But who can stand before jealousy? (27:4)

## **Jewels**

“For wisdom is better than jewels; And all desirable things can not compare with her” (8:11)  
An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels (31:10)

## **Joy**

When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, And when the wicked perish, there is glad shouting (11:10)  
A joyful heart makes a cheerful face, But when the heart is sad, the spirit is broken (15:13)  
All the days of the afflicted are bad, But a cheerful heart has a continual feast (15:15)

## **Kindness**

Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart (3:3)  
Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it,” When you have it with you (3:27-28)  
A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, But a just weight is His delight (11:1)  
He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who is gracious to the needy honors Him (14:31)  
By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, And by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil. When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little with righteousness Than great income with injustice (16:6-8)  
The execution of justice is joy for the righteous, But is terror to the workers of iniquity (21:15)  
He who oppresses the poor to make much for himself Or who gives to the rich, will only come to poverty (22:16)  
Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the Lord understand all things (28:5)  
Many seek the ruler’s favor, But justice for man comes from the Lord. An unjust man is abominable to the righteous, And he who is upright in the way is abominable to the wicked (29:26-27)

## **King**

“By me [wisdom] kings reign, And rulers decree justice” (8:15)  
It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, For a throne is established on righteousness (16:12; cf. verses 10-15)  
Loyalty and truth preserve the king, And he upholds his throne by righteousness (20:28; cf. 29:4:14)  
The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes (21:1)  
As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable (25:3; cf. vv. 1-6)  
Do not give your strength to women, Or your ways to that which destroys kings (31:3)

## **Knowledge**

Then you will discern the fear of the Lord, And discover the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones (2:5-8)  
On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found, But a rod is for the back of him who lacks understanding. Wise men store up knowledge, But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand (10:13-14)  
Every prudent man acts with knowledge, But a fool displays folly (13:16)  
The naive inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge (14:18)  
The mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on folly (15:14).  
The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge (18:15)  
Every man’s way is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the hearts (21:2)

## **Labor**

In all labor there is profit, But mere talk leads only to poverty (14:23; cf. 13:11; 16:26)

## **Laziness**

Go to the ant, O sluggard, Observe her ways and be wise, Which, having no chief, Officer or ruler, Prepares her food in the summer, And gathers her provision in the harvest. How long will you lie down, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? “A little sleep, a little slumber, A little

folding of the hands to rest” -- And your poverty will come in like a vagabond, And your need like an armed man (6:6-11)

Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, But the hand of the diligent makes rich (10:4)

He who troubles his own house will inherit wind, And the foolish will be servant to the wisehearted (11:29)

The hand of the diligent will rule, But the slack hand will be put to forced labor (12:24)

A slothful man does not roast his prey, But the precious possession of a man is diligence (12:27)

The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, But the soul of the diligent is made fat (13:4)

In all labor there is profit, But mere talk leads only to poverty (14:23)

He also who is slack in his work Is brother to him who destroys (18:9)

Laziness casts into a deep sleep, And an idle man will suffer hunger (19:15)

The sluggard does not plow after the autumn, So he begs during the harvest and has nothing (20:4)

Do not love sleep, lest you become poor; Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with food (20:13)

The desire of the sluggard puts him to death, For his hands refuse to work; (21:25)

Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men (22:29)

The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road! A lion is in the open square!” As the door turns on its hinges, So does the sluggard on his bed. The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; He is weary of bringing it to his mouth again (26:13-15; cf. also 19:24; 22:13)

He who tills his land will have plenty of food, But he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty (28:19)

### **Light**

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, That shines brighter and brighter until the full day (4:18)

For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life (6:23)

### **Love**

As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love (5:19)

“Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with caresses” (7:18)

“I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me” (8:17; cf. verse 36)

Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions (10:12)

Better is a dish of vegetables where love is, Than a fattened ox and hatred with it (15:17)

He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends (17:9)

Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, But who can find a trustworthy man? (20:6)

