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Proverbs

Proverbs 1

Proverbs 1:1

ULT

¹ The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, the king of Israel:

UST

¹ These are the sayings that compare one example with another, to teach moral lessons and to make people wise, from Solomon the king of Israel, who was son of David.

Who was the author of these proverbs?

Solomon, king of Israel, was the author of these proverbs.

Proverbs 1:2

ULT

² To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of understanding;

UST

² The purpose of these sayings is to teach the meaning of wisdom and give examples of moral instruction, so wise teaching can guide you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:3

ULT

³ to receive instruction of insight, righteousness and justice and equity;

UST

³ These sayings offer correction so you may live by wisdom, by the measures of what is right, what is just, and what is fair.

How do these proverbs teach people to live?

These proverbs teaches people to live by doing what is right, just, and fair.

Proverbs 1:4**ULT**

⁴ to give to naive ones prudence, to a young man knowledge and discretion

UST

⁴ They give wise teaching to those who have no experience and to instruct those who do not know how to live a moral life, and to give the young the knowledge they need and to teach them the understanding they do not have—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:5**ULT**

⁵ (a wise one will hear and increase learning, and one who discerns will get directions),

UST

⁵ so the wise may listen to these sayings and increase in their learning, and those who already have insight will gain more ways to live according to the lessons of wisdom.

What can the wise receive by listening to these proverbs?

The wise can increase their learning by listening to these proverbs.

Proverbs 1:6**ULT**

⁶ to understand a proverb and a satire, the words of the wise and their riddles.

UST

⁶ They seek to understand the lessons of the proverbs and the meaning of the parables. These are the words of the wise and their difficult riddles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:7**ULT**

⁷ The fear of Yahweh {is} the beginning of knowledge, fools despise wisdom and instruction.

UST

⁷ You must begin your search for knowledge by honoring Yahweh and respecting him, a fool who dishonors himself hates wisdom and fights against the one who corrects him.

What is the beginning of knowledge?

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge.

Proverbs 1:8**ULT**

⁸ Hear, my son, the instruction of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother.

UST

⁸ My son, listen when your father teaches you and do not disobey the rules your mother set down.

To whose instruction should a son listen?

A son should listen to instruction from his father and mother.

Proverbs 1:9**ULT**

⁹ For, they {are} a wreath of favor for your head and necklace chains for your neck.

UST

⁹ Their teaching is a wreath upon your head, and beautiful necklaces around your neck, they are priceless gifts from your parents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

UST

¹⁰ My son, as sinners try to draw you into their sin with smooth talk and flattery, do not listen to what they say and do not follow them.

What should a son do if sinners try to entice him with sin?

A son should refuse to follow those who try to entice him with sin.

Proverbs 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ If they say, "Come with us! Let us lie in wait for blood. Let us lie hidden for the innocent without cause.

UST

¹¹ They may say, "Come with us! Join us! We will hide in wait and we will take the life of one who passes by. We will hide ourselves and we will rise up and attack a person who has done us no wrong—that will be our sport.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:12**ULT**

¹² Let us swallow them, the living ones, like Sheol, and the whole ones like those going down to a pit.

UST

¹² Like the grave has power to take even a healthy person and drag them to the place of the dead, we will take their life from them. We will make them like those who fall into the place where there is no hope of escape.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:13**ULT**

¹³ We will find every precious wealth. We will fill our houses {with} spoil.

UST

¹³ We will find many valuable and expensive items, and we will fill our houses with what we stole from them!

With what do those who are sinning plan to fill their houses?

Those who are sinning plan to fill their houses with what they steal from others.

Proverbs 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Cause your lot to fall in our midst; one purse will be for all of us."

UST

¹⁴ So, come, be part of our team! We will split into equal shares, and give to each member of our team, from all the things we stole."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ My son, do not walk in the way with them; restrain your foot from their path.

UST

¹⁵ My son, do not walk that road with them! Do not put your foot down on the same path on which they walk!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For their feet run to evil, and they hurry to pour out blood.

UST

¹⁶ They run to the places where they do terrible things, They hurry so they can commit murder.

What do those who are sinning hurry to do?

Those who are sinning hurry to shed blood.

Proverbs 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Surely in vain {is} the net spread out in the eyes of any owner of wing,

UST

¹⁷ It is useless to put out a net to trap a bird while the bird is watching you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ but they lie in wait for their blood, lie hidden for their lives.

UST

¹⁸ These men make plans that turn around and kill them. They set a trap and the trap catches them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:19**ULT**

¹⁹ So {are} the ways of all who unjustly gain unjust gain; it takes the life of its owner.

UST

¹⁹ These are the ways of all who gain their riches through theft and deceit; the things they stole destroy the lives of the thieves who cling to them.

What does unjust gain do to those who hold on to it?

Unjust gain takes away the lives of those who hold on to it.

Proverbs 1:20**ULT**

²⁰ Wisdom cries out in the street, she gives her voice in the plazas.

UST

²⁰ Wisdom is like a woman who cries out in the streets. Wisdom calls out to people in the plazas.

Who cries aloud in the streets, open places, and city gates? (vv20-21)

Wisdom cries aloud in the streets, open places, and city gates.

Proverbs 1:21**ULT**

²¹ At the head of the tumultuous streets she calls out; at the opening of the gates in the city she says her words,

UST

²¹ At the intersection of busy streets she cries out and at the entrance of city gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:22**ULT**

²² "Until when will the naive ones love naivety and mockers delight in mockery for themselves and fools hate knowledge?

UST

²² She cries, "How long will you who have not been taught, will you love being enticed to do what will harm you? How long will you who think you know more than the wise, have so much joy in the little you know? How long will you fools refuse to learn?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:23**ULT**

²³ Turn to my rebuke. Behold, I shall pour out my spirit to you, I shall cause you to know my words.

UST

²³ If you pay attention to me when I correct you, I will tell you all I am thinking. I will help you understand what I am saying to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:24**ULT**

²⁴ Because I have called and you have refused, I have stretched forth my hand and there was no heeding,

UST

²⁴ But when I called to you, you refused to listen. I beckoned you and stretched out my hands to you, but no one paid any attention.

What did those who lacked wisdom do when Wisdom called out to them? (vv24-25)

Those who lacked wisdom refused to listen and did not pay attention when Wisdom called out to them.

Proverbs 1:25**ULT**

²⁵ and you have let go of all my counsel, and you did not consent to my rebuke,

UST

²⁵ You refused to listen to my advice and you did not listen when I corrected you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:26**ULT**

²⁶ I too will laugh in your disaster, I will mock when your terror comes,

UST

²⁶ I will laugh at you, when you are experiencing troubles, when you are terribly afraid, I will have contempt for you and not compassion.

What will Wisdom do when calamity comes on those who lacked wisdom?

Wisdom will laugh when calamity comes on those who lacked wisdom.

Proverbs 1:27**ULT**

²⁷ when your terror comes like a storm and your disaster comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

UST

²⁷ When troubles strike you like a powerful storm, and disasters hit you like a violent wind, when you experience distress and you go through difficulties, I will have contempt for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then they will call out to me but I will not answer, they will diligently seek me but they will not find me,

UST

²⁸ When people call to me to help them, but I will not answer them. They will be desperate for my help, and search everywhere for me, but they will not find me.

What will Wisdom do when those who lacked wisdom call upon her?

Wisdom will not answer when those who lacked wisdom call upon her.

Proverbs 1:29**ULT**

²⁹ for the reason that they hate knowledge and did not choose the fear of Yahweh,

UST

²⁹ They reject what I say and they hate what I know, and they made a choice not to show respect to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:30**ULT**

³⁰ they did not consent to my counsel, and they despised my every rebuke.

UST

³⁰ They would not obey what I told them to do, and they did not pay attention when I tried to correct them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:31**ULT**

³¹ And they will eat from the fruit of their ways, and from their schemes they will have their fill.

UST

³¹ So they will experience the consequences of their actions when they carry out their evil plans.

With what will those who lacked wisdom be filled?

Those who lacked wisdom will be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

Proverbs 1:32**ULT**

³² For the turning away of the naive will slay them and ease will cause fools to perish.

UST

³² Those who have not been taught wisdom are foolish. Fools choose to make no decision about anything, but be sure of this: Their failure to make a decision will destroy their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:33**ULT**

³³ But the one who listens to me will dwell securely and will be at ease from the terror of evil."

UST

³³ But those who pay attention to me will live in peace and safety, and they will rest and not be afraid of any disaster that may come."

How will those live who listen to Wisdom?

Those who listen to wisdom will live in safety.

Proverbs 2

Proverbs 2:1

ULT

¹ My son, if you receive my words and store up my commandments with you—

UST

¹ My son, listen to what I say, and consider my commands to be as valuable as a treasure.

What does Wisdom want her son to treasure?

Wisdom wants her son to treasure her commandments.

Proverbs 2:2

ULT

² by causing your ear to be attentive to wisdom, you incline your heart to understanding—

UST

² Pay attention to wisdom and try hard to understand what is wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:3

ULT

³ indeed, if you call out for discernment, you lift up your voice for understanding,

UST

³ Call out to Yahweh to get insight, plead with him to help you understand more of what he wants you to know.

How should the son seek and search for understanding? (vv3-4)

The son should seek understanding as silver, and search for it as a hidden treasure.

Proverbs 2:4**ULT**

⁴ if you seek it like silver and search for it like hidden treasures,

UST

⁴ Search eagerly for wisdom, like you would search for silver— like you would search for a treasure that someone has hidden.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:5**ULT**

⁵ then you will understand the fear of Yahweh and you will find the knowledge of God.

UST

⁵ If you do that, you will understand how to give Yahweh the respect he deserves, and you will succeed in knowing God.

If the son seeks and searches for understanding, what will he find?

The son will find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:6**ULT**

⁶ For Yahweh gives wisdom, knowledge and understanding {are} from his mouth.

UST

⁶ Yahweh is the one who gives us wisdom. He is the one who tells us things that we need to know and understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:7**ULT**

⁷ And he stores up prudence for the upright ones— a shield for those walking with integrity,

UST

⁷ He stores up good advice so he can give it to them who honor him by the way they live their lives. He protects those who do with their lives what they say with their lips.

What is Yahweh for those who walk in integrity?

Yahweh is a shield for those who walk in integrity.

Proverbs 2:8**ULT**

⁸ to guard the paths of justice, and he will keep the way of his faithful ones.

UST

⁸ He guards justice and works to see it is done, and he keeps safe those who are faithful to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:9**ULT**

⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity— every good track.

UST

⁹ You will understand what Yahweh sees is right and what Yahweh determines is just to do, and he will show you the best way to live.

When wisdom comes into the son's heart, what will he understand?

The son will understand righteousness, justice, equity, and every good path.

Proverbs 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For wisdom will enter into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your spirit.

UST

¹⁰ Wisdom will fill your life; knowing what Yahweh wants you to know will cause you to be joyful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ Discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,

UST

¹¹ You will learn to tell the difference between right and wrong and that will keep you safe.

From what will discretion and understanding rescue the son? (vv11-13)

Discretion and understanding will rescue the son from the way of evil and from those who walk in the ways of darkness.

Proverbs 2:12**ULT**

¹² to rescue you from the way of evil, from a man who speaks perverse things,

UST

¹² You will not do what Yahweh forbids you to do, and you will stay away from those who imagine horrible things and talk about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:13**ULT**

¹³ the ones who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,

UST

¹³ They go the wrong way, and they walk where there is no light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ the ones who are joyful to do evil, they rejoice in perverse things of evil,

UST

¹⁴ They are glad when they do what is wrong, they twist good things into bad and enjoy doing what they know is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ whose paths {are} crooked and who are devious in their tracks;

UST

¹⁵ They bend the truth and live by deception and their lies hide what they have done.

How do those who walk in the ways of darkness hide their tracks?

Those who walk in the ways of darkness hide their tracks using deception.

Proverbs 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ to rescue you from a strange woman, from a foreign woman who makes her words smooth,

UST

¹⁶ Wisdom will keep you safe from the adulterous woman, and you will not pay attention when a strange woman invites you to be with her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ the one who forsakes the companion of her youth and has forgotten the covenant of her God.

UST

¹⁷ Those women left the husbands they married when they were young, they forgot the promise they made to God to love only the one they married.

What does the immoral woman forsake and forget?

The immoral woman forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

Proverbs 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For her house sinks down to death and her tracks to the spirits of the dead.

UST

¹⁸ Those who enter her house are taken to their death, because the way to her house takes them where dead people are buried.

To where do the immoral woman's tracks lead?

The immoral woman's tracks lead to those in the grave.

Proverbs 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ All who enter her will not return and they will not reach the paths of life.

UST

¹⁹ All who go to her to sleep with her have no way to get out of her house, they will be so lost they will never find the way back to life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ So you shall walk in the way of the good ones and you shall keep the paths of the righteous ones.

UST

²⁰ You must live your life in the same way that good men are living. You should do the same things as those who do what is right.

In whose ways should the son walk?

The son should walk in the way of good people and those who do right.

Proverbs 2:21**ULT**

²¹ For the upright ones will dwell {in} the land, and the blameless ones will remain in it,

UST

²¹ Those who do what is right will receive the land as a gift from Yahweh, and only those who do what they have promised will stay in the land for a long time.

What will happen to those who do right?

Those who do right will make a home in the land.

Proverbs 2:22**ULT**

²² but wicked ones will be cut off from the land, and those who act treacherously will be torn away from it.

UST

²² Those who do bad things will have no claim to this land, and people who take advantage of others and do not keep their word, they will never have even a small part of the land.

What will happen to those who are wicked?

Those who are wicked will be cut off from the land.

Proverbs 3

Proverbs 3:1

ULT

¹ My son, do not forget my law, and let your heart keep my commandments.

UST

¹ My son, do not forget the lessons I have taught you. Keep my commands inside of you, as important guidance for how you will live,

What will Wisdom's commands and teachings add to her son? (vv1-2)

Wisdom's commands and teachings will add years of life and peace to her son.

