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## SCRIPTURE READING:

The Book of Proverbs

### I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The Book of Proverbs is a collection of proverbs either written or compiled by Solomon, the son of David and king of Israel. (Proverbs 1:1)
  - 1. According to I Kings 4:32, Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs and wrote 1,005 songs.
  - 2. Not all of the proverbs Solomon spoke are recorded in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.
- B. The writer of the book of Proverbs clearly states that his purpose for writing is to ascertain wisdom and instruction, to comprehend understanding, to receive intelligent instruction, justice, judgment, and equity, to give discretion to the ignorant, and to give discernment to the young men. (Proverbs 1:2)
  - 1. Wisdom is defined as understanding of that which is true, right, or lasting. It can be summarized as common sense or good judgment.
  - 2. Instruction is defined as chastisement, warning, reproof, or restraint.
  - 3. Discretion is defined as a plan or as prudence, which is the ability or power to decide responsibly.
  - 4. Discernment is defined as keenness of insight and judgment.
- C. A proverb is a brief, precise, and meaningful saying that expresses a basic truth or practical precept.
- D. A proverb uses a comparison or figure of speech to make a profound observation.
- E. Proverbs are simple illustrations that expose fundamental realities of life.

- F. The Book of Proverbs gives instruction for practical daily living.

## **II. CHAPTER ONE**

- A. Verse one credits Solomon, the son of David and king of Israel, with these proverbs. (Proverbs 1:1)
- B. Verses two through four state the purpose for writing these proverbs. They are directed toward the ignorant and unlearned. (Proverbs 1:2-4)
- C. A wise man will also profit from these proverbs by listening and increasing his knowledge. A man of understanding will be able to interpret the proverb and principle as well as the words of the wise and their riddles. (Proverbs 1:5-6)
- D. Knowledge begins with fear of the Lord. The foolish detest wisdom and correction. (Proverbs 1:7)
- E. Verse eight is an admonition for children to pay attention to the instructions and rules given by their parents. (Proverbs 1:8)
- F. Children who follow the instructions and rules of their parents are more appealing and presentable. (Proverbs 1:9)
- G. When sinners attempt to entice us to do wrong and/or unlawful acts, we must resist the temptations. (Proverbs 1:10-16)
- H. Spreading a net in the sight of a bird is futile; likewise, following wise counsel will keep one from falling into the trap of the enemy. (Proverbs 1:17)
- I. Those who desire to take advantage of and/or harm people do it covertly, but it is to their own detriment. (Proverbs 1:18)
- J. Those who are greedy for gain have their lives stolen from them through wrong pursuits. (Proverbs 1:19)
- K. Wisdom cries out from various avenues, asking, “How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?” (Proverbs 1:22 NIV)
- L. The counsel of wisdom is “Turn at my rebuke; surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.” (Proverbs 1:23 NKJV)

- M. When wisdom is refused, it laughs at the calamities of those who did not take heed. (Proverbs 1:24-26)
- N. Wisdom mocks those who will not heed its rebuke. (Proverbs 1:26-27)
- O. Those who have refused wisdom will seek wisdom when they get into trouble, but it will hide from them. (Proverbs 1:28)
- P. When knowledge is hated and the fear of the Lord is absent, people reap the fallacies of their own ways. (Proverbs 1:29-31)
- Q. Abandoning wisdom is self-destructive, and the security of the foolish will cause them to perish. (Proverbs 1:32)
- R. Those who adhere to wisdom will dwell safely, secure from fear of evil. (Proverbs 1:33)

### **III. CHAPTER TWO**

- A. Verses one through five reveal the key to understanding the fear of the Lord and finding the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:1-5)
  - 1. Receiving words of instruction and treasuring them within so that attention is given to wisdom and the heart is applied to understanding is the first step. (Proverbs 2:1-2)
  - 2. Crying out for understanding and lifting up the voice for intelligence is the second step. (Proverbs 2:3)
  - 3. Seeking for wisdom like ones seeks for silver or a hidden treasure is the third step. (Proverbs 2:4)
- B. Wisdom comes from the Lord. Knowledge and intelligence proceed from His mouth. (Proverbs 2:6)
- C. Hidden for the righteous is understanding, which serves as a shield for the blameless. (Proverbs 2:7)
- D. Wisdom guards the path of judgment and protects the lifestyle of the saints. (Proverbs 2:8)
- E. Wisdom gives one the ability to understand righteousness, judgment, equity, and every good path. (Proverbs 2:9)

- F. When wisdom comes into the heart and knowledge is agreeable to the soul, discretion will protect and intelligence will guard against following the ways of the man who speaks deceitfully. (Proverbs 2:10-11)
- G. Wisdom delivers one from the ways of the evil and deceptive man. (Proverbs 2:12)
- H. The evil and deceptive depart from the path of righteousness and walk in the way of the wicked, who rejoice in doing evil and delight in perversity. Their ways are distorted, and they depart from the correct lifestyle. (Proverbs 2:13-15)
- I. Wisdom delivers a man from the adulterous woman who speaks with enticing words. (Proverbs 2:16)
  - 1. This woman is one who has forsaken the friend of her youth. (Proverbs 2:17)
  - 2. The house of the adulterous woman leads to death, and her path leads to the spirits of the dead. (Proverbs 2:18)
  - 3. None that go to her return or attain the proper way, or manner of life. (Proverbs 2:19)
- J. Wisdom will cause one to walk in the ways of the good and follow the path of the just. (Proverbs 2:20)
- K. The upright will dwell in the earth and those of integrity will remain in it. (Proverbs 2:21)
- L. The wicked will be removed from the earth, and the deceitful will be torn away from it. (Proverbs 2:22)

#### **IV. CHAPTER THREE**

- A. Not abandoning the law and keeping these commandments in the heart will affect one's longevity of life and his peace. (Proverbs 3:1-2)
- B. Kindness and trustworthiness should always be demonstrated; they should be tied around our necks and written in our hearts. This practice will result in favor and good understanding, both with God and man. (Proverbs 3:3-4)
- C. We must be confident in the Lord, not in our understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)

- D. In all our ways we must recognize the Lord. Our acknowledgment of the Lord affects the prosperity of our ways. (Proverbs 3:6)
- E. We must not be wise by our own estimation; we must reverence the Lord and depart from evil. (Proverbs 3:7)
- F. Reverence for the Lord and abstinence from evil will provide health for the body and moisture for the bones. (Proverbs 3:8)
- G. We must be generous to the Lord with our wealth, giving Him the **first** of our income. (Proverbs 3:9)
- H. Giving generously to the Lord will result in having ample supply in our storehouses, and our wine vats will overflow. (Proverbs 3:10)
- I. We should not despise the warnings and instructions of the Lord; neither should we get disgusted with His correction. (Proverbs 3:11)
- J. Those whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father corrects his son whom he is pleased to have in the family. (Proverbs 3:12)
- K. One who acquires wisdom and secures understanding is happy. (Proverbs 3:13)
- L. The profits of wisdom are better than the profits of silver and the income of gold. (Proverbs 3:14)
- M. Wisdom is more precious than pearls or any other thing one may desire. (Proverbs 3:15)
- N. With wisdom comes long life, wealth, and splendor. Her ways are pleasing and peaceful. (Proverbs 3:16-17)
- O. Wisdom is a tree of life to those who seize her, and she brings happiness to those who obtain her. (Proverbs 3:18)
- P. By wisdom, the Lord founded the earth; by intelligence, He established the heavens. (Proverbs 3:19)
- Q. By the knowledge of God, the mass of water was divided and the clouds dispense dew. (Proverbs 3:20)

- R. One must never lose sight of understanding and good planning. They must be carefully protected. (Proverbs 3:21)
- S. Understanding and good planning will fill one with strength and bring honor and respect. (Proverbs 3:22)
- T. Understanding and good planning will keep one safe and prevent one from falling. (Proverbs 3:23)
- U. One who has understanding and plans well can lie down and enjoy a good night's sleep. (Proverbs 3:24)
- V. One who has understanding and plans well does not have to fear the destruction that will come to the wicked. The Lord is his security, and He will protect him from the traps of the enemy. (Proverbs 3:25-26)
- W. Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it is in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbor now, do not say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you." (Proverbs 3:27-28 NLT)
- X. Do not plot against a neighbor who trusts you, and do not make accusations against someone who has not wronged you. (Proverbs 3:29-30 NLT)
- Y. Never envy violent people nor follow their ways. Wicked people are disgusting to the Lord; He offers His friendship to the godly. (Proverbs 3:31-32)
- Z. God's curse is on the house of the wicked, but His blessing is on the home of the just. (Proverbs 3:33)
- AA. The Lord mocks the mockers, but He gives grace to the humble. (Proverbs 3:34)
- BB. The wise inherit honor, but the stupid are disgraced. (Proverbs 3:35)

## **V. CHAPTER FOUR**

- A. Children should listen to their father's instructions. By paying attention, they can gain understanding. (Proverbs 4:1)
- B. Good instruction, rules, and principles should be followed. (Proverbs 4:2)

- C. When Solomon was a small boy (probably Bathsheba's only son at the time), his father advised him to keep his instructions within his heart and to obey his commands, which would preserve his life. (Proverbs 4:3)
- D. David told Solomon to take his words into his heart and to follow his instructions so he would live. (Proverbs 4:4)
- E. He also told him to get wisdom and understanding and not to forget or turn away from his words. (Proverbs 4:5)
- F. When wisdom is not forsaken, it protects. When wisdom is loved, it guards. (Proverbs 4:6)
- G. David told Solomon that obtaining wisdom was the most important thing he could do, and with wisdom, he should also acquire understanding. (Proverbs 4:7)
- H. When wisdom is exalted, it promotes; when wisdom is embraced, it brings honor. (Proverbs 4:8)
- I. Wisdom gives the head an ornament of grace and encompasses it with an decorative crown. (Proverbs 4:9)
- J. David told Solomon that if he would adhere to his instructions, it would result in long life. (Proverbs 4:10)
- K. David taught Solomon the way of wisdom and led him in the right path. (Proverbs 4:11)
- L. One who lives a life of wisdom is not distressed in his walk, and he does not waver when he runs. (Proverbs 4:12)
- M. We must hold fast to wisdom's instruction and guard her because she is our life. (Proverbs 4:13)
- N. We must not do as the wicked do or follow the path of evildoers. We must avoid the places they frequent. (Proverbs 4:14-15)
- O. Evil people do not sleep until they have done evil. They cannot sleep until they have caused someone to fall. (Proverbs 4:16)
- P. Evil people feed on the food of wickedness, and they drink the wine of violence. (Proverbs 4:17)

- Q. The path of the just is as a brilliant light that shines, bearing illumination throughout the day. (Proverbs 4:18; Matthew 5:14)
- R. The wicked walk in darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. (Proverbs 4:19)
- S. Children should pay attention to the instructions of their parents, listening attentively to the words being spoken. (Proverbs 4:20)
- T. We must not lose sight of the words of wisdom; we must keep them in the center of our hearts. (Proverbs 4:21)
- U. Words of wisdom are life to those who acquire them and medicine to their bodies. (Proverbs 4:22)
- V. We must diligently guard our heart because out of it comes the source of life. (Proverbs 4:23)
- W. We must not allow perversity to come out of our mouths, and words that would corrupt must be removed from our lips. (Proverbs 4:24)
- X. Our eyes should look straight ahead, and our gaze must be fixed directly ahead. (Proverbs 4:25)
- Y. We must carefully consider the path we walk so that all our ways are established. (Proverbs 4:26)
- Z. We must not turn to the right or left; we must avoid the path of evil. (Proverbs 4:27)