Better is open rebuke Than love that is concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy (27:5-6)

### **Lowly** (see also **Proud**)

but he giveth grace unto the lowly (3:34)

but with the lowly is wisdom (11:2)

### **Mercy** (see **Kindness**)

### **Message, Messenger**

Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters (25:13)

He cuts off his own feet, and drinks violence Who sends a message by the hand of a fool (26:6; cf. 10:26)

### **Multitude**

When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise (10:19)

Where there is no guidance, the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory (11:14; 24:6; cf. 15:22)

In a multitude of people is a king’s glory, But in the dearth of people is a prince’s ruin (14:28)



**Name**

The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot (10:7)  
The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe (18:10)  
A good name is to be more desired than great riches, Favor is better than silver and gold (22:1)

**Neighbors**

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you. Do not devise harm against your neighbor, While he lives in security beside you. Do not contend with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm. (3:27-30)  
He who despises his neighbor sins, But happy is he who is gracious to the poor (14:21)  
Argue your case with your neighbor, And do not reveal the secret of another (25:9)

**Net**

Indeed, it is useless to spread the net In the eyes of any bird (1:17)  
A man who flatters his neighbor Is spreading a net for his steps (29:5)

**News**

Like cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a distant land (25:25)

**Parents**

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their whole body (4:20-22)  
My son, keep my words, And treasure my commandments within you. Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding your intimate friend; That they may keep you from an adulteress, From the foreigner who flatters with her words (7:1-5)  
Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old (23:22)

**Path** (see also **Way**)

In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight (3:6)  
But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, That shines brighter and brighter until the full day (4:18)

**Patience**

He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly (14:29)  
A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger pacifies contention (15:18)  
He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city (16:32)  
A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression (19:11)

**Peace**

Her ways are pleasant ways, And all her paths are peace (3:17)  
Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy (12:20)  
When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him (16:7)  
Better is a dry morsel and quietness with it Than a house full of feasting with strife (17:1)

**Pleasure**

Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool; And so is wisdom to a man of understanding (10:23)  
He who loves pleasure will become a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not become rich (21:17)

**Poor, Poverty** (see also **Rich**)

How long will you lie down, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? "A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest" -- And your poverty will come in like a vagabond, And your need like an armed man (6:9-11)

The poor is hated even by his neighbor, But those who love the rich are many. He who despises his neighbor sins, But happy is he who is gracious to the poor (14:20-21)  
 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who is gracious to the needy honors Him (14:31; cf. 17:5)  
 Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity Than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool (19:1; cf. 28:6)  
 All the brothers of a poor man hate him; How much more do his friends go far from him! He pursues them with words, but they are gone (19:7; cf. 14:20)  
 He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, And He will repay him for his good deed (19:17; cf. 28:27)  
 The rich and the poor have a common bond, The Lord is the maker of them all (22:2)  
 The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower becomes the lender's slave (22:7)  
 Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion (30:8)

### **Prayer**

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But the prayer of the upright is His delight (15:8; cf. verse 29)  
 The Lord is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous (15:29)  
 He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination (28:9)  
 Two things I asked of Thee, Do not refuse me before I die: Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion, Lest I be full and deny Thee and say, "Who is the Lord?" Or lest I be in want and steal, And profane the name of my God (30:7-9)

### **Pride**

There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers (6:16-19)  
 "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate" (8:13)  
 Through presumption comes nothing but strife, But with those who receive counsel is wisdom (13:10)  
 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished (16:5)  
 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling. It is better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud (16:18-19; cf. 17:19; 29:23)  
 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, The lamp of the wicked, is sin (21:4)  
 "Proud," "Haughty," "Scoffer," are his names, Who acts with insolent pride (21:24)  
 An arrogant man stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the Lord will prosper (28:25)  
 A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor (29:23)  
 There is a kind who is pure in his own eyes, Yet is not washed from his filthiness. There is a kind -- oh how lofty are his eyes! And his eyelids are raised in arrogance (30:12-13)