Proverbs 3:2

ULT

² For they will add to you length of days and years of life and peace.

UST

² because they will help you live a long life, measured in either days or years, and they will bring you peace in addition to all the lessons they teach you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:3

ULT

³ Do not let covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness leave you, tie them on your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart,

UST

³ Treat others with tenderness and always speak the truth to them. Let tenderness and truth guide you in every relationship, as if they both were on a necklace you wear, a necklace that guides you in everything you say.

Where must covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness be written?

Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness must be written on the tablet of the heart.

Proverbs 3:4**ULT**

⁴ and you will find favor and good insight in the eyes of God and mankind.

UST

⁴ Then you will experience God's delight in you, and people will also approve of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:5**ULT**

⁵ Trust in Yahweh with all your heart and do not lean on your understanding;

UST

⁵ Put all your trust in Yahweh, and do not take action because you made up your mind what you should do;

On what must the son not lean?

The son must not lean on (rely on) his own understanding.

Proverbs 3:6**ULT**

⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him and he will straighten your paths.

UST

⁶ but in every choice and decision, look to Yahweh, and he will show you how you must live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:7**ULT**

⁷ Do not be wise in your eyes, fear Yahweh and turn from evil.

UST

⁷ Do not think you are wise enough to direct your life, give Yahweh the reverence he deserves, and when evil invites you in, turn aside from it.

How must the son not see himself?

The son must not see himself as wise.

Proverbs 3:8**ULT**

⁸ It will be healing for your navel and refreshment for your bones.

UST

⁸ Giving Yahweh reverence will make your body healthy and it will give your bones the food it needs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:9**ULT**

⁹ Honor Yahweh from your wealth and from the firstfruits of all your produce,

UST

⁹ When you gain money, honor Yahweh by giving him the tithe; give him the first portion of what you received, to remember it all came from him.

What must the son do with his wealth?

The son must honor Yahweh with his wealth.

Proverbs 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ and your storehouses will be full with plenty and your presses will burst open with new wine.

UST

¹⁰ If you honor Yahweh, your storerooms will be so full that they will overflow, and your barrels will be bursting with all the wine you have made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ The instruction of Yahweh, my son, do not reject, and do not abhor his rebuke.

UST

¹¹ My son, do not hate it when Yahweh corrects you, and when he rebukes you, do not resent it,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:12**ULT**

¹² For Yahweh rebukes whom he loves, and like a father he is pleased with a son.

UST

¹² for Yahweh only corrects those he loves, just like parents correct their children whom they love.

Who does Yahweh discipline?

Yahweh disciplines those he loves.

Proverbs 3:13**ULT**

¹³ Blessed {is} a man who finds wisdom and a man who obtains understanding.

UST

¹³ Those who get wisdom are fortunate; with her they also get understanding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For better {is} its gain than the gain of silver, and its produce than gold.

UST

¹⁴ Wisdom gives you a better profit than owning silver, and she will give you something that is much more valuable than gold.

Wisdom is better than what?

Wisdom is better than silver and gold.

Proverbs 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ She is more precious than corals, and all your desired things do not compare with her.

UST

¹⁵ Being wise is more precious than jewels and there is nothing you desire that is worth as much as wisdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Length of days {is} in her right hand, in her left hand {are} riches and honor.

UST

¹⁶ Wisdom can make you able to live a long life, if you do what she teaches; she is also ready to make you wealthy and to persuade other people to honor you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Her ways {are} ways of pleasantness and all her paths {are} peace.

UST

¹⁷ Wisdom is known by how kind she is, and she always directs you to the place where you will find peace.

What are all the paths of wisdom?

All the paths of wisdom are peace.

Proverbs 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ She {is} a tree of life to the ones who take hold of her, and those who grasp her {are} blessed.

UST

¹⁸ Wisdom is like a tree whose fruit gives life to those who hold on to it, and Yahweh gives happiness to those who hold on to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Yahweh founded the earth by wisdom, established the heavens by understanding.

UST

¹⁹ By his wisdom Yahweh laid out the earth from the very beginning, and by his understanding he put everything in the heavens exactly where they should be.

What did Yahweh do by wisdom?

By wisdom, Yahweh founded the earth.

Proverbs 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ By his knowledge the depths broke open and the clouds dripped dew.

UST

²⁰ The deepest part of the oceans broke open according to Yahweh's design, and in the same way, he made the dew so it would fall from the clouds above.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:21**ULT**

²¹ My son, do not let them depart from your eyes, guard prudence and discretion.

UST

²¹ My son, hold on to good sense in the decisions you make, and do not take your eye off of them.

What will be life to the son's soul? (vv21-22)

Sound judgment and discernment will be life to the son's soul.

Proverbs 3:22**ULT**

²² And they will be life for your spirit and favor for your neck.

UST

²² They will bring life to you, and a sign of Yahweh's blessings on your life that people can see by your good judgment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:23**ULT**

²³ Then you will walk your way to security and your foot will not stumble.

UST

²³ Your good decisions will take you where you are going in safety, and they will keep you from taking a wrong step on the way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:24**ULT**

²⁴ When you lie down, you will not be in dread, and you will lie down and your sleep will be pleasant.

UST

²⁴ When you lie down to sleep, you will not have any fear, and your sleep will be refreshing.

If the son walks in wisdom, what will happen when he lies down?

When he lies down, he will not be afraid and his sleep will be sweet.

Proverbs 3:25**ULT**

²⁵ Do not be afraid of sudden dread and of the devastation of the wicked ones when it comes.

UST

²⁵ Do not let a disaster fill you with terror, and do not let the wicked fill you with fear when they come for you.

Of what should the son not be afraid?

The son should not be afraid of sudden terror or devastation.

Proverbs 3:26**ULT**

²⁶ For Yahweh will be at your loins, and he will keep your foot from capture.

UST

²⁶ Yahweh takes your side to defend you, he will not allow any trap to catch and hold you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:27**ULT**

²⁷ Do not withhold good from its owner, when it is in the power of your hand to act.

UST

²⁷ Give good gifts to those who deserve it, when you can, help them.

What should the son do for those who deserve it?

The son should not withhold good from those who deserve it.

Proverbs 3:28**ULT**

²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor, "Go and return, and tomorrow I will give {it}," and it is with you.

UST

²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back later; perhaps I will help you tomorrow," when you have the money with you and can help them now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:29**ULT**

²⁹ Do not plot evil against your neighbor, and he who is dwelling safely with you.

UST

²⁹ Do not make plans to harm anyone you know, especially those who live close to you and trust you.

What should the son not do to his neighbor?

The son should not make a plan to harm his neighbor.

Proverbs 3:30**ULT**

³⁰ Do not contend with a man without cause, if he has not done evil to you.

UST

³⁰ If a person has done nothing to you, do not argue with him or say he has done something to you, when he has not.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:31**ULT**

³¹ Do not be envious of a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways.

UST

³¹ Do not envy a person who does violence to others, and do not imitate anything he does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:32**ULT**

³² For the devious one {is} an abomination to Yahweh, but his counsel {is} the upright.

UST

³² A lying person is hated by Yahweh for what he does, but Yahweh is a close friend to anyone who lives rightly.

Who is wicked to Yahweh?

The lying person is wicked to Yahweh.

Proverbs 3:33**ULT**

³³ The curse of Yahweh {is} in the house of the wicked one, but he blesses the abode of the righteous ones.

UST

³³ Yahweh promises punishment to the families of those who do evil things. but he makes happy the families of the good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:34**ULT**

³⁴ Though to the mockers he mocks, yet to the humble he gives favor.

UST

³⁴ Yahweh makes fools of those who treat others with disrespect, but he gives his kindness to people who are humble.

What does Yahweh do to the mockers?

Yahweh mocks the mockers.

Proverbs 3:35

ULT

³⁵ The wise ones will inherit honor, but fools lift up dishonor.

UST

³⁵ Those who are wise will be honored, but foolish people will become well known for their dishonor.

What do the wise inherit?

The wise inherit honor.

Proverbs 4

Proverbs 4:1

ULT

¹ Hear, sons, the instruction of a father, and listen attentively in order to know understanding.

UST

¹ Listen, children, listen to what I am teaching you. If you pay attention, you will learn about what it means to understand.

What should the sons not forget? (vv1-2)

The sons should not forget their father's instruction.

Proverbs 4:2

ULT

² For I give good instruction to you; do not forsake my law.

UST

² The lessons I give to you are good teaching, given in order. So do not refuse to learn the lessons I teach you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:3

ULT

³ When I was a son of my father, the tender and only one before the face of my mother,

UST

³ When I was my father's boy, and the only child of my mother,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:4**ULT**

⁴ then he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart grasp my words; keep my commandments and live.

UST

⁴ my father told me, "Put my words deep within you, obey my orders to you, and you will have life.

How did the father tell the son he would live?

The father told the son he would live by keeping the father's commands.

Proverbs 4:5**ULT**

⁵ Acquire wisdom, acquire understanding; do not forget and do not turn from the words of my mouth.

UST

⁵ Hold on to what is wise and whatever helps you understand, and do not forget the lessons I taught you and do not throw away the insights I spoke to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:6**ULT**

⁶ Do not abandon her and she will keep you; love her and she will guard you.

UST

⁶ Do not run away from the lessons which the wise teach you, because if you become wise, wisdom will keep you safe. Love wisdom and it will guard your life.

What will wisdom do for the son if the son does not abandon her, but loves her?

Wisdom will watch over him and keep him safe.

Proverbs 4:7**ULT**

⁷ The beginning of wisdom: acquire wisdom! And in all your acquisition acquire understanding.

UST

⁷ The most important thing you can do is to study the principles of wisdom and spend all you own so you can grow more and more in your understanding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:8**ULT**

⁸ Exalt her and she will raise you up; she will honor you when you embrace her.

UST

⁸ Wisdom is to be loved more than anything that is valuable, and she will raise you to a high position— and wisdom will honor you when you show how much you love it.

What will wisdom do for the son if the son cherishes and embraces her? (vv8-9)

Wisdom will exalt him, honor him, put a wreath on his head, and give him a beautiful crown.

Proverbs 4:9**ULT**

⁹ She will give a wreath of favor to your head; she will bestow to you a crown of splendor.”

UST

⁹ When you have attained wisdom, it will be like a beautiful wreath of honor on your head; she will give you a beautiful crown.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Listen, my son, and receive my words, and they will multiply for you the years of life.

UST

¹⁰ Hear, my son, listen and understand what I say to you— do this, and you will live a long life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ I taught you in the way of wisdom; I caused you to tread in the tracks of uprightness.

UST

¹¹ I directed you in the way you should walk and to use the wisdom you were taught; I led you by the hand down the roads, roads that are the right way for you to go.

Down what kind of path does the father lead the son?

The father leads the son down the straight path.

Proverbs 4:12**ULT**

¹² When you walk, your step will not be restricted; and if you run, you will not stumble.

UST

¹² When you live, you do not have anyone to blame; if you live wisely, when you use all your effort, you will succeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:13**ULT**

¹³ Take hold of instruction, do not let go; guard it, for it {is} your life.

UST

¹³ Remember the lessons that discipline taught you, and do not let them go. Guard them; for you live your life by them.

On to what must the son hold, for it is his life?

The son must hold on to discipline, for it is his life.

Proverbs 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Do not enter in the path of wicked ones and do not advance in the way of evil ones.

UST

¹⁴ Do not do what wicked people do, nor be with them; do not be with people who do evil things.

What path must the son avoid? (vv14-15)

The son must avoid the path of the wicked.

Proverbs 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Avoid it, do not pass through it; turn aside from it and pass on.

UST

¹⁵ Stay far from those ways; turn another way and go on another road.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For they do not sleep if they do not do evil and their sleep is robbed if they do not cause stumbling.

UST

¹⁶ Evil people cannot rest until they have done something that Yahweh said they must not do. They will not rest until they force someone to fall, someone who was doing well until they came along.

What must the wicked do before they can sleep?

The wicked must do evil before they can sleep.

Proverbs 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness and they drink the wine of violent acts.

UST

¹⁷ They get their strength, and they are fed by doing what is wrong; and they are intoxicated by hurting others; they get drunk on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But the path of the righteous ones {is} like a light of brightness, going and shining until the day {is} established.

UST

¹⁸ The path taken by those who do right grows brighter and brighter, like the rising of the sun at dawn, and it shines brighter and brighter until it is as full as the light of day.

What is the path of the righteous like?

The path of the righteous is like a first light that grows brighter.

Proverbs 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The way of the wicked {is} like the darkness; they do not know on what they stumble.

UST

¹⁹ The actions of the wicked are like the darkness— they stumble because they cannot see what makes them fall.

What is the path of the wicked like?

The path of the wicked is like darkness.

Proverbs 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ My son, listen attentively to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.

UST

²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I am saying to you. Pay attention to these lessons I am teaching you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:21**ULT**

²¹ Do not let them turn aside from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart.

UST

²¹ Keep reading them over and over, and keep them deep within you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:22**ULT**

²² For they {are} life to those who find them and healing to all of his flesh.

UST

²² For my words bring a message of life to those who pay attention to them, and their message brings health to the entire body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:23**ULT**

²³ Guard your heart more than all keeping, for from it {are} the sources of life.

UST

²³ Protect your heart with all your strength and guard what you love; guard it, for it becomes a fountain overflowing with life.

Why must the son guard his heart with all diligence?

The son must guard his heart with all diligence for from it flow the springs of life.

Proverbs 4:24**ULT**

²⁴ Remove the crookedness of mouth from you, and put far away from you the deviousness of lips.

UST

²⁴ Make it your aim to keep away from you any lying speech, and put any deceptive talk far away.

What kind of speech and talk must the son put away?

The son must put away crooked speech and corrupt talk.

Proverbs 4:25**ULT**

²⁵ Cause your eyes to look to the front, and cause your eyelids to be straight in front of you.

UST

²⁵ Look straight ahead because you are focused on what is good and right, and do not turn aside to the right or to the left.

Where must the son fix his gaze?

The son must fix his gaze straight before him.