## **VI. CHAPTER FIVE**

- A. Children should listen to the wisdom of their parents and pay attention to their intelligence. (Proverbs 5:1)
- B. We must regard sound judgment, and our lips must guard knowledge. (Proverbs 5:2)
- C. The lips of a profane (immoral) woman drip like honey, and her mouth is as slick as grease. (Proverbs 5:3)
- D. In the end, a profane woman is as bitter as poison and sharp as a two-edged sword. (Proverbs 5:4)

- E. Her feet go down to death; her steps will lead to hell. Her way of life should not be pondered because her ways are unstable. (Proverbs 5:5-6)
- F. We must listen to these instructions and adhere to them. (Proverbs 5:7)
- G. Shun the profane woman and do not go near the entrance of her house. (Proverbs 5:8)
- H. We must not give our honor to others nor our years to the dreadful. These people should not be the recipients of our strength, and our labors should not be benefiting their house. (Proverbs 5:9-10)
- I. When those who succumb to the profane woman reach the end of their life, they will groan because of their physical condition. (Proverbs 5:11)
- J. In the end, those who reject wisdom must admit their hatred of discipline and their contempt of correction. (Proverbs 5:12)
- K. When we refuse to obey our teachers or to listen to our instructors, we will find ourselves on the verge of ruin in the presence of those who have assembled. (Proverbs 5:13-14)
- L. Our sexual desires should be satisfied by our own mates. We should not go outside the marriage union for sexual pleasure. (Proverbs 5:14-17)
- M. We must allow our sexual reproduction to be blessed, and we should receive our joy from the mate of our youth. (Proverbs 5:18)
- N. Our mate's physical body should satisfy us, and we should be delighted with his/her love. (Proverbs 5:19)
- O. Why should we take delight in a profane woman, or embrace a seductress? (Proverbs 5:20)
- P. God sees man's ways and ponders them. (Proverbs 5:21)
- Q. The wicked man is captured by his own perversities; the noose of sin holds him. (Proverbs 5:22)

- R. A wicked man will die for lack of instruction, and he will go astray because of his folly. (Proverbs 5:23)

## **VII. CHAPTER SIX**

- A. One who cosigns a loan or guarantees a debt for another should immediately seek to be released from this responsibility. He should not rest until he has done everything in his power to relieve himself of this obligation. (Proverbs 6:1-5)
- B. One who is lazy or lethargic should observe the ants and receive wisdom. Ants have no prince, governor, or ruler to make them work, yet they labor hard all summer to gather food for the winter. (Proverbs 6:6-8)
- C. The lazy and lethargic are asked two questions: How long will you sleep? When will you wake up? (Proverbs 6:9)
- D. The lazy and lethargic are warned that extra sleep and drowsiness will result in sudden poverty and destitution. (Proverbs 6:10-11)
- E. An unprofitable, vain man goes about with a perverse mouth, revealing his intentions with his eyes, feet, and fingers. Fraud is in his heart; he devises evil; and he stirs up trouble wherever he goes. (Proverbs 6:12-14)
- F. The lazy, unprofitable man will be destroyed suddenly, and he will not recover. (Proverbs 6:15)
- G. The Lord hates these seven things: haughtiness; lying; murdering; a heart that devises evil schemes; eagerness to do wrong; a false witness; and sowing discord among brothers. (Proverbs 6:16-19)
- H. Children should observe the commands of their father and adhere to the instructions of their mother. (Proverbs 6:20)
- I. Parents' words should be kept in the heart and serve as a daily guide. (Proverbs 6:21)
  - 1. Wherever you walk, their counsel will lead you. (Proverbs 6:22)
  - 2. When you sleep, their words will protect you. (Proverbs 6:22)

- 3. When you rise in the morning, they will advise you. (Proverbs 6:22)
- J. These commands and teachings are a lamp to light the way ahead of you. Disciplinary correction is the way to life. (Proverbs 6:23)
- K. Obeying commands and following instructions will keep one from the immoral woman and the smooth tongue of an adulterous woman. (Proverbs 6:24)
- L. One must not lust in his heart after the beauty of an adulterous woman or be captivated with her eyes. (Proverbs 6:25)
- M. The prostitute uses others to meet her financial needs; she tries to capture your soul. (Proverbs 6:26)
- N. A man cannot hold fire against his chest without getting burned, nor can he walk on hot coals without blistering his feet. His actions produce consequences. One who commits adultery with another's wife shall also experience consequences. (Proverbs 6:27-29)
- O. People have tolerance for a thief who steals because he is hungry; yet, he is required to pay back sevenfold, even if he loses his possessions. (Proverbs 6:30-31)
- P. One who commits adultery lacks understanding and ruins himself. He will be punished and disgraced. His shame will not be removed, and the jealous husband will take vengeance on the violator. (Proverbs 6:32-34)
- Q. The jealous husband will not accept ransom, nor will he be passive. (Proverbs 6:35)

## **VIII. CHAPTER SEVEN**

- A. Children should be attentive to the words of their parents, and they should hide their commandments in their heart so they can obey them and live. (Proverbs 7:1-2)
- B. Their rules and principles should be at the center of their children's attention. These rules and principles should be tied around the fingers and written in the heart. (Proverbs 7:2-3)
- C. Call wisdom your sister and understanding your friend. (Proverbs 7:4)

- D. Wisdom and understanding protect one from the immoral woman and her flattery. (Proverbs 7:5)
- E. Verses six through twenty-three confirm the importance of wisdom and understanding. The example given reveals the end result of one who is void of understanding; he is enticed, then destroyed. (Proverbs 7:6-23)
- F. Children must pay attention to the words of their parents, which will prevent their hearts from being deceived and following a wrong path. (Proverbs 7:24-25)
- G. The immoral woman has injured many strong men. Her house is the way to hell; it will produce death. (Proverbs 7:26-27)

## **IX. CHAPTER EIGHT**

- A. Wherever we go, wisdom and intelligence are there to instruct us and give us common sense. (Proverbs 8:1-5)
- B. Wisdom provides important information. Everything that issues from wisdom is right and true. Wisdom detests wickedness. (Proverbs 8:6-7)
- C. The words of wisdom are right; they are not crooked or distorted. (Proverbs 8:8)
- D. Words of wisdom are right to those who understand and direct those who find knowledge. (Proverbs 8:9)
- E. We should value instruction more than silver and knowledge more than the finest gold. (Proverbs 8:10)
- F. Wisdom is better than pearls, and anything one may desire cannot be compared to it. (Proverbs 8:11)
- G. Wisdom dwells with good judgment and acquires knowledge for plans. (Proverbs 8:12)
- H. One who fears the Lord will hate evil. He will also hate pride, arrogance, bad behavior, and a perverse mouth. (Proverbs 8:13)
- I. Advice, ability, understanding, and strength come from wisdom. (Proverbs 8:14)

- J. It is through wisdom that kings reign and rulers legislate justice. (Proverbs 8:15)
- K. By wisdom, authorities govern and nobles judge the earth. (Proverbs 8:16)
- L. Wisdom loves those who love wisdom. Those who seek wisdom will find it. (Proverbs 8:17)
- M. Abundant wealth, splendor, and justice are with wisdom. (Proverbs 8:18)
- N. The fruit of wisdom is better than pure gold; the produce of wisdom is better than purified silver. (Proverbs 8:19)
- O. Wisdom will lead one in the way of righteousness, discerning the path of judgment. (Proverbs 8:20)
- P. Wisdom will fill the storehouses of those who love it. (Proverbs 8:21)
- Q. Following the Lord's principle, wisdom precedes performance. (Proverbs 8:22)
- R. Wisdom existed before the earth. (Proverbs 8:23)
- S. Wisdom existed before the oceans and fountains of water. (Proverbs 8:24)
- T. Before the mountains were placed or the hills made, wisdom existed. (Proverbs 8:25)
- U. Before the heavens were separated from the land, wisdom existed. (Proverbs 8:26)
- V. Wisdom was there when the heavens were established and the limits of the sea were set. (Proverbs 8:27-28)
- W. When the seas were commanded not to go beyond their boundaries and the foundation of the earth was marked, wisdom was on the scene. (Proverbs 8:29)
- X. During creation wisdom's skill was with God, bringing Him daily enjoyment. (Proverbs 8:30)
- Y. Wisdom rejoiced in the inhabited world and enjoyed the sons of men. (Proverbs 8:31)

- Z. Wisdom admonishes us to listen, declaring that happiness comes to those who keep the ways of wisdom. (Proverbs 8:32)
- AA. We must be wise and listen to instruction; we must not reject it. (Proverbs 8:33)
- BB. Happy is the man who listens to wisdom and remains alert at its entrance, guarding its place of entry. (Proverbs 8:34)
- CC. Those who find wisdom find life and gain the Lord's approval. (Proverbs 8:35)
- DD. Those who lack wisdom abuse their own soul. Those who hate wisdom love death. (Proverbs 8:36)

## **X. CHAPTER NINE**

- A. Wisdom builds its house; it does not tear it down. It carves its seven columns, thereby providing adequate support. (Proverbs 9:1)
- B. Wisdom prepares a banquet, mixes its wine, and sets the table. (Proverbs 9:2)
- C. Wisdom sends out its servants, inviting everyone to come. (Proverbs 9:3)
- D. It calls from the heights of the city for the foolish and those who lack heart to come and partake of wisdom's food and drink, to forsake foolishness and pursue understanding. (Proverbs 9:4-6)
- E. One who corrects a scorner will be disgraced; one who argues with the wicked will be injured. (Proverbs 9:7)
- F. Do not prove the guilt of a scoffer, lest he hate you. Prove the guilt of a wise man and he will love you. (Proverbs 9:8)
- G. Teach the wise and they will become wiser. Teach the just and they will learn more. (Proverbs 9:9)
- H. Reverence for the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Knowledge of God is the beginning of understanding. (Proverbs 9:10)
- I. Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. (Proverbs 9:11)

- J. One who chooses wisdom will benefit; one who scorns wisdom will suffer. (Proverbs 9:12)
- K. A loud, foolish woman lacks wisdom and fails in knowledge. (Proverbs 9:13)
- L. The foolish woman sits in the doorway of her house in a high place overlooking the city. (Proverbs 9:14)
- M. From her position, she calls to those who are on the right course. (Proverbs 9:15)
- N. She urges the foolish to come to her, and to the one who lacks heart she says, "Stolen water is sweet; food eaten in secret is enjoyable." (Proverbs 9:16-17)
- O. Those who are seduced by her do not realize that the dead are with her and those who have accepted her invitation are in Sheol. (Proverbs 9:18)

## **XI. CHAPTER TEN**

- A. It appears that the actual proverbs of Solomon begin here in chapter ten. The previous chapters are probably documentation of instructions from his father David. (Proverbs 10:1)
- B. A wise son brings joy to his father; a foolish son brings grief to his mother. (Proverbs 10:1)
- C. Dishonest assets are not valuable; uprightness delivers from death. (Proverbs 10:2)
- D. The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry, but He pushes away the desire of the wicked. (Proverbs 10:3)
- E. A negligent hand results in lack, but a determined hand accumulates. (Proverbs 10:4)
- F. A wise son will harvest in harvest-time. A son who sleeps in harvest-time is shameful. (Proverbs 10:5)
- G. Blessings are on the head of the just, but the mouth of the wicked is full of abuse. (Proverbs 10:6)
- H. The recollection of the just is a blessing, but the name of the wicked deteriorates. (Proverbs 10:7)