### **Prosperity**

There is one who scatters, yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, but it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered (11:24-25)  
 The wicked desires the booty of evil men, But the root of the righteous yields fruit (12:12)  
 A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words, And the deeds of a man's hands will return to him (12:14)  
 Wealth obtained by fraud dwindles, But the one who gathers by labor increases it (13:11)  
 Adversity pursues sinners, But the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity (13:21)  
 The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands (14:1)  
 Where no oxen are, the manger is clean, But much increase comes by the strength of the ox (14:4)  
 The house of the wicked will be destroyed, But the tent of the upright will flourish (14:11)  
 An inheritance gained hurriedly at the beginning, Will not be blessed in the end (20:21)  
 The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, But everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty. The getting of treasures by a lying tongue Is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death (21:5-6).

### **Recompense**

If the righteous will be rewarded in the earth, How much more the wicked and the sinner! (11:31)  
Do not say, "I will repay evil"; Wait for the Lord, and He will save you (20:22)

### **Repentance**

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion (28:13).

### **Reputation**

The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot (10:7)  
A good name is to be more desired than great riches, Favor is better than silver and gold (22:1)

### **Rich, Riches, (see also Poor)**

The rich man's wealth is his fortress, The ruin of the poor is their poverty (10:15; 18:11)  
It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it (10:22)  
Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death (11:4)  
There is one who pretends to be rich, but has nothing; Another pretends to be poor, but has great wealth (13:7)  
When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings, Like an eagle that flies toward the heavens (23:5)  
A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished (28:20; cf. verse 22)

### **Righteous, Righteousness (see also Wicked)**

So you will walk in the way of good men, And keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will live in the land, And the blameless will remain in it; But the wicked will be cut off from the land, And the treacherous will be uprooted from it (2:20-22)  
Ill-gotten gains do not profit, But righteousness delivers from death (10:2; 11:4)  
The righteous will never be shaken, But the wicked will not dwell in the land (10:30)  
The righteousness of the blameless will smooth his way, But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.  
The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the treacherous will be caught by their own greed (11:5-6)  
The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls (11:30)  
A man will not be established by wickedness, But the root of the righteous will not be moved (12:3)  
In the way of righteousness is life, And in its pathway there is no death (12:28.)  
Righteousness guards the one whose way is blameless, But wickedness subverts the sinner (13:6)  
Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people (14:34; cf. 16:12; 29:2)  
Better is a little with righteousness Than great income with injustice (16:8)  
The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who watches his way preserves his life (16:17)  
It is by his deeds that a lad distinguishes himself If his conduct is pure and right (20:11)  
To do righteousness and justice Is desired by the Lord rather than sacrifice (21:3)  
The way of a guilty man is crooked, But as for the pure, his conduct is upright (21:8)  
He who pursues righteousness and loyalty Finds life, righteousness and honor (21:21)  
A wicked man shows a bold face, But as for the upright, he makes his way sure (21:29)  
The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion (28:1)  
Better is the poor who walks in his integrity, Than he who is crooked though he be rich (28:6)  
When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, But when a wicked man rules, people groan (29:2)  
Men of bloodshed hate the blameless, But the upright are concerned for his life (29:10)  
An unjust man is abominable to the righteous, And he who is upright in the way is abominable to the wicked (29:27)

### **Rod**

A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the back of fools (26:3; cf. 19:29)

### **Secrets**

For the crooked man is an abomination to the Lord; But He is intimate with the upright (3:32)

“Stolen water is sweet; And bread eaten in secret is pleasant” [says folly] (9:17; cf. 20:17)  
He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter (11:13; 20:19)  
Better is open rebuke Than love that is concealed (27:5)