Proverbs 4:26**ULT**

²⁶ Make level the track of your foot and all your ways will be firm.

UST

²⁶ Take care about where you will go, and take care to be sure that the way is safe; then you will know what to expect along the way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:27

ULT

²⁷ Do not turn aside right or left; cause your foot to turn away from evil.

UST

²⁷ Do not leave the straight road by turning to the left or to the right, and do not follow the way that leads to evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5

Proverbs 5:1

ULT

¹ My son, listen attentively to my wisdom, incline your ear to my understanding,

UST

¹ My son, learn the lessons I teach you about wisdom. I understand much about this, so listen very carefully to what I tell you.

What will the son learn if he listens carefully to understanding?

The son will learn about discretion if he listens carefully to understanding.

Proverbs 5:2

ULT

² in order to keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.

UST

² If you do that, you will learn the difference between what is important and what is not, and you will not mix true knowledge with mistakes when you speak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:3

ULT

³ For the lips of a strange woman drip fresh honey and her palate {is} smoother than oil,

UST

³ The woman who desires to commit adultery speaks with words that are sweet, and her kisses are smoother than oil,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:4**ULT**

⁴ but her end {is} bitter like wormwood, sharp like a two-edge sword.

UST

⁴ but in the end, she is so bitter you can taste it, and she cuts you like a sharp sword.

In the end, what is an adulteress like?

In the end, an adulteress is bitter as wormwood.

Proverbs 5:5**ULT**

⁵ Her feet are going down to death; her steps take hold of Sheol.

UST

⁵ She walks down to the place of death; if you follow her, she will lead you all the way to the grave.

To where do an adulteress' feet go?

An adulteress' feet go down to death, all the way to Sheol.

Proverbs 5:6**ULT**

⁶ Lest she make level the path of life, she does not know her ways {are} unstable.

UST

⁶ She does not want to take the path that will let her live for a long time. She goes here and there, but where she is going she does not know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:7**ULT**

⁷ And now, sons, listen to me; and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

UST

⁷ So now, my sons, pay attention to what I say, and do not forget or disobey the instruction I am giving you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:8**ULT**

⁸ Keep your way far from her and do not come near to the opening of her house.

UST

⁸ Stay far away from the immoral woman; do not go near the door of her house.

What path should wise sons take regarding an adulteress and her house?

Wise sons should take a path far from an adulteress and not near her house.

Proverbs 5:9**ULT**

⁹ Lest you give your splendor to others and your years to a cruel one.

UST

⁹ If you go to her you will lose the respect of others, and you give your life to someone who will not have mercy on you.

What will the sons give away if they become involved with an adulteress?

If they become involved with an adulteress, the sons will give away their honor and years of their lives.

Proverbs 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Lest strangers be satisfied with your strength and your toil {be} in the house of a foreigner,

UST

¹⁰ It may be that others will take all the wealth that you have earned, and it goes into the houses of people you do not know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ and you groan at your end when your flesh and your body cease.

UST

¹¹ And when you are about to die, you will groan because your flesh and your body are wasting away.

What will happen at the end of their lives if the sons become involved with an adulteress?

If they become involved with an adulteress, their flesh and body will waste away.

Proverbs 5:12**ULT**

¹² And you will say, "How I hated instruction and my heart despised rebuke!

UST

¹² Then you will say, "I hated it when I was punished for doing wrong; I despised people when they told me how to live.

What regret will the sons speak at the end of their lives if they become involved with an adulteress?

If they become involved with an adulteress, they will say at the end of their lives that they regret having hated discipline and having rejected correction.

Proverbs 5:13**ULT**

¹³ And I did not listen to the voice of my teachers and I did not incline my ear to those who taught me.

UST

¹³ I did not obey my teachers and I paid no attention to those who taught me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I was almost in all evil, in the midst of the assembly and the congregation."

UST

¹⁴ I was almost destroyed by bad things that happened to me; and this was known to everyone who came together to worship Yahweh."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Drink water from your cistern and flowing water from the midst of your well.

UST

¹⁵ Just as you drink water from your own cistern, be faithful to your own wife.

From where should the sons drink?

The sons should drink water from their own cistern and from their own well.

Proverbs 5:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Should your springs flow outside, streams of water in the plazas?

UST

¹⁶ You would not waste your own water by pouring it into the street, or let your water run into the public places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Let them be for you, for you alone, and not for strangers with you.

UST

¹⁷ Let both your water and your wife be for you alone to enjoy, and not for others to share with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:18**ULT**

¹⁸ May your fountain be blessed, and get joy from the wife of your youth.

UST

¹⁸ May your fountain be blessed; may you be happy with the woman you married when you were young.

With whom should the sons rejoice?

The sons should rejoice with the wife of their youth.

Proverbs 5:19**ULT**

¹⁹ A doe of loves and a mountain goat of grace, may her breasts drench you at every time; may you continually stagger in her love.

UST

¹⁹ She is as graceful as a loving deer and as graceful as a young doe. Let her breasts always satisfy your longings, so you are forever enraptured with her love.

With what should the sons be captivated?

The sons should be captivated by the love of the wife of their youth.

Proverbs 5:20**ULT**

²⁰ And why would you stagger with a strange woman, my son, and embrace the bosom of a foreign woman?

UST

²⁰ My son, why should you be caught up in the arms of an adulteress? Why should you caress the breasts of another man's wife?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:21**ULT**

²¹ For the ways of a man {are} in front of the eyes of Yahweh, and are making level all of his paths.

UST

²¹ Yahweh sees everything we do; nothing is hidden from him. He sees every path we take; he knows everywhere we go.

What does Yahweh see?

Yahweh sees everything a person does.

Proverbs 5:22**ULT**

²² His iniquities seize him, the wicked one; and he is grasped by the cords of his sin.

UST

²² An evil person's sinful desires take hold of him; his sins are like a trap that catches him.

What will seize and hold tight the wicked person?

His sin will seize and hold the wicked person.

Proverbs 5:23**ULT**

²³ He will die because there is no instruction; and he staggers in the abundance of his foolishness.

UST

²³ An evil man will die because he could not say, "No" to his desires; he gets lost because his foolishness has no limits.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6

Proverbs 6:1

ULT

¹ My son, if you pledge to your neighbor, you clapped your palm for a stranger,

UST

¹ My son, if you provide a guarantee for a neighbor who takes out a loan, or if you give the promise that you will pay for a loan of a person you do not know,

How could the son lay a trap for himself? (vv1-2)

The son could lay a trap for himself by giving his promise for a loan of someone he does not know.

Proverbs 6:2

ULT

² you are ensnared by the words of your mouth, you are caught by the words of your mouth,

UST

² you laid a trap for yourself by making the promise, and you have been caught by agreeing to a contract for someone you did not know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:3

ULT

³ then do this, my son, and rescue yourself. Since you have come into the palm of your neighbor, go, humble yourself and importune your neighbor.

UST

³ Do this, my son, and deliver yourself from this difficulty: humbly go to your neighbor and beg him to cancel the agreement that you made.

What must the son do to save himself?

To save himself the son must go to his neighbor and beg to be released from his promise.

Proverbs 6:4**ULT**

⁴ Do not give sleep to your eyes and slumber to your eyelids.

UST

⁴ Do not sleep, and do not rest until you go and talk with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:5**ULT**

⁵ Rescue yourself like a gazelle from a hand, and like a bird from the hand of the trapper.

UST

⁵ Save yourself, like a deer that escapes from the hunter; or like a bird that flies away from the hand of one who hunts for birds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:6**ULT**

⁶ Go to the ant, lazy one! See its ways and be wise,

UST

⁶ You lazy person, learn something from watching the ants. Become wise and watch what they do.

What should a lazy person study?

A lazy person should study the ant.

Proverbs 6:7**ULT**

⁷ that without a commander, officer, or ruler for it,

UST

⁷ The ant has no commander, officer, or ruler telling him what to do,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:8**ULT**

⁸ it prepares its bread in the summer, it gathers its food in the harvest.

UST

⁸ but during the summer it works hard, gathering and storing food to eat during the winter.

What does the ant do in the summer?

In the summer, the ant prepares and stores its food.

Proverbs 6:9**ULT**

⁹ Until when, lazy one, will you lie down? When will you rise from your sleep?

UST

⁹ But you lazy person, how long will you continue to sleep? When will you rise and go to work?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ "A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down"—

UST

¹⁰ You sleep for a little time, and then you say, "A little more sleep, a little more resting in bed, a little more folding of the hands to take a nap."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ and your poverty will come like one who walks and your need like a man of shield.

UST

¹¹ Suddenly poverty will take over your life like a thief who steals everything from you.

What will happen to the lazy person who does not rise from his slumber?

Poverty will come on the lazy person who does not rise from his slumber.

Proverbs 6:12**ULT**

¹² A man of worthlessness, a man of iniquity, {is} one who walks {with} crookedness of mouth,

UST

¹² A worthless person — a person who does bad to others—he lives by the lies he speaks to others.

By what does a wicked man live?

A wicked man lives by the crookedness of his speech.

Proverbs 6:13**ULT**

¹³ one who winks with his eyes, one who rubs with his foot, one who points with his fingers.

UST

¹³ They tell tales by winking their eyes and they give signals by moving their feet, and they make plans by pointing with their fingers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Perverse things {are} in his heart; plotting evil at every time, he sends forth quarrels.

UST

¹⁴ The one who does bad things lays out plans within himself; he stirs up constant conflict wherever he goes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Therefore his disaster will come suddenly, in a moment he will be broken and without healing.

UST

¹⁵ His own disaster will overtake him in a second; he will be crushed to the point that he cannot be healed.

What will happen to the wicked man because of his evil plots?

Disaster will overtake the wicked man in an instant.

Proverbs 6:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Six {things} {are} they, Yahweh hates, and seven {things are} abominations of his spirit:

UST

¹⁶ There are six, even seven, things that Yahweh hates.

How many things does Yahweh hate and how many things are disgusting to him?

There are six things that Yahweh hates, seven that are disgusting to him.

Proverbs 6:17**ULT**

¹⁷ uplifted eyes, a tongue of falsehood, and hands pouring out innocent blood,

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh hates the eyes of the proud, the tongue that tells lies, the hands that shed the blood of the innocent,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:18**ULT**

¹⁸ a heart devising plans of iniquity, feet hurrying to run to evil,

UST

¹⁸ a heart that plots and makes plans to do evil things to others,

What kind of feet does Yahweh hate?

Yahweh hates the feet that quickly run to do evil.

Proverbs 6:19**ULT**

¹⁹ a witness of falsehood who breathes out lies and one who sends forth quarrels between brothers.

UST

¹⁹ the witness who breathes out lies when he gives testimony, and the one who causes strife between members of the same family.

What kind of witness does Yahweh hate?

Yahweh hates the witness who speaks out lies.

Proverbs 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ Guard, my son, the command of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother.

UST

²⁰ My son, obey the command of your father, and do not walk away from what your mother taught you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:21**ULT**

²¹ Bind them on your heart continually; tie them around your neck.

UST

²¹ Keep these lessons and tie them close inside as a part of yourself; tie them around your neck, to remind you how important they are to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:22**ULT**

²² When you go about, it will guide you; when you lie down, it will watch over you; and you will wake up, it will talk with you.

UST

²² When you walk, those lessons will guide you. When you sleep, they will watch over you and protect you. When you wake up in the morning, they will teach you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:23**ULT**

²³ For the commandment {is} a lamp and the law {is} a light, and the rebukes of instruction {are} the way of life,

UST

²³ These commands are like a lamp for you, and what we teach you is like a light to guide you. When people correct you, this is to continually teach you the right way to live.

What are “the commands” and “the teaching” likened to?

The commands are likened to a lamp and the teachings are likened to a light.

Proverbs 6:24**ULT**

²⁴ to keep you from a woman of evil, from the smoothness of the tongue of a foreign woman.

UST

²⁴ These lessons keep you from the immoral woman, they tell you about her enticing words and warn you to be on guard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:25**ULT**

²⁵ Do not desire her beauty in your heart and do not let her take you with her eyelashes.

UST

²⁵ Do not throw your desires after such a woman, nor should you desire her beauty; do not let her capture you by the way she looks at you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:26**ULT**

²⁶ For the price of a prostitute woman {is} as much as a loaf of bread, but the wife of a man hunts a precious life.

UST

²⁶ Sleeping with a prostitute may cost you only the price of a loaf of bread, but if you sleep with another man's wife, it may cost you your life.

What can sleeping with the wife of another cost the son?

Sleeping with the wife of another can cost the son his very life.

Proverbs 6:27**ULT**

²⁷ Will a man snatch up a fire in his chest and his clothes not be burned?

UST

²⁷ Can you carry hot coals in your pockets and not be burned?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:28**ULT**

²⁸ If a man walks on coals then will his feet not be burned?

UST

²⁸ Can you walk on burning coals and not scorch your feet?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:29**ULT**

²⁹ So is the one who enters into the wife of his neighbor: every one who touches her will not be free of guilt.

UST

²⁹ So is anyone who sleeps with another man's wife—he will suffer for doing that. It is certain he will be severely punished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:30**ULT**

³⁰ They do not despise the thief if he steals to satisfy his life when he is hungry.

UST

³⁰ We do not despise a thief if he steals some food because he is very hungry.

Why might people not despise a thief if he steals?

People might not despise a thief if he steals in order to satisfy his need when he is hungry.

Proverbs 6:31**ULT**

³¹ But if he is found, he will restore sevenfold; he will give all the wealth of his house.

UST

³¹ But if he steals something and then is caught by others, he will have to pay back seven times as much as he stole, even if he must sell everything that is in his house to get enough money to repay what he stole.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:32**ULT**

³² One who commits adultery with a woman lacks heart; destroying his life, he does it.

UST

³² But a man who commits adultery has no good judgment because he is destroying his own self.

Who does one who commits adultery destroy?

One who commits adultery destroys himself.

Proverbs 6:33**ULT**

³³ He will find a wound and dishonor and his shame will not be wiped out.