- I. A wise heart receives commandments, but foolish lips will be overthrown. (Proverbs 10:8)
- J. One who walks free of guilt walks securely, but one who perverts his ways shall be exposed. (Proverbs 10:9)
- K. One who maliciously gestures by winking the eye causes pain, and foolish lips fall. (Proverbs 10:10)
- L. The mouth of the just is a source of life, but the mouth of the wicked is full of abuse. (Proverbs 10:11)
- M. Hate excites quarrels, but love conceals trespasses. (Proverbs 10:12)
- N. Understanding lips bring forth wisdom, but a rod is for the back of those who lack heart (will and intelligence). (Proverbs 10:13)
- O. The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin. (Proverbs 10:14)
- P. The wealth of the rich is his strong city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor. (Proverbs 10:15)
- Q. The work of the just is life; the fruit of the wicked is sin. (Proverbs 10:16)
- R. Reproof protects one's way of life; one who forsakes correction errs. (Proverbs 10:17)
- S. One who is full of hate has lying lips; one who brings forth a slander is foolish. (Proverbs 10:18)
- T. An abundance of words does not lack sin; one who restrains his lips is intelligent. (Proverbs 10:19)
- U. The tongue of the just is like tried silver; the heart of the wicked is of little value. (Proverbs 10:20)
- V. The lips of the just feed many, but the foolish die because of a lack of intelligence. (Proverbs 10:21)
- W. The Lord's blessing brings wealth, without painful toil. (Proverbs 10:22)

- X. A bad plan makes the foolish laugh, but wisdom is the delight of the intelligent man. (Proverbs 10:23)
- Y. The fear of the wicked will come upon him, but the desire of the just will be granted. (Proverbs 10:24)
- Z. The wicked will not endure the storm, but the just have an everlasting foundation. (Proverbs 10:25)
- AA. Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, the lazy man must be avoided. (Proverbs 10:26)
- BB. Fear of the Lord adds days, but the years of the wicked will be shortened. (Proverbs 10:27)
- CC. The expectation of the just will result in happiness, but the expectation of the wicked will perish. (Proverbs 10:28)
- DD. The Lord's way is a fortress to the upright but destruction to those who practice wickedness. (Proverbs 10:29)
- EE. The just will not be moved, but the wicked shall not permanently stay in the earth. (Proverbs 10:30)
- FF. The mouth of the just speaks wisdom, but the tongue of the deceiver will be cut off. (Proverbs 10:31)
- GG. The lips of the just know what is appropriate, but the mouth of the wicked is perverted. (Proverbs 10:32)

## **XII. CHAPTER ELEVEN**

- A. Inaccurate scales are disgusting to the Lord, but accurate weights are His delight. (Proverbs 11:1)
- B. With arrogance comes disgrace; with humility comes wisdom. (Proverbs 11:2)
- C. Morality guides the just, but the distortion of the deceiver devastates. (Proverbs 11:3)
- D. Wealth is not beneficial in the day of wrath, but uprightness delivers from death. (Proverbs 11:4)
- E. The integrity of the upright makes right his way, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. (Proverbs 11:5)

- F. The virtue of the just will deliver him, but the craving of the deceiver will capture him. (Proverbs 11:6)
- G. Expectation perishes when a wicked person dies; his vain hope dies with him. (Proverbs 11:7)
- H. The just is delivered from trouble; it comes to the wicked instead. (Proverbs 11:8)
- I. The disrespectful destroys his neighbor with his mouth, but knowledge delivers the just. (Proverbs 11:9)
- J. When it goes well with the just, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy. (Proverbs 11:10)
- K. Through the blessing of the upright, a city is exalted; by the mouth of the wicked, it is destroyed. (Proverbs 11:11)
- L. One who is disrespectful to an associate lacks sensitivity; an intelligent man will remain silent. (Proverbs 11:12)
- M. A gossip reveals secrets, but a trustworthy spirit covers the matter. (Proverbs 11:13)
- N. Without guidance, people fall, but abundant advisers provide safety. (Proverbs 11:14)
- O. Providing security for a stranger is harmful; hating security agreements provides protection. (Proverbs 11:15)
- P. A gracious (kind) woman retains honor; tyrants retain wealth. (Proverbs 11:16)
- Q. A kind person benefits himself, but a cruel person disturbs himself. (Proverbs 11:17)
- R. The wicked perform deceitful practices; the righteous distribute true rewards. (Proverbs 11:18)
- S. Righteousness attains life; pursuing evil attains death. (Proverbs 11:19)
- T. A perverse heart is disgusting to the Lord, but He delights in the way of integrity. (Proverbs 11:20)

- U. Even if they join forces, the wicked will not go unpunished, but the seed of the just shall escape. (Proverbs 11:21)
- V. A beautiful woman without discretion is like a gold ring in a hog's snout. (Proverbs 11:22)
- W. The desire of the just leads only to good, but the expectation of the wicked leads to wrath. (Proverbs 11:23)
- X. There is one who scatters and increases, yet there is another who withholds what he should give and suffers lack. (Proverbs 11:24)
- Y. The prosperous soul is satisfied, and he who quenches others' thirst will also have his thirst quenched. (Proverbs 11:25)
- Z. The people invoke evil on the one who withholds grain, but they bless the one who distributes it. (Proverbs 11:26)
- AA. Favor seeks those who seek good; evil comes to those who seek evil. (Proverbs 11:27)
- BB. One who trusts in his wealth will fall, but as the foliage on a tree, the just shall flourish. (Proverbs 11:28)
- CC. One who disturbs his house inherits the wind, and the foolish will serve the wise heart. (Proverbs 11:29)
- DD. The fruit of the just is a tree of life, and one who goes after and obtains souls is wise. (Proverbs 11:30)
- EE. If the just of the earth are compensated, how much more will the wicked and sinners receive what is due them? (Proverbs 11:31)

### **XIII. CHAPTER TWELVE**

- A. One who loves discipline loves knowledge, but one who hates correction is stupid. (Proverbs 12:1)
- B. One who is good obtains the Lord's favor, but the man with evil plans is disturbed. (Proverbs 12:2)
- C. A person cannot be established through wickedness, and the root of the just cannot be shaken. (Proverbs 12:3)

- D. A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband, but one who makes him ashamed is like decay to his bones. (Proverbs 12:4)
- E. The intentions of the just are right, but the counsel of the wicked is deceiving. (Proverbs 12:5)
- F. Words of the wicked lie in wait for blood (ambush), but the speech of the upright rescues. (Proverbs 12:6)
- G. The wicked are overthrown and come to nothing, but the house of the just shall stand. (Proverbs 12:7)
- H. A man is commended for wise speech, but a perverse heart is not esteemed. (Proverbs 12:8)
- I. It is better to be a lightly esteemed servant than one who is held in honor, but lacks food. (Proverbs 12:9)
- J. The just are concerned for the welfare of their animals, but the compassion of the wicked is terrible. (Proverbs 12:10)
- K. One who works his land will be satisfied with food, but one who runs after worthless things is without heart (lacks understanding). (Proverbs 12:11)
- L. The wicked delight in the evil net, but the root of the righteous gives. (Proverbs 12:12)
- M. The wicked is trapped by his disgusting lips, but the just shall come out of trouble. (Proverbs 12:13)
- N. By the fruit of his mouth a man shall be satisfied with good, and the work of a person's hands will come back to him. (Proverbs 12:14)
- O. The way of the foolish is right in his own eyes, but one who intelligently listens to advice is wise. (Proverbs 12:15)
- P. The foolish immediately reveal their anger, but the prudent cover their disapproval. (Proverbs 12:16)
- Q. Those who speak truthfully stand for justice, but false witnesses deceive. (Proverbs 12:17)
- R. There are vehement utterances that wound like a sword, but the tongue of the wise heals. (Proverbs 12:18)

- S. Truthful lips are established forever, but a lying tongue only a short space of time. (Proverbs 12:19)
- T. A deceitful heart devises evil, but a counselor of peace brings joy. (Proverbs 12:20)
- U. The just do not come near any evil, but the wicked are full of evil. (Proverbs 12:21)
- V. Lying lips are disgusting to the Lord, but lips that do not waver are His delight. (Proverbs 12:22)
- W. Prudent people conceal knowledge, but foolish hearts proclaim foolishness. (Proverbs 12:23)
- X. Determined hands rule, but negligent hands become forced labor. (Proverbs 12:24)
- Y. Anxiety in the heart depresses a man, but good words will cheer him up. (Proverbs 12:25)
- Z. The just guides his associates, but the ways of the wicked lead them astray. (Proverbs 12:26)
- AA. The negligent hunter does not catch any game. Determination is valuable to man's getting enough. (Proverbs 12:27)
- BB. The way of righteousness is life, and in its path there is no death. (Proverbs 12:28)

#### **XIV. CHAPTER THIRTEEN**

- A. A wise son heeds his father's instructions, but a scoffer will not pay attention to reprimands. (Proverbs 13:1)
- B. By the fruit of his mouth, a man shall eat good, but the soul of the deceiver will eat that which is not right. (Proverbs 13:2)
- C. One who guards his mouth protects his life, but undisciplined lips lead to destruction. (Proverbs 13:3)
- D. The soul of the lazy has nothing for which it wishes, but the soul of the determined is satisfied. (Proverbs 13:4)
- E. The just hate false words, but the wicked are morally offensive and come to shame. (Proverbs 13:5)

- F. Righteousness guards the upright's way of life, but evil overthrows the sinner. (Proverbs 13:6)
- G. There is one who grows rich and has nothing; yet, there is another who is destitute and has much wealth. (Proverbs 13:7)
- H. Riches can ransom a man's life, but a poor man does not hear rebuke. (Proverbs 13:8)
- I. The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked will be extinguished. (Proverbs 13:9)
- J. Arrogance produces only quarrels, but with advice comes wisdom. (Proverbs 13:10)
- K. Wealth that comes through vanity diminishes, but that which comes through labor increases. (Proverbs 13:11)
- L. Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when desire comes, it is a tree of life. (Proverbs 13:12)
- M. One who lacks respect for the word brings destruction on himself, but whoever respects the command will be compensated. (Proverbs 13:13)
- N. The principles of the wise are a fountain of life to turn one away from the snares of death. (Proverbs 13:14)
- O. Good intelligence gains favor, but the ways of a deceiver do not change. (Proverbs 13:15)
- P. Every prudent person acts with knowledge, but the foolish disperse their foolishness. (Proverbs 13:16)
- Q. A wicked messenger falls into evil, but a faithful herald brings deliverance. (Proverbs 13:17)
- R. Poverty and shame will come to one who rejects correction, but one that heeds correction will be honored. (Proverbs 13:18)
- S. Desire that comes to pass is agreeable to the soul, but for fools, it is disgusting to turn from evil. (Proverbs 13:19)
- T. One who walks with the wise will be wise, but those who associate with fools will be damaged. (Proverbs 13:20)

- U. Criminals pursue evil, but the just are compensated with good. (Proverbs 13:21)
- V. Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren, and the wealth of the sinner is reserved for the just. (Proverbs 13:22)
- W. There is much food in the plowing of the poor, but lack of judgment causes it to decrease. (Proverbs 13:23)
- X. One who withholds punishment hates his child, but one who loves his child will diligently punish him. (Proverbs 13:24)
- Y. The just eat and their soul is satisfied, but the belly of the wicked never gets enough. (Proverbs 13:25)