### **Security**

The way of the Lord is a stronghold to the upright, But ruin to the workers of iniquity. The righteous will never be shaken, But the wicked will not dwell in the land (10:29-30)  
He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like the green leaf (11:28)  
The wicked are overthrown and are no more, But the house of the righteous will stand (12:7)  
No harm befalls the righteous, But the wicked are filled with trouble (12:21)  
The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe (18:10)  
Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; He who guards himself will be far from them (22:5)  
He who walks blamelessly will be delivered, But he who is crooked will fall all at once (28:18)  
The king gives stability to the land by justice, But a man who takes bribes overthrows it. A man who flatters his neighbor Is spreading a net for his steps. By transgression an evil man is ensnared, But the righteous sings and rejoices (29:4-6)  
The fear of man brings a snare, But he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted (29:25)

### **Servants**

Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy one to those who send him (10:26)  
He who troubles his own house will inherit wind, And the foolish will be servant to the wisehearted (11:29)  
A wicked messenger falls into adversity, But a faithful envoy brings healing (13:17)  
The king’s favor is toward a servant who acts wisely, But his anger is toward him who acts shamefully (14:35)  
A servant who acts wisely will rule over a son who acts shamefully, And will share in the inheritance among brothers (17:2; cf. 14:35)  
He who pampers his slave from childhood Will in the end find him to be a son (29:21)  
Do not slander a slave to his master, Lest he curse you and you be found guilty (30:10)  
Under three things the earth quakes, And under four, it cannot bear up: Under a slave when he becomes king, And a fool when he is satisfied with food, Under an unloved woman when she gets a husband, And a maidservant when she supplants her mistress. (30:21-23; cf. 19:10)

### **Shame**

The wise will inherit honor, But fools display dishonor (3:35)  
When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom (11:2)  
He who gives an answer before he hears, It is folly and shame to him (18:13)

### **Sin**

Fools mock at sin, But among the upright there is good will (14:9)  
Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people (14:34)  
By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, And by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil (16:6)  
When a wicked man comes, contempt also comes, And with dishonor comes reproach (18:3)  
Who can say, “I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin?” (20:9)  
The soul of the wicked desires evil; His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes (21:10)  
The devising of folly is sin, And the scoffer is an abomination to men. (24:9)  
He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion (28:13)  
He who is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He hears the oath but tells nothing (29:24)  
This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, “I have done no wrong” (30:20)

### **Sleep**

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet (3:24)

For they cannot sleep unless they do evil; And they are robbed of sleep unless they make someone stumble (4:16)

Do not love sleep, lest you become poor; Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with food (20:13)

### **Sorrow, Sorrowful**

It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it (10:22)

Even in laughter the heart may be in pain, And the end of joy may be grief (14:13)

### **Soul**

The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; He who would destroy himself does it (6:32; cf. 8:36; 29:24)

The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered (11:25; cf. 13:4; 22:9)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls (11:30)

A truthful witness saves lives, But he who speaks lies is treacherous (14:25)

He who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles (21:23)

### **Spirit**

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city (16:32; cf. 25:28)

The spirit of a man can endure his sickness, But a broken spirit who can bear? (18:14; cf. 15:13; 17:22)

The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the innermost parts of his being (20:27)

### **Strength**

The glory of young men is their strength, And the honor of old men is their gray hair (20:29)

If you are slack in the day of distress, Your strength is limited (24:10)

### **Sweetness**

“Stolen water is sweet; And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” (9:17; cf. 20:17)

Desire realized is sweet to the soul, But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil (13:19)

A sated man loathes honey, But to a famished man any bitter thing is sweet (27:7)

Oil and perfume make the heart glad, So a man's counsel is sweet to his friend (27:9)

### **Thief**

Men do not despise a thief if he steals To satisfy himself when he is hungry (6:30)

He who is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He hears the oath but tells nothing (29:24)

### **Tongue**

“For my mouth will utter truth; And wickedness is an abomination to my lips” (8:7)

On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found, But a rod is for the back of him who lacks understanding.

