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Proverbs

.David's son and Israel's king **He was** .the wise sayings said by Solomon **These are**¹ 1

.for knowing what is wise and instructive **These wise sayings are**²

.for understanding insightful things that people say **They are**

,for instructing someone about what is insightful **These wise sayings are**³

.righteous, just, and honest

,for making naive people prudent **They are**⁴

.young people knowledgeable and discreet **for making** and

.and learn more **to these wise sayings** Wise people will listen)⁵

because these sayings will guide **what to do** Indeed, understanding people will know
(.them

.for understanding wise sayings and parables **These wise sayings are**⁶

.what wise people say and the riddles they tell **Indeed, they are for understanding**

.Reverently fearing Yahweh is necessary for being knowledgeable⁷

.foolish people detest what is wise or instructive **But**

.My child, listen carefully to what I, your father, am teaching you⁸

.Indeed, obey the rules that your mother has commanded

were an **will make you respectable, as if it** because it **Obey your parents' teaching**⁹

,attractive wreath on your head

.or beautiful necklaces around your neck

,**to sin with them** My child, if sinful people tempt you¹⁰

.**to do so** refuse

!Those sinful people may say, "Join us"¹¹

.**who walks by** We will hide and wait in order to kill someone

Indeed, we will hide ourselves in order to suddenly attack an innocent person for no
.good reason

.We will kill living people completely, as if we were death itself¹²

.healthy people, as if they could not escape dying **We will even kill**

!We will discover many valuable treasures¹³

!We will fill our houses with what we steal

!Join our gang¹⁴

”.We will share all the loot between us

!My child, do not associate with those sinful people¹⁵

!Prevent yourself from doing anything they do

.because they are eager to do wicked things **Avoid those sinners**¹⁶

.They even rush to murder people

to trap a bird to put out a net for a hunter It is useless¹⁷

.because the bird will avoid the net while the bird is watching

,hide in wait **actually** They .these sinful people are more foolish than birds ,However¹⁸

.so that they kill themselves

.Indeed, they hide themselves to suddenly attack, so that they die

.That is what happens to anyone who gains wealth in an unjust manner¹⁹

.What they gained unjustly will kill them

.in public **to everyone** calls out **is like a woman who** What is wise²⁰

.in crowded places **to people** shouts **is like a woman who** Indeed, what is wise

.Indeed, at the place where busy streets intersect she cries out²¹

.entrance of the city gates she speaks **crowded** Indeed, at the

!She cries, “You naive people have loved being naive for too long²²

!You people who ridicule have enjoyed ridiculing to benefit yourselves for too long

!You foolish people have hated what you should know for too long

!to me when I correct you **and listen** Turn around²³

.Pay attention! I will tell you all that I am thinking

.Indeed, I will help you understand what I am saying to you

.**to listen** but you refused ,**to you** I cried out²⁴

,Indeed, I invited you to come to me

.**to me** but no one paid any attention

.**you to do** You ignored everything I advised²⁵

.Indeed, you rejected what I said to correct you

.Therefore, as for me, I will laugh at you when disastrous things happen to you²⁶

.Indeed, I will ridicule you when you are terrified

,when you are terrified, as if a violent storm has arrived **I will ridicule you**²⁷

,disastrous things happen to you violently **when**

!when you become distressed and anguished **and**

,to help them At that time, those foolish people will cry out to me²⁸

.to them but I will not reply

,Indeed, they will desperately try to find me

.but they will not be able to

.because they refuse to be knowledgeable Those foolish people will not find me²⁹

.They have also decided not to reverently fear Yahweh

.them to do Those foolish people rejected what I advised³⁰

.Indeed, they detested everything I said to correct them

.Those foolish people will suffer rightly for what they have done³¹

.Indeed, they will suffer fully for what they have planned

.to be wise Ultimately, naive people will die because they refuse³²

.Indeed, being complacent will destroy foolish people

.By contrast, people who listen attentively to what I say will live safely³³

”.They will not fear that something evil might happen to them

.My child, accept what I say¹ 2

.to be precious you Consider what I command

,listening attentively to what is wise Do this by²

.thinking seriously about what you should understand and by

.Yes, cry out to learn what you should understand³

!Cry loudly to learn what you should perceive

.Try to learn what is wise, like you would try to find silver⁴

Indeed, look eagerly for it, like you would look for a treasure that someone has

.hidden

.then you will understand how to reverently fear Yahweh ,If you do those things⁵

.You will even succeed in knowing God

.because Yahweh provides people with what is wise This is⁶

.He tells them what they should know and understand

.He gives what is truly wise to upright people⁷

.He protects people who behave honestly

.in order to guard those people who live justly He does these things⁸

.Indeed, he keeps safe those people who are faithful to him

,then you will understand what is righteous, just, and honest ,If you listen to me⁹

.the best way to behave even
, you will truly know what is wise **This is because**¹⁰
.and knowing what you should know will please you
.Being discreet will make you safe¹¹
.Indeed, being insightful will make you secure
in order to save you from people who behave wickedly **Being like this will protect you**¹²
.from people who speak perversely **and save you**
.Those people refuse to behave righteously in order to behave wickedly¹³
.They gladly do evil things¹⁴
.They enjoy evil and perverse acts
.They behave deceptively¹⁵
.Indeed, they act deviously
in order to save you from adulterous **Being discreet and insightful will protect you also**¹⁶
,women
.seductively **to you** from immoral women who speak **and to save you**
.Those women left the husbands they married when they were young¹⁷
.**when they married** They even forgot what they had promised to God
such a woman's house **going to because Being discreet and insightful will rescue you**¹⁸
.will result in you dying
Indeed, going with her will result in you going to the place where the spirits of dead
.people are
.No one who acts adulterously with her will live again¹⁹
!They will never become alive again
.Therefore, behave like a good person²⁰
.Indeed, conduct yourself like a righteous person
,Ultimately, people who live uprightly will live in our land²¹
will stay in this **for acting wickedly** Indeed, people whom Yahweh does not blame
.land for a long time
.By contrast, Yahweh will remove people who act wickedly from our land²²
!Yahweh will completely remove people who act treacherously from this land
!My child, remember the rules I have taught you¹ **3**
!Always be mindful to obey what I have commanded you

what I have commanded you will help you live for a long **obeying** because **Do this**²
 .time with many fulfilling and peaceful years
 .Always be faithful and trustworthy³
 they were a necklace you **how faithful and trustworthy you are, as if** Let everyone see
 .are wearing
 .Remember to be faithful and trustworthy at all times
 As a result of doing so, both God and people will approve of you and think well of⁴
 .you
 ,Trust Yahweh completely⁵
 .and do not rely on what you understand
 .Remember Yahweh whenever you do anything⁶
 .he will show you what you should do ,**of doing so** As a result
 .Do not think that you are wise⁷
 .Instead, reverently fear Yahweh and refuse to do what is evil
 .Doing so will make your body healthy⁸
 .will refresh you **doing so** ,Indeed
 ,some of your riches **by giving to him** Revere Yahweh⁹
 .from everything that you harvest **crops** some of the first **even by giving to him**
 of will result in your places for storing crops becoming abundantly full **Doing so**¹⁰
 .crops
 .Even your containers for wine will overflow with fresh wine
 .My child, do not refuse to listen when Yahweh corrects you¹¹
 .Do not be resentful even when he rebukes you
 .because Yahweh only reproves the people whom he loves **Do not do so**¹²
 .He is similar to a father who reproves the child whom he likes
 .People who gain what is wise are happy¹³
 .are truly happy Indeed, people who gain what they should understand
 .could profit them because being wise profits people more than silver **This is**¹⁴
 .could benefit them Indeed, being wise benefits people more than gold
 .Being wise is more valuable than precious jewels¹⁵
 .There is nothing you could desire that is worth as much as being wise
 .Being wise will help you live for a long time¹⁶
 .Being wise will help you become wealthy and honorable

.Being wise will make you live pleasantly¹⁷
 .Indeed, in every way being wise will make you live peacefully
 ,that keeps alive the people who hold on to it **with fruit** a tree **like** What is wise is¹⁸
 .People who are consistently wise live happily
 .Yahweh made the world by using what is wise¹⁹
 .He made the sky by using what he understands
below the According to what Yahweh understands, water flowed forth from deep²⁰
.above and water fell from the clouds **earth**
 .My child, always remember to do what is prudent and discreet²¹
 .Always be mindful to do those things
 Doing so will help you live for a long time²²
 .an attractive necklace around your neck **respectable, as if you had** and will make you
 .cause you to live safely **also** Doing so will²³
 .You will not even get hurt
 .you will not fear anything **,to sleep** When you lie down²⁴
 .and sleep peacefully **to sleep** You will even lie down
,to you Do not worry about something terrible suddenly happening²⁵
 .when God destroys wicked people **what will happen** or about
 .because Yahweh will make you confident **Do not worry**²⁶
 .He will not allow people to harm you
 Do not refrain from giving what is good to people who deserve it²⁷
 .when you are able to do so
 ,do not tell that person **,that someone you know needs** When you have something²⁸
 ”.Go away and come back later. I will give it to you then“
 .Do not plan to harm anyone, even someone who lives nearby and trusts you²⁹
 .Do not argue needlessly with someone who has not harmed you³⁰
 .Do not envy violent people³¹
 .Do not imitate anything they do
 ,people who act wickedly **such** because Yahweh detests **Do not do so**³²
 .but he converses like a friend with people who act uprightly
 ,Yahweh causes bad things to happen to the families of wicked people³³
 .but he causes good things to happen to the families of righteous people

,others Yahweh is the one who ridicules people who ridicule³⁴

.but he approves of people who are humble

,People will honor wise people³⁵

.but will shame foolish people

.Children, listen carefully to what I, your father, am teaching you¹ **4**

.Pay attention in order to learn what you should understand

.because what I am teaching you is good **Do this**²

.remember the rules that I am teaching you **So**

,I was once my father's boy³

.my mother considered me to be her delicate, only son **and**

,During that time, my father taught me. He told me⁴

!Remember what I have told you“

!Do what I have commanded you, so that you will keep on living

!Obtain what is wise and what you should understand⁵

!Always remember what I have spoken to you

.Remember what is wise, so that it will be like a woman who keeps you safe⁶

.Love what is wise, so that it will be like a woman who protects you

!obtain what is wise **So** !Being wise is the most important thing⁷

!it costs you everything that you own, obtain what you should understand **Even if**

.Prize what is wise, so that you will become great⁸

.People will honor you when you value what is wise

.put an attractive wreath on your head **will make you respectable, as if it** Being wise⁹

”.gave you a magnificent crown **will make you honorable, as if it** Indeed, being wise

.My child, listen attentively and accept what I say¹⁰

.Doing so will increase the number of years that you live

.I instructed you in how to act wisely¹¹

.I directed you in how to act uprightly

.**from succeeding** When you do something, nothing will prevent you¹²

.Indeed, if you do anything, you will succeed

;Consistently remember the things I have instructed you¹³

!keep remembering them

.Always be mindful of them, because they will keep you alive

.Do not do what wicked people do¹⁴

.Indeed, do not act like evil people act

!Shun doing what is evil. Do not even consider doing it¹⁵

.Refuse to act wickedly and do something else

evil people cannot even sleep unless they do **it is as if because Do not act wickedly**¹⁶

;something evil

.they cannot rest unless they hurt someone **it is as if**

;because evil people do wicked things as if they were eating food **Do not act wickedly**¹⁷

.they violently hurt others as if they were drinking wine

like the light of the sun at **they will live wisely and safely** ,As for righteous people¹⁸

.dawn

the sun shines brighter and brighter **They will live more and more wisely and safely as**

.until the brightest time of day

.in total darkness **who walk like people live dangerously wicked people But**¹⁹

what they trip over, they do not know **Like people walking in darkness do not know**