## **XV. CHAPTER FOURTEEN**

- A. A wise woman builds her house, but a foolish woman destroys her house with her own hands. (Proverbs 14:1)
- B. One who walks righteously reveres Jehovah, but one who is perverse in his ways despises Him. (Proverbs 14:2)
- C. The mouth of the fool becomes arrogant, but the wise guards his lips. (Proverbs 14:3)
- D. Where there are no oxen the crib is clean, but much produce comes through the strength of the ox. (Proverbs 14:4)
- E. A truthful witness will not lie, but an untruthful witness will utter lies. (Proverbs 14:5)
- F. A scoffer seeks wisdom, but he cannot find it; however, knowledge comes easy to one who understands. (Proverbs 14:6)
- G. Walk in the presence of a foolish man and you will not observe knowledge. (Proverbs 14:7)
- H. The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, but the nonsense of fools is deceiving. (Proverbs 14:8)
- I. Fools scoff at guilt, but the righteous show delight. (Proverbs 14:9)

- J. When the heart observes bitterness, the joyful soul should turn aside and not intermingle. (Proverbs 14:10)
- K. The house of the wicked shall be deserted, but the tent of the righteous shall flourish. (Proverbs 14:11)
- L. There is a way that seems right unto man, but the way ends in death. (Proverbs 14:12)
- M. Even in laughter, the heart may feel pain, and joy may end in grief. (Proverbs 14:13)
- N. The heart that turns back (abandons what is right) will be satisfied with its own ways, but the good man will be satisfied from above. (Proverbs 14:14)
- O. The foolish believe every word, but the prudent mentally comprehend their steps. (Proverbs 14:15)
- P. The wise fear and depart from evil, but the foolish cross over with confidence. (Proverbs 14:16)
- Q. One with a quick temper acts foolishly, and a man with evil plans is detested. (Proverbs 14:17)
- R. The foolish inherit foolishness; the prudent are crowned with knowledge. (Proverbs 14:18)
- S. Evil bows before good, and the wicked will bow before the gates of the just. (Proverbs 14:19)
- T. The poor are detested even by their associates, but the rich have many friends. (Proverbs 14:20)
- U. One who disrespects his associates is in violation, but happy is he who is kind to those in need. (Proverbs 14:21)
- V. Avoid evil and do not stray; kindness and stability produce good. (Proverbs 14:22)
- W. All labor brings profit, but merely words from the lips bring poverty. (Proverbs 14:23)
- X. The accumulation of wisdom protects the wise, but the foolish are ruined by their stupidity. (Proverbs 14:24)

- Y. A true witness delivers souls, but one who utters lies deceives. (Proverbs 14:25)
- Z. Fear of the Lord is a strong refuge in which His children are sheltered. (Proverbs 14:26)
- AA. Fear of the Lord is a well of life that turns one from the snares of death. (Proverbs 14:27)
- BB. The king's honor is a multitude of people, but a diminishing population is the demise of his honor. (Proverbs 14:28)
- CC. One who is slow to anger has great intelligence; one who gets angry quickly increases foolishness. (Proverbs 14:29)
- DD. A satisfied heart is life to the flesh, but resentment decays the bones. (Proverbs 14:30)
- EE. One who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker; one who is kind to the poor honors his Maker. (Proverbs 14:31)
- FF. The wicked are overcome with evil, but the just have refuge even in death. (Proverbs 14:32)
- GG. Wisdom rests in the heart of understanding, but the heart of a fool is revealed. (Proverbs 14:33)
- HH. Righteousness exalts a nation, but a nation is reprimanded for sin. (Proverbs 14:34)
- II. A wise servant is a king's delight, but a shameful servant invokes his wrath. (Proverbs 14:35)

## **XVI. CHAPTER FIFTEEN**

- A. A soft reply turns back anger, but hurtful words arouse anger. (Proverbs 15:1)
- B. The tongue of the wise gives sound knowledge, but the mouth of the fool utters foolishness. (Proverbs 15:2)
- C. The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, observing the good and evil. (Proverbs 15:3)
- D. A therapeutic tongue is a tree of life, but a vicious tongue overwhelms the spirit. (Proverbs 15:4)

- E. A fool despises his father's instruction, but the prudent will pay attention to his instruction. (Proverbs 15:5)
- F. In the house of the just there is much wealth, but the income of the wicked is distressful. (Proverbs 15:6)
- G. The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, but the heart of the foolish does not do so. (Proverbs 15:7)
- H. The sacrifice of the wicked is disgusting to the Lord, but the prayer of the just is His delight. (Proverbs 15:8)
- I. The way of the wicked is disgusting to the Lord, but He loves those who pursue righteousness. (Proverbs 15:9)
- J. Harsh discipline is for those who forsake the way, but those who hate correction will die. (Proverbs 15:10)
- K. *Sheol* and *Abaddon* (the world of the dead and perishing) are before the Lord; how much more the hearts of the children of men. (Proverbs 15:11)
- L. A scoffer does not love those who correct him; neither will he go to the wise. (Proverbs 15:12)
- M. A cheerful heart produces a beautiful countenance, but a wounded heart distresses the spirit. (Proverbs 15:13)
- N. An understanding heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on foolishness. (Proverbs 15:14)
- O. All the days of the depressed are bad, but a good heart feasts continually. (Proverbs 15:15)
- P. Better is little with the fear of the Lord than an abundant depository (storehouse) with confusion. (Proverbs 15:16)
- Q. A vegetable meal in an atmosphere of love is better than a choice steak in an atmosphere of hate. (Proverbs 15:17)
- R. An angry man provokes quarrels, but one who is slow to become angry calms controversies. (Proverbs 15:18)
- S. The way of the habitually lazy is a hedge of thorns, but the way of the just is an expressway. (Proverbs 15:19)

- T. A wise son makes his father glad, but a foolish man is a disgrace to his mother. (Proverbs 15:20)
- U. Foolishness delights one who lacks wisdom, but a man of intelligence will walk honorably with integrity. (Proverbs 15:21)
- V. Without counsel, plans are frustrated, but with an abundance of advice they materialize. (Proverbs 15:22)
- W. Joy comes by the reply of a man's mouth, and a timely word--how good it is! (Proverbs 15:23)
- X. The way of life leads upward for the intelligent so that he can silence Sheol beneath. (Proverbs 15:24)
- Y. The Lord will destroy the house of the arrogant, but He will establish the territory of the widow. (Proverbs 15:25)
- Z. The deceitfulness of the wicked is disgusting to the Lord, but pure words please Him. (Proverbs 15:26)
- AA. Dishonest gain disturbs one's household, but one who detests bribes shall live. (Proverbs 15:27)
- BB. The heart of the just ponders before responding, but the mouth of the wicked utters evil. (Proverbs 15:28)
- CC. The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayers of the just. (Proverbs 15:29)
- DD. Illuminated eyes bring joy to the heart (inward man), and a good report satisfies the bones (outward man). (Proverbs 15:30)
- EE. The ear that listens to correction lives where the wise dwell. (Proverbs 15:31)
- FF. One who refuses correction ignores his own soul, but one who pays attention to correction establishes his heart. (Proverbs 15:32)
- GG. Wisdom teaches to fear the Lord; it also teaches that before honor comes humility. (Proverbs 15:33)

## **XVII. CHAPTER SIXTEEN**

- A. Man's mental disposition (temperament) is in his heart, but the Lord responds to his tongue (speech). (Proverbs 16:1)
- B. All of man's ways are clear in his own eyes, but the Lord tests his spirit. (Proverbs 16:2)
- C. Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be successful. (Proverbs 16:3)
- D. The Lord makes all accountable, even the wicked in the day of evil. (Proverbs 16:4)
- E. Every proud heart is disgusting to the Lord; though hand be in hand, he shall not be clean. (Proverbs 16:5)
- F. Kindness and truth cover evil, but those who fear the Lord will depart from evil. (Proverbs 16:6)
- G. When a man's ways please the Lord, he is safe, even with his enemies. (Proverbs 16:7)
- H. It is better to have a little with righteousness than an abundance of income without justice. (Proverbs 16:8)
- I. Man's heart plans his way; the Lord establishes his steps. (Proverbs 16:9)
- J. An impartial decision should be upon the lips of the king in judgment, and he must not cover his mouth (refuse to pronounce judgment). (Proverbs 16:10)
- K. Accurately balanced scales and all the weights of the bag (fairness in business dealings) are from the Lord. (Proverbs 16:11)
- L. It is disgusting for kings to do wrong because the throne is established in righteousness. (Proverbs 16:12)
- M. The delight of kings is correct lips; they love those who speak justly. (Proverbs 16:13)
- N. The king's anger is a messenger of death; a wise man will pacify it. (Proverbs 16:14)

- O. The king's illuminated face (cheerful countenance) is life; his delight is like a dark cloud that brings the spring rain. (Proverbs 16:15)
- P. It is better to obtain wisdom than gold, and to get understanding is better than choice silver. (Proverbs 16:16)
- Q. The predominant path of the just turns away from evil; one who guards his way protects his soul. (Proverbs 16:17)
- R. Arrogance goes before destruction, and a prideful spirit precedes a fall. (Proverbs 16:18)
- S. It is better to be humble among the common than to divide the spoil among the proud. (Proverbs 16:19)
- T. One who acts intelligently over a matter will bring forth good, and happy is he who trusts in the Lord. (Proverbs 16:20)
- U. One who is wise in heart will be recognized as one of understanding, and pleasant lips add to instruction. (A good presentation enhances instruction.) (Proverbs 16:21)
- V. To the one who has it, intelligence is a source of life, but to the foolish, instruction is foolishness. (Proverbs 16:22)
- W. A wise heart causes the mouth to be intelligent and enhances the instructions of the lips. (Proverbs 16:23)
- X. Pleasant words are like honey from the honeycomb--sweet to the soul and medicine to the bones. (Proverbs 16:24)
- Y. There is a way of life that is right before men, but the way ends in death. (Proverbs 16:25)
- Z. The laboring soul works for itself; his desire to eat urges him to work. (Proverbs 16:26)
- AA. An evil man plans evil, and the words of his lips are like a raging fire. (Proverbs 16:27)
- BB. A perverse man creates quarrels, and a slanderer separates friends. (Proverbs 16:28)

- CC. A man of violence deceives his associates into walking down a road that is not good. He closes his eyes to devise perversity, and without a word he accomplishes evil. (Proverbs 16:29-30)
- DD. Old age is as an ornamental crown; it is found in the way of righteousness. (Proverbs 16:31)
- EE. It is better to be slow to anger than to be powerful. It is better to rule over anger than to capture a city. (Proverbs 16:32)
- FF. The lot is cast in our bosom, but every verdict is the Lord's. (Proverbs 16:33)

## **XVIII. CHAPTER SEVENTEEN**

- A. A dry, small portion in peace is better than a house full of sacrifices with strife. (Proverbs 17:1)
- B. An intelligent servant will rule over a disgraceful son, and he will share the inheritance with the brothers. (Proverbs 17:2)
- C. The refining pot is used for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart. (Proverbs 17:3)
- D. One who is good for nothing pays attention to vain lips, and a liar listens to a destructive tongue. (Proverbs 17:4)
- E. Whoever mocks the poor defames his Maker, and he who is glad over someone's misfortune will not be blameless. (Proverbs 17:5)
- F. Grandchildren are the crown of older men; fathers are the pride of their children. (Proverbs 17:6)
- G. Excellent speech is not appropriate for the stupid, and lying lips are certainly not appropriate for a nobleman. (Proverbs 17:7)
- H. A bribe is as a beautiful stone in the eyes of its owner; whenever it appears, it alters sound judgment. (Proverbs 17:8)
- I. One who covers a transgression pursues love, but one who repeats the matter separates friends. (Proverbs 17:9)
- J. Reprimanding one of understanding is more effective than beating a fool with a hundred blows. (Proverbs 17:10)