UST

³³ Wounds and shame will come to him; he will never forget how others disgraced him for his deed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:34**ULT**

³⁴ For jealousy is the heat of a man, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

UST

³⁴ Because that woman's husband will be jealous, he will become furious, and when he gets revenge, he will not act mercifully toward that man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:35**ULT**

³⁵ He will not lift up the face of any ransom, and he will not be willing if you increase the bribe.

UST

³⁵ And he will not accept any bribe to stop him.

What will the one who takes revenge against adultery not accept?

The one who takes revenge against adultery will not accept compensation.

Proverbs 7

Proverbs 7:1

ULT

¹ My son, keep my words and store up my commandments with you.

UST

¹ My son, obey the words I say to you; remember all my orders.

What must the son keep and store up in order to live? (vv1-2)

The son must keep and store up his father's commands and instruction.

Proverbs 7:2

ULT

² Keep my commandments and live and my law as the pupil of your eyes.

UST

² If you obey my commands, you will live. Consider my commands to be the most precious thing you possess, and obey them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:3

ULT

³ Tie them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

UST

³ Write down my commands and tie them to your fingers to remind yourself of them; let it be as if you had written them in your inner self.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:4**ULT**

⁴ Say to wisdom, "You {are} my sister," and call to understanding, "Kinsman,"

UST

⁴ Think of wisdom as if it were a woman, one of your own sisters, whom you love; think of understanding as if it were a person, one of your own family, to whom you are loyal.

From who does wisdom and understanding keep the son? (vv4-5)

Wisdom and understanding keep the son from the seductive woman.

Proverbs 7:5**ULT**

⁵ in order to keep you from the strange woman, from the foreign woman who makes her words smooth.

UST

⁵ If you do this, you will be able to stay away from women whom you must not be with, random women who say nice things to you so that you will sin with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:6**ULT**

⁶ For in the window of my house, through the window lattice I looked down.

UST

⁶ Standing in my house, I looked out of a window, through the wooden shade,

What did Solomon see as he looked out through the lattice? (vv6-7)

Solomon saw many untaught young men and among them a young man who had no sense.

Proverbs 7:7**ULT**

⁷ And I saw among the naive, I discerned among the sons a young man lacking sense.

UST

⁷ and I saw some young men who had not yet learned how to live wisely. I especially saw a young man there who had no good judgment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:8**ULT**

⁸ Passing through the street beside her corner, and he strode in the way of her house,

UST

⁸ He walked down the street near the house on the corner of the road, and he walked toward the house of the adulteress.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:9**ULT**

⁹ in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the pupil of the night and darkness.

UST

⁹ It was the time of day when night and darkness were coming near.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And behold, a woman to meet him, {with} the garment of a prostitute and guarded of heart.

UST

¹⁰ That was where the woman who was seeking an affair met the young man, and she greeted him. She was dressed as prostitutes dress, with seductive and enticing clothes, and she had secret plans.

How was the woman that the young man met dressed?

The woman was dressed like a prostitute.

Proverbs 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ (She {is} a loud and rebellious one; her feet do not stay in her house.)

UST

¹¹ She was loud and wayward, attracting attention. She did not stay in her own home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:12**ULT**

¹² At {one} time in the street, at {another} time in the plazas, and beside every corner she lies in ambush.)

UST

¹² She searched for a man as she walked along the streets one day; on another day she stood in the market place to find a man. At any street corner she waited for someone who would commit sin with her.

What does the woman do at every corner?

The woman lies in wait at every corner.

Proverbs 7:13**ULT**

¹³ And she grabbed him and kissed him, she strengthened her face and said to him,

UST

¹³ When she saw the young man, she firmly took hold of him, and then she kissed him. Without any shame and with great boldness, she said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ "The sacrifices of fellowship offerings {were} on me; today I have completed my vows.

UST

¹⁴ "Today I have meat in my house, because I made a sacrifice in the temple to promise friendship with Yahweh. In this way I kept my vows to Yahweh,

What had the woman made earlier in the day?

Earlier in the day, the woman had made her peace offering.

Proverbs 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Therefore, I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face and I found you.

UST

¹⁵ and now I have come out here to meet you. I was looking for you, and now I have found you!

What had the woman been eagerly seeking?

The woman had been eagerly seeking the face of the young man.

Proverbs 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I have spread my bed {with} coverings, colored linen of Egypt.

UST

¹⁶ I have put on my bed sheets—the finest colored linen fabrics from Egypt.

What does the woman invite the young man to do? (vv16-18)

The woman invites the young man to go with her to her bed until morning.

Proverbs 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I have sprinkled my bed {with} myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

UST

¹⁷ I have sprinkled perfumes on my bed— myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Come, let us be saturated with loves until the morning; let us delight ourselves with loves.

UST

¹⁸ Come! Let us make love all night, until the morning comes. Let us enjoy ourselves with many ways of making love, as much as we want.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For the man is not in his house; he went on a road far away.

UST

¹⁹ My husband is not at home; he has gone away on a long journey.

Where is the woman's husband?

The woman's husband is away on a long journey.

Proverbs 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ He took the bag of the silver in his hand; he will enter his house to the day of the full moon."

UST

²⁰ He filled a bag with money and took it with him; he will not come back until the middle of the month."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:21**ULT**

²¹ She turned him with much of her teaching; with the smoothness of her lips she compelled him.

UST

²¹ So she she convinced the young man with her persuasive words; because of her smooth and convincing talk, he gave in to what she wanted to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:22**ULT**

²² Following after her suddenly, like an ox he came to slaughter, and like an anklet to the instruction of a fool,

UST

²² He suddenly decided to follow her inside. He followed her like an ox going to the place where its owner will slaughter it, or like a deer

In what way does the young man walk after the woman?

The young man walks after the woman like an ox to the slaughter or like a deer caught in a trap.

Proverbs 7:23**ULT**

²³ until an arrow split his liver, like a bird rushing into a trap, and he did not know that it {was} for his life.

UST

²³ caught in a trap, where the hunter kills it by shooting an arrow into its inner parts. He was like a bird that flies into a trap without knowing that it will die there.

What will the young man's actions cost him?

The young man's actions will cost him his life.

Proverbs 7:24**ULT**

²⁴ And now, sons, listen to me; and listen attentively to the words of my mouth.

UST

²⁴ My sons, listen to me, and pay careful attention to what I say to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:25**ULT**

²⁵ Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways; do not wander into her paths.

UST

²⁵ You must resist her from within you, from deep inside. Do not decide to do what you want and follow her. You must decide that you will never follow her where she goes.

What wise instruction is the young man given about the woman?

The young man is wisely instructed to not go astray into her path.

Proverbs 7:26**ULT**

²⁶ For she has caused many pierced ones to fall, and numerous are all her slain ones.

UST

²⁶ She has caused many men to be ruined; truly, no one can count the men she destroyed—they are too many to count.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:27

ULT

²⁷ Her house {is} the ways of Sheol, descending to the rooms of death.

UST

²⁷ The road to her house is the road to the grave; it goes down to the place where the dead are kept.

On what road is the woman's house?

The woman's house is on the road to Sheol.

Proverbs 8

Proverbs 8:1

ULT

¹ Does not wisdom call out and understanding give her voice?

UST

¹ Listen to Wisdom calling; her voice sounds like that of a woman who shouting in the public square. Understanding raises her voice; she sounds like a woman who calls out to be heard.

Who calls out beside the entrance to the city? (vv1-3)

Wisdom calls out beside the entrance to the city.

Proverbs 8:2

ULT

² At the heads of the heights, on the road, the house of travelers, she stations herself.

UST

² On the top of the hills and where the roads come together, there Wisdom stands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:3

ULT

³ To the hand of the gates, to the mouth of the city, the entrance of the openings, she cries out.

UST

³ Wisdom also stands at the gates at the entrance to the city, and she calls out with a loud voice. Wisdom says:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:4**ULT**

⁴ "To you, men, I call; and my voice {is} to the sons of mankind.

UST

⁴ "I am calling out to everyone; I am shouting to all people!

To whom does Wisdom call?

Wisdom calls to the children of mankind.

Proverbs 8:5**ULT**

⁵ Understand prudence, naive ones, and fools, understand heart.

UST

⁵ You people who have no training, you must be taught how to live; you must learn so that you can understand completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:6**ULT**

⁶ Listen, for I will speak noble things, and the opening of my lips {will be} upright things.

UST

⁶ Listen to me, because I will explain to you some excellent things. I can teach you about what is right—

What kinds of things does Wisdom speak? (vv6-7)

Wisdom speaks of noble things and of what is trustworthy.

Proverbs 8:7**ULT**

⁷ For my palate will utter truth, and wickedness {is} an abomination to my lips.

UST

⁷ for I speak what is true; I detest evil things so much, I hate to even speak about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:8**ULT**

⁸ All the words of my mouth {are} in righteousness; there is nothing twisted or perverse in them.

UST

⁸ Everything that I say is right; I do not say anything that changes the meaning of what is good or that leads people away from it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:9**ULT**

⁹ All of them {are} straightforward for the one who is discerning and upright for those who find knowledge.

UST

⁹ My words give good advice to the one who understands the meaning of what I say; those who have learned to tell good from evil will easily know that my words are right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Receive my instruction and not silver, and knowledge more than choice gold.

UST

¹⁰ Choose what I teach you, instead of trying to get much silver; and choose the knowledge I will show you, for it is more valuable than gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ For wisdom is better than corals and all desired things do not compare with her.

UST

¹¹ For I, Wisdom, am more precious than jewels; nothing is as valuable for you as I am.

What is Wisdom more valuable than?

Wisdom is more valuable than jewels.

Proverbs 8:12**ULT**

¹² I, Wisdom, I dwell with prudence, I find knowledge and discretion.

UST

¹² I, Wisdom, live with Common Sense; we are like two people living in the same house. I know many things, and I act carefully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:13**ULT**

¹³ The fear of Yahweh {is} hating evil. I hate pride and arrogance and the evil way and the mouth of perverse things.

UST

¹³ Everyone who honors Yahweh hates what is evil. I am Wisdom, and I hate it when people are proud, when they think they are more important than others. I hate it when people act in evil ways, and when they tell lies.

What do those who fear Yahweh hate?

Those who fear Yahweh hate evil, pride, arrogance, and perverted speech.

Proverbs 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Counsel and prudence are mine; I {am} understanding; strength is mine.

UST

¹⁴ I give good advice and I have the best wisdom; I have true understanding about the nature of things, and I have great strength.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ By me kings reign and weighty ones decree righteousness.

UST

¹⁵ When kings are wise, they rule well; and when rulers are wise, they make laws that are just.

How do kings and princes who have Wisdom govern? (vv15-16)

Kings and princes who have Wisdom govern justly.

Proverbs 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ By me rulers rule, and nobles, all judges of righteousness.

UST

¹⁶ By me princes rule, noblemen, and all who govern with justice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I love those who love me, and those who diligently seek me will find me.

UST

¹⁷ I am Wisdom, and I love all who love me; those who work hard to find me will find me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Riches and honor {are} with me, lasting wealth and righteousness.

UST

¹⁸ These people will have lasting riches, and they will live right, because I have riches and honor with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ My fruit {is} better than gold, and than refined gold, and my produce than choice silver.

UST

¹⁹ What I can give people is more valuable than fine gold and the best silver.

What is the fruit of Wisdom better than?

The fruit of Wisdom is better than gold and silver.

Proverbs 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ I walk in the path of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice,

UST

²⁰ I always do what is right and just.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:21**ULT**

²¹ to cause those who love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasuries.

UST

²¹ I give wealth to those who love me, and I fill up their treasuries.

What will Wisdom give to those who love her?

Wisdom will give an inheritance to those who love her.

Proverbs 8:22**ULT**

²² Yahweh possessed me {at} the beginning of his way, before his works from then.

UST

²² Yahweh created me, Wisdom; he made me when he began to create the world; I was the first thing he created in the beginning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:23**ULT**

²³ From eternity I was installed, from the head, from the earliest times of the earth.

UST

²³ He made me long ago—at the very first, at the beginning of the earth.

When was Wisdom set up?

Wisdom was set up from ages long ago, from the first.

Proverbs 8:24**ULT**

²⁴ When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs made heavy with water.

UST

²⁴ I was born before the oceans were created, when there were no springs from which water flowed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:25**ULT**

²⁵ Before the mountains were settled, before the face of the hills, I was brought forth,

UST

²⁵ I was born before the hills and mountains were set in place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:26**ULT**

²⁶ before he made the earth or the outside places or the head of the dust of the world.

UST

²⁶ I am Wisdom and I was born before Yahweh made the earth, before he made the tiny particles of dust in the earth, I was there.

Where was Wisdom when Yahweh made the earth and heavens? (vv26-27)

Wisdom was there when Yahweh made the earth and heavens.

Proverbs 8:27**ULT**

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I {was} there, when he inscribed a circle over the face of the deep.

UST

²⁷ I was there when Yahweh put the heavens where they are, on the day when he marked on the ocean's surface how far a person at sea can see in every direction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:28**ULT**

²⁸ When he established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong,

UST

²⁸ I was there when Yahweh put the clouds above the earth, and when he made the springs at the bottom of the sea to give water to the oceans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:29**ULT**

²⁹ when he set for the sea its limit, so waters do not pass over its mouth, when he inscribed the foundations of the earth,

UST

²⁹ I was there when he fixed a boundary for the seas, so that the water in the seas would not go past those boundaries, and when he marked out the limits of the dry land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:30**ULT**

³⁰ then I was beside him faithfully, and I was a delight day {by} day, frolicking before his face at every time.

UST

³⁰ I was at Yahweh's side as his master craftsman; I made him happy every day, and I always rejoiced when I was with him.

What was Wisdom doing beside Yahweh when Yahweh made everything?

Wisdom was beside Yahweh as a master craftsman when Yahweh made everything.

Proverbs 8:31**ULT**

³¹ Frolicking in the world of his earth, and my delight {was} the sons of man.

UST

³¹ I was delighted with the whole world he created; I was happy with the people he brought into existence, too.