.what hurts them

!My child, pay attention to what I am saying to you²⁰

!Listen carefully to what I say

!Always remember what I say²¹

!Fully commit yourself to remembering such things

,**for a long time** because those who do so will live **Do this**²²

.even their whole bodies will be healthy

,Be extremely careful about what you think²³

.because what you think will control how you live

.Do not say anything that deceives people²⁴

.Indeed, never say anything that misleads people

.someone who is always looking straight ahead **Focus on doing what is right, like**²⁵

.someone who is looking straight in front of himself **act like** ,Indeed

.Carefully consider what you do²⁶

.you will succeed in everything that you do ,**of doing so** As a result

.Do not do anything other than what is right²⁷

.Prevent yourself from doing what is evil

!My son, pay attention to the wise things that I tell you^{1 5}

!Listen carefully to what I say you should understand
 ,so that you may remain discreet **Do this**²
 .and you may preserve what you know when you speak
 because what adulterous women say seems delightful like honey **Do this**³
 .and more pleasing than olive oil
 However, being with such a woman will result in you being miserable, as if you had⁴
 .eaten a bitter plant
 like a person whom someone has cut with a sharp, double-edged **You will suffer**
 .sword
 as if she were leading you to **Being with such a woman will result in both of you dying**⁵
 .where dead people are
 .Indeed, what she does will cause you both to die
 .She does not want to do what will cause her to live for a long time⁶
 is walking on an **lives precariously like someone who** She does not realize that she
 .uneven path
 !So now, children, pay attention to what I say⁷
 !Always remember what I have spoken to you
 !Stay far away from any adulterous woman⁸
 !Do not even go near the door of the place where such a woman dwells
 ,If you go to such a woman, people will weaken you⁹
 the best time of **what you have gained in** and some merciless person will take away
 .your life
 If you go to such a woman, people you do not know will satisfy themselves with¹⁰
 ,when you were strong **what you gained**
 .and some foreign person will fill his house with what you labored to gain
 Then you will groan when you are about to die¹¹
 .and have worn out your whole body
 !Then you will say, “I hated it extremely when people corrected me¹²
 !Indeed, I scorned people when they rebuked me
 .I did not obey the people who taught me¹³
 .Indeed, I did not listen carefully to the people who instructed me
 ”.I almost utterly disgraced myself in public¹⁴
 ;someone who only drinks water from his own well **So be like**¹⁵
 .have sex with your wife only

;someone who lets his water run out into the streets **Do not be like**¹⁶

!never have sex with other women

!Only have sex with your own wife¹⁷

!Do not have sex with other women

;Be happy with your wife¹⁸

.rejoice with the woman whom you married when you were young

.a mountain goat **as graceful as** a loving deer and **She is as beautiful as**¹⁹

.Let how attractive she is always satisfy you

.Constantly be exhilarated by how she loves you

!My son, you should never be exhilarated by an adulterous woman²⁰

!You should never passionately caress an immoral woman

.Never do that] because Yahweh fully knows what people do²¹

.Indeed, he knows everything that people do

;traps that catch them **like** The wicked things that wicked people do are²²

.like] ropes that tie them down the sinful things they do are

.Those wicked people will die because they did not discipline themselves²³

.They will do what kills them because they are extremely foolish

,My child, if you guarantee to pay a loan for someone you know¹ **6**

,you agree to pay a loan for someone you do not know **or if**

,you have troubled yourself by promising to do something **or if**²

,you cannot fulfill what you promised **and**

from what you have troubled yourself then, my child, do this in order to save yourself³

:with

to cancel what you have promised humbly go to that person you know and beg him

.because he controls you

,Do not sleep⁴

.until you go and talk to him do not even rest

,**immediately** Save yourself⁵

as if you were a deer fleeing from a hunter

.or a bird fleeing from a trapper

!You lazy person, go watch ants⁶

.Consider what ants do so that you can be wise

.Absolutely no one tells ants what to do⁷
.to eat during the winter at the right time they store their food ,Nevertheless⁸
.eat later Indeed, when people harvest crops, the ants collect what they will
!you lazy person, stop sleeping But⁹
!Wake up
!Let me sleep just a little more“ ,You say to yourself¹⁰
in order to rest comfortably for a little while across my chest Let me lay my hands
”!longer
will result in you suddenly becoming poor and needy Being so lazy¹¹
.as if a thief has robbed you
.Worthless people who act sinfully constantly deceive people by what they say¹²
.They gesture with their bodies to deceive people¹³
.They are always thinking perversely while planning how to do evil things¹⁴
.with each other They cause people to argue
.Because of this, disastrous things will suddenly happen to those people¹⁵
.Someone will destroy them instantly and they will not be able to recover
:Yahweh absolutely hates six, no, seven things¹⁶
,being proud, speaking falsely¹⁷
,someone who murders a person who has not done anything wrong
,someone who plans ways to act sinfully¹⁸
,someone who is eager to act wickedly
,someone who easily lies when testifying¹⁹
.and someone who causes members of the same family to argue
.you My child, be mindful to obey what I, your father, have commanded²⁰
.Indeed, obey the rules that your mother has commanded
.Remember what we have taught you as if it were always a part of you²¹
.you wore them like a necklace remember these lessons as if ,Indeed
.What we have taught you will cause you to know what you should do each day²²
.It will cause you to be safe when you sleep
.in the morning It will even be instructive for you when you wake up
.for you a lamp like is you because what I have commanded This is so²³
.to guide you a light like are we taught you Indeed, the rules

so that you can do what will **we do that** ,When we rebuke you while instructing you
 .keep you alive
 ,wicked women **going to** in order to prevent you from **We taught you these lessons**²⁴
 .what immoral women say seductively **believing from and to prevent you**
 .Do not think lustfully about her beautiful body²⁵
 .way she looks at you **flirtatious** Do not let her seduce you by the
 because, although having sex with a prostitute only costs you the price **Do not do so**²⁶
 ,of a cheap meal
 .married woman will cause you to die **adulterous** an
 !Fire will surely burn people who put it on their chests²⁷
 !Burning coals will surely burn the feet of people who step on them²⁸
 .It is similar with anyone who acts adulterously with a married woman²⁹
 .People will certainly punish anyone who does that
 in order to feed themselves when **food** Nobody hates people who steal if they steal³⁰
 .they are hungry
 as Nevertheless, if people catch thieves, those thieves must pay back seven times³¹
 .**much as they stole to those whom they stole from**
 .**in order to repay what they stole** They must give everything that they have
 .By contrast, a man who acts adulterously with a woman does not think wisely³²
 !What he does will kill him
 ,Someone will injure and disgrace him³³
 .and he will always be ashamed
 .because the jealous husband will become furious **This is so**³⁴
 on the man who acted adulterously He will act mercilessly when he revenges himself
 .**with his wife**
 ,**to stop being furious** That jealous husband will not accept any money³⁵
 .no matter how much money you offer him
 .My son, obey what I have told you¹ **7**
 .to be precious **you** Sincerely consider what I have commanded
 .so that you will keep on living ,**you** Do what I have commanded²
 .Consider the rules I have taught you to be the most precious things you possess
 .it were tied around your fingers **Always remember what I have commanded you as if**³
 !Remember it at all times

.Love what is wise as if it were your sister⁴
 .Indeed, love what you should understand as if it were a close relative
 ,so that you will be able to stay away from adulterous women **Do this**⁵
 .seductively **to you** from immoral women who speak **stay away** and
 ,**in my house** near the window **standing** once **I was**⁶
 .through the shutters on the window **from above the street** and I looked down
 .among the naive people **someone** Then I observed⁷
 .I noticed among the youths a young man who does not think wisely
 the adulterous woman **the road where** He walked down the street near the corner of⁸
 .dwells
 .Then he walked toward the place where she dwelled
 (.it became dark **and then** ,It was the time of day when night begins)⁹
 .Suddenly an adulterous woman approached the young man¹⁰
 .**the young man** She was wearing a prostitute's clothing and intended to deceive
 .That woman spoke loudly and acted rebelliously)¹¹
 .She never stayed at home
 .walked around the streets and public places **often** She¹²
 (.At the corner of any road she waited for someone whom she could seduce
 .she firmly took hold of him and kissed him ,**she saw the young man** When¹³
 ,**him** She shamelessly told
 to **in the temple** I sacrificed an animal **I have meat in my house, because** Today¹⁴
 .**with Yahweh** promise friendship
 .I did what I had vowed to do **In this way**
 .So I have come out here to meet you¹⁵
 !to look everywhere for you, and now I have found you **I have come out**
 .I have covered my bed with expensive Egyptian fabric¹⁶
 :I have put pleasant-smelling perfumes on my bed¹⁷
 .myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon
 !Let us satisfy ourselves sexually all night !**with me** Come¹⁸
 !Let us enjoy ourselves sexually
 .because my husband is not at home **Come with me**¹⁹
 .He has gone away on a long journey
 .He filled a bag with money and took it with him²⁰

”.He will not return home until the middle of the month
 ;that adulterous woman persuaded the young man by speaking so persuasively **Thus**²¹
 .into doing what she wanted to do by speaking seductively she allured him
 .to her home He quickly followed her²²
 .went to die like an ox going to the place where its owner will kill it **unknowingly** He
 in fetters to be punished **who goes** like a foolish person **He went to die**
 .shooting an arrow into his entrails **someone kills him by** until²³
 .like a bird that flies into a trap **He went to die quickly**
 .He did not realize that going with the adulterous woman would cause him to die
 !So now, children, pay attention to what I say²⁴
 !Pay careful attention to what I have spoken to you
 .Do not decide to do what adulterous women do²⁵
 !Indeed, never act like them
 .slain **now** because they have killed many men who are **Do not do so**²⁶
 !They have slain so many men
 an adulterous woman’s house is doing something that will result in that **Going to**²⁷
 .person dying
 will result in that person going to the place where the spirits of dead **Doing that**
 .people are
 .to everyone calls out **is surely like a woman who** What is wise¹ **8**
 .to people shouts **is surely like a woman who** Indeed, what people should understand
 stands at the highest place along the crowded streets **is like a woman who** What is wise²
 .where everyone can hear her
 .cries out next to the gates at the entrance to a city **is like a woman who** What is wise³
 !I am calling out to all of you“ :**She proclaims**⁴
 !I am speaking to all people
 .You naive people must comprehend what is prudent⁵
 .You foolish people comprehend how to be discerning
 .because I will tell you some excellent things ,**to what I say** Listen⁶
 .I will speak to you about what is right
 .because I speak what is true **Listen to what I say**⁷
 .I detest speaking what is evil
 .Everything that I say is righteous⁸

.I do not say anything that is false or deceptive
 .Everything that I say is plain for people who understand⁹
 .is right to people who have become knowledgeable **Everything that I say**
 .what I instruct you instead of silver **to learn** Choose¹⁰
 .what you should know instead of the finest gold **choose to learn** ,Indeed
 .because I am more valuable than precious jewels **Do this**¹¹
 .I am more valuable than anything you can desire
 .I am what is wise. I am related to what is prudent¹²
 .I enable someone to know what is discreet
 .Everyone who reverently fears Yahweh hates what is evil¹³
 .people are proud or arrogant **I hate it when**
 .I hate it when people act wickedly and when people speak perversely
 .I advise people and enable them to be truly wise¹⁴
 .I am what you need to understand
 .I strengthen people
 .**well** I enable kings to rule¹⁵
 .rulers to make righteous laws **I enable**
 ;I enable princes to govern¹⁶
 .**to govern** every royal official who judges righteously **I enable** and
 .I benefit anyone who loves me **am what is wise, and I**¹⁷
 .Anyone who earnestly tries to become wise will succeed
 .I enable people to become rich and I cause people to honor those people¹⁸
 .righteous **I enable people to become** riches that will last and **I enable people to have**
 What I can give people is more valuable than even the purest gold and the best¹⁹
 .silver
 do what is righteous and just **always** I²⁰
 .in order to give wealth to people who love me²¹
 .I will fill up the places where they store valuable items
 .**everything** when he began to create ,**what is wise** ,Yahweh had me²²
 .before he started doing that **Indeed, he had me**
 Yahweh established me a very long time ago—at the very beginning, before the²³
 .world existed
 I began to exist before the oceans existed²⁴