Wise men store up knowledge, But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand (10:13-14)

He who conceals hatred has lying lips, And he who spreads slander is a fool. When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise. The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, The heart of the wicked is worth little (10:18-20)

The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom, But the perverted tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous bring forth what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked, what is perverted (10:31-32)

By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, But by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down (11:11)

He who speaks truth tells what is right, But a false witness, deceit. There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing. Truthful lips will be established forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment (12:17-19)

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, But those who deal faithfully are His delight (12:22)

From the fruit of a man's mouth he enjoys good, But the desire of the treacherous is violence (13:2)

In the mouth of the foolish is a rod for his back, But the lips of the wise will preserve them (14:3)

A faithful witness will not lie, But a false witness speaks lies (14:5)

A truthful witness saves lives, But he who speaks lies is treacherous (14:25)

The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, But the mouth of fools spouts folly (15:2)

A soothing tongue is a tree of life, But perversion in it crushes the spirit (15:4)

The plans of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the Lord (16:1)

An evildoer listens to wicked lips, A liar pays attention to a destructive tongue (17:4)  
Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit (18:21)  
The poor man utters supplications, But the rich man answers roughly (18:23)  
Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity Than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool (19:1)  
The getting of treasures by a lying tongue Is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death (21:6)  
He who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles (21:23)  
A false witness will perish, But the man who listens to the truth will speak forever (21:28)  
By forbearance a ruler may be persuaded, And a soft tongue breaks the bone (25:15)  
The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue, an angry countenance (25:23)  
A lying tongue hates those it crushes, And a flattering mouth works ruin (26:28)  
He who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor Than he who flatters with the tongue (28:23)  
She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue (31:26)

### **Trust**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding (3:5)  
He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But he who walks wisely will be delivered (28:26; cf. 11:28)  
The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain (31:11)

### **Truth**

Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity Than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool (19:1)  
Buy truth, and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding (23:23)

### **Vinegar**

Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy one to those who send him (10:26)  
Like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar on soda, Is he who sings songs to a troubled heart (25:20)

### **Way**

For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones (2:6-8)  
Good understanding produces favor, But the way of the treacherous is hard (13:15)  
There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death (14:12; 16:25; cf. 12:15)  
When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him (16:7)  
Man's steps are ordained by the Lord, How then can man understand his way? (20:24)  
Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it (22:6)  
There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Four which I do not understand: The way of an eagle in the sky, The way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a ship in the middle of the sea, And the way of a man with a maid. This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wrong." (30:18-20)

### **Wealth**

Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, But the hand of the diligent makes rich (10:4)  
It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it (10:22)  
There is one who scatters, yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, but it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered. He who withholds grain, the people will curse him, But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it. (Prov. 11:24-26)  
The ransom of a man's life is his riches, But the poor hears no rebuke (13:8)  
The poor is hated even by his neighbor, But those who love the rich are many (14:20)  
The crown of the wise is their riches, But the folly of fools is foolishness (14:24)  
Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, Than great treasure and turmoil with it. Better is a dish of vegetables where love is, Than a fattened ox and hatred with it (15:16-17)  
Wealth adds many friends, But a poor man is separated from his friend (19:4)  
Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, Cease from your consideration of it. When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings, Like an eagle that flies toward the heavens (23:4-5)

Know well the condition of your flocks, And pay attention to your herds; For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations (27:23-24)

He who increases his wealth by interest and usury, Gathers it for him who is gracious to the poor (28:8)

### **Weights**

A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, But a just weight is His delight (11:1; cf. 16:11)

Differing weights and differing measures, Both of them are abominable to the Lord (20:10)

Differing weights are an abomination to the Lord, And a false scale is not good (20:23)

### **Wickedness (see also Righteous)**

The hope of the righteous is gladness, But the expectation of the wicked perishes (10:28)

A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, But the compassion of the wicked is cruel (12:10)

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But the prayer of the upright is His delight (15:8)

The Lord has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil (16:4)