What was Wisdom's delight?

Wisdom's delight was mankind.

Proverbs 8:32**ULT**

³² And now, sons, listen to me, and blessed {are} they who keep my ways.

UST

³² So, you who are my children, listen to me. How fortunate are those who live as I live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:33**ULT**

³³ Hear instruction, and be wise, and do not let go of it.

UST

³³ Listen to what I teach you and you will become wise. Do not reject what I have taught you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:34**ULT**

³⁴ Blessed {is} the man who listens to me, watching over my doors day {by} day, keeping the doorposts of my entrance.

UST

³⁴ How fortunate are those who listen to me, those who wait for me outside my house every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:35**ULT**

³⁵ For those who find me {are} those who find life, and he obtains favor from Yahweh.

UST

³⁵ Those who find me will find life, and Yahweh will be pleased with them.

What does one who finds Wisdom also find?

One who finds Wisdom also finds life and the favor of Yahweh.

Proverbs 8:36**ULT**

³⁶ But a sinner does violence to his life; all who hate me love death."

UST

³⁶ But those who do not find me, they hurt themselves. All those who hate me love death."

What does one who fails to find Wisdom also find?

One who fails to find Wisdom also finds death.

Proverbs 9

Proverbs 9:1

ULT

¹ Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out her seven pillars.

UST

¹ Wisdom builds her own house, just like a woman who has built her home; she made seven pillars to support the roof of her house.

What has Wisdom built?

Wisdom has built her own house.

Proverbs 9:2

ULT

² She has slaughtered her slaughter, she has mixed her wine, also she has set her table.

UST

² She prepared a meal and set her table; she prepared the animals and cooked them to serve for the dinner, and she made the wine ready for her guests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:3

ULT

³ She has sent out her female servants, she calls out on the tops of the heights of the city.

UST

³ Like a woman who sends out her maids to give the invitations to her guests, Wisdom calls out from the highest place in the city for all to hear, and she says:

Who are the invitations that Wisdom sends out directed to? (vv3-4)

The invitations Wisdom sends out are directed to the untaught, to those who have no sense.

Proverbs 9:4**ULT**

⁴ "Whoever {is} naive, let him turn aside here," she says to him lacking of heart.

UST

⁴ "If you are still immature, come here," and she gives the invitation to those who have no good judgment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:5**ULT**

⁵ "Come, eat my bread, and drink the wine I have mixed.

UST

⁵ "Come and eat the food that I have prepared," she says, "and drink the good wine that I have mixed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:6**ULT**

⁶ Forsake naive things and live; and go straight in the way of understanding.

UST

⁶ Leave your untrained ways behind you, and live, and I will show you how to walk on the road that will give you understanding.

What does Wisdom say the untaught should leave behind?

Wisdom says the untaught should leave behind their untaught ways.

Proverbs 9:7**ULT**

⁷ One who instructs a mocker receives shame for himself, and one who rebukes a wicked one, his injury.

UST

⁷ If you rebuke someone who says insulting things about other people, he will insult you, too. If you offer correction to an evil person, he will hurt you.

What happens to one who reproves a mocker? (vv7-8)

One who reproves a mocker invites abuse and will be hurt and hated.

Proverbs 9:8**ULT**

⁸ Do not rebuke a mocker, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise one and he will love you.

UST

⁸ A person who insults others will hate you if you tell him to stop. But if you rebuke a wise person, he will become your friend.

What happens to one who instructs a wise man?

One who instructs a wise man is loved.

Proverbs 9:9**ULT**

⁹ Give to a wise one and he will become more wise; cause the righteous one to know and he will increase learning.

UST

⁹ If you give instruction to a wise person, he will become even more wise. And if you teach a person who does what is right, he will learn even more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The beginning of wisdom {is} the fear of Yahweh and knowledge of the holy one {is} understanding.

UST

¹⁰ The first step in getting wisdom is to give Yahweh the respect he deserves, and knowing that Yahweh, the Holy One, is the one who gives understanding.

What is the beginning of wisdom?

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.

What is understanding?

The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ For by me your days will become many, and years of life will be added to you.

UST

¹¹ If you become wise, your days will be filled full, and you will add years to your life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:12**ULT**

¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you mock, you alone will bear it."

UST

¹² If you become wise, you will gain many benefits from it; if you ridicule other people, you will suffer by yourself."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:13**ULT**

¹³ The woman of foolishness {is} loud, naive, and she does not know anything.

UST

¹³ A foolish woman talks loudly; she is untaught in the subjects of wisdom and she knows very little.

What are the characteristics of a foolish woman?

A foolish woman is noisy, untaught, and knows nothing.

Proverbs 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And she sits at the opening of her house, on a seat, the heights of the city,

UST

¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house or on the highest place in the town,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ to call to those who pass over the way, the ones going straight on their paths.

UST

¹⁵ and she calls out to the men who are passing by, to those walking down the road, concerned only about where they are going.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ "Whoever {is} naive, let him turn aside here!" And she says to him, the lacking of heart,

UST

¹⁶ "Any of you who have no experience, come here," she says to those who have no good judgment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread of secrecies is pleasant."

UST

¹⁷ "If you sleep with me, it will as sweet as drinking water that you have stolen, or eating delicious food all by yourself."

How can stolen and secret things initially be to the one who gets them?

Stolen and secret things can initially be sweet and pleasant to the one who gets them.

Proverbs 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And he does not know that the spirits of the dead {are} there; her called ones are in the depths of Sheol.

UST

¹⁸ Any man who accepts her invitation does not know that the dead are in her home, that those who accepted her invitation and went into her house are now in the world of the dead.

Who are in the foolish woman's house?

The dead in the depths of Sheol are in the woman's house.

Proverbs 10

Proverbs 10:1

ULT

¹ The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son causes a father to rejoice but a foolish son {is} the grief of his mother.

UST

¹ These are the proverbs of Solomon: A child who lives according to wisdom makes his father happy; but if a child does foolish things, he causes his mother to be very sad.

How does a father react to a wise child?

A wise child makes his father rejoice.

Proverbs 10:2

ULT

² Treasures of wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

UST

² Riches that you got by being dishonest will not have any value; but when you do what is right, you will be protected from death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:3

ULT

³ Yahweh does not let the life of the righteous one hunger but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked ones.

UST

³ Yahweh does not allow people who do right to starve, but he will make it impossible for wicked people to get what they want.

What does Yahweh do to the cravings of the wicked?

Yahweh frustrates the cravings of the wicked.

Proverbs 10:4**ULT**

⁴ A palm of slackness makes poverty, but the hand of diligent ones makes rich.

UST

⁴ A lazy person who will not work becomes poor; those who work hard become rich.

What is the result of a lazy hand?

A lazy hand causes a person to be poor.

Proverbs 10:5**ULT**

⁵ One who gathers in the summer {is} a son who acts prudently, but one who sleeps in the harvest {is} a son who causes shame.

UST

⁵ He is wise who harvests the crops when they are ready to be gathered; but it would be shameful for him to sleep while others are harvesting the crop.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:6**ULT**

⁶ Blessings {are} for the head of the righteous one, but the mouth of the wicked ones covers violence.

UST

⁶ Those who do right will receive many good gifts from God; but those who do wicked things cover their violence so they cannot be seen.

What do those who do what is right receive from God?

Those who do what is right receive gifts from God.

Proverbs 10:7**ULT**

⁷ The memory of the righteous one {is} for a blessing, but the name of the wicked ones will rot.

UST

⁷ When we remember those who do what is right, we get a blessing from Yahweh; but we cannot remember the names of the wicked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:8**ULT**

⁸ The wise of heart receive commands but the foolish of lips will be thrust down.

UST

⁸ Wise people follow good instructions, but a fool who talks too much will fail.

What will happen to a talkative fool?

A talkative fool will come to ruin.

Proverbs 10:9**ULT**

⁹ One who walks in integrity will walk securely, but one who causes his ways to be crooked will be known.

UST

⁹ An honest person lives his life and has nothing to hide; but one who is dishonest—his lies will be discovered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ One who winks an eye gives pains, and the foolish of lips will be thrust down.

UST

¹⁰ The one who winks his eye signals others to help him do something that is wrong, and a fool will be ruined because he talks too much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ The mouth of the righteous one {is} a spring of life, but the mouth of the wicked ones covers violence.

UST

¹¹ A person who does right is like a spring that gives life-saving water; but the wicked person hides his brutality by his words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:12**ULT**

¹² Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love covers all transgressions.

UST

¹² Hatred has the power to start many arguments; but love covers anything that may hurt us.

What does love cover?

Love covers over all offenses.

Proverbs 10:13**ULT**

¹³ Wisdom is found on the lips of one who is discerning, but a rod {is} for the back of the lacking of heart.

UST

¹³ Those who have good sense say what is wise, but people who do not have good judgment must be punished.

What is found on the lips of a discerning person?

Wisdom is found on the lips of a discerning person.

Proverbs 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Wise men store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool {is} near ruin.

UST

¹⁴ Wise people continue to learn all that they can, but when foolish people speak, they will soon experience destruction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The wealth of the rich one {is} the city of his strength; the ruin of lowly ones is their poverty.

UST

¹⁵ The wealth that rich people have protects them like a city is protected by a strong wall around it, but because people are poor, they have no one to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The wage of the righteous one {is} to life; the income of the wicked one {is} to sin.

UST

¹⁶ If you do what is right, your reward will lead you to life, but all that sinful people gain is the ability to sin even more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ One who keeps instruction {is on} a path to life but one who rejects rebuke goes astray.

UST

¹⁷ Life can be found by the one who is trained by discipline; but the one who will not listen to correction wanders away.

What happens to the one who rejects reproof?

The one who rejects reproof is led astray.

Proverbs 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ One who covers hate {with} lips of falsehood and causes an evil report to go forth, he {is} a fool.

UST

¹⁸ Those who hide their hatred of others, must lie to cover it up. and those who repeat slander are foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ With a multitude of words transgression does not cease, but one who restrains his lips {is} prudent.

UST

¹⁹ When people talk a lot, sin is sure to follow; if you are wise, you will always be careful about what you say.

What is not lacking when there are many words?

Transgression (sin) is not lacking when there are many words.

Proverbs 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ The tongue of the righteous one {is} choice silver; the heart of the wicked ones {is} like little.

UST

²⁰ The one who does right is like pure silver; there is little value in the heart of the one who does wicked things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:21**ULT**

²¹ The lips of the righteous one shepherd many, but fools die for lacking heart.

UST

²¹ What those who do right say benefits many, but foolish people die because they lack good sense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:22**ULT**

²² The blessing of Yahweh, it causes to become rich, and he does not add pain with it.

UST

²² Yahweh gives good gifts that make some people wealthy, and he does not make them suffer for it.

What do the good gifts of Yahweh bring?

The good gifts of Yahweh bring wealth.

Proverbs 10:23**ULT**

²³ Doing a wicked plan {is} like laughter for a fool, but wisdom {is} for a man of understanding.

UST

²³ Foolish people play games when they do what is wrong, but people with understanding enjoy wisdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:24**ULT**

²⁴ The terror of the wicked one, it will come to him, but the desire of the righteous ones will be given.

UST

²⁴ What the wicked fear will happen to them; those who do what is right will get what they hoped for.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:25**ULT**

²⁵ Like the passing over of a whirlwind, there is no wicked one, but a righteous one {is} a foundation of eternity.

UST

²⁵ Wicked people are like the storm that comes and then it is gone. but those who do right are like a foundation that lasts forever.

What are the wicked like?

The wicked are like a storm that passes by and is no more.

Proverbs 10:26**ULT**

²⁶ Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so {is} the lazy one to one who sends him.

UST

²⁶ Like vinegar in our mouths or smoke in our eyes, that is what the lazy man is like to the one who hired him.

What is like smoke in the eyes?

The sluggard is like smoke in the eyes to those who send him.

Proverbs 10:27**ULT**

²⁷ The fear of Yahweh will increase days, but the years of the wicked ones will be short.

UST

²⁷ If you give Yahweh the respect he deserves, you will live for a long time; but wicked people die before they become old.

What will the years of the wicked be?

The years of the wicked will be short.

Proverbs 10:28**ULT**

²⁸ The hope of the righteous ones {is} joy, but the expectation of the wicked ones will perish.

UST

²⁸ Those who do right have hope in their joy, but the wicked can expect their lives to be short.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:29**ULT**

²⁹ The way of Yahweh {is} a stronghold for the one with integrity, but ruin {is} for those who do iniquity.

UST

²⁹ Following Yahweh brings protection to those who keep their promises; but those who do not follow him find out he destroys those who do what is evil.

Who does the way of Yahweh protect?

The way of Yahweh protects those who have integrity.

Proverbs 10:30**ULT**

³⁰ A righteous one will not be shaken to eternity, but wicked ones will not dwell in the land.

UST

³⁰ Those who do right will never be defeated, but wicked people will not have a home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:31**ULT**

³¹ The mouth of the righteous one bears the fruit of wisdom, but the tongue of the perverse ones will be cut off.

UST

³¹ Wisdom is like a fruit that those who do right bear, but Yahweh will cut out the deceitful tongue.

What comes out of the mouth of those doing right?

Out of the mouth of those doing right comes the fruit of wisdom.

Proverbs 10:32**ULT**

³² The lips of the righteous one know favor, but the mouth of the wicked ones, perverse things.

UST

³² Those who do right know the words Yahweh permits them to speak, but wicked people say what Yahweh has forbidden.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11

Proverbs 11:1

ULT

¹ Scales of deceit {are} an abomination of Yahweh but a full stone {is} his delight.

UST

¹ When people use scales that are not correct; Yahweh is angry that they are stealing from their customers; he is delighted with those who use correct weights on the scales.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:2

ULT

² When pride comes then disgrace comes, but {with} modest ones {is} wisdom.

UST

² People who are proud live in such a way that always ends in disgrace; people who are humble are the only ones who can learn about wisdom.

What comes before disgrace?

Pride comes before disgrace.