.and before there were springs abounding with water
 .**existed** before the hills **and** I began to exist before Yahweh made the mountains²⁵
 before Yahweh made the land or the fields or the first particles of dirt **I began to exist**²⁶
 .on the earth
 ,I existed when Yahweh made the sky²⁷
 .when he made the boundary between the sky and the ocean's surface **and**
 ,**the earth** when Yahweh made the clouds above **I existed**²⁸
 .when he made the springs flow at the bottom of the ocean **and**
 ,when Yahweh set boundaries for the seas **I existed**²⁹
 .would not go past those boundaries **in the seas** so that the water
 .when Yahweh made the boundaries of the land **I existed**
 helped him create **and** someone who was beside Yahweh **like** At that time I was³⁰
 .**everything**
 .I made him happy every day
 .I was always rejoicing when I was with him
 .rejoicing in the whole world that Yahweh had made **I was**³¹
 .**he had made** I was also happy with the people
 !So now, children, pay attention to what I say³²
 .because anyone who behaves wisely will be happy **Do this**
 .so that you will become wise ,**you** Listen to what I teach³³
 !Accept what I teach you
 ,People who listen to me will be happy³⁴
 at the door of my house **for me** people who wait **They are eager to listen to me like**
 .every day
 .at my doorway **for me** people who diligently wait **They are like**
 ,**a long time** because people who learn to be wise will live **This is true**³⁵
 .and Yahweh will approve of them
 .But those who refuse to be wise hurt themselves³⁶
 ”.love death **are like people who** All those who hate to be wise

house **spacious** has built her own **is like a woman who** What is wise¹ **9**

.and made seven pillars to support its roof
 .who has prepared a meal for guests a woman **What is wise is like**²
 .**to drink** and wine **to eat** She has prepared the meat

.prepared her table for a meal fully She has
 .to invite her dinner guests a woman who sends out her maids What is wise is like³
 where a woman who cries out at the highest place in the city What is wise is like
 .everyone can hear her
 ,She tells those who are not wise⁴
 !all you naive people ,my house Come into“
 ,Eat the food that I have prepared !to me Come⁵
 .and drink the wine that I have prepared
 .for a long time Stop acting naively so that you can live⁶
 .Do what will cause you to learn what you should understand
 .that person will ridicule you ,other people teach someone who ridicules try to If you⁷
 .If you correct an evil person, that person will hurt you
 If you do so, then that person .other people do not correct a person who ridicules So⁸
 .will hate you
 .for doing so if you correct a wise person, that person will love you ,However
 .If you instruct a wise person, then that person will become even wiser⁹
 .If you teach a righteous person, then that person will learn even more
 ,Reverently fearing Yahweh is necessary for being wise¹⁰
 .and knowing what is holy is what you should understand
 ,Surely being wise will cause you to live for many days¹¹
 .and it will cause you to live for many years
 .Any wise person benefits from being wise¹²
 ”.will suffer alone for doing so other people But anyone who ridicules
 ,Foolish women speak loudly¹³
 .act naively, and are very ignorant
 .They sit at the doors of the places where they dwell¹⁴
 .where everyone can hear them on seats at the highest place in the city They sit
 .in order to cry out to the people who are walking past them They sit there¹⁵
 those walking down the road, who are only concerned about where They cry out to
 .they are going
 ,They tell those who are not wise¹⁶
 !all you naive people ,my house Come into“

as sweet **Come to me, because having sex with someone to whom you are not married is**¹⁷
as water that you have stolen
”as delicious as food that you eat all by yourself **it is** ,Indeed
But men who go to the houses of such women are not aware that the men who have¹⁸
gone there before have died
that the guests of such women are now in the deepest parts of the **They are not aware**
place where dead people are

:by Solomon **said** the wise sayings **These are**¹ 10

,Wise children make their fathers glad
but foolish children make their mothers sad
,Riches that people acquire by acting wickedly will not benefit them²
too soon but people who act righteously prevent themselves from dying
,Yahweh prevents righteous people from starving³
but he prevents wicked people from getting what they want
,People who are too lazy to work become poor⁴
but people who work hard become rich
,Sons who collect crops at the right time are insightful⁵
but sons who sleep during the time to harvest crops are shameful
;God blesses righteous people⁶
but what wicked people say prevents others from knowing about the violent acts
that they do
,People will be happy when they remember righteous people⁷
and but people will forget wicked people as if they were something that decays
disappears
,them to do that is good People who think wisely obey what people command⁸
but people who speak foolishly destroy themselves
;People who behave honestly will live safely⁹
but God will catch people who behave deceitfully
,people hurt to deceive people People who gesture with their eyes¹⁰
and people who speak foolishly destroy themselves
;What righteous people say is like a spring that enables people to live for a long time¹¹
but what wicked people say prevents others from knowing about the violent acts
that they do

;When people are hateful, they cause people to argue¹²
 .but when people are loving, they forgive people who wrong them
 ,Discerning people say what is wise¹³
 .but someone must punish people who do not think wisely
 ,Wise people sincerely consider what they should know¹⁴
 .but people who speak foolishly are destructive
 ,What rich people own keeps them safe like a wall keeps a city safe¹⁵
 .but being poor destroys poor people
 ,for a long time God rewards righteous people by allowing them to live¹⁶
 .but God recompenses wicked people by punishing them for sinning
 ;People who heed what is instructive will live for a long time¹⁷
 .but people who do not let others correct them do what will destroy them
 .People who do not admit that they hate someone speak falsely¹⁸
 .People who slander others are foolish
 ;People who talk a lot sin a lot¹⁹
 .are wise unnecessarily but people who refrain from speaking
 ;the best silver as valuable as What righteous people say is²⁰
 .what wicked people think is worthless but
 ,What righteous people say benefits many people²¹
 .but foolish people die because they do not think wisely
 ,Yahweh has blessed them it is because ,When people become wealthy²²
 .and he does not make them suffer for it
 ,to do Foolish people enjoy doing the wicked things that they planned²³
 .but understanding people enjoy what is wise
 ;Wicked people will experience what frightens them²⁴
 .but righteous people will receive what they want
 ,When something disastrous happens, it destroys wicked people²⁵
 .a foundation that lasts forever like but righteous people are
 ,to do something for them Lazy people irritate people who send them²⁶
 .like vinegar irritates teeth and smoke irritates eyes
 ,Reverently fearing Yahweh will cause a person to live for a long time²⁷
 .but wicked people will not live for a long time
 ,What righteous people hope for leads to being joyful²⁸

.but what wicked people hope for will not happen
,What Yahweh does protects honest people like a fortress²⁹
.but what he does destroys people who act sinfully
,Righteous people will always be safe³⁰
.but wicked people will never live in our land
,Righteous people say what is wise³¹
.but Yahweh will stop people who speak perversely from speaking
,What righteous people say is favorable³²
.but what wicked people say is perverse

,using weighing instruments in order to deceive others **people** Yahweh detests¹ **11**
.please him **on their weighing instruments** but people who use correct weights
,When people act proudly, they will soon disgrace themselves²
.but humble people are wise
,Being honest will cause people who act uprightly to know what they should do³
.but being deceitful will ruin people who act treacherously
,**the world** What people own will not help them when Yahweh judges⁴
.but acting righteously will prevent people from dying
for acting wickedly Being righteous will cause people whom Yahweh does not blame⁵
,to know what they should do
.but being wicked will ruin those who act wickedly
,Being righteous will cause people who act uprightly to escape⁶
.but what people who act treacherously want will cause someone to trap them
,When wicked people die, what they hoped for never happens⁷
.what people who rely on how strong they are hoped for also never happens
;Yahweh prevents righteous people from becoming distressed⁸
.but wicked people will become distressed instead
,What people who reject God say ruins people they know⁹
.but what righteous people know will cause them to escape
,prosper **there** People in a city rejoice when the righteous people¹⁰
.and they shout joyously when wicked people die
,**the people there** A city becomes great when people who act uprightly bless¹¹
.but what people who act wickedly say destroys that city

;detest someone they know are not thinking wisely **openly** People who¹²
 .but understanding people say nothing
 ,what is secret **others** People who gossip walk around telling¹³
 .but trustworthy people will not do so
 ,Not having anyone to guide a people group will ruin that group¹⁴
 .**that group** will rescue **a people group** but having many people advise
 People who guarantee to pay a loan for someone they do not know will surely¹⁵
 ,suffer
 .but people who hate agreeing to pay a loan for someone will be safe
 ,People honor a gracious woman¹⁶
 .gain wealth **only** but cruel people
 ,People who are faithfully kind benefit themselves¹⁷
 .but cruel people hurt themselves
 ,People who act wickedly do not really gain anything¹⁸
 .but God truly rewards people who do what is righteous
 ,**for a long time** People who truly act righteously will live¹⁹
 .but people who eagerly do what is evil will die
 ,Yahweh detests people who think deceitfully²⁰
 .but people who act blamelessly please him
 .Yahweh will certainly punish wicked people²¹
 .but he will not punish the offspring of righteous people
 Attractive women who refuse to act discreetly²²
 .a gold ring in a pig's snout **as ridiculous as** are
 ,What righteous people want only results in what is good²³
 .being angry **Yahweh** but what wicked people hope for results in
 ,will receive even more **what they have with others** People who generously share²⁴
 .than they should keep will only lose it **of what they have** but people who keep more
 ;People who generously bless others will prosper²⁵
 and people who generously give others something to drink will also receive
 .something to drink
 ,**instead of selling it** hoard food **selfishly** People will curse people who²⁶
 .**when others need it** but they will bless people who sell it
 ,Yahweh and others approve of people who earnestly try to do what is good²⁷

.but evil things happen to people who try to do what is evil
 ,People who depend on their money are those who will ruin themselves²⁸
 .but righteous people will thrive like a green plant
 ,People who trouble their families will not inherit anything²⁹
 .and people who act foolishly will serve people who think wisely
 ,that keeps people alive **with fruit** a tree **like** What righteous people do is³⁰
 .and people who persuade others are wise
 ;Pay attention! Righteous people on the earth will get what they deserve³¹
 !get what they deserve **also** but even more so, wicked people and sinful people will
 what they **learning** love **also** People who love other people correcting them¹ 12
 .should know
 .But people who hate other people correcting them are foolish
 ,Yahweh approves of people who are good²
 .but he condemns people who plan to do what is evil
 ,People cannot live stably by acting wickedly³
 .a tree with immovable roots **as stable as** but righteous people are
 ,A virtuous wife causes people to praise her husband⁴
 .like a disease that destroys his bones **destroys her husband** but a disgraceful wife
 ,What righteous people plan is just⁵
 .what wicked people advise is deceitful **but**
 someone who hides in wait in order **causes people to die like** What wicked people say⁶
 ;**who walks by** to kill someone
 .but what upright people say will enable them to escape
 ,Yahweh destroys wicked people and they will cease to exist⁷
 .but the families of righteous people will continue to exist
 ,People will praise someone according to how insightful that person is⁸
 .but people will despise someone who thinks perversely
 People whom others disrespect yet have servants are better⁹
 .than people who think they are important yet have no food
 ,Righteous people take care of their animals¹⁰
 .act compassionately, they act cruelly **try to** but even when wicked people
 ,**to eat** People who work hard will have enough food¹¹