He who winks his eyes does so to devise perverse things; He who compresses his lips brings evil to pass (16:30)

He who has a crooked mind finds no good, And he who is perverted in his language falls into evil (17:20)

The soul of the wicked desires evil; His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes (21:10)

For there will be no future for the evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be put out (24:20)

The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion (28:1)

When the righteous triumph, there is great glory, But when the wicked rise, men hide themselves (28:12, 28; cf. 29:2, 8, 12, 16, 18)

### **Wife**

Drink water from your own cistern, And fresh water from your own well. Should your springs be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? Let them be yours alone, And not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth. As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love (5:15-19)

An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who shames him is as rottenness in his bones (12:4; 31:10ff)

He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the Lord (18:22)

It is better to live in a corner of a roof, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman (21:9; also, 25:24)

It is better to live in a desert land, Than with a contentious and vexing woman (21:19)

### **Wine**

Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise (20:1)

Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it goes down smoothly (23:31)

It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Or for rulers to desire strong drink, Lest they drink and forget what is decreed, And pervert the rights of all the afflicted. Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to him whose life is bitter (31:4-6)

### **Wisdom**

To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding, To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice and equity; To give prudence to the naive, To the youth knowledge and discretion, A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel, To understand a proverb and a figure, The words of the wise and their riddles.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction (1:2-7)

He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself, And he who reproves a wicked man gets insults for himself. Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you, Reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser, Teach a righteous man, and he will increase his learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, And if you scoff, you alone will bear it (9:7-12)

The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish son is a grief to his mother (10:1)

The wise of heart will receive commands, But a babbling fool will be thrown down (10:8)

A man will be praised according to his insight, But one of perverse mind will be despised (12:8)  
 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel. A fool's vexation is known at once, But a prudent man conceals dishonor (12:15-16)  
 A wise son accepts his father's discipline, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke (13:1)  
 Through presumption comes nothing but strife, But with those who receive counsel is wisdom (13:10)  
 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and finds none, But knowledge is easy to him who has understanding (14:6)  
 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, But in the bosom of fools it is made known (14:33)  
 A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother (15:20)  
 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver (16:16)  
 Why is there a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, When he has no sense? (17:16)  
 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good (19:8)  
 A man who wanders from the way of understanding Will rest in the assembly of the dead (21:16)  
 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, For he will despise the wisdom of your words (23:9)  
 By wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; And by knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong, And a man of knowledge increases power. For by wise guidance you will wage war, And in abundance of counselors there is victory. Wisdom is too high for a fool, He does not open his mouth in the gate (24:3-7)  
 My son, eat honey, for it is good, Yes, the honey from the comb is sweet to your taste; Know that wisdom is thus for your soul; If you find it, then there will be a future, And your hope will not be cut off (24:13-14)  
 A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, The naive proceed and pay the penalty (27:12)  
 A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, But he who keeps company with harlots wastes his wealth (29:3)  
 Scorners set a city aflame, But wise men turn away anger (29:8)

### **Woman**

To deliver you from the strange woman, From the adulteress who flatters with her words (2:16; cf. 7:5; 22:14; 23:27-28)  
 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion (11:22)  
 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who shames him is as rottenness in his bones (12:4; 31:10ff)  
 The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands (14:1)  
 It is better to live in a corner of a roof, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman (21:9, 19; 27:15)  
 This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wrong." (30:20)  
 Do not give your strength to women, Or your ways to that which destroys kings (31:3; cf. vv. 10-31)

### **Word**

The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts of the body (18:8)  
 Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words Lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar (30:5-6)

### **Wounds**

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy (27:6)

### **Wrath**

A fool's vexation is known at once, But a prudent man conceals dishonor (12:16; cf. 27:3; 29:11)  
 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly (14:29; cf. 14:17; 16:32)  
 A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger (15:1)  
 For the churning of milk produces butter, And pressing the nose brings forth blood; So the churning of anger produces strife (30:33)