Proverbs 11:3

ULT

³ The integrity of the upright ones will guide them but the crookedness of the treacherous ones will destroy them.

UST

³ People who keep their promises also make choices that lead them in the right way; those who cannot be trusted are destroyed by their own dishonesty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:4**ULT**

⁴ Wealth will not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness will deliver from death.

UST

⁴ Your money will not help you on the day Yahweh judges the world; but if you do what is right, you will be kept safe from many dangers, even death.

What is valuable on the day of wrath?

Having done right is valuable on the day of wrath.

Proverbs 11:5**ULT**

⁵ The righteousness of a blameless one will make his way straight, but a wicked one will fall by his wickedness.

UST

⁵ When people are honest and good, they know where they should go and what they should do; but those who do evil find that their wickedness will destroy them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:6**ULT**

⁶ The righteousness of the upright ones will deliver them, but treacherous ones will be captured by desire.

UST

⁶ God rescues those who do what is right, but those who do what is evil become slaves to their desires.

What traps the treacherous (wicked)?

The treacherous are trapped by their cravings.

Proverbs 11:7**ULT**

⁷ In the death of a wicked man hope will perish, and the expectation of strong ones perishes.

UST

⁷ When a wicked person dies, all he hoped for in the future is lost; what he wanted to accomplish with his strength, will never happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:8**ULT**

⁸ A righteous one will be drawn away from distress, but a wicked one will enter instead of him.

UST

⁸ The one who does what is right, Yahweh delivers from trouble; and Yahweh gives that trouble to the wicked.

What keeps a person away from trouble?

Doing what is right keeps a person away from trouble.

Proverbs 11:9**ULT**

⁹ With a mouth a godless one will destroy his neighbor, but with knowledge righteous ones will be delivered.

UST

⁹ A person who has no kind of religious faith uses his words to destroy his neighbor; but people who do right will be saved by the knowledge they have gathered.

How does the godless person destroy his neighbor?

The godless person destroys his neighbor with his mouth.

Proverbs 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ In the good of the righteous ones a city will rejoice; and when wicked ones perish, a shout of joy.

UST

¹⁰ When things go well for those who do what is right, those in their city are happy, and shouts of joy are heard when wicked people die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ With the blessing of the upright ones a city will be exalted, but with the mouth of the wicked ones it will be thrown down.

UST

¹¹ When there are people in the city who please God and they give good gifts to others, the city becomes great; but the words spoken by the wicked tear down the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:12**ULT**

¹² One who despises his neighbor {is} lacking of heart, but a man of understanding will keep quiet.

UST

¹² The one who treats his friend with contempt has no good judgment; a person who has learned what is important says nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:13**ULT**

¹³ One who goes about {in} slander is one who uncovers a secret, but one who is faithful of spirit {is} one who covers a matter.

UST

¹³ Those who spread gossip tell secrets to others, but a person you can trust will not talk about it.

What does a faithful person do instead of slandering?

A faithful person keeps a matter covered instead of slandering.

Proverbs 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ When there are no directions a people will fall, but salvation is in an abundance of counsel.

UST

¹⁴ A nation will be destroyed if it does not have leaders who guide it wisely; but the nation will have victory when it listens to many advisors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He will certainly be hurt if he pledges for a stranger, but one who hates hand claps {is} secure.

UST

¹⁵ If you promise to pay off a loan that is taken by a stranger, you will lose your money. You will be safe if you refuse to make any kind of agreement to pay someone else's debts.

What should a person not do for a stranger because it will bring harm to himself?

A person should not guarantee a loan for a stranger.

Proverbs 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ A woman of grace will grasp honor, but ruthless ones will grasp riches.

UST

¹⁶ A kindhearted woman earns respect; but violent people take hold of riches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ A man of kindness {is} one who rewards his self, but a cruel one {is} one who troubles his flesh.

UST

¹⁷ By their kindness to others kind people give good gifts to themselves, but one who is cruel hurts himself by his cruelty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ A wicked one makes a wage of falsehood, but one who sows righteousness, a wage of truth.

UST

¹⁸ Wicked people tell lies to make more money, but those who do what is right will be paid even more because they earned it.

How does a wicked person get his wages?

A wicked person lies to get his wages.

Proverbs 11:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Thus, righteousness {is} to life, but one who pursues evil {is} to his death.

UST

¹⁹ Those who do what is right will live, but those who do what is wrong will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ The abomination of Yahweh {is} those perverse of heart, but his delight {is} those blameless of way.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh hates those who take good things and they twist them and they do bad things with them, but he is delighted with those who always do what is right.

In whom does Yahweh delight?

Yahweh delights in those whose ways are blameless.

Proverbs 11:21**ULT**

²¹ Hand to hand wicked ones will not be free of guilt, but the seed of the righteous ones will slip away.

UST

²¹ It is certain that evil people will not escape their punishment. and the children of those who do right will be kept safe.

Of what can everyone be sure?

Everyone can be sure that the wicked will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 11:22**ULT**

²² A ring of gold in the nose of a pig {is} a beautiful woman that turns away from discretion.

UST

²² If you see a gold ring in a pig's nose, that is very much like a beautiful woman who does not have good sense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:23**ULT**

²³ The desire of the righteous ones {is} only good; the hope of the wicked ones {is} fury.

UST

²³ Those who do what is right desire things that result in good, but the reward of the wicked is that they will experience Yahweh's wrath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:24**ULT**

²⁴ There is one who scatters and increases more, but one who withholds more than {what is} right {is} only for poverty.

UST

²⁴ If a person sows seed, he can expect to harvest a crop; his few seeds will give him much more; another person does not plant a crop, and he becomes poor.

What happens to the one who sows seed?

The one who sows seeds will accumulate even more.

Proverbs 11:25**ULT**

²⁵ A life of blessing will be fattened, and the one who drenches, also he will be drenched.

UST

²⁵ Those who give generously to others will prosper; if you share your water with other people, you will have enough for yourself, too.

What does the one who gives water to others receive?

The one who gives water to others receives water for himself.

Proverbs 11:26**ULT**

²⁶ People will curse one who withholds grain, but a blessing {is} for the head of one who sells.

UST

²⁶ People will curse the merchant who will not sell them grain, but they praise the one who sells it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:27**ULT**

²⁷ One who diligently seeks good seeks favor, but one who seeks evil, it will come to him.

UST

²⁷ If you work hard and go out to find what is good, you will also find good will. but if you look for evil, you will find it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:28**ULT**

²⁸ One who trusts in his riches, he will fall, but like a leaf righteous ones will flourish.

UST

²⁸ Those who trust in their money will fall down, but those who do what is right will grow like a healthy tree.

What happens to the one who trusts in his riches?

The one who trusts in his riches will fall.

Proverbs 11:29**ULT**

²⁹ One who troubles his house will inherit wind, and a fool {will be} a servant to the wise of heart.

UST

²⁹ Those who bring troubles to their families will inherit nothing, and those who do foolish things will become the servants of those who are wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:30

ULT

³⁰ The fruit of the righteous one {is} a tree of life, and a wise one gains lives.

UST

³⁰ Those who do what is right will be like a life giving tree, but acts of violence take away life.

Who are like a tree of life?

Those who do right are like a tree of life.

Proverbs 11:31

ULT

³¹ Behold, a righteous one in the land will be repaid, how much more a wicked one and one who sins!

UST

³¹ It is sure that those who do what is right will get what they truly deserve; but even more, the person who does bad things and the one who sins against Yahweh, will surely receive what they deserve.

Who will receive what they deserve?

Those who do right, and much more the wicked and the sinner will receive what they deserve.

Proverbs 12

Proverbs 12:1

ULT

¹ One who loves instruction loves knowledge, but one who hates rebuke {is} stupid.

UST

¹ The one who wants to learn will welcome correction. But the one who does not want to be corrected will remain stupid.

What does a stupid person hate?

A stupid person hates correction.

Proverbs 12:2

ULT

² A good one obtains favor from Yahweh, but a man of schemes he will condemn.

UST

² Yahweh approves of those who are good, but he condemns those who make evil plans.

Who does Yahweh condemn?

Yahweh condemns a man who makes evil plans.

Proverbs 12:3

ULT

³ A man will not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous ones will not be shaken.

UST

³ Wickedness is a bad foundation for a person's life. People who do well are as stable as a tree with deep roots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:4**ULT**

⁴ A wife of strength {is} the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame {is} like rottenness in his bones.

UST

⁴ A good wife brings praise to her husband, but a wife who brings shame home is like a disease that destroys his bones.

What is a husband's crown?

A worthy wife is a husband's crown.

Proverbs 12:5**ULT**

⁵ The thoughts of the righteous ones {are} justice; the directions of the wicked ones {are} deceit.

UST

⁵ People who do the right thing make plans that are fair and just. But advice given by wicked people are filled with lies.

What kind of advice do the wicked give?

The wicked give deceitful advice.

Proverbs 12:6**ULT**

⁶ The words of the wicked ones {are} an ambush of blood, but the mouth of the upright ones will deliver them.

UST

⁶ What wicked people say is like setting up a secret attack while planning to commit murder; but when those who please Yahweh speak, their words keep them out of danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:7**ULT**

⁷ Wicked ones are overthrown and they are not, but the house of the righteous ones will stand.

UST

⁷ Wicked people are put out of power, and they are gone, but those who do what is right will have many generations and that family will continue for a long time.

What happens to the house of those who do right?

The house of those who do right will stand.

Proverbs 12:8**ULT**

⁸ A man will be praised for the mouth of his insight, but one who is twisted of heart will be to contempt.

UST

⁸ A person will be praised according to how much wisdom he has; but one who takes good things and twists them into bad will be hated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:9**ULT**

⁹ Better to be lightly esteemed and his servant than to honor oneself and {be} lacking of bread.

UST

⁹ It is better to be a humble person, just living your life as a servant to others, than to tell others how important you are, but you have nothing to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ A righteous one {is} one who knows the life of his animal, but the compassion of the wicked ones {is} cruel.

UST

¹⁰ People who do what is right care about the feeding and health of their animals, but even when the wicked try to do something for their animals, it becomes an act of cruelty.

Who cares about the needs of his animal?

The one who does right cares about the needs of his animal.

Proverbs 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ Bread will satisfy one who works his ground, but one who pursues empty things {is} lacking of heart.

UST

¹¹ The farmer who works hard in the fields will have enough food to eat, but those who have no good judgment take on projects that bring them nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:12**ULT**

¹² A wicked one desires the snare of evil ones, but the root of the righteous ones will give.

UST

¹² Wicked people desire the things that evil people have—things they stole from others. But people who do what is right have what they have earned; it is their reward.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:13**ULT**

¹³ In the transgression of lips {is} the snare of the evil one, but a righteous one will go out from distress.

UST

¹³ An evil person is trapped by the wicked things he says, but those who do right stay away from much trouble.

What traps an evil person?

An evil person is trapped by his wicked talk.

Proverbs 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ From the fruit of the mouth of a man will he be satisfied with good, and the work of the hands of a man will return to him.

UST

¹⁴ The good words spoken by a person fill his life with good things, just as his hard work brings him a reward.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The way of a fool {is} right in his eyes, but a wise one listens to counsel.

UST

¹⁵ Foolish people think that what they are doing is always right; but wise people are willing to listen to advice.

How does the way of a fool look in his own eyes?

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes.

Proverbs 12:16**ULT**

¹⁶ A fool, his anger is known on the day, but a prudent one covers dishonor.

UST

¹⁶ A foolish person quickly shows how angry he is; but those who have good sense ignore it when someone insults them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Who breathes out faithfulness reports {what is} right, but a witness of falsehoods {is} deceitful.

UST

¹⁷ Speaking the truth is the same as saying what is right, but a dishonest person tell lies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:18**ULT**

¹⁸ There is one who speaks thoughtlessly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise ones is healing.

UST

¹⁸ When a person speaks without thinking, it is like they are taking stabs at you with a sword; but what wise people say helps to heal the hurts.

What are words spoken rashly like?

Words spoken rashly are like the thrusts of a sword.

Proverbs 12:19**ULT**

¹⁹ A lip of truth will be established to perpetuity, but a tongue of falsehood until I blink.

UST

¹⁹ Speaking the truth will never be out of favor, but a lie is over in a moment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:20**ULT**

²⁰ Deceit {is} in the heart of those who devise evil, but joy {is} for those who advise peace.

UST

²⁰ When evil is planned there must be lies within those who carry it out; but those who give advice that leads to peace, those advisors will celebrate.

What is in the heart of those who plan to do evil?

Deceit is in the heart of those who plan to do evil.

Proverbs 12:21**ULT**

²¹ Any iniquity will not be allowed to happen to the righteous one, but wicked ones are full of evil.

UST

²¹ Bad things do not happen to those who do what is right, but wicked people's lives are filled up with troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:22**ULT**

²² Lips of falsehood {are} an abomination of Yahweh, but those who do faithfulness {are} his delight.

UST

²² Yahweh detests those who tell lies, but he is delighted with those who live faithfully.

What does Yahweh hate?

Yahweh hates lying lips.

Proverbs 12:23**ULT**

²³ A prudent man covers knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly.

UST

²³ Those with good sense do not reveal all that they know, but foolish people shout out their foolish thinking.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:24**ULT**

²⁴ The hand of the diligent ones will rule but a slack one will become a forced laborer.

UST

²⁴ Those who are known for their hard work will gain authority over others, but those who are lazy will be forced to work, even though they hate it.

To what will the lazy be subject?

The lazy will be subject to forced labor.

Proverbs 12:25**ULT**

²⁵ Anxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down, but a good word causes it to rejoice.

UST

²⁵ When a person is anxious, it is like he is carrying a heavy load, but a good word makes him feel better.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:26**ULT**

²⁶ A righteous one searches out from his neighbor, but the way of wicked ones will lead them astray.

UST

²⁶ The one who does right will be a good guide for his friend, but wicked people always get lost.

Where does the way of the wicked lead them?

The way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 12:27**ULT**

²⁷ A negligent one will not roast his game, but the wealth of a man {is} precious for a diligent one.