.but people who waste time doing worthless things do not think wisely
 ,Wicked people want what evil people steal¹²
 .like a tree with deep roots **others** but righteous people benefit
 ,What wicked people sinfully say will destroy them¹³
 .but righteous people will not become distressed
 ;What people say will satisfy them with what is good¹⁴
 .what people work hard to accomplish will benefit them
 ;right **always** Foolish people think that what they are doing is¹⁵
 .**them to do** but wise people listen to what other people advise
 ;People know immediately when foolish people are angry¹⁶
 .but clever people ignore it when someone disrespects them
 ,People who easily speak truthfully speak righteously¹⁷
 .but witnesses who speak falsely speak deceitfully
 they hurt others like ,**about what to say** When people speak without thinking¹⁸
 ,someone who stabs people with a sword
 .but what wise people say helps people heal
 ,What people say truthfully will last forever¹⁹
 .last for a moment **only** but what people say falsely will
 ,People who plan to act evilly think deceitfully²⁰
 .but people who advise others to act peacefully will be joyful
 ,Bad things do not happen to righteous people²¹
 .but wicked people will experience many bad things
 ,Yahweh detests people who speak falsely²²
 .but people who act faithfully please him
 ,Clever people conceal what they know²³
 .but foolish people shout out foolish things
 ,**over others** People who work hard will reign²⁴
 .but lazy people will become slaves
 ,When people worry, they feel sad²⁵
 .but when someone says what is good, those people feel happy
 ,Righteous people will guide the people they know²⁶
 .but what wicked people do causes them to do what will destroy them
 ,Lazy people do not even cook the animals that they catch²⁷

.but people who work hard acquire valuable riches

.for a long time People who do what is righteous will live²⁸

.too soon Indeed, people who do so will not die

,Wise children pay attention when their fathers instruct them¹ 13

.them do not pay attention when people correct other people but people who ridicule

,food What people say will enable them to eat good²

.want to act violently only but people who act treacherously

,People who are careful about what they say enable themselves to stay alive³

.people who speak carelessly destroy themselves but

,Lazy people always want something but never receive it⁴

.but people who work hard will receive more than what they want

,Righteous people detest speaking falsely⁵

.but wicked people are disgusting and disgraceful

,Acting righteously enables people who act blamelessly to be safe⁶

.but acting wickedly causes sinful people to do what will destroy them

.poor actually Some people act as if they are wealthy while they are⁷

.wealthy actually Other people act as if they are poor while they are

in order to stay to someone who threatens them have to pay money might Rich people⁸

,alive

.listen when someone threatens them even but poor people do not

,that shines brightly Righteous people live joyfully like a light⁹

.oil like an oil lamp that stops burning will merely die but wicked people

,People acting proudly only causes people to argue¹⁰

.but people who let others advise them are wise

,Riches that people gain effortlessly will diminish¹¹

.their riches but people who gain riches by working hard will increase

,People despair when they do not receive what they hope to receive¹²

that keeps those with fruit a tree like but receiving what people want to receive is

.people alive

,teach them will suffer for doing so try to People who detest what others¹³

but God will reward those very people who reverently fear what he has

.commanded

.What wise people teach is like a spring that enables people to live for a long time¹⁴

.It enables people to avoid what could kill them
 ,People approve of people who are very insightful¹⁵
 .but how treacherous people live is harsh
 ,All clever people act according to what they know¹⁶
 .by how they act but foolish people show how foolish they are
 ,Bad things happen to messengers who are not reliable¹⁷
 .but reliable messengers help people heal
 ,People who do not let other people correct them will be poor and ashamed¹⁸
 .but people will respect those people who let other people rebuke them
 ,People feel pleasant when they get what they want¹⁹
 .but foolish people detest refusing to do what is evil
 ,themselves People who associate with wise people will become wise²⁰
 .but people who are companions of foolish people will agonize
 ,Bad things happen to sinful people²¹
 .but good things happen to righteous people
 ,Good people will leave riches for their grandchildren when they die²²
 .but righteous people will receive the riches that sinful people have saved
 ,Poor people have fields that can produce a lot of food²³
 .from them but unjust people take it all away
 ,hate their children their children act as if they Parents who do not physically punish²⁴
 .love their children are careful to discipline them truly but parents who
 ,to satisfy themselves food Righteous people eat enough²⁵
 .but wicked people are always hungry

,The wisest women help their families thrive¹ 14
 .but foolish women ruin their families by what they do
 ,People who behave uprightly reverently fear Yahweh²
 .but people who behave deceptively detest Yahweh
 ,What foolish people say causes someone to punish them for being proud³
 .but what wise people say keeps them alive
 ;the feeding container is clean ,to feed in the barn Where there are not any oxen⁴
 .but oxen work to produce a lot of crops
 ,Honest witnesses do not lie⁵

.but dishonest witnesses lie easily
,try to become wise and fail to do so **other people** People who ridicule⁶
.but understanding people can easily learn what they should know
Stay away from foolish people⁷
.because you will not learn anything from what they say
,Clever people know what to do because they are wise⁸
.but foolish people deceive themselves because they are foolish
,Foolish people scorn making amends with Yahweh after sinning⁹
.but Yahweh approves of upright people
,Only miserable people know how miserable they are¹⁰
.and joyful people cannot share what they feel with someone they do not know
,The families of wicked people will die out¹¹
.but the families of upright people will thrive
,People think they know the right way to behave¹²
.but people who behave that way will ultimately die
,People who are laughing may still be suffering¹³
.and people who feel joyful may ultimately feel sad
;will receive from Yahweh what they deserve **to live righteously** People who refuse¹⁴
.what they deserve **will also receive from Yahweh** and good people
,Naive people believe whatever people say¹⁵
.but clever people think carefully about what they do
,and refuse to do what is evil **doing what is evil** Wise people are afraid of¹⁶
.but foolish people make themselves angry and are overconfident
,People who quickly become angry act foolishly¹⁷
.and people hate people who plan to do what is evil
,Naive people will act foolishly¹⁸
.but clever people will learn what they should know
,bow in front of good people **respectfully** Evil people will¹⁹
.dwell where righteous people **of the houses** and wicked people will bow at the doors
,Even the people whom poor people know hate them²⁰
.but many people love rich people
,Sinful people scorn the people they know²¹
.but people who are kind to suffering people are happy

,People who plan to act evilly surely act deceptively²²
 .but people are faithful and trustworthy to people who plan to do what is good

,Whenever people work hard, they will earn money²³
 .talk, they will only remain poor **only** but when people

,Wise people will acquire wealth²⁴
 .act more foolishly because they are foolish **only** but foolish people

,Truthful witnesses save people from dying²⁵
 .but people who lie easily are deceptive

.Strong people are confident because they reverently fear Yahweh²⁶
 .Those people will protect their children

Reverently fearing Yahweh is like a spring that enables people to live for a long²⁷
 .time

.It enables people to avoid what could kill them

,Kings who rule over many people are glorious²⁸
 .have nothing **to rule over** but rulers who have no people

,People who do not become angry quickly understand a lot²⁹
 .but people who become angry quickly show everyone how foolish they are

,Feeling peaceful makes a person's body healthy³⁰
 .rots a **makes a person's body unhealthy, like something that** but envying others
 .person's bones

,People who make poor people suffer despise Yahweh, who made them³¹
 .but people who are kind to needy people respect Yahweh

,Wicked people destroy themselves by doing evil things³²
 .when they die **even** but righteous people feel safe

,Understanding people think wisely³³
 .and even foolish people know about what is wise

,Acting righteously makes a country great³⁴
 .but acting sinfully disgraces a people group

,Insightful servants please their kings³⁵
 .but kings are furious with disgraceful people

,Replying gently to angry people will calm them¹ **15**
 .will make them angrier **to them** but speaking harshly

,What wise people say makes others appreciate what they should know²
 .but foolish people constantly say what is foolish
 ;Yahweh sees everything that is happening³
 .he observes both evil people and good people
 ,that keeps people alive with fruit a tree like What people say soothingly is⁴
 .but what people say deceitfully makes people despair
 ,Foolish people detest what their fathers say to correct them⁵
 .but people who let others rebuke them are clever
 ,Righteous people have houses that contain a lot of riches⁶
 .but what wicked people gain troubles them
 ,What wise people say informs others of what they should know⁷
 .but what foolish people think does not do that
 ,to him Yahweh detests what wicked people offer⁸
 .but what upright people pray pleases him
 ,Yahweh detests what wicked people do⁹
 .but he loves people who diligently try to act righteously
 ,Yahweh will severely punish people who refuse to live righteously¹⁰
 .people who hate other people correcting them will perish and
 ,Yahweh knows everything about the place where dead people are¹¹
 !so he surely knows everything that everyone thinks
 ;People who ridicule others despise anyone who corrects them¹²
 .they avoid wise people
 ,People smile when they are happy¹³
 .but feeling sad can make people despair
 ,Understanding people try to learn what they should know¹⁴
 .but foolish people satisfy themselves with what is foolish
 ,What happens every day that suffering people live makes them wretched¹⁵
 .but cheerful people live like people who are always feasting
 It is better for someone to have a few things while reverently fearing Yahweh¹⁶
 .than for someone to have a lot of riches while worrying
 It is better for someone to have a small meal where people love each other¹⁷
 .than to have a large meal where people hate each other
 ,People who easily become angry cause people to argue¹⁸

.but people who do not become angry quickly will stop people from arguing
blocking their a thorny plant people that have Lazy people live unproductively like¹⁹
,paths
a road that is like people who are walking on but upright people live productively
.easy to walk on
,Wise children make their fathers happy²⁰
.but foolish children detest their mothers
,People who are not wise enjoy acting foolishly²¹
.but understanding people act rightly
,What people plan fails when no one advises them²²
.but what people plan succeeds when many people advise them
.People rejoice when they answer someone aptly²³
!It is so good to say something at the right time
How insightful people live causes them to live for a long time²⁴
.in order for them to avoid going to the place where dead people are
,Yahweh will destroy what proud people own²⁵
.things that widows own few but he protects the
,Yahweh detests the evil things that people think²⁶
.but the pleasing things that people say are pure
,People who gain wealth in an unjust manner trouble their families²⁷
.for a long time but people who refuse bribes will live
,Righteous people think carefully about how to reply to people²⁸
.but wicked people constantly say what is evil
,Yahweh does not listen to wicked people²⁹
.but he listens to what righteous people pray
,People feel happy when they see someone smile³⁰
.people feel healthy when they hear something good and
People who listen when others rebuke them in a way that will keep them alive will³¹
.become wise
,despise themselves act as if they People who refuse to let others correct them³²
.but people who listen when others rebuke them think wisely
,Reverently fearing Yahweh makes people wise³³
.and people must be humble before other people respect them

,to say People plan what they want¹ 16
 .but Yahweh determines how they will reply
 ,People think that everything they do is right²
 .evaluates what they think **rightly** but Yahweh
 ,Entrust what you do to Yahweh³
 .succeed **to do** and he will make what you plan
 .When Yahweh made everything, he planned what would happen to each thing⁴
 .He has even made wicked people for the time when he will punish them
 ;Yahweh detests all proud people⁵
 .he will certainly punish them
 .People can atone for acting sinfully by being faithful and trustworthy⁶
 .People who reverently fear Yahweh will avoid doing what is evil
 ,When Yahweh likes what people do⁷
 .he even causes their enemies to be peaceful with them
 ,to have a few things while being righteous **for someone** It is better⁸
 .to have a lot of crops while being unjust **for someone** than
 ,People plan what they want to do⁹
 .do **actually** but Yahweh determines what they will
 ,what kings say is from God ,**Ideally**¹⁰
 .when kings judge, they surely speak justly **and**
 .to use honestly **for us** Yahweh made weighing instruments¹¹
 .Indeed, he made all the stones people carry in bags to use for weighing things
 kings detest people acting wickedly ,**Ideally**¹²
 .because acting righteously causes kings to rule securely
 .kings enjoy when people speak righteously ,**Ideally**¹³
 .Indeed, they love people who speak uprightly
 ,When kings are angry, they cause people to die¹⁴
 .so wise people will appease them
 ;When kings are happy, they let people live¹⁵
 .when they approve of people, it is as refreshing as rain in springtime
 .Becoming wise is better than having gold¹⁶
 .Indeed, it is better to choose to become understanding than to have silver