- K. The evil person seeks only rebellion; therefore, a cruel representative will be sent to him. (Proverbs 17:11)
- L. It is better for a man to meet a bereaved bear than a fool in his foolishness. (Proverbs 17:12)
- M. Evil shall not depart from the house of one who returns evil for good. (Proverbs 17:13)
- N. Beginning a quarrel is like water bursting forth; therefore, abandon the controversy before a quarrel begins. (Proverbs 17:14)
- O. Justifying the wicked and condemning the just are both disgusting to the Lord. (Proverbs 17:15)
- P. Why give money for the foolish to get wisdom when their heart is not in it? (Proverbs 17:16)
- Q. A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for hardships. (Proverbs 17:17)
- R. A man who lacks understanding obligates himself, in the presence of his friend, to ensure a debt. (Proverbs 17:18)
- S. One who loves quarrels loves transgressions; one who is prideful before authorities seeks ruin. (Proverbs 17:19)
- T. A distorted heart will not find good, and a perverted tongue will fall into evil. (Proverbs 17:20)
- U. Giving birth to a fool is sorrowful, and being the father of a fool does not make one happy. (Proverbs 17:21)
- V. Like medicine, a joyful heart makes one well, but a distressed spirit dries the bones. (Proverbs 17:22)
- W. The wicked take secret bribes and pervert the ways of justice. (Proverbs 17:23)
- X. Wisdom is before the face of those with understanding, but the eyes of the foolish look to the farthest point of earth (and cannot find wisdom). (Proverbs 17:24)
- Y. A foolish son irritates his father and grieves his mother. (Proverbs 17:25)

- Z. To punish the just is not good; neither is assaulting noblemen for their fairness. (Proverbs 17:26)
- AA. One who exercises knowledge restrains his words, and a man of intelligence has a quiet spirit. (Proverbs 17:27)
- BB. When silent, even a fool is regarded as wise, and one who keeps his lips closed is recognized as a man of understanding. (Proverbs 17:28)

## **XIX. CHAPTER EIGHTEEN**

- A. One who isolates himself seeks personal satisfaction and defies sound judgment. (Proverbs 18:1)
- B. A fool does not desire intelligence; consequently, he reveals his heart. (Proverbs 18:2)
- C. When the wicked come, disrespect comes also, and with humiliation comes disgrace. (Proverbs 18:3)
- D. The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the source of wisdom is as a flowing stream, (pure and refreshing). (Proverbs 18:4)
- E. It is not good to judicially favor the wicked and condemn the righteous. (Proverbs 18:5)
- F. Arguments come from a fool's lips, and his mouth calls for a fight. (Proverbs 18:6)
- G. A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips capture his soul. (Proverbs 18:7)
- H. The words of a slanderer cause persistent irritation; they go down into the innermost being. (Proverbs 18:8)
- I. The name of the Lord is a strong, secure tower; the just run into it, and they are safe. (Proverbs 18:10)
- J. In his imagination, the wealth of the rich is his secure city with an inaccessible wall of protection. (Proverbs 18:11)
- K. Before destruction, the heart of a man becomes haughty, and humility precedes honor. (Proverbs 18:12)

- L. It is foolish and disgraceful to respond to words before intelligently hearing them. (Proverbs 18:13)
- M. The spirit of man will sustain him in his sickness, but who can bear a distressed spirit? (Proverbs 18:14)
- N. The heart of the understanding gets knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. (Proverbs 18:15)
- O. A man's gift will make room for him and bring him before great men. (Proverbs 18:16)
- P. The first one heard in a controversy seems just until his contender interrogates him. (Proverbs 18:17)
- Q. Quarrels cease when decisions are made through a method that eliminates man's choice and rational decisions transpire between the powerful. (Proverbs 18:18)
- R. An offended brother is harder to penetrate than a strong city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel--they keep you out. (Proverbs 18:19)
- S. A man will be satisfied by the fruit of his mouth, and his innermost being will be satisfied with the produce of his lips. (Proverbs 18:20)
- T. Death and life are in the power of the tongue; we will eat the fruit of the one we love--death or life. (Words of death produce death; words of life produce life. Which conversation do we love?) (Proverbs 18:21)
- U. One who finds a wife finds good and obtains the delight of the Lord. (Proverbs 18:22)
- V. The poor utter earnest petitions, but the rich respond harshly. (Proverbs 18:23)
- W. A man's friends may hurt him, but there is a loving friend who adheres as a brother. (Proverbs 18:24)

## **XX. CHAPTER NINETEEN**

- A. The poor who walks blamelessly is better than a fool with distorted lips. (Proverbs 19:1)

- B. It is not good for the soul to be without knowledge; therefore, one who gets in a hurry will be led astray. (Action without knowledge may prove to be counterproductive.) (Proverbs 19:2)
- C. The foolishness of man ruins his life, but his heart is angry with the Lord. (Proverbs 19:3)
- D. Wealth accumulates friends, but poverty separates friends. (Proverbs 19:4)
- E. A false witness is guilty, and one who utters lies will not escape. (Proverbs 19:5)
- F. Many requests are made before the generous, and everyone is a friend to him who gives gifts. (Proverbs 19:6)
- G. A poor man is detested by all his relatives. How much more will his friends withdraw from him? The words they speak to him are hurtful. (Proverbs 19:7)
- H. One who establishes his heart loves his soul, and one who listens to intelligence will acquire good. (Proverbs 19:8)
- I. A false witness is guilty, and one who utters lies will perish. (Proverbs 19:9)
- J. It is not appropriate for a fool to live in luxury; how much less for a servant to rule over officials. (Proverbs 19:10)
- K. Man's intelligence will defer his anger, and it is honorable to cover a transgression. (Proverbs 19:11)
- L. A king's anger is like the roar of a lion, but his pleasure is as dew upon grass. (Proverbs 19:12)
- M. A foolish son hurts his father, and a quarreling wife is like a constant dripping (very irritating). (Proverbs 19:13)
- N. Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a wife who exercises good judgment and common sense is from the Lord. (Proverbs 19:14)
- O. Habitual laziness is the downfall of the lethargic; therefore, the negligent soul will be hungry. (Proverbs 19:15)

- P. One who pays attention to the commandments protects his soul, but disrespect for them leads to death. (Proverbs 19:16)
- Q. One who shows kindness to the poor lends to the Lord and will receive comparable treatment. (Proverbs 19:17)
- R. Whip your child while there is hope, and do not allow his soul to come near death. (Proverb 19:18)
- S. Severe anger must carry a penalty. If you rescue the offender, you will have to do it repeatedly. (Proverbs 19:19)
- T. Listen attentively to counsel and receive instruction for the purpose of becoming wise in the future. (Proverbs 19:20)
- U. There are many plans in the heart of man, but it is the Lord's plans that are established. (Proverbs 19:21)
- V. People desire kindness; it is better to be destitute than a liar. (Proverbs 19:22)
- W. Fear the Lord and live; dwell in satisfaction and do not visit evil. (Proverbs 19:23)
- X. The habitually lazy man will hide his hand in a bowl, but he will not bring it to his mouth. (Proverbs 19:24)
- Y. Whip a mocker and the foolish will see; correct one of understanding and he will comprehend knowledge. (Proverbs 19:25)
- Z. He who devastates his father and causes his mother to flee is a disgraceful and shameful son. (Proverbs 19:26)
- AA. A child who ceases to pay attention to instruction will turn away from words of knowledge. (Proverbs 19:27)
- BB. A worthless witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked swallows wickedness. (Proverbs 19:28)
- CC. A sentence is appointed for mockers, and beatings for the backs of the foolish. (Proverbs 19:29)

## **XXI. CHAPTER TWENTY**

- A. Wine is a mocker and strong drink greatly agitates, and anyone who is led astray by them is not wise. (Proverbs 20:1)

- B. The threat of a king is as a roaring lion (frightful); he who provokes him condemns his own soul. (Proverbs 20:2)
- C. Honorable men refrain from strife, but the foolish act stubbornly. (Proverbs 20:3)
- D. The habitually lazy do not plow in season; therefore, they make their appeal in harvest because they have nothing. (Proverbs 20:4)
- E. Like deep water, plans are in the heart of man; an intelligent man will draw them out. (Proverbs 20:5)
- F. Most people will proclaim man's kindness, but who can find a faithful man? (Proverbs 20:6)
- G. The just walk blameless; happy are their children who follow. (Proverbs 20:7)
- H. A king who sits on the throne of judgment separates with his eyes all evil. (Proverbs 20:8)
- I. Who can say, "My heart is blameless," or "I am free from offenses"? (Proverbs 20:9)
- J. Different weights and different measures are both disgusting to the Lord. (Proverbs 20:10)
- K. Even a child is known by his actions, whether his deeds are pure and right. (Proverbs 20:11)
- L. The hearing of the ear and the seeing of the eye were both made by the Lord. (Proverbs 20:12)
- M. Do not love sleep lest you become poor; open your eyes and be satisfied with food. (Do not be lazy! Wake up, and get up!) (Proverbs 20:13)
- N. "Bad, bad," says the buyer, but when he has left he makes his boast. (Proverbs 20:14)
- O. There is gold and an abundance of pearls, but lips prepared with knowledge are more valuable. (Proverbs 20:15)

- P. Require collateral from the one who secures a loan for someone unknown to you; get a binding promise from those who are not relatives. (Proverbs 20:16)
- Q. A man may take pleasure in food gained deceitfully, but afterward it will be like gravel in his mouth (unpleasant). (Proverbs 20:17)
- R. Plans are established through counsel; do not go to war without a plan. (Proverbs 20:18)
- S. One who goes about gossiping reveals secrets; do not associate with a gossip. (Proverbs 20:19)
- T. The light of the one who disdains his father or mother will be extinguished in the middle of darkness. (Proverbs 20:20)
- U. An inheritance gained speedily at the beginning will not be blessed in the end. (Proverbs 20:21)
- V. Do not say, "I will retaliate;" wait for the Lord to assist you. (Proverbs 20:22)
- W. Inconsistent weights and inaccurate scales are not good; they are disgusting to the Lord. (Proverbs 20:23)
- X. A person's steps are of the Lord, so how can one understand his way? (Proverbs 20:24)
- Y. A person who declares something to be sacred (devoted) before considering his promise traps himself. (Proverbs 20:25; Judges 11:30-40)
- Z. A wise king sifts out the wicked and brings the threshing wheel over them. (Proverbs 20:26)
- AA. The spirit of man is the Lord's light that searches all the inward parts. (Proverbs 20:27)
- BB. Kindness and reliability protect the king; kindness fortifies the throne. (Proverbs 20:28)
- CC. The glory (splendor) of the young is their strength; the glory (splendor) of the old is old age (often signified by gray hair). (Proverbs 20:29)

- DD. Not only does physical punishment purge from evil, but the beatings also affect the inward parts. (Proverbs 20:30)