UST

²⁷ Lazy people do not even cook the animal they caught, but those who work hard will acquire wealth that is worth keeping.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:28**ULT**

²⁸ In the path of righteousness {is} life, and the way of the path {is} no death.

UST

²⁸ Those who walk in the right way find life and on that road there is no death.

What do those who walk in the right way find?

Those who walk in the right way find life.

Proverbs 13

Proverbs 13:1

ULT

¹ A wise son, the instruction of a father, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

UST

¹ A wise child pays attention to the teaching his father gives him; but a stubborn child refuses to listen to correction.

What does a wise son hear?

A wise son hears his father's instruction.

Proverbs 13:2

ULT

² From the fruit of the mouth of a man he eats good, but the appetite of the treacherous ones {is} violence.

UST

² Good things come as the fruit of what one says, but the desire of the deceitful is to consume more and more violence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:3

ULT

³ One who guards his mouth {is} one who keeps his life; one who opens his lips {is} ruin for himself.

UST

³ The person who is very careful about what he says preserves his life; the one who talks too much ruins everything.

How does a person protect his life?

A person protects his life by guarding his mouth.

Proverbs 13:4**ULT**

⁴ A lazy one, his appetite is craving and there is nothing, but the appetite of the diligent ones will be fattened.

UST

⁴ People who are lazy are hungry for everything, but they will not get anything. People who work hard will get more than they desired.

Who craves, but gets nothing?

The lazy craves, but gets nothing.

Proverbs 13:5**ULT**

⁵ A righteous one hates a word of falsehood, but a wicked one causes a stink and causes shame.

UST

⁵ Anyone who does right hates it when other people tell lies, but a wicked person brings disgrace on himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:6**ULT**

⁶ Righteousness guards the blameless of way, but wickedness overthrows a sinful one.

UST

⁶ Anyone who does right always acts in ways that are respected, but the one who does what Yahweh has forbidden ruins his own wicked life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:7**ULT**

⁷ There is one who pretends to be rich but there is nothing at all; one who pretends to be poor but {has} great wealth.

UST

⁷ Some people have many possessions, but they have nothing of value; but other people give all they have away, and yet have the best kind of riches.

How are some truly wealthy?

Some are truly wealthy by giving everything away.

Proverbs 13:8**ULT**

⁸ The ransom of the life of a man {is} his riches, but one who is poor does not hear a rebuke.

UST

⁸ A rich person may have to use his wealth to buy back his life from a criminal who holds him as a hostage, but a poor person does not listen even when he is threatened.

What kind of threat will a poor person never receive?

A poor person will never receive a ransom threat.

Proverbs 13:9**ULT**

⁹ The light of the righteous ones will rejoice, but the lamp of the wicked ones will be extinguished.

UST

⁹ The one who does what is right shines like a light that gives joy, but wicked people are like a lamp that will be extinguished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Only with pride gives strife, but {with} those who are counseled, wisdom.

UST

¹⁰ Pride works within a person and it results in conflict and arguments, but those who listen to good advice find the wisdom they need.

What does pride breed?

Pride breeds only conflict.

Proverbs 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ Wealth from vanity will dwindle, but one who gathers by hand will increase.

UST

¹¹ People who think too much of themselves will spend all their money; the one who makes his money by working with his hands will find ways to make his money grow.

How does wealth dwindle away?

Wealth dwindles away when there is too much vanity.

Proverbs 13:12**ULT**

¹² Hope delayed makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled {is} a tree of life.

UST

¹² When hope for the future is postponed, it makes you sick—you feel you will never receive what you long for, but if you receive what you desire, that will be like a tree that gives life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:13**ULT**

¹³ One who despises a word will be pledged to it, but he who fears a command, he will be rewarded.

UST

¹³ Those who despise good advice bring the punishment for disobeying upon themselves; the one who pays attention to the instruction will receive honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The teaching of the wise {is} a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.

UST

¹⁴ The lesson taught by the wise is like a fountain that gives life to all who drink from it, and they inform you about all the deadly dangers around you.

What is a fountain of life?

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life.

Proverbs 13:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Good insight gives favor, but the way of those who act treacherously {is} permanent.

UST

¹⁵ Having a mind that understands right and wrong brings you respect, but the one who twists good gifts for bad purposes—he never reaches his destination.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Every prudent one acts with knowledge, but a fool displays folly.

UST

¹⁶ Those who have good sense always take action from what they know is true; a foolish person proves his decisions are folly, and everyone sees it.

Out of what do the wise act in every decision?

The wise act out of knowledge in every decision.

Proverbs 13:17**ULT**

¹⁷ A wicked messenger falls into evil, but an envoy of faithfulness {is} healing.

UST

¹⁷ A wicked messenger will not deliver the message, but bitter enemies are brought together when the messages are delivered by a dependable messenger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ One who lets go of instruction, poverty and shame, but one who keeps a rebuke will be honored.

UST

¹⁸ The one who does not learn from the lessons of discipline will be poor, and he will know shame, but the one who takes the lessons of discipline and learns from them, honor will find him.

What will come to him who learns from correction?

Honor will come to him who learns from correction.

Proverbs 13:19**ULT**

¹⁹ A desire that occurs will be pleasing to the self, but the abomination of fools is turning away from evil.

UST

¹⁹ When a longing comes true, it is sweet delight to the one with desires; and those who are foolish continue to turn toward evil again and again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ One who walks {with} wise ones will be wise, but one who associates with fools will be hurt.

UST

²⁰ If you spend time with wise people, by their lives they will show you how you can be wise, as well.

With whom should a person walk in order to be wise?

In order to be wise, a person should walk with wise people.

Proverbs 13:21**ULT**

²¹ Evil will pursue sinners, but goodness will reward the righteous.

UST

²¹ Sinners run away and disasters chase after them, but those who do what is right find the good is their reward.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:22**ULT**

²² A good one will cause sons of sons to inherit, but the strength of the one who sins is being stored up for the righteous one.

UST

²² A good person sets apart money to give his grandchildren when he dies, but a sinful person will store up his wealth, not knowing that it will be given to the one who does right.

For whom is a sinner's wealth stored up?

A sinner's wealth is stored up for the one who does right.

Proverbs 13:23**ULT**

²³ Much food {is} the unplowed field of those who are poor, but there is a being swept away without justice.

UST

²³ A field owned by a poor person can produce much food, but the poor are victims of injustice more than the rich, and the crop is not planted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:24**ULT**

²⁴ One who withholds his rod hates his son, but one who loves him seeks him diligently with discipline.

UST

²⁴ A parent who does not train his child in how he should live does not show him any love, but the one who is careful to train the child in how he should live shows his great love.

How does a parent show love for his child?

A parent shows love for his child by being careful to discipline him.

Proverbs 13:25

ULT

²⁵ A righteous one eats to the satisfaction of his spirit, but the stomach of the wicked ones will be empty.

UST

²⁵ Those who do what is right eat enough food to satisfy their hunger, but the wicked complain that they are always hungry.

In what condition is the stomach of the wicked?

The stomach of the wicked is always hungry.

Proverbs 14

Proverbs 14:1

ULT

¹ The wise ones of women, she builds her house, but a foolish woman tears it down with her hands.

UST

¹ A wise woman holds her family together, but a foolish woman tears it apart by the foolish things she does.

What does a wise woman do?

A wise woman builds her house.

Proverbs 14:2

ULT

² One who walks in his uprightness fears Yahweh but one who is crooked in his ways despises him.

UST

² The one who honors Yahweh in the way he lives, gives to Yahweh the respect he deserves; the dishonest person shows his disrespect, and he despises Yahweh.

Who despises Yahweh?

The one who is dishonest in his ways despises Yahweh.

Proverbs 14:3

ULT

³ In the mouth of a fool {is} a rod of pride, but the lips of the wise ones will preserve them.

UST

³ Pride grows out of the mouth of the fool, like an offshoot from a tree; but what wise people say preserves their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:4**ULT**

⁴ Where there are no cattle {is} a trough of grain, but an abundance of crops {is} by the strength of an ox.

UST

⁴ Where there are no cattle feeding in the barn, the feeding trough is clean; but if a farmer only has one ox, still he can grow a very great crop.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:5**ULT**

⁵ A witness of faithfulness will not lie, but a witness of falsehood breathes out lies.

UST

⁵ You can tell if a witness is reliable, if he tells the truth, but when a witness breaths out lie after lie, he is a false witness and cannot be depended on.

What does a faithful witness not do?

A faithful witness does not lie.

Proverbs 14:6**ULT**

⁶ A mocker seeks wisdom and there is none, but knowledge is easy for one who discerns.

UST

⁶ One who thinks he is better than others, he may seek wisdom, but he will not find it, but the one who has grown in knowledge can easily learn much more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:7**ULT**

⁷ Go from before a man of foolishness, for you will not know lips of knowledge.

UST

⁷ Do not stay close to a foolish person: Walk away from him. There is no knowledge to be learned from him.

What will not be found on the lips of a foolish person?

Knowledge will not be found on the lips of a foolish person.

Proverbs 14:8**ULT**

⁸ The wisdom of a prudent one informs his way, but the foolishness of fools {is} deceit.

UST

⁸ The one who has learned much knowledge applies it to his own life; that is wisdom. The foundation of all folly is the lie.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:9**ULT**

⁹ Fools mock the guilt offering, but between upright ones {is} favor.

UST

⁹ Fools watch the guilt offering being sacrificed in the temple, and they make fun of it, but those who please Yahweh are glad to share his favor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The heart knows the bitterness of itself, and in its joy a stranger will not share.

UST

¹⁰ A person keeps close inside all his bitterness and disappointment; and no stranger will ever know all the joy it contains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ The house of the wicked ones will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright ones will flourish.

UST

¹¹ The family of the wicked will be destroyed, but a little tent where the upright live will grow, like a tree grows into something grand.

What will happen to the house of the wicked?

The house of the wicked will be destroyed.

What will happen to the tent of the upright?

The tent of the upright will flourish.

Proverbs 14:12**ULT**

¹² There is a right way before the face of a man, but its end {is} the ways of death.

UST

¹² A person sees a way, and it appears to be the right way for him to go, but he does not know that it only leads to death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:13**ULT**

¹³ A heart may be in pain even in laughter, and the end of joy may be grief.

UST

¹³ A person can be in great pain and still be able to laugh; a time of great joy may end in grief.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The turning away of heart will be satisfied from his ways, but a good man from on him.

UST

¹⁴ The faithless man will receive from Yahweh what he deserves; but Yahweh will give a good person what is his.

What will someone who is not faithful get?

Someone who is not faithful will get what his ways deserve.

Proverbs 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The naive one believes every thing, but the prudent one discerns his step.

UST

¹⁵ Those who have had no instruction believe everything they are told, but the man who has learned some knowledge thinks about what he will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ A wise one {is} one who fears and turns away from evil, but the fool {is} one who makes himself furious and {is} being confident.

UST

¹⁶ A wise person sees evil and is afraid of it, and he turns away from it; the foolish person boldly throws aside every warning.

What does a fool do when he is warned?

A fool confidently dismisses a warning.

Proverbs 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ One short of nostrils does foolishness, and a man of schemes is hated.

UST

¹⁷ Those who get angry quickly do foolish things; people hate those who make evil plans.

What does someone who is quick to become angry do?

Someone who is quick to become angry does foolish things.

Proverbs 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Naive ones inherit foolishness, but prudent ones will wear a crown of knowledge.

UST

¹⁸ Those who have not been instructed have foolishness handed to them; those who have learned a little knowledge are surrounded by it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Evil ones will bow down before the face of good ones, and wicked ones at the gates of the righteous one.

UST

¹⁹ Evil people will bow down before those who are good, and the wicked people will bow down at the gates of those who do right.

To whom will the evil bow down?

The evil will bow down before those who are good.

Proverbs 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ One who is poor is hated even by his neighbor, but those who love the rich {are} many.

UST

²⁰ The poor are hated even by their own companions, but the rich have many friends.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:21**ULT**

²¹ One who sins despises his neighbor, but one who favors afflicted ones {is} blessed.

UST

²¹ It is sinful to have contempt for your neighbors; but how fortunate are those who do kind things for the poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:22**ULT**

²² Do not those who plan evil go astray? But covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness {are to} those who plan good.

UST

²² Those who plot with evil plans, do they not go astray? But those who make plans for the good will receive love and faithfulness.

What do those receive who plan to do good?

Those who plan to do good receive covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness.

Proverbs 14:23**ULT**

²³ With all toil is profit, but the word of lips {is} only for poverty.

UST

²³ If you work hard, you will make some money, but where there is only talk, it leads to poverty.

What comes with all hard work?

With all hard work comes a profit.

Proverbs 14:24**ULT**

²⁴ The crown of the wise ones {is} their riches; the foolishness of fools {is} foolishness.

UST

²⁴ The reward of the wise is the wealth they have, but the folly of fools only brings them more foolishness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:25**ULT**

²⁵ A witness of truth rescues lives, but one who breathes out lies {is} deceitful.

UST

²⁵ A witness who tells the truth, saves the lives of the innocent; a lying witness is filled with deceit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:26**ULT**

²⁶ In the fear of Yahweh {is} the confidence of the strong, and he will be a refuge for his sons.

UST

²⁶ Those give Yahweh the honor he deserves have much confidence in him; giving honor to Yahweh will also protect your children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:27**ULT**

²⁷ The fear of Yahweh {is} a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.

UST

²⁷ Giving Yahweh the honor he deserves is like having a fountain that gives life; so you can keep away from being trapped by death.

What is a fountain of life?

The fear of Yahweh is a fountain of life.

Proverbs 14:28**ULT**

²⁸ The splendor of a king {is} in the abundance of the people, but with the end of the populace the potentate {is} ruined.

UST

²⁸ A king measures his glory by the number of the people in his kingdom, but if the prince has no people, he is brought to ruin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:29**ULT**

²⁹ One long of nose {is} abundant {in} understanding, but one short of spirit is one who exalts foolishness.