;Upright people act in a way that avoids doing what is evil¹⁷
 .people who want to stay alive are careful about what they do
 .If people are proud, then something will destroy them¹⁸
 .Indeed, if people are arrogant, then something will ruin them
 It is better to live humbly among poor people¹⁹
 .receive some of what proud people have taken from others **live proudly and** than to
 ,People who act prudently in a matter will succeed²⁰
 .and people who trust in Yahweh are happy
 ”,People will call those who think wisely, “understanding ones²¹
 .and pleasant things that people say cause others to learn
 ,a spring that enables insightful people to live for a long time **like** Being insightful is²²
 .but being foolish results in other people punishing foolish people
 ,What wise people think causes them to speak insightfully²³
 .and what those people say causes others to learn
 :a honeycomb **like** The pleasing things that people say are²⁴
 .They cause people to feel pleasant and healthy
 ,People think they know the right way to behave²⁵
 .but people who behave that way will ultimately die
 Being hungry helps working people work²⁶
 .because wanting to eat motivates people to keep on working
 ;Worthless people plot how to hurt others²⁷
 .**people** the evil things they say harm others like fire burns
 ,Perverse people cause other people to argue with each other²⁸
 .and people who gossip about others cause friends to stop being friends
 ,**to sin** Violent people tempt people whom they know²⁹
 .and they guide them to behave wickedly
 ;People who use their eyes to signal to others are planning to do something perverse³⁰
that they people who use their lips to signal to others are about to do the evil thing
 .**had planned to do**
 ;**on someone’s head** a magnificent crown **honorable, like** Living for a long time is³¹
 .people are able to live for a long time by living righteously
 .It is better to be someone who does not become angry quickly than to be powerful³²
 .someone who conquers a city **as powerful as** It is better to control oneself than to be

,in order to decide what to do People throw lots³³

.but Yahweh decides whatever happens

while living peacefully **to eat** It is better for someone to have a little stale food¹ 17

than for someone to live in a house where people frequently eat large meals while
.arguing with each other

.An insightful slave will rule over his master's disgraceful son²

,People will consider that slave to be one of his master's sons
.and he will inherit some of what his master's sons inherit

.People use crucibles and furnaces to test and refine silver and gold³

.Yahweh tests what people are thinking in a similar manner

;People who act evilly listen carefully when people speak what is sinful⁴

.others people who lie pay attention when people speak what destroys

;People who ridicule poor people despise Yahweh, who made them⁵

Yahweh will certainly punish people who rejoice when other people experience
.disastrous things

,Old people are proud of their grandchildren⁶

.and children are proud of their parents

.It is not fitting for worthless people to speak eloquently⁷

!It is even less fitting for royal officials to speak falsely

;People who pay bribes think that bribes are magical⁸

.everything they do will be successful **they think that**

,People who want to love forgive people who wrong them⁹

but people who repeatedly mention how someone wronged them cause friends to
.stop being friends

Rebuking causes understanding people to learn¹⁰

.with a stick causes them to learn more than beating foolish people a hundred times

,Evil people only want to rebel¹¹

.so a merciless messenger will come and punish them

It would be better to meet a female bear that is furious because someone stole her¹²
cubs

!than to meet foolish people while they are acting foolishly

,If people react to experiencing what is good by doing what is evil¹³

.then what is evil will continually affect their families

When people start arguing with each other, it is as difficult to stop as it is to stop¹⁴
 ,water that is leaking out of something
 .so prevent yourself from arguing before you start to argue
 ,There are people who acquit guilty people¹⁵
 ;and there are people who condemn innocent people
 .Yahweh detests both types of people
 How useless it is for foolish people to try to pay money in order to become wise¹⁶
 !when they are unable to think
 ,all the time **you** A friend loves¹⁷
 .when disastrous things happen **other relatives** and relatives exist in order to help
 People who do not think wisely agree to pay someone else's loan¹⁸
 .and even guarantee to pay that loan in front of people whom they know
 ;love to cause people to argue **also** People who love to sin¹⁹
 .people who brag a lot cause others to destroy them
 ,People who think deceitfully will never experience any good things²⁰
 .and bad things will happen to people who speak deceitfully
 .Foolish people grieve their parents²¹
 .Indeed, worthless people will not cause their fathers to be joyful
 ,People who feel happy will heal²²
 .but depressed people will be unhealthy
 People secretly bribe wicked judges²³
 .so that they judge unjustly
 ,Understanding people concentrate on what is wise²⁴
 .but foolish people cannot concentrate on anything
 Foolish children grieve their fathers²⁵
 .and make their mothers miserable
 ,Punishing innocent people is surely wrong²⁶
 .wrong **also** beating royal officials is **and**
 ,are knowledgeable **unnecessarily** People who refrain from speaking²⁷
 .and people who remain calm are understanding people
 .People will think even foolish people are wise if those foolish people do not speak²⁸
 .Indeed, people who refrain from speaking are understanding people

.People who avoid other people only care about doing what they want to do¹ 18

.They refuse to do anything that is wise

.what they should understand **learning** Foolish people hate²

.Instead, they only like to tell others what they think

,People treat wicked people contemptuously³

.and people scold people who act shamefully

.What wise people say is as profound as a deep ocean⁴

.a fountain or brook that flows abundantly with what is wise **Wise people are like**

to favor guilty people **for judges** It is very evil⁵

.in order to prevent judging innocent people justly

,What foolish people say makes people argue⁶

.and it makes people want to beat them

.What foolish people say will ruin them⁷

.**troubles an animal** Indeed, what they say will trouble them like a trap

,People are eager to listen to what people who gossip say⁸

.and what they say deeply affects those who hear it

People who are lazy when they work⁹

.are like people who destroy things

a strong tower **like** Yahweh is¹⁰

.that righteous people run into and are safe

;What rich people own keeps them safe like walls keep cities safe¹¹

.they think what they own protects them as well as a high wall

;If people think proudly, then something will destroy them¹²

.people must be humble before other people respect them

It is foolish and shameful¹³

.for someone to reply to what a person has said before hearing it

.How people feel can enable them to endure being sick¹⁴

!However, it is very difficult to make a depressed person feel better

.Understanding people learn what they should know¹⁵

.Indeed, wise people try to learn what they should know

;can benefit the one who gives it **to someone** Giving something¹⁶

.doing so can enable that person to meet important people

People who state their cases first seem to be right¹⁷
 .until people whom they know arrive and question them
 ,can make people stop arguing **in order to decide something** Throwing lots¹⁸
 .it can also decide who is right between powerful people
 to offended than **whom you have** It is more difficult to reconcile with a relative¹⁹
 ;a fortified city **conquer**
 and when people argue, they avoid each other as if a castle's strong gate were
 .between them
 .What people say will satisfy them when they are hungry²⁰
 .Indeed, what people say will satisfy them
 .What people say can cause people to die or remain alive²¹
 .**for what they say** And people who love to talk will experience the consequences
 Men who marry get what is good²²
 .and Yahweh approves of them
 to them but rich people reply ,**to them** Poor people plead for others to be merciful²³
 .rudely
 ,friends will destroy a person **unreliable** Having²⁴
 .but loving friends exist who are more loyal than brothers

It is better to be poor and behave honestly¹ 19
 .than to speak deceitfully and be foolish
 ;**what they should know** Furthermore, it is very bad for people to not know²
 .people sin who act hastily
 ,People who act foolishly destroy themselves³
 .**and blame him** yet they become furious with Yahweh
 ,make many friends **easily** Wealthy people⁴
 .the friends they have **even** but poor people lose
 .Someone will surely punish lying witnesses⁵
 .Indeed, someone will surely punish people who lie easily
 ,A lot of people want royal officials to favor them⁶
 .everyone wants to be friends with generous people **it seems like** and
 ,All the relatives of poor people despise them⁷
 !and even their friends avoid them
 .**respond** they do not ,**to them for help** Although they call out

;People who think wisely benefit themselves⁸
 .people who remember what they should understand will surely succeed
 .Someone will surely punish lying witnesses⁹
 .Indeed, people who lie easily will die
 ,It is wrong for foolish people to live luxuriously¹⁰
 !and it is even worse for slaves to reign over princes
 ,Insightful people do not get angry quickly¹¹
 .against them sin people who and people show how honorable they are by forgiving
 When kings are furious, they frighten people like the roaring of young lions¹²
 ,frightens people
 .but when they approve of people, it is as refreshing as dew on plants
 ,Foolish children destroy their fathers¹³
 constantly dripping as annoying as it is ,with their husbands and when wives argue
 .water
 ,People inherit houses and riches from their fathers¹⁴
 .insightful wives men gives alone but Yahweh
 ,Lazy people sleep well¹⁵
 .hungry always idle people are such but
 ,People who obey what others command them enable themselves to stay alive¹⁶
 .but people who do not care about what they do will die
 ;loaning money to Yahweh like Being kind to poor people is¹⁷
 .he will reward anyone who does so
 ;Correct your children while you still can¹⁸
 .and do not allow yourself to kill them
 ;for being angry Very angry people will pay¹⁹
 .you will have to do so again and again ,from what they must pay if you rescue them
 and let people teach you to do Pay attention to what people advise you²⁰
 .in order to become wise when you are about to die
 ,People plan to do many things²¹
 .what Yahweh advises will succeed only but
 ,People want others to be faithful²²
 .and poor people are better than people who lie
 ;Reverently fearing Yahweh causes people to live for a long time²³

,such people rest contently

.nothing will harm them

,of food Lazy people put their hands in a dish²⁴

.they will not lift the food to their mouths but are so lazy that

,others punish people who ridicule If you²⁵

.will become sensible who see you do that naive people then

,correct understanding people If you

.they will learn what they should know then

Children who act violently toward their fathers and chase away their mothers²⁶

.are disgraceful and embarrassing

,My child, if you stop listening to what people teach you²⁷

.know that people told you already then you will reject what you

,Worthless witnesses scorn what is just²⁸

and wicked people enjoy acting sinfully as if they were gulping down delicious

.food

,others Yahweh is ready to condemn people who ridicule²⁹

.and he is ready to beat fools on their backs

People who drink too much of what can intoxicate them ridicule and fight¹ 20

;others

all people who cannot walk properly because they drank too much of what can

.intoxicate them are very foolish

When kings are terrifyingly angry, they frighten people like the roaring of young²

;frightens people lions

.people who make kings angry cause themselves to die

,It is honorable to cease arguing with other people³

.but all foolish people are eager to argue with others

,when they should their fields Lazy farmers do not plow⁴

but there are ,for crops in their fields they look ,crops so when it is time to harvest

.none

drawing as difficult as is others Discerning what people are thinking about advising⁵

,well water out of a deep

.but understanding people are able to do so

,Many people claim to be faithful⁶

!but very few people act faithfully
;Righteous people behave honestly⁷
.God will bless their children
people kings who sit on their thrones in order to judge ,Ideally⁸
.from their lands discern anything that is evil and remove it
”.No one can truthfully say, “I do not think sinfully anymore; I do not sin anymore”⁹
to differing weights and measurements people dishonestly using Yahweh detests¹⁰
.benefit themselves
;by what they do who they are Even young people show people¹¹
.how they act shows whether they are innocent and right
.Yahweh has made both ears with which to hear and eyes with which to see¹²
;If you sleep a lot, you will become poor¹³
.you will have plenty of food ,and work if you stay awake but
when they are bargaining with you Buyers claim that something is not good at all¹⁴
.about its price
to their friends about the good price they they go and boast ,after they buy it But
.bought it for
,Gold and precious jewels are plentiful¹⁵
.but the knowledgeable things that people say are extremely precious
Take the coats of people who promise to pay a loan for someone whom they do not¹⁶
.know
.Indeed, hold onto the coats of people who do so for a foreigner
,to them may taste sweet others Food people get by deceiving¹⁷
but what eventually happens to them will be as unpleasant as having a mouth full of
.stones
,What people plan succeeds when others advise them¹⁸
.so let others advise you before you start fighting a war
,what is secret others People who walk around gossiping tell¹⁹
.so avoid people who speak carelessly
People who curse their parents²⁰
.in a totally dark place oil an oil lamp that stops burning will die like
What people inherit hastily before the proper time²¹
.them blessing Yahweh will ultimately not result in