## **XXII. CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE**

- A. In the hand of the Lord, the king's heart is like a channel of water; wherever the Lord desires, He turns it. (Proverbs 21:1)
- B. Every way of man is correct in his own eyes, but the Lord examines the heart (not the way). (Proverbs 21:2)
- C. The Lord would rather one do right and make right decisions than to offer sacrifices. (Proverbs 21:3)
- D. A condescending look, a proud heart, and wicked works are sin. (Proverbs 21:4)
- E. Plans of the ambitious bring only gain, but all who move quickly will experience only lack. (Proverbs 21:5)
- F. Obtaining wealth by lying is unprofitable, and those who disperse lies seek ruin. (Proverbs 21:6)
- G. Harshly remove the violence of the wicked because they refuse to do justice. (Proverbs 21:7)
- H. The way of a wicked man is perverse, but the actions of the pure are appropriate. (Proverbs 21:8)
- I. It is better to live on the corner of a roof than to live with a quarreling wife in a prestigious house. (Proverbs 21:9)
- J. The soul of the wicked desires evil, and his associates will find no favor in his eyes. (Proverbs 21:10)
- K. The foolish become wise when they see the mockers punished, but the wise will receive knowledge through instruction. (One responds to fear; the other responds to instruction.) (Proverbs 21:11)
- L. The righteous pay attention to the circumstances and consequences of the house of the wicked, who are destroyed for their wickedness. (Proverbs 21:12)
- M. Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will also cry and not be heard. (Proverbs 21:13)

- N. A secret gift subdues anger; a covert bribe will subdue intense anger. (Proverbs 21:14)
- O. It is a joy to the just to do justice, but frightful to those who practice wickedness. (Proverbs 21:15)
- P. People who wander from the way of wisdom will dwell in the assembly of the dead. (Proverbs 21:16)
- Q. Love for pleasure causes one to become poor; love for wine and perfumes will not make one rich. (Proverbs 21:17)
- R. The wicked are a ransom for the just, and the deceiver for the righteous. (Convict the wicked and the just are freed.) (Proverbs 21:18)
- S. It is better to dwell in the earth's desert than with a quarreling, irritating wife. (Proverbs 21:19)
- T. In the dwelling place of the wise is a delightful storehouse of oil, but the stupid man does away with (waste) his. (Proverbs 21:20)
- U. One who pursues righteousness and kindness acquires life, righteousness, and honor. (Proverbs 21:21)
- V. The wise go up to the city of the powerful and bring down the stronghold in which they trust. (Wisdom is better than strength.) (Proverbs 21:22)
- W. One who guards his mouth and tongue protects his soul from trouble. (Proverbs 21:23)
- X. "Arrogant and proud scorner" describes one who becomes angry as a result of overbearing pride. (Proverbs 21:24)
- Y. The desire of the habitually lazy will kill him because his hands refuse to work. All day the habitually lazy desires greedily, but the just give and do not hold back. (Proverbs 21:25-26)
- Z. The sacrifice of the wicked is disgusting, especially when he brings it with wicked intent. (Proverbs 21:27)
- AA. A false witness will be inconsistent in his testimony, but a man who speaks truthfully is consistent and should be heard intelligently. (Proverbs 21:28)

- BB. The wicked man displays stubbornness, but the righteous man will reconsider his way. (One is teachable; the other is unteachable.) (Proverbs 21:29)
- CC. There is no wisdom, intelligence, or counsel that can stand against the Lord. (Proverbs 21:30)
- DD. Horses are prepared for battle, but deliverance comes from the Lord. (Proverbs 21:31)

### **XXIII. CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO**

- A. An honorable name should be selected over abundant riches, and good favor should mean more than silver and gold. (Proverbs 22:1)
- B. The Lord is the Maker of all, both rich and poor. (Proverbs 22:2)
- C. The prudent see evil and hide, but the foolish proceed and suffer the consequences. (Proverbs 22:3)
- D. Wealth, honor, and life come as a result of humility and fear of the Lord. (Proverbs 22:4)
- E. Thorns and snares (harmful things) are in the way of the perverse; one who protects his soul will stay away from them. (Proverbs 22:5)
- F. Train a child according to the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from the way he has been trained. (Proverbs 22:6)
- G. The rich rule over the poor; therefore, the borrower is servant to the lender. (Proverbs 22:7)
- H. Sow evil; reap trouble. Stop anger with punishment. (Proverbs 22:8)
- I. One who has an eye to do good will be blessed because he gives food to the poor. (Proverbs 22:9)
- J. Drive out the scorner and quarrels will leave; strife and disrespect will also be put away. (Proverbs 22:10)
- K. One who has purity of heart and gracious (kind) lips will have the king as his friend. (Proverbs 22:11)

- L. The eyes of the Lord keep a guarding watch over (preserves) knowledge, but He destroys the words of the deceiver. (Proverbs 22:12)
- M. The habitually lazy say, “There is a lion outside in the middle of the street. I could be killed.” (This statement is used as an excuse to keep from working.) (Proverbs 22:13)
- N. The mouth of a profane woman is a deep chasm. Those who fall into it (the enticement of her words) arouse the Lord’s anger. (Proverbs 22:14)
- O. Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the instrument (rod) of correction will remove it from him. (Proverbs 22:15)
- P. One who oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth and one who gives to the rich—both will surely become deficient. (Proverbs 22:16)
- Q. Incline your ear to hear the words of the wise and set your heart upon knowledge. It is delightful if you keep them (words of the wise and knowledge) within and place them securely in your lips so that your trust will be in the Lord. Know this today; yes, you! (Proverbs 22:17-19)
- R. Have I not written to you three times with purpose and knowledge, so that you would know the reality of words of truth? Return words of truth to those who send for you. (Do not lie or deceive—be honest, and do not make excuses.) (Proverbs 22:20-21)
- S. Do not rob the poor because he is weak and do not oppress the downcast in court. The Lord will defend their cause and give their oppressors just retribution. (Proverbs 22:22-23)
- T. Do not make friends with an angry man and do not go with a man of wrath, lest you learn his ways and set a trap for your soul. (Proverbs 22:24-25)
- U. Do not be one who shakes hands to pledge security for another’s debts. If you do not have the means to pay, your bed will be taken from under you. (Proverbs 22:26-27)
- V. Do not move an ancient boundary marker that has been set by your forefathers. (Proverbs 22:28)

- W. Watch the man who is skilful in his work; he will stand before kings, not inconspicuous people. (Proverbs 22:29)

#### **XXIV. CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE**

- A. When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider what is before you. Do not let your insatiable appetite control you and do not desire his choice foods; his food is deceiving. (Proverbs 23:1-3)
- B. Do not labor to get rich; cease from your own understanding. Why set your eyes on that which is nothing? Riches make themselves wings like those of an eagle that flies through the sky. (Proverbs 23:4-5)
- C. Do not eat the food of one who causes injury or misfortune to others and do not desire his choice foods. As he thinks in his soul, so is he. He tells you to eat and drink, but his heart is not in agreement with his words. You will throw up the portion you have eaten, and your compliments will be wasted. (Proverbs 23:6-8)
- D. Do not speak to the ears of a fool; he will be disrespectful to words of intelligence. (Proverbs 23:9)
- E. Do not move old boundary markers and do not encroach on the fields of the bereaved, for their Redeemer is strong, and He will defend them in their controversy with you. (Proverbs 23:10-11)
- F. Let instruction come to your heart and words of knowledge to your ears. (Proverbs 23:12)
- G. Do not prevent the chastisement of a child; whipping him with the instrument for punishment will not kill him. When you whip him with the instrument for punishment, you deliver his soul from hell. (Proverbs 23:13-14)
- H. My son, if your heart is wise, you will bring joy to my heart, even mine. Inwardly, I will jump for joy when your lips speak that which is right. (Proverbs 23:15-16)
- I. Do not let your heart be jealous of the transgressors but fear the Lord all day long. Without a doubt, there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off. (Proverbs 23:17-18)

- J. Listen attentively, my son, and be wise. Keep your heart on the right path. Do not be drunk with wine, and do not be attracted to immoral people. Drunkenness and immorality reduce one to poverty, and sleepiness (drowsiness or sluggishness) clothes one with rags. (Proverbs 23:19-21)
- K. Listen attentively to your father who begot you, and do not be disrespectful to your mother when she is old. (Proverbs 23:22)
- L. Acquire truth and do not relinquish wisdom, correction, or understanding. (Proverbs 23:23)
- M. The father of the righteous is extremely happy, and he who begets one who is wise will be well pleased with him. The father will be glad, and the mother who bore him will rejoice. (Proverbs 23:24-25)
- N. My son, give me your heart and be pleased with my ways. (Proverbs 23:26)
- O. The adulterous woman is a deep chasm and narrow pit. She lies in wait like a thief; the number of men who transgress increases. (Proverbs 23:27-28)
- P. Who laments? Who has lack? Who quarrels? Who talks? Who has wounds without a reason? Who has redness of eyes? The answer is those who drink excessively, or become saturated with mixed drinks. (Proverbs 23:29-30)
- Q. Do not look at wine when it is red and appealing and flows evenly in the glass. In the end, it will strike like a snake and wound like a viper. Your eyes will look at strangers, and you will speak perversities. You will be like one who rests in the middle of the sea or reclines at the top of the mast. After sobering, he boasts, "I was hit, but I did not get hurt. I was beaten, but I do not remember it." When he gets up, he endeavors to do the same thing again. (Proverbs 23:31-35)

## **XXV. CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR**

- A. Do not be jealous of evil men, and do not desire to be near them because their heart contemplates violence, and their lips speak words of contention. (Proverbs 24:1-2)
- B. Wisdom builds a house; intelligence establishes it. Knowledge fills its rooms with delightful and valuable possessions. (Proverbs 24:3-4)

- C. A wise man is powerful; a man of knowledge is alert to his strength. (Proverbs 24:5)
- D. Through counsel you devise war, and freedom from danger (safety) comes as a result of many counselors. (Proverbs 24:6)
- E. Wisdom is too high for a fool; in the presence of authorities, he has nothing to say. (Proverbs 24:7)
- F. One who devises evil is called a schemer. (Proverbs 24:8)
- G. The plans of the foolish are sinful, and scorners are disgusting people. (Proverbs 24:9)
- H. A lack of diligence in the time of trouble demonstrates insufficient strength. (Proverbs 24:10)
- I. Deliver those who face death, and do not be indecisive about their execution. You may say you did not know it, but He who evaluates the heart hears you? Understand Who protects your soul. Know that every person will be recompensed according to his actions. (Proverbs 24:11-12)
- J. My son, eat honey because it is good; the honey from the comb is sweet to your taste. In like manner, know that wisdom is good to the soul. If you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off. (Proverbs 24:13-14)
- K. Do not ambush the residence of the just with evil, and do not devastate his resting place. Although a just man falls seven times, he will get back up, but the wicked will fall into evil. (Proverbs 24:15-16)
- L. Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart rejoice when he stumbles, for fear that the Lord will see and withdraw His wrath that was upon him. (Proverbs 24:17-18)
- M. Do not be angry because of evil; neither be jealous of the wicked because the evil have no future, and the light of the wicked will be extinguished. (Proverbs 24:19-20)
- N. My son, you fear the Lord and the king. Do not associate with those who are subject to change allegiance. Their misfortune will arise suddenly, and who knows the distressing event that will occur, from both the hand of the Lord and the king? (Proverbs 24:21-22)