.Do not say that you will harm someone who has harmed you²²
 .so that he may vindicate you ,to resolve the matter Rather, wait for Yahweh
 .to benefit themselves differing weights people dishonestly using Yahweh detests²³
 .is very bad others weighing instruments in order to deceive using ,Indeed
 .Yahweh directs what happens to powerful people²⁴
 !So then, people surely cannot comprehend what will happen to them
 ,It is dangerous for people to declare thoughtlessly that something is holy to Yahweh²⁵
 .and then think about what they have done after they have done so
 ,from their lands Wise kings remove wicked people²⁶
 .crush grain under a threshing wheel they punish them like farmers and
 ;lamps that Yahweh has given them like People's spirits are²⁷
 .they help people discern everything that deeply affects them
 .Being faithful and trustworthy makes kings safe²⁸
 .Indeed, being faithful enables them to rule securely
 ,People admire young men because they are strong²⁹
 .but people admire old men because they are wise
 ,Severely beating people may stop them from acting evilly³⁰
 .what deeply affects them may change and hitting people
 streams a farmer directs Yahweh directs what kings think like¹ 21
 .it to go to bring water anywhere he wants
 ,People think that everything they do is right²
 .evaluates what they think rightly but Yahweh
 Acting righteously and justly is more important to Yahweh³
 .to him than sacrificing animals
 shows people Being proud and arrogant guide what wicked people do like a lamp⁴
 ;where to go
 .they are sinful
 ,What diligent people plan will certainly profit them⁵
 .but all those who act too hastily will certainly become poor
 ,When people gain wealth by speaking falsely⁶
 .will kill them and what they do that wealth quickly vanishes like mist
 When wicked people act violently, they destroy themselves⁷

.because they refuse to act justly
 ,Guilty people act perversely⁸
 .but innocent people act uprightly
 in a corner of a housetop **alone** It is better to live⁹
 .**with you** than to live inside a house with a wife who always argues
 ,Wicked people strongly desire to act evilly¹⁰
 .they will not be merciful to the people they know
 will **who see you do that** naive people **then** ,If you punish people who ridicule others¹¹
 ,become wise
 .knowledgeable **even more** and if you teach wise people, they will become
 ;the Righteous One, knows the families of wicked people ,**Yahweh**¹²
 .he destroys them
for help People who refuse to listen to poor people when they cry out¹³
 .but no one will help them ,**for help themselves** will also cry out
 .Secretly giving something to an angry person will stop them from being angry¹⁴
 .Indeed, secretly bribing a furious person will calm them down
 ,Righteous people enjoy acting justly¹⁵
 .but acting justly terrifies people who act sinfully
 People who stop behaving insightfully¹⁶
 .will end up in the place where the spirits of dead people are together
 .People who love what is pleasurable will be poor¹⁷
 .wine and olive oil will never be rich **luxuries like** Indeed, people who love
 ,Wicked people will suffer instead of righteous people¹⁸
 .in place of upright people **will suffer** and treacherous people
 in a deserted land **alone** It is better to live¹⁹
 .with an argumentative and vexing wife **to live** than
 ,Wise people have precious riches and olive oil²⁰
 .but foolish people waste everything that they have
 People who diligently try to be righteous and faithful²¹
 .will be righteous, and people will respect them ,**for a long time** will live
 ;Wise people conquer cities that mighty warriors are defending²²
 .believe will protect them **in those cities** they pull down the walls that people
 People who are careful about anything they say²³

.avoid becoming distressed
 ;People who ridicule others act presumptuously and arrogantly²⁴
 .they behave furiously and presumptuously
 Lazy people want what will kill them²⁵
 .because they refuse to work
 ,Lazy people always want more things for themselves²⁶
 .what they have to others but righteous people generously give
 ;is detestable to Yahweh What wicked people offer²⁷
 while to Yahweh when they are offering something detestable it is even more
 !intending to act wickedly
 ,Witnesses who lie will die²⁸
 what they but when people who listen carefully speak, others will always remember
 .said
 ,Wicked people show how stubborn they are²⁹
 .but upright people think about what they do
 the also There is absolutely nothing that is wise, understanding, and advisable, but is³⁰
 .opposite of what Yahweh wants
 ,Soldiers prepare to fight³¹
 .that fight but Yahweh determines who wins

 Being someone whom people respect is more important than being very¹ 22
 .wealthy
 Indeed, being someone whom others approve of is better than having silver and
 .gold
 :one thing in common at least Rich people and poor people have²
 .Yahweh made both of them
 ,Sensible people observe something dangerous happening and avoid it³
 .for doing so do not avoid it and suffer ignorantly but naive people
 ,People who are humble, who reverently fear Yahweh⁴
 .will become rich
 .for a long time People will respect them, and they will live
 as if they were walking down a road covered with ,dangerously Deceptive people live⁵
 ,thorns and traps
 .people who want to stay alive avoid living that way but

,properly Teach children how to behave⁶
 .so that when they become old, they will still continue to do so
 ,Rich people reign over poor people⁷
 from others are slaves to the people who loaned **money** and people who borrow
 .**money** them
 ,People who act unjustly will suffer for doing so⁸
 .and they will no longer be able to furiously oppress other people
 Yahweh will bless generous people⁹
 .because they give their own food to poor people
with each If you banish people who ridicule others, then people will stop arguing¹⁰
 ,**other**
 .**each other** and shaming ,**with each other** quarreling
 People who love thinking purely¹¹
 .speak graciously and are companions of kings
 ,Yahweh preserves what people should know¹²
 .but he makes what treacherous people say fail
 claim that there is a lion outside that will kill **do nothing because they** Lazy people¹³
 .**if they go outside** them in the street
 ;a deep hole **as dangerous as** What adulterous women say is¹⁴
 .those whom Yahweh is angry with will fall into it
 ,Children inherently think foolishly¹⁵
 .but physically disciplining them will teach them to stop being foolish
 People who oppress poor people in order to make more money for themselves¹⁶
 .will only become poor **in order to become rich** or who give things to rich people
 ;Listen carefully to what wise people have said¹⁷
 !consider carefully what I am teaching you
 because if you remember these sayings **Do this**¹⁸
 .then you will be glad ,**to others** and are always ready to repeat them
 I am teaching these sayings to you—yes, you—right now¹⁹
 .so that you will trust Yahweh
 I am indeed writing these 30 sayings²⁰
 .to advise and teach you
 ,in order to teach you what is true in trustworthy sayings **I am writing them**²¹

.and in order to answer those who sent you with trustworthy sayings
 ;Do not steal from poor people just because they are poor²²
 .and do not oppress suffering people in court
 because Yahweh will defend those poor people when you **Do not do these things**²³
 ,dispute with them
 .and he will kill the people who stole from them
 .Do not become friends with angry people²⁴
 .Indeed, do not associate with people who easily become angry
 ,then you will act like them ,**If you do so**²⁵
 .and you will endanger yourself like an animal caught in a trap
 .Stay away from those people who agree to pay loans for others²⁶
 .who guarantee to pay the loans of others **Indeed, stay away from those people**
 ,**the loan** if you cannot pay back **For**²⁷
 the person to whom you owe money will surely take away even your own bed **then**
 .**in order to pay back the loan**
 Do not cheat people by moving the stones that their ancestors placed long ago²⁸
 .to mark the boundaries of their land
 Consider this: People who work skillfully will serve kings²⁹
 .rather than serving unknown people
 ,with someone who rules over others **a meal** When you sit down to eat¹ **23**
 .pay attention to the food that is in front of you
from eating too much Restrain yourself²
 .if you like eating a lot of food
 food that the ruler has **expensive** Do not crave the³
 .because that ruler is using that food to deceive you
 .Do not work so much that you exhaust yourself in order to become rich⁴
 .Be understanding enough to stop doing so
 !As soon as you look at that wealth, it will surely be gone⁵
 because wealth certainly disappears quickly as if it had wings **This is**
 .and flew off into the sky like a fast bird
 .**give you** Do not eat food that stingy people⁶
 ,Do not crave the expensive food that they have

.because stingy people are always thinking about how much the food costs them⁷
 ,They will tell you to eat and drink
 .but they do not mean what they say
 .you will want to vomit what little food you ate ,When you realize this⁸
 .to them You will have wasted the kind things you said
 Do not directly address foolish people⁹
 .because they will only despise the insightful things that you say
 .Do not cheat people by moving the old stones that mark the boundaries of their land¹⁰
 ,orphans defenseless Do not claim the land that belongs to
 .the one who redeems them (and he is powerful **Yahweh is** because¹¹
 .He is the one who will defend them when they dispute with you
 .when they correct you **what people say** Consider carefully¹²
 .Indeed, listen carefully to what people teach you
 .Do not refuse to discipline your children¹³
 .If you physically punish them, they will not die
 ,Physically punish your children¹⁴
 .so that you may prevent them from dying
 ,My child, if you are wise¹⁵
 ,then surely I myself will be very happy
 and I will sincerely rejoice¹⁶
 .when you say what is right
 ;Do not envy sinful people¹⁷
 .instead always reverently fear Yahweh
 ,future **good** you will surely have a **If you do so, then**¹⁸
 !and what you hope will happen will indeed occur
 .so that you can become wise **to me** My child, listen¹⁹
 .Make yourself think about behaving rightly
 ,Stay away from drunkards and gluttons²⁰
 .because drunkards and gluttons will become poor²¹
 .They sleep so much that they will only have rags to wear
 ,Pay attention to your father, who enabled you to exist²²
 .and do not scorn your mother when she becomes old
 .Learn what is true and remember it²³

.Learn what is wise and instructive and what you should understand
 .Fathers of righteous people are very joyful²⁴
 .Indeed, those who father wise people are happy because of them
 !So do what will make your parents happy²⁵
 !Do what will make your mother joyful
 !My son, pay close attention to me²⁶
 !Carefully observe what I do
 .because prostitutes are as dangerous as a deep hole **Do this**²⁷
 .Indeed, adulterous women are as dangerous as a well you cannot escape from
wait for people to like robbers for men to seduce These very women certainly wait²⁸
 .rob
 .They cause many men to become unfaithful
 ,These are the kind of people who are woeful, sorrowful, and quarrelsome²⁹
 ,who lament, get hurt for no reason
 :and have red eyes
 those people who drink too much wine³⁰
 .that someone has prepared **to drink** and are always looking around for wine
 look with pleasure at wine, even though it is beautifully red, glistens in **even** Do not³¹
 ,the cup
 .and goes down your throat smoothly
 .harms you as if a poisonous snake had bitten you **only** Afterward the wine³²
 ,you will hallucinate ,**When you are drunk**³³
 .and you will speak perversely
 as if you were trying to sleep on a ship that the sea was tossing **dizzy** You will feel³⁴
 .back and forth
 Indeed, you will feel as if you were trying to sleep while swaying at the top of a
 .ship's sails
 .People hit me, but it did not hurt“ ,**You will say**³⁵
 .People beat me, but I did not feel it
 I wish I could be sober
 ”!again **to drink** so that I could find even more wine
 ;Do not envy evil people¹ **24**
 ,do not want to associate with them

,because they plan to act violently²
 .and they talk about troubling people
 ,People build houses by acting wisely³
 .they make houses stable by acting understandably
 of those houses By acting knowledgeably, people fill the rooms⁴
 .with all kinds of valuable and delightful riches
 ,Wise people are strong⁵
 ,and knowledgeable people make themselves more powerful
 ,because letting people advise you will make you fight your war successfully⁶
 .from losing the war and letting many people counsel you will rescue you
 ;Foolish people cannot understand what is wise⁷
 .they have nothing to say in court
 ;people are always planning to act evilly Some⁸
 .other people refer to them as schemers
 ,Foolish plans are sinful⁹
 .and people detest people who ridicule others
 ,If you fail during distressful times¹⁰
 .then you are weak
 ;leading away to kill unjustly Save people whom others are¹¹
 !slaughter them unjustly people will the place where prevent them from staggering to
 ,claim that you did not know that those people were dying unjustly falsely If you¹²
 :then think about this
 !Yahweh discerns what people think and surely understands
 !He keeps you alive and surely knows
 !He will surely make people receive what they deserve for what they have done
 ,My child, eat honey because it tastes good¹³
 .and honey dripping from the comb tastes sweet
 .Be aware that what is wise is like honey for you¹⁴
 ,future good If you become wise, then you will have a
 !and what you hope will happen will indeed occur
 Do not be like wicked people and hide in wait in order to attack the places where¹⁵
 .righteous people dwell
 !Do not devastate the places where righteous people rest

because righteous people can recover many times when disastrous **Do not do so**¹⁶
 ,things happen to them
 .but disastrous things will destroy wicked people
 .Do not be happy when something disastrous happens to your adversaries¹⁷
 !Indeed, do not rejoice when that happens
 ,If you do, then Yahweh will notice and disapprove¹⁸
 .so that he stops being angry with your enemies
 .Do not worry about people who do what is evil¹⁹
 .Do not be jealous of wicked people
 ,futures **good** because evil people will not have **Do not do so**²⁰
 .oil like an oil lamp that stops burning **will merely die** wicked people **but**
 .My child, reverently fear Yahweh and kings²¹
 ,**against either Yahweh or the king** Avoid people who rebel
 ,because disastrous things will happen quickly to those people²²
 Here²³ !**others** and no one knows how terribly both Yahweh and kings can destroy
 :are more things that wise people have said
 .It is very evil to favor someone when you judge
 Many people will curse and people groups will hate²⁴
 .anyone who declares that any guilty person is innocent
 ,will prosper **guilty people** However, people who condemn²⁵
 .and Yahweh will bless them well
 .People who answer honestly show that they are true friends²⁶
 Do the work you must do outside and prepare your fields²⁷
 .before you build your house
 .**to do so** Do not testify against someone you know if you do not have a good reason²⁸
 !Do not speak deceitfully
 ;thing he did to me **bad** Do not say, "I will do to him that same"²⁹
 "I will pay him back for what he did to me
 I walked by the land of a lazy person³⁰
 .and past the vineyard of someone who does not think wisely
 And I saw that thistles and weeds were everywhere in that field and vineyard. Even³¹
 .the stone wall surrounding them had fallen down

I ,**that** When I observed **.what I was seeing** I considered carefully ,**that** When I saw³²
:this learned
!Let me sleep just a little more“ ,**You say to yourself**³³
in order to rest comfortably for a little while **across my chest** Let me lay my hands
”!longer
will result in you suddenly becoming poor and needy **Being so lazy**³⁴
.as if a thief has attacked you

Here are more wise sayings said by Solomon that the scribes who served¹ **25**
:from a scroll that Solomon had written Hezekiah, the king of Judah, copied
God shows how glorious he is when he makes something difficult for people to²
.understand
that is difficult But kings show how glorious they are when they explain something
.for people to understand
,As people cannot fully understand how high the sky is or how deep the earth is³
.so they cannot fully understand what kings think
People who make things from metal must remove scum from silver⁴
.something **that silver into** before they can make
people must remove wicked advisers from the presence of kings ,**In the same way**⁵
.before acting righteously causes kings to rule securely
,Do not promote yourself in front of kings⁶
.and do not pretend to be great
,**to a king** because it is better if someone invites you to come closer **Do not do so**⁷
than for someone to embarrass you in front of a royal official whom you have seen
.by telling you to move away from a king
.Do not plead your case too quickly against someone you know⁸
wins the case and If you do, then you will not know what to do when that person
!embarrasses you
,If you do indeed plead your case against someone you know⁹
.what is secret about that person **others** then do not tell
,If do you, then people may hear you and disgrace you¹⁰
.and people will continue to speak badly about you
What someone says aptly¹¹

.golden apples that someone has set in silver **as delightful as** is
 ,When someone wisely rebukes someone who is willing to listen¹²
 .a gold ring or jewelry made from the best gold **as valuable as** it is
 Reliable messengers are as refreshing to those who sent them as cold snow at the¹³
 ;time when people harvest crops
 .they refresh the people whom they serve
 People who brag about giving something that they never gave¹⁴
 .are as disappointing as clouds and wind that do not bring rain
 ,People can persuade leaders by acting patiently¹⁵
to agree with and by speaking gently people can convince those who oppose them
 .them
 .If you discover some wild honey, do not eat too much of it¹⁶
 .If you do, then you will become sick and vomit
 .do not visit too often the houses of people you know ,**In the same way**¹⁷
 .hate you **even** If you do, then they may become weary of you or
 People who lie when they testify against people they know¹⁸
 .a club, sword, or piercing arrow **deadly, like** are
 Trusting treacherous people during distressful times¹⁹
 .a rotten tooth or a crippled foot **as useless as having** is
 Singing to someone who is sad²⁰
 taking a coat off of someone in cold weather **as unhelpful as** is
 .or pouring vinegar on soda
 ;Feed your enemies if they are hungry²¹
 .give them something to drink if they are thirsty
 are pouring burning coals **will shame them, as if you** because by doing so you **Do so**²²
 ,on top of them
 .**for doing so** and Yahweh will reward you
 .When wind blows from the north, rain will fall²³
 .In the same way, when people tell the secrets of others, people get angry
 in a corner of a housetop **alone** It is better to live²⁴
 .**with you** than to live inside a house with a wife who always argues
 ,When people hear something good from a faraway place²⁵
 .cold water when you are thirsty **refreshing as drinking** it is as

,When righteous people yield to wicked people²⁶
a **as bad as** a spring that people have made murky by walking in it or **as bad as** it is
.polluted fountain

;it is very bad to eat too much honey **As**²⁷
.so it is dishonorable to try to make people honor you

People who cannot control themselves²⁸
.a city that an army has broken into and knocked down its walls **as defenseless as** are

Honoring foolish people is just as inappropriate¹ 26

.during the time to harvest crops **falling** summer and rain **hot in falling** as snow

,When someone curses innocent people²
.on those **innocent people** it is like birds that fly around and do not land
,in order to guide them **As** people must whip horses and bridle donkeys³
.in order to guide them so people must physically punish foolish people
.do not reply to foolish people according to their foolish way of thinking ,**Sometimes**⁴

.If you do, then you also will be foolish
.reply to foolish people according to their foolish way of thinking ,**Sometimes**⁵
.If you do not, then they may think that they are wise

something on their behalf **someone else** People who send foolish people to tell⁶
.someone who cuts off his own feet or drinks what is harmful **harm themselves like**

,the legs of people who cannot walk are useless **As**⁷
.so are the sayings that foolish people say

as useless Honoring foolish people is just⁸
.as a harmless weapon

,hurts that person a thistle that pierces the hand of a drunk person **As**⁹
.so are the sayings that foolish people say

as dangerous People who employ foolish people or random strangers are¹⁰
.at them by shooting arrows **near him** as someone who injures all the people

Foolish people who do the same foolish thing over and over again¹¹
.are like dogs that eat what they have vomited up

Consider this: Foolish people are more likely to improve themselves¹²

.think they are wise **wrongly** than people who
claim that there is a lion in the path **do nothing because they** Lazy people¹³

.or in the midst of the streets
, and do not go anywhere As doors swing on their hinges¹⁴
.so lazy people turn back and forth in their beds
, of food Lazy people put their hands in a dish¹⁵
.they are so lazy that they will not lift the food to their mouths but
think that they are wiser wrongly Lazy people¹⁶
.than many people who answer discreetly
People who make themselves angry because of something not concerning them that¹⁷
other people are arguing about
people who cause dogs to bite them by pulling their ears when they as foolish as are
.walk by
People who trick people they know¹⁸⁻¹⁹
as dangerous and say that they were just joking are
.at people shoot flaming darts or deadly arrows uses a bow to as a crazy person who
.to burn Fires stop burning when they have nothing²⁰
.In the same way, people stop arguing when no one is gossiping
, charcoal keeps coals burning and wood keeps fires burning As²¹
.so people who always argue keep other people arguing
, People are eager to listen to what people who gossip say²²
.and what they say deeply affects those who hear it
as deceptive as What people fervently say while thinking evilly is²³
.a cheap pot that someone has covered with a pretty coating
, People who hate you will use what they say to hide what they feel²⁴
.thinking about how to betray you really but they are
, Do not believe those people when they speak kindly to you²⁵
.because they are thinking many detestable things
Although those people prevent others from knowing that they hate you by deceiving²⁶
, them
.everyone will realize how wicked they are
; People who dig pits to trap others will fall into those pits instead²⁷
and people who try to crush others with stones will become crushed by those stones
.instead
, Liars hate the people whom they hurt²⁸
.and flatterers cause disastrous things to happen

,will happen tomorrow **you think** Do not brag about what¹ 27

.because you do not know what will happen then

.Do not praise yourself; let someone else praise you²

.Indeed, let someone who does not know you praise you, not yourself

,Stones and sand are heavy³

.but how provocative fools are is like something that is heavier than both of them

,Angry people are cruel and furious people are destructive⁴

!but no one can resist jealous people

It is better to correct people openly, than to love them without them knowing that you⁵

.do

,**when necessary** Friends will be faithful to you by criticizing you⁶

.but enemies will deceive you by acting affectionately toward you

honey dripping from the **on the ground** When people who have full stomachs see⁷

.**because they are not hungry** comb, they step on it

.**because they are so hungry** but even bitter things taste sweet to hungry people

People who stray from their homes⁸

.are like birds that stray from their nests

,Just as fragrant oil and perfume make people feel happy⁹

.so when your friends advise you sincerely, they show how kind they are

.Do not abandon your friends or your father's friends¹⁰

Do not go to the houses of your relatives when something disastrous happens to

.you

.it is better to go to a neighbor than to relatives who live far away ,**Rather**

,My child, act wisely and make me happy¹¹

.so that I will be able to reply to anyone who argues against me

,Sensible people observe something dangerous happening and avoid it¹²

.**for doing so** do not avoid it and suffer **ignorantly** but naive people

Take the coats of people who promise to pay a loan for someone whom they do not¹³

.know

.Indeed, hold onto the coats of people who do so for a foreigner

People will think that someone they know is cursing them if that person speaks¹⁴

.loudly to bless them early in the morning

annoying as is as **with you** A wife who always argues¹⁵

.constantly dripping water on a rainy day
 ,as stopping the wind **from arguing** It is as difficult to stop her¹⁶
 .or catching oil in one hand
 so too people can help people they know ,**blade** Just as iron can sharpen an iron¹⁷
 .improve how they think
as a Just as people who take care of fruit trees will eat the fruit from those trees¹⁸
 ,**result**
 .so too will masters honor their servants who guard them
 .When people look in water, the water reflects their faces¹⁹
 .In the same way, what people think reveals what kinds of people they are
 ;Just as the place where dead people go never becomes full²⁰
 .**something** so people never stop wanting
 .People use crucibles and furnaces to test and refine silver and gold²¹
 In the same way, people test what kind of person someone is by saying good things
 .about that person
 ,**into powder** If you were to crush a fool the way you would crush grain²²
 .you would still not be able to stop that person from acting foolishly
 .Be fully aware of how your sheep are doing²³
 .Indeed, consider carefully how your animals fare
 .because riches will not last forever **Do so**²⁴
 !Even a king's family will not rule forever
 .Harvest the grass and then you will see new grass²⁵
 .the plants that grow on the hillside **and store** Collect
 you will have lambs with wool that you can clothe **If you do these things, then**²⁶
 yourself with. You will also have male goats that you can sell for enough money to buy
 .a field
 ,You will even have female goats that produce enough milk for yourself, your family²⁷
 .and your servant girls to drink
 ,Wicked people run away even though no one is chasing them¹ **28**
 .but righteous people are as brave as lions
 ;When the people in a country sin, they have many leaders²
 .but when they have a truly knowledgeable ruler, they will last
 Poor people who oppress other poor people³