- O. These sayings also belong to the wise: to show partiality in judgment is not at all good. (Proverbs 24:23)
- P. Those who declare the wicked to be just will be cursed by the people, and the community will be infuriated; those who correct the wicked are pleasing to the community, and a delightful blessing will come upon them. (Proverbs 24:24-25)
- Q. Replying with correct words is like a kiss on the lips (pleasant to the recipient). (Proverbs 24:26)
- R. Establish your outside employment, prepare your land, then build your house. (Proverbs 24:27)
- S. Do not be a witness against an associate, and do not deceive with your lips. Do not say, “ I will do to him as he has done to me,” or “I will repay him according to his deeds.” (Proverbs 24:28-29)
- T. I went by the field of an habitually lazy man and by the vineyard of a man without heart (understanding). The field of the habitually lazy man was grown over with briars and covered with thorns. The stone wall of the vineyard was broken down. When I looked, I considered what I saw and received instruction: A little sleep, a little drowsiness, a little clasping of the hands to rest will result in poverty and deficiency coming upon you as an armed robber. (They slip upon and steal from you.) (Proverbs 24:30-34)

## **XXVI. CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE**

- A. These are also proverbs of Solomon that the men of Hezekiah king of Judah transcribed. (Proverbs 25:1)
- B. The preeminence of God conceals a matter; the delight of kings is to thoroughly examine the matter. (Proverbs 25:2)
- C. As the height of heaven and the depth of the earth, the king’s heart is beyond examination. (Proverbs 25:3)
- D. Remove the dross from silver and it becomes refined, ready to be made into a vessel or utensil. Remove the wicked from the presence of the king and his throne will be established in righteousness. (Proverbs 25:4-5)

- E. Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king and do not stand in the place of the great, for it is better for him to say, "Come up to this place," than for you to be humiliated in the presence of the nobles who have seen you. (Proverbs 25:6-7)
- F. Do not hastily go forth for controversy; otherwise, what will you do in the end when your associate shames you? Privately discuss your concern with your associate, and do not reveal the matter to others, lest you be reproved by the one who hears the slander that cannot be disregarded. (Proverbs 25:8-10)
- G. A word spoken at the right time is like apples of gold on a figure of silver. (Proverbs 25:11)
- H. Wise correction upon an obedient ear is as a gold nose-ring or a trinket from refined gold. (Proverbs 25:12)
- I. A faithful messenger is like a cold snow after the time of harvest; he brings tranquility (peace) to the soul of his master who sent him. (Proverbs 25:13)
- J. A man who boasts of a fraudulent gift is like clouds in the sky without rain. (Neither produces.) (Proverbs 25:14)
- K. An angry approach will result in a negative ruling from the judge, but a gentle approach will result in a positive ruling. (Proverbs 25:15)
- L. When you find honey, eat enough, but do not overeat and get sick. (Proverbs 25:16)
- M. Do not visit your friends too often; otherwise, they will see you more than they want and detest your visits. (Proverbs 25:17)
- N. A man who speaks lies against an associate is like a mallet, sword, or sharp arrow. (Each inflicts injury.) (Proverbs 25:18)
- O. Confidence in a deceiver in time of trouble is like a broken tooth or a slipping foot. (Each of these may be a potentially painful experience.) (Proverbs 25:19)
- P. Singing songs to a heavy heart is like removing clothing on a cold day or putting vinegar on niter. (Each of these is inappropriate.) (Proverbs 25:20)

- Q. If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. By responding this way, you will bring burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you. (Proverbs 25:21-22)
- R. Just as a north wind brings rain, a deceptive tongue produces an angry countenance. (Proverbs 25:23)
- S. It is better to dwell on the angle of a roof than with a quarreling woman in a prestigious house. (Proverbs 25:24)
- T. Good news from a distant land is like giving cool water to a person who is faint. (Both are refreshing.) (Proverbs 25:25)
- U. The just who fall before the wicked are like a destroyed fountain and a ruined well. (Proverbs 25:26)
- V. Eating too much honey is not good; neither is thinking about your own glory. (Proverbs 25:27)
- W. A man who does not control his own spirit is like a city without walls. (Both are defenseless.) (Proverbs 25:28)

## **XXVII. CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX**

- A. Like snow in the summer or rain during harvest, honor is not suitable for a fool. (Proverbs 26:1)
- B. As a bird that disappears or a swallow that flies, slander without a reason will not remain. (Proverbs 26:2)
- C. A whip for the horse, a bit for the donkey, and a rod of correction for the back of a fool. (Proverbs 26:3)
- D. Do not respond to a fool foolishly, lest you also become like him; however, do respond to his nonsense, lest he become wise in his own eyes. (Proverbs 26:4-5)
- E. One who sends a message by the hand of a fool cuts off his foot and drinks violence. (Proverbs 26:6)
- F. A proverb spoken by a fool is like the feeble legs of a lame man (nonsupportive). (Proverbs 26:7)
- G. Giving honor to a fool is like cementing a rock to a rock pile. (Both are inappropriate.) (Proverbs 26:8)

- H. A proverb in the mouth of a fool is like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunk. (Neither is aware of what is in them.) (Proverbs 26:9)
- I. There is much distress for anyone who hires a fool; it is like hiring a transient. (Neither is dependable.) (Proverbs 26:10)
- J. Just as a dog returns to its vomit, a fool replicates (repeats) his foolishness. (Proverbs 26:11)
- K. There is more hope for a fool than for a man who considers himself to be wise. (Proverbs 26:12)
- L. The habitually lazy say, "There is a lion in the road, or there is a lion in the street" (as an excuse to stay at home). (Proverbs 26:13)
- M. As a door turns on its hinges, so does the habitually lazy turn upon his bed. (Proverbs 26:14)
- N. The habitually lazy person puts his hand in the bowl, but it tires him to bring it to his mouth. (Proverbs 26:15)
- O. In his own eyes, the habitually lazy person is wiser than seven who respond intelligently. (Proverbs 26:16)
- P. One who interferes in a quarrel that does not relate to him is like someone grabbing a dog by the ears. (Both are apt to get hurt.) (Proverbs 26:17)
- Q. A man who deceives an associate and afterward declares that he was joking is like raging fire leaping forth or arrows that kill. (He does damage.) (Proverbs 26:18-19)
- R. When there is no wood, the fire goes out; when there is no slanderer, the allegations cease. (Proverbs 26:20)
- S. Like a coal placed on an ember or wood placed on a fire, so is a contentious man; he incites disputes. (Proverbs 26:21)
- T. The words of a slanderer penetrate; they go into the innermost being. (Proverbs 26:22)
- U. An evil heart inciting the lips is like a piece of pottery covered with the dross from silver. (Neither is appropriate nor beneficial.) (Proverbs 26:23)

- V. Scrutinize the lips of one who hates, for within lies deceit. When he speaks favorably, do not believe him because his heart is filled with disgusting things. Although he covers his hate through deceit, he will be exposed before the assembly. (Proverbs 26:24-26)
- W. Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and a stone will come back upon the one who rolls it. (Proverbs 26:27)
- X. A lying tongue hates those it injures; a flattering mouth overthrows. (Proverbs 26:28)

## **XXVIII. CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN**

- A. Do not boast about tomorrow; you do not know what today will produce. (Proverbs 27:1)
- B. Do not boast about yourself; let others do it for you. Let the bragging come from them, not you. (Proverbs 27:2)
- C. A stone is heavy and sand weighs a lot, but the irritation of a fool is heavier than both. (Proverbs 27:3)
- D. Who can stand before jealousy's violent anger and overwhelming wrath? (Proverbs 27:4)
- E. Obvious correction is better than hidden love. (Proverbs 27:5)
- F. Reliable are the wounds of a friend; detestable are excessive kisses. (Honesty is better than flattery.) (Proverbs 27:6)
- G. One who is fully satisfied will destroy a honeycomb, but to the hungry, everything bitter is pleasant to eat. (Proverbs 27:7)
- H. A man who wanders from his dwelling is like a bird that wanders from its dwelling. (Proverbs 27:8)
- I. Counsel from the soul delights a friend like oil and perfume delight the heart. (Proverbs 27:9)
- J. Do not forsake your friend or your father's friend, and do not go to a relative's house in the day of your misfortune. Better is a neighbor who is near than a relative who is far away. (Proverbs 27:10)

- K. Children should be wise and bring joy to the hearts of their parents, retreating from those who attempt to defame with their speech. (Proverbs 27:11)
- L. The prudent perceive evil and hide from it; the foolish continue on and are punished. (Proverbs 27:12)
- M. Get collateral from anyone who guarantees the debt of a stranger and draw up a contract with the stranger. (Proverbs 27:13)
- N. Shouting a blessing to a friend early in the morning will be considered as a curse. (Proverbs 27:14)
- O. A quarreling wife is like a continuous drip on a day of pouring rain (very annoying). Restraining her is like trying to hold back the wind or hold onto to something with a greased right hand. (It's impossible!) (Proverbs 27:15-16)
- P. Iron sharpens iron; likewise, a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. (Proverbs 27:17)
- Q. Whoever takes care of his fig tree will eat the fruit of it; likewise, whoever protects his ruler will be honored. (Proverbs 27:18)
- R. As a face is reflected in water, the heart of a man reflects the man. (The outward man depicts the inward man.) (Proverbs 27:19)
- S. Sheol ("the world of the dead") and Abaddon ("a perishing") are never satisfied; neither are the eyes of man. (Proverbs 27:20)
- T. As the crucible refines silver and the furnace refines gold, public estimation (reputation) refines man. (Proverb 27:21)
- U. Although you pound a fool in a mortar, crushing him like grain with a pestle, yet he will not turn away from his foolishness. (Proverbs 27:22)
- V. Know the appearance of your herds and place your heart on them. Wealth does not last forever; neither is the crown (distinction) passed from generation to generation. (Take good care of the things you possess.) (Proverbs 27:23-24)
- W. When grass appears and sprouts are seen, the mountains become green. (Proverbs 27:25)

- X. Rams are for clothing, and goats are used to purchase property. (Proverbs 27:26)
- Y. Enough goat's milk will provide food for your family and maids. (Proverbs 27:27)

## **XXIX. CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT**

- A. The wicked run away when no one is chasing them, but the righteous are bold as a lion. (Proverbs 28:1)
- B. A rebellious land has many rulers, but a man of understanding recognizes justice and will be prolonged. (Proverbs 28:2)
- C. A poor man who oppresses the poor is like an overwhelming rain that destroys the crops. (What could be a benefit becomes a liability.) (Proverbs 28:3)
- D. The wicked brag about violating the law, but those who keep the law irritate them. (Proverbs 28:4)
- E. Evil men do not understand justice, but all who seek the Lord understand. (Proverbs 28:5)
- F. Better are the poor who live with a clear conscience than the rich who are perverted in their lifestyle. (Proverbs 28:6)
- G. A wise son keeps the law, but one who is a friend of the immoral will hurt his father. (Proverbs 28:7)
- H. Wealth increased through excessive interest will go to one who will be kind to the poor. (Proverbs 28:8)
- I. The prayers of one who refuses to listen to the law are disgusting. (Proverbs 28:9)
- J. One who causes the righteous to stray into an evil way will fall into his own pit. Those of integrity will inherit good (things). (Proverbs 28:10)
- K. A rich man is wise in his own eyes, but the poor man with understanding sees through him. (Proverbs 28:11)
- L. When the righteous triumph, there is great honor; when the wicked arise, men hide. (Proverbs 28:12)