.rain that destroys all the crops, so that there is nothing to eat **as destructive as** are
 ;laws say good things about wicked people **Yahweh's** People who reject⁴
 .but people who obey those laws oppose such wicked people
 ,Evil people cannot comprehend what is just⁵
 .but people who desire to please Yahweh comprehend everything about it
 It is better to be poor and act honestly⁶
 .than to act dishonestly and be rich
 ,laws are discerning children **Yahweh's** People who obey⁷
 .but people who befriend gluttons disgrace their fathers
 People who become wealthy by charging an unreasonably large amount of interest⁸
from those to whom they loan money
 .collect that wealth to give it to people who are kind to poor people **unknowingly**
 Yahweh detests what people pray⁹
 .if those people refuse to even listen to his laws
 People who guide upright people to act evilly¹⁰
 ,will destroy themselves by what they do
 will receive what is **for acting wickedly** but people whom Yahweh does not blame
 .good
 ,think that they are wise **wrongly** Rich people may¹¹
 .**wise** but discerning poor people will prove that those people are not
 ,People celebrate when righteous people become powerful¹²
 .but people hide when wicked people become powerful
 ,hide the sinful things that they do will never be successful **try to** People who¹³
 but Yahweh will be merciful to people who confess the sinful things that they have
 .done and stop doing them
 ,People who always reverently fear Yahweh are happy¹⁴
 .but bad things happen to stubborn people
as dangerous as Wicked people who rule over poor people are¹⁵
 .a roaring lion or attacking bear
 ,**other people** Leaders who are not understanding severely oppress¹⁶
 .people who despise gaining wealth unjustly will live for a long time **but**
from those who would punish them People who murder others will keep running away¹⁷
 .until they die
 !Do not help them

,Yahweh will rescue people whom he does not blame for how they act¹⁸
 .but people who act dishonestly will suddenly ruin themselves
 ,to eat People who work hard will have enough food¹⁹
 .but people who waste time doing worthless things will only be poor
 ,Yahweh abundantly blesses faithful people²⁰
 .but he will certainly punish people who are eager to be wealthy
 ,Although it is very evil to favor someone²¹
 .to get as little as a scrap of food **by doing so** some people will sin
 ,Although people who are eager to become rich are stingy²²
 .they do not realize that they will become poor
 People approve of someone who corrects them after that person does so²³
 .to them someone who speaks flatteringly **they might approve of** more than
 People who rob their parents and say that doing so is not wrong²⁴
 .are as bad as murderers
 ,Greedy people cause people to argue with each other²⁵
 .but Yahweh will prosper people who trust him
 ,People who trust themselves are foolish²⁶
 .**what is dangerous** but people who act wisely are the ones who will escape
 ,will have all that they need **what they need** People who give poor people²⁷
 .but Yahweh abundantly curses people who ignore poor people
 ,People hide when wicked people become powerful²⁸
 .but when those wicked people die, there will be more and more righteous people
 ,Some people become stubborn when other people correct them¹ **29**
 .someone will destroy them instantly and they will not be able to recover
 ,People are joyful when righteous people become numerous²
 .**over them** but people are miserable when wicked people rule
 ,People who cherish what is wise make their fathers happy³
 .but people who have sex with prostitutes waste all their money
 ,Kings make the people in their land succeed by acting justly⁴
 .but leaders who take money dishonestly ruin the people in their land
 ,**are deceptive** People who flatter people they know⁵
 .people who try to trap others **they are like**

,Evil people endanger themselves by acting sinfully⁶
 .but righteous people sing joyfully and are happy
 ,Righteous people care about the rights of poor people⁷
 .but wicked people do not care about them at all
 ,People who mock others agitate people living in a city⁸
 .but wise people stop others from being angry
 ,If wise people sue foolish people⁹
 .the foolish people will rage and sneer and not resolve anything
 ,for acting wickedly Murderers despise people whom Yahweh does not blame¹⁰
 .but upright people try to protect those people
 ,Foolish people uncontrollably express everything that they feel¹¹
 .but wise people control how they express what they feel
 Leaders who believe the false things that people tell them¹²
 .have only wicked servants
 :one thing in common at least have them Poor people and the people who oppress¹³
 .Yahweh is the one who caused them to live
 Kings who judge poor people according to what is true¹⁴
 .will always rule securely
 ;If parents punish and correct their children, doing so can make those children wise¹⁵
 but if parents let their children do whatever they want to do, then their children will
 .disgrace them
 ,People sin more when wicked people become numerous¹⁶
 .but righteous people will witness Yahweh destroy those wicked people
 Discipline your children, so that they will make you feel peaceful¹⁷
 .and will delight you
 then people do not control ,to his prophets When Yahweh does not reveal anything¹⁸
 ,themselves
 .laws are happy Yahweh's but people who obey
 speaking to them only You cannot correct servants by¹⁹
 .what you say because they will not respond to you, even if they understand
 Consider this: Foolish people are more likely to improve themselves²⁰
 .than people who speak thoughtlessly
 ,If you give your servants everything they want when they are young²¹

.then they will eventually be arrogant
 .People who easily become angry cause people to argue²²
 .Indeed, angry people cause people to sin
 ,People will humiliate proud people for being proud²³
 .but people will honor humble people
 .People who help thieves only hurt themselves²⁴
 but they do not ,for not speaking what is true They hear that Yahweh will curse them
 .say anything
 ,a trap as dangerous as Being anxious is²⁵
 .but people who trust Yahweh will be safe
 ,Many people want leaders to help them²⁶
 .but Yahweh is the only one who does what is just for them
 ,Righteous people detest unjust people²⁷
 .but wicked people detest people who act uprightly

;the sayings of Agur son of Jakeh, which Yahweh told him to say **These are**¹ 30

:Agur declared to Ithiel, even to Ithiel and Ucal **these are what**
 .I am certainly less intelligent than other people²
 !Indeed, I do not understand as much as everyone else understands
 ,I have never learned about what is wise³
 .the Holy One ,Yahweh nor do I know about
 !Surely nobody has ever gone to heaven and returned to earth⁴
 !Surely nobody has ever controlled the wind
 !Surely nobody has ever gathered the water for rain in the clouds
 !Surely nobody has ever formed the boundaries of the earth
 ?what is his name? And what is the name of his son **If such a person exists, then**
 !**about such a person** Surely you do not know
 ;Everything that God says is true⁵
 .a shield that protects people who trust him to protect them **like** he is
 .said **actually** Never claim that God has said something other than what he has⁶
about what he If you do that, then he will correct you and he will prove that you lied
 .said
 ,I ask Yahweh for two things⁷

:and ask that he give them to me before I die

.prevent me from being dishonest or speaking what is not true **I ask that he**⁸

,not let me become too poor or too rich **I also ask that he**

.just provide the proper amount of food for me **but**

.If I become too rich, then I may reject Yahweh and claim that I do not know him⁹

,**other people** Or if I become too poor, then I may rob

.so that I dishonor my God

.Never say bad things about servants to the people whom they serve¹⁰

for what If you do, then they will curse you, and people will hold you responsible

.**you said**

.Some people frequently curse their parents¹¹

,Some people think they are sinless¹²

.people who have not cleaned off their filth **actually guilty like** but they are

!Some people are extremely arrogant¹³

were animals who remove poor **harshly oppress poor people as if they** Some people¹⁴

people from the world

.by eating them up with very sharp teeth

.animals that suck blood and have two daughters **Greedy people are like**¹⁵

!Give Me Some **The names of both of them are**

:There are three, no, four things that always want more

,the place where dead people are¹⁶

,childless women

,soil that never receives enough water

.and fire, which always needs something to burn

,People who ridicule their fathers¹⁷

and refuse to obey their mothers

,wild birds will pluck out their eyes **will die and**

.and young scavenging birds will eat them

:There are three, no, four things that are too amazing for me to comprehend¹⁸

,how birds fly in the air¹⁹

,how snakes slither over rocks

,how ships sail in the middle of the ocean

.with young women **lovingly** and how young men act

for adulterous women as **as easy** Acting adulterously is²⁰

,eating, wiping their mouths

.and claiming that they have not sinned at all

:the world cannot tolerate **the people in** There are three, no, four things that²¹

,when slaves become rulers²²

,when fools have plenty of food to eat

,when women whom people hate marry someone²³

.and when servant girls replace the wives of their masters

There are four creatures in the world that are small²⁴

:but extremely wise

,Although ants are weak insects²⁵

.**to eat during the winter** during the right time they store their food

,Although hyraxes are weak animals²⁶

.on cliffs **among the rocks** they make their homes

,Although locusts do not have a king²⁷

.they move in orderly groups like soldiers in an army

,Although lizards are small enough to hold in your hands²⁸

.you can find them inside kings' palaces

:There are three, no, four things that look very impressive when they walk²⁹

lions, which are the most powerful animals³⁰

,and never flee from anything

,strutting male birds, male goats³¹

.and kings whom people are afraid to rebel against

,If you have acted foolishly by bragging about yourself³²

,**to do what is evil** or if you were plotting

!then stop doing so immediately

just as churning ,**doing so will cause bad things to happen to you** because **Stop doing so**³³

,milking turns it into butter

,squeezing a nose will make it bleed

.and making people angry causes them to fight

the sayings of King Lemuel; Yahweh had spoken these sayings that **These are**¹ **31**

:his mother had taught him

My son, whom I gave birth to²
 !listen to me ,to **dedicate to Yahweh** and whom I vowed
 ;Do not exhaust yourself by having sex with women³
 .they can destroy kings
 ,Lemuel, kings should certainly not drink wine⁴
 ”.them and rulers should not want to drink what can intoxicate
 that they have made If they do so, then they might forget the laws⁵
 .and prevent all suffering people from getting what they legally deserve
 ,them Let dying people drink what can intoxicate⁶
 .and let miserable people drink wine
 to forget that they are poor **what can intoxicate them** They can drink⁷
 .and to completely forget what troubles them
 ;for themselves Defend those who cannot speak⁸
 .all those who are dying so that they get what they legally deserve **defend**
 ,Defend, judge rightly⁹
 .and plead for suffering and poor people to get what they legally deserve
 !Virtuous and capable women are difficult to find¹⁰
 .This kind of woman is more valuable than precious jewels
 ,Her husband completely trusts her¹¹
 .because of her and he will always gain many things
 Such a woman benefits her husband¹²
 .for as long as she lives
 ,She gets materials to make warm and cool clothing¹³
 .and she enjoys making that clothing
 She is like merchant ships¹⁴
 .because she brings her food to her home from distant places
 She gets up before dawn in order to prepare food for her family¹⁵
 .for her female servants **food** and some
 .She buys a field after planning carefully¹⁶
 .She uses some of what she earned by working to plant a vineyard
 ,She vigorously prepares herself to work hard¹⁷
 .by working hard and she makes her arms strong
 .She knows that what she does is very profitable¹⁸

.She works late into the night
 .with her own hands **for clothing** She makes thread¹⁹
 .She helps poor people and suffering people²⁰
 She is not worried that her family will be cold during cold weather²¹
 .because her whole family has the best warm clothing
 .She makes her own blankets to cover beds²²
 .She wears clothing made from expensive cloth
 ,gates **city** People respect such a woman's husband at the²³
 .leaders of the city **other** with the **there** and he sits
 .This woman makes clothing and sells it²⁴
 .She also sells belts to merchants
 ,People notice how strong and dignified she is²⁵
 .and she is cheerful about what will happen in the future
 ,She speaks wisely²⁶
 .to be faithfully kind **others** and when she speaks, she teaches
 ,She carefully watches what happens in her household²⁷
 .and she is never lazy
 .This woman's children stand respectfully and declare that she lives happily²⁸
 .Her husband says good things about her as well
 ,He says to her, "Many women have acted virtuously and capably²⁹
 "!"but you indeed have done better than them all
 can deceive people into thinking that they are **who are not good** Charming women³⁰
 ,good
 .and beautiful women will not remain beautiful forever
 .However, people will praise those women who reverently fear Yahweh
 ,Give to such women what they have earned³¹
 .and praise them publicly for what they have done