- M. One who covers rebellion will not prosper, but one who abandons rebellion will find compassion. Happy is the man who is afraid to continue in rebellion, but one with an impenetrable heart will fall into evil. (Proverbs 28:13-14)
- N. The wicked ruling over poor people is like a roaring lion or an aggressive bear. (They are frightful and damaging.) (Proverbs 28:15)
- O. Leaders that lack understanding are great oppressors, but those who hate unjust gain will prolong their days. (Proverbs 28:16)
- P. A person who violates to the point of shedding blood will vanish into prison; let no one help him. (Proverbs 28:17)
- Q. Walking in integrity is safe, but perverted ways will cause one to fall. (Proverbs 28:18)
- R. One who works his soil will be satisfied with food; one who pursues worthless things will be filled with poverty. (Proverbs 28:19)
- S. A faithful man abounds with blessing, but one who tries to get rich quickly will not be virtuous (pure—innocent—sinless). (Proverbs 28:20)
- T. Showing partiality is not good; it will cause a man to transgress over a small portion of food. (Proverbs 28:21)
- U. Wealth agitates a man with bad judgment; he does not recognize how or when poverty shall come. (He is worried about losing what he has.) (Proverbs 28:22)
- V. Correct a person; afterwards, be gracious and speak gently. (Proverbs 28:23)
- W. One who robs his father or mother and says he is not in rebellion is companion to a man who destroys. (Proverbs 28:24)
- X. The conceited (excessively high opinion of oneself; egotism) soul stirs up quarrels, but one who trusts in the Lord is satisfied. (Proverbs 28:25)
- Y. One who trusts in his own heart is stupid, but he who walks wisely escapes. (Proverbs 28:26)

- Z. One who gives to the poor will not lack, but one who ignores them will receive many curses. (Proverbs 28:27)
- AA. When the wicked rise, people hide, but when they perish, the righteous increase. (Proverbs 28:28)

### **XXX. CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE**

- A. A man who resists correction will suddenly be hurt and there will be no cure. (Proverbs 29:1)
- B. When the righteous increase, the people are happy; when the wicked rule, the people sigh. (Proverbs 29:2)
- C. A man who loves wisdom makes his father happy, but one who associates with prostitutes squanders his wealth. (Proverbs 29:3; Luke 15:30)
- D. By justice, the land of a king is established, but exacting taxes from men will destroy it. (Proverbs 29:4)
- E. One who flatters his friend sets a trap for his feet. (Proverbs 29:5)
- F. The rebellion of evil men is a trap; the righteous shout and are happy. (Proverbs 29:6)
- G. The righteous recognize justice for the poor; the wicked do not understand that knowledge. (Proverbs 29:7)
- H. Mocking men anger a city, but the wise turn away anger. (Proverbs 29:8)
- I. A wise man judges against a foolish man and, whether he quivers or laughs, he will not find favor. (Proverbs 29:9)
- J. The bloodthirsty hate the God-fearing, but the just contend for their life. (Proverbs 29:10)
- K. A fool vents all his anger, but a wise man comes behind and calms. (Proverbs 29:11)
- L. If a ruler listens to lies, all his servants will be wicked. (Proverbs 29:12)

- M. The poor man and oppressor have this in common; the Lord gives sight to both. (Proverbs 29:13)
- N. The throne of the king who accurately judges the poor will be established forever. (Proverbs 29:14)
- O. The rod of correction gives wisdom, but a child who is not confronted will bring shame to his mother. (Proverbs 29:15)
- P. When the wicked increase, rebellion increases, but the righteous perceive their fall. (Proverbs 29:16)
- Q. Correct your son, and he will bring you both contentment and pleasure. (Proverbs 29:17)
- R. Without revelation, people are undisciplined, but attention to the word of God brings happiness. (Proverbs 29:18)
- S. Do not correct a servant with words; although he understands, he will not respond. (This statement refutes the modern-day concept of discipline.) (Proverbs 29:19)
- T. Watch a man who is quick with his words; there is more hope for a fool than for him. (Proverbs 29:20)
- U. A servant who is spoiled as a child will become an heir in the end. (Proverbs 29:21)
- V. An angry man agitates quarrels; an irate man is full of rebellion. (Proverbs 29:22)
- W. A person's arrogance will degrade him, but a humble spirit will obtain honor. (Proverbs 29:23)
- X. One who becomes partner with a thief hates his soul; he hears a curse (an appeal for evil or misfortune to come upon someone) but does not resist it. (Proverbs 29:24)
- Y. Fear of man brings a snare, but trust in the Lord brings safety. (Proverbs 29:25)
- Z. Many seek favor from the ruler, but man's justice is from the Lord. (Proverbs 29:26)
- AA. An evil man is disgusting to the righteous, and a righteous man is disgusting to the wicked. (Proverbs 29:27)

## **XXXI. CHAPTER THIRTY**

- A. The words in this chapter are spoken by Agur the son of Jakeh. He called them a prophetic utterance and spoke them unto two men, Ithiel and Ucal. (Proverbs 30:1)
- B. I am a stupid man and do not have the understanding of men. I was not taught wisdom nor do I know the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 30:2)
- C. Who ascends into heaven or descends from heaven? Who gathers the wind in His fists? Who confines the waters in a garment? Who raised all ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name? Can you tell me? (Proverbs 30:3-4)
- D. Everything God says is pure; He is protection for those who take refuge in Him. (Proverbs 30:5)
- E. Do not add to His words lest He correct you for lying. (Proverbs 30:6)
- F. I request two things of you before I die; do not refuse me: remove me from deception and lies and do not give me poverty or riches. Supply me with sufficient food, lest I be fully satisfied, become untrue, and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I become poor and steal, and thereby desecrate the name of God. (Proverbs 30:7-9)
- G. Do not falsely accuse a servant to his master lest he be swiftly punished. (Proverbs 30:10)
- H. There is a generation that makes light of their father, and they do not bless their mother. (Proverbs 30:11)
- I. There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes so they are not cleansed from their filth. (Proverbs 30:12)
- J. There is a generation that is prideful and disdainful. (Proverbs 30:13)
- K. There is a generation whose teeth are like knives and swords; they feed on the poor and destitute. (Proverbs 30:14)
- L. There are two daughters that are like leeches, which take and take. There are three that are never satisfied. There are four that never have enough: Sheol; the barren womb; the thirsty earth; and fire. (Proverbs 30:15-16)

- M. The eye of the one who mocks his father and disobeys his mother will be pierced by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the young eagles. (Proverbs 30:17)
- N. There are three wonderful things—four that I do not know: the way of an eagle in the sky; the way of a snake on a rock; the way of a ship in the middle of the sea; and the way of a man with a woman. (Proverbs 30:18-19)
- O. So is the way of an adulterous woman: she eats, wipes her mouth, and says, “I have done nothing wrong.” (Proverbs 30:20)
- P. Beneath three things the earth trembles; beneath these four it cannot endure: a servant who rules; a fool who is satisfied with food; a woman who inwardly hates to be married (unsubmissive); and a female slave who is heir to her mistress. (Proverbs 30:21-23)
- Q. There are four small things on the earth that are wise: ants who are not strong, but unite and gather their food in the right season; rock-rabbits who are not strong, yet they make their houses in the rocks; locusts who have no king, but all go forth in ranks; and lizards who climb into the palaces of kings. (Proverbs 30:24-28)
- R. There are three things beautiful in their march—four are beautiful in their walk: the lion who is powerful among beasts and does not turn away from any; the greyhound; the he-goat; and the king against whom there is no resistance. (Proverbs 30:29-31)
- S. If you have been foolish through pride or evil planning, put your hand over your mouth. (Proverbs 30:32)
- T. Just as surely as the churning of milk produces butter and squeezing the nose produces blood, pressing anger produces quarrels. (Proverbs 30:33)

## **XXXII. CHAPTER THIRTY-ONE**

- A. Proverbs thirty-one documents the words of King Lemuel (Solomon) that were taught to him by his mother (Bathsheba). (Proverbs 31:1)
- B. What heir to the throne? What heir to the throne from my womb? What promised heir to the throne? (Proverbs 31:2)

- C. Do not give your strength unto women, and do not choose a lifestyle that destroys kings. (Proverbs 31:3)
- D. Lemuel, kings should not drink wine, nor should nobles drink intoxicating beverages. Intoxication can cause one to forget the law and pervert justice for any man in distress. (Proverbs 31:4-5)
- E. Give intoxicating beverages to one who is perishing and wine to those with distressed souls; they can drink and forget their poverty and misery. (Proverbs 31:6-7)
- F. Speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, giving justice to all orphan sons. (Proverbs 31:8)
- G. Speak righteous judgment and regard the oppressed and destitute. (Proverbs 31:9)
- H. Who can find a virtuous woman? She is more valuable than pearls. (Proverbs 31:10)
  - 1. In her heart, she trusts her husband and lacks no benefits. (Proverbs 31:11)
  - 2. She will treat her husband with goodness, not evil, all the days of her life. (Proverbs 31:12)
  - 3. She searches for wool and linen, desiring to make things with her hands. (Proverbs 31:13)
  - 4. Like merchant ships from distant places, she rises early to supply food for her family and maids. (Proverbs 31:14-15)
  - 5. She considers the field from which to take fruit, and with her hands, she plants a vineyard. (Proverbs 31:16)
  - 6. She clothes herself with strength; her arms are vigorous (energetic). (Proverbs 31:17)
  - 7. She perceives how good her profit is from trade (good business woman). (Proverbs 31:18)
  - 8. Her light does not go out at night. (She is industrious and shines, even in adversity.) (Proverbs 31:18)

9. Her hands reach out for the distaff and hold the spindle. (Proverbs 31:19)
  10. She stretches out her hand to disperse to the poor and sends out to those in need (spirit, soul, or body). (Proverbs 31:20)
  11. Because all of her family is clothed with scarlet, she is not afraid of the snow. (Proverbs 31:21)
  12. She makes her bed coverings of linen and her garments of purple. (Proverbs 31:22)
  13. Her husband is known in the gate, where he sits with the elders of the land. (Proverbs 31:23)
  14. She makes garments and belts and sells them to the merchants. (Proverbs 31:24)
  15. She will laugh with pleasure in days to come because she is clothed with strength and magnificence (beauty). (Proverbs 31:25)
  16. She speaks with wisdom, and the law of kindness is upon her tongue. (Proverbs 31:26)
  17. She observes (watches attentively) the ways of her family and does not eat the food of laziness (refuses to be nonproductive). (Proverbs 31:27)
  18. She appropriately rears her children, and her husband brags about her. (Proverbs 31:28)
  19. Many daughters have done virtuously, but you surpass them all. (Proverbs 31:29)
- I. Charm and elegance are deceiving, and beauty is temporary; however, a woman who fears the Lord is pure and distinctly noticeable. Give her the fruit of her hands; her own actions will boast of her in the gate. (Proverbs 31:30)

## Key Words From The Proverbs

**Discretion** - The ability or power to decide responsibly.

**Instruction** - Administering chastisement, reproof, warning, or restraint.

**Intelligence** - The capacity to acquire and apply knowledge.

**Intelligent** - Showing sound judgment and rationality.

**Knowledge** - Familiarity, awareness, or understanding gained through experience or study.

**Prudent** - Wise in handling practical matters; exercising good judgment or common sense.

**Understanding** - Comprehension (to take in the meaning, nature, and importance of; grasp).

**Wisdom** - Understanding of what is true, right, or lasting; insight.

**Wise** - Having wisdom or discernment for what is true, right, or lasting.

**Fool** - One who is regarded as deficient in judgment, sense, or understanding.

**Foolish** - Lacking or exhibiting a lack of good sense or judgment.

**Silly** - Exhibiting a lack of wisdom or good sense; foolish.

**Stupid** - Slow to learn or understand.