UST

²⁹ Those who do not quickly become angry have much understanding; the quick-tempered praise foolishness.

Who exalts folly?

The quick to get angry exalts folly.

Proverbs 14:30**ULT**

³⁰ A heart of healing {is} the life of the body, but envy {is} the decay of bones.

UST

³⁰ Being at peace is good for the whole body, but having evil within, rots the bones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:31**ULT**

³¹ One who oppresses a lowly one taunts his maker, but one showing favor {to} a needy one honors him.

UST

³¹ The one who oppresses a poor person curses Yahweh who made him, but those who show favor to a poor person honor Yahweh.

Who curses his Maker by his actions?

The one who oppresses the poor curses his Maker.

Proverbs 14:32**ULT**

³² The wicked one will be thrust down by his evil, but the righteous one seeks refuge in his death.

UST

³² The wicked person is brought down by his evil actions, but those who do what is right have a safe home, even in death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:33**ULT**

³³ Wisdom will rest in the heart of one who is discerning, but she will become known in the midst of fools.

UST

³³ Wisdom finds a place to rest in someone who has discernment, but wisdom lets herself be known even among fools.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:34**ULT**

³⁴ Righteousness raises a nation, but sin {is} shame for peoples.

UST

³⁴ When a people do what is right, the nation does well, but sin brings disgrace upon any people.

What exalts a nation?

Doing what is right exalts a nation.

Proverbs 14:35**ULT**

³⁵ The delight of a king {is} for the servant who acts prudently but his fury will be {for} one who acts shamefully.

UST

³⁵ A king is pleased with a servant who does his work with good judgment, but the king is angry with any servant who brings shame to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15

Proverbs 15:1

ULT

¹ A gentle answer turns back heat, but a word of pain lifts up a nose.

UST

¹ A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh reply stirs up anger even more.

What turns away wrath?

A gentle answer turns away wrath.

Proverbs 15:2

ULT

² The tongue of the wise ones makes knowledge good, but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.

UST

² When wise people speak, they give praise to the value of knowledge; foolish people continually say foolish things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:3

ULT

³ The eyes of Yahweh {are} in every place, keeping watch {on} evil ones and good ones.

UST

³ Yahweh sees everything that is happening; he keeps account of the evil and of the good.

Over whom does Yahweh watch?

Yahweh watches over the evil and the good.

Proverbs 15:4**ULT**

⁴ A healing tongue {is} a tree of life, but deceit in it {is} a crushing in the spirit.

UST

⁴ A person who can give healing with what they say is like a tree that gives life; when someone lies to you, it can feel like they have crushed you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:5**ULT**

⁵ A fool spurns the instruction of his father, but one who keeps rebuke is prudent.

UST

⁵ A fool has contempt for his father when he disciplines him, but the one who learns from correction has insight.

What is a fool's attitude toward his father's discipline?

A fool has contempt for his father's discipline.

Proverbs 15:6**ULT**

⁶ The house of the righteous one {is} much wealth, but the produce of the wicked one is being troubled.

UST

⁶ In the families of those who do right there are great treasures, but the wealth that the wicked have gives them great troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:7**ULT**

⁷ The lips of the wise ones scatter knowledge, but the heart of fools {is} not so.

UST

⁷ The wise scatter knowledge about like the farmer scatters his seed, but the hearts of fools are not so generous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:8**ULT**

⁸ The sacrifice of the wicked ones {is} an abomination of Yahweh, but the prayer of the upright ones {is} his delight.

UST

⁸ Yahweh hates it when the wicked offer their sacrifices, but when those who please him pray, he is delighted.

What kind of sacrifice does Yahweh hate?

Yahweh hates the sacrifice of the wicked.

Proverbs 15:9**ULT**

⁹ An abomination of Yahweh {is} the way of the wicked one, but he loves one who pursues righteousness.

UST

⁹ Yahweh hates the way the wicked live, but he loves the one who runs after what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Painful discipline {is} for one who forsakes the path; one who hates rebuke will die.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh will discipline those who lose their way, and those who hate correction will die.

What awaits anyone who forsakes the way?

Harsh discipline awaits anyone who forsakes the way.

Proverbs 15:11**ULT**

¹¹ Sheol and Abaddon {are} before Yahweh; how much more the hearts of the sons of mankind?

UST

¹¹ The places of death and destruction are known to Yahweh; how much more does Yahweh know everything within the minds of the people he has made?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:12**ULT**

¹² A mocker does not love rebuking of him; he will not go to the wise ones.

UST

¹² The one who thinks he is better than anyone, he resents being corrected by anyone; he thinks he is so smart, he will never talk with one who is wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:13**ULT**

¹³ A joyful heart makes a face glad, but by the pain of the heart a spirit {is} stricken.

UST

¹³ When people are happy, they have smiles on their faces, but sadness is so strong it crushes the person.

What makes the face cheerful?

A joyful heart makes the face cheerful.

Proverbs 15:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The heart of one who is discerning seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

UST

¹⁴ The longing of the one who is wise is to gain more knowledge, but foolish people only say foolish things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:15**ULT**

¹⁵ All the days of the afflicted one {are} evil, but the good of heart {has} a feast continually.

UST

¹⁵ Every day for one who is oppressed is misery for him, but those who have a happy heart, for them life is a never-ending party.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Better {is} a little with the fear of Yahweh than much treasure and with it dismay.

UST

¹⁶ It is much better to have only a little and to give Yahweh the honor he deserves, than to have great wealth along with much confusion.

What is better than great treasure with confusion?

A little with the fear of Yahweh is better than great treasure with confusion.

Proverbs 15:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Better {is} a meal of vegetables and love {is} there than a fattened ox and with it hatred.

UST

¹⁷ It is better to have a simple meal with vegetables when there is love in the home, than to enjoy a delicious meal served by people who hate you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:18**ULT**

¹⁸ A man of heat stirs up a quarrel, but the long of nostrils will quiet a dispute.

UST

¹⁸ When a person is angry, he stirs up more arguments, but one who does not quickly become angry, he is able to stop an argument and make peace.

What kind of person quiets a quarrel?

A person who is slow to anger quiets a quarrel.

Proverbs 15:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The path of the lazy one {is} like a hedge of thorn bushes, but the path of the upright ones {is} a built-up one.

UST

¹⁹ The life of a lazy person is like someone trying to walk through a hedge of thorns, but those who do what pleases Yahweh are like those who are walking on a level highway.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:20**ULT**

²⁰ A wise son causes a father to rejoice, but a foolish man despises his mother.

UST

²⁰ A wise child brings happiness to his father, but it is a foolish person who despises his mother.

What does a wise son bring to his father?

A wise son brings joy to his father.

Proverbs 15:21**ULT**

²¹ Foolishness {is} a joy to the lacking of sense, but the man of understanding makes going straight.

UST

²¹ Foolish people enjoy their folly; those who have insight live a good life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:22**ULT**

²² Plans are broken with no counsel, but with a multitude of counselors it will stand.

UST

²² When there is no one giving advice, plans go wrong, but with many advisors, they will succeed.

What causes plans to succeed?

Numerous advisers cause plans to succeed.

Proverbs 15:23**ULT**

²³ Joy {is} for the man with the answer of his mouth, and how good {is} a word in its time.

UST

²³ People rejoice when they give a good answer, and how nice is the right word spoken at the right moment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:24**ULT**

²⁴ The path of life {is} upward for one who is prudent, in order to turn away from Sheol below.

UST

²⁴ The path leading to life goes up, away from death; he follows that way and turns from the place of the dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:25**ULT**

²⁵ Yahweh will tear down the house of the proud ones, but he will set up the boundary of the widow.

UST

²⁵ Yahweh destroys the generations of proud people, but he protects the little owned by a widow.

What does Yahweh tear down?

Yahweh tears down the legacy of the proud.

Proverbs 15:26**ULT**

²⁶ Thoughts of evil {are} an abomination of Yahweh, but words of pleasantness {are} pure ones.

UST

²⁶ Yahweh hates what wicked people are thinking about, but when people say what is kind, they are pure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:27**ULT**

²⁷ One who unjustly gains unjust gain {is} one who troubles his house, but one who hates bribes will live.

UST

²⁷ The thief brings many troubles to his family, but the one who refuses to accept bribes will live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:28**ULT**

²⁸ The heart of the righteous one considers how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked ones pours out evil.

UST

²⁸ The people who do right think carefully before they answer; it is like the wicked pour out of their mouths all kinds of evil when they talk.

What does the one who does right do before answering?

The one who does right ponders before answering.

Proverbs 15:29**ULT**

²⁹ Yahweh {is} far from wicked ones, but he hears the prayer of the righteous ones.

UST

²⁹ Yahweh is far away from wicked people, but he listens to the prayers of those who do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:30**ULT**

³⁰ The luminary of the eyes causes the heart to rejoice; good news fattens the bone.

UST

³⁰ When people smile, it makes them happy, and good news brings healing to the body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:31**ULT**

³¹ An ear that hears the rebuke of life will lodge among the wise.

UST

³¹ If you pay attention when someone corrects you, you will stay among those who are wise.

What does the wise person do when someone corrects him?

The wise person pays attention when someone corrects him.

Proverbs 15:32**ULT**

³² One who lets go of instruction {is} one who despises his life, but one who hears rebuke {is} one who acquires heart.

UST

³² The one who refuses to follow discipline, despises himself; the one who receives correction gains understanding as well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:33

ULT

³³ The fear of Yahweh {is} instruction of wisdom, and humility {is} before the face of honor.

UST

³³ The honor that Yahweh deserves will be the lesson that will teach you wisdom, and then humility comes before honor.

What comes before honor?

Humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 16

Proverbs 16:1

ULT

¹ The plans of the heart {are} for a man, but the answer of the tongue {is} from Yahweh.

UST

¹ People make plans out of their longings deep within them, but it is Yahweh who tells him what will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:2

ULT

² All the ways of a man {are} pure in his eyes, but Yahweh weighs the spirits.

UST

² A person sees nothing wrong with what he does, but Yahweh measures every part of what a person does according to his purposes.

How do all of a person's ways appear to himself?

All of a person's ways are pure in his own eyes.

Proverbs 16:3

ULT

³ Roll your works to Yahweh and your plans will be established.

UST

³ When you work, give all your ideas and your labor to Yahweh, and your plans will be successful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:4**ULT**

⁴ Yahweh has made all for its answer and even the wicked one for the day of evil.

UST

⁴ When Yahweh made everything, he made them so they would all accomplish something for him. He has even made the wicked for the day when there is great trouble.

For what has Yahweh made everything?

Yahweh has made everything for its purpose.

Proverbs 16:5**ULT**

⁵ Every high one of heart {is} an abomination of Yahweh, hand to hand he will not be free of guilt.

UST

⁵ Yahweh hates those whose pride comes from deep within them. But you can be sure of this: They will still be punished for their pride.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:6**ULT**

⁶ By covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness is iniquity covered, and by the fear of Yahweh is turning away from evil.

UST

⁶ Love and faithfulness will cover over sin and forgive sin. When people give Yahweh the respect he deserves, they will be able to turn away from doing what is evil.

By what is iniquity (sin) forgiven?

By covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness iniquity (sin) forgiven.

Proverbs 16:7**ULT**

⁷ When Yahweh is pleased with the ways of a man, he causes even his enemies to make peace with him.

UST

⁷ When a person pleases Yahweh by the way he lives his life, he even causes that person's enemies to get along with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:8**ULT**

⁸ Better {is} a little with righteousness than much produce with no justice.

UST

⁸ It is better to have a little money and to follow what is right, than to have a large amount of money and to live by spreading injustice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:9**ULT**

⁹ The heart of man plans his way, but Yahweh establishes his step.

UST

⁹ From deep within a person come the plans he makes, but Yahweh leads the person in each step he takes.

Once a person plans out his way, what does Yahweh do?

Once a person plans out his way, Yahweh directs his steps.

Proverbs 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Divination {is} on the lips of a king, in judgment his mouth will not act unfaithfully.

UST

¹⁰ A king can speak with inspired judgment; and when he makes a ruling, it is good and true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ A scale and balances of justice {are} for Yahweh; all the stones of the bag {are} his work.

UST

¹¹ Honest scales come from Yahweh; it is he who decided how much each unit should weigh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:12**ULT**

¹² Doing wickedness {is} an abomination of kings, for by righteousness is a throne established.

UST

¹² We should hate it when kings do wicked things, for the throne is set on a firm foundation when the king does what is right.

How is a throne established?

A throne is established by doing what is right.

Proverbs 16:13**ULT**

¹³ The delight of kings {are} lips of righteousness, and he loves one who speaks uprightly.

UST

¹³ A king is happy when he hears someone speaking what is right; and he loves the one who is direct when he talks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The heat of a king {is} messengers of death, but a wise man will appease it.

UST

¹⁴ If a king becomes angry, his wrath is a danger that can kill; so wise people will try to calm him so that he is not too angry.

What is a messenger of death?

A king's wrath is a messenger of death.

Proverbs 16:15**ULT**

¹⁵ In the light of the face of the king {is} life, and his favor {is} like a spring rain cloud.

UST

¹⁵ In a king's smile there is life; when he is happy, he is like the cloud that brings the spring rain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:16**ULT**

¹⁶ How better to acquire wisdom than gold, and to acquire understanding is more choice than silver.

UST

¹⁶ Becoming wise is better than having gold; getting good understanding is better than having silver.

What should be chosen more than gold and silver?

Wisdom and understanding should be chosen more than gold and silver.

Proverbs 16:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The highway of the upright ones turns from evil; one who guards his life {is} one who protects his way.

UST

¹⁷ The one who lives in the way that is right will turn away from doing evil; whoever is careful about how he lives his life will preserve his life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Pride {is} before the face of breaking, and a height of spirit {is} before the face of a stumbling.

UST

¹⁸ Pride happens to someone first, and then he perishes. If someone thinks he is better than others, he will have a terrible fall.

What comes before a downfall?

A haughty spirit comes before a downfall.

Proverbs 16:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Better to be lowly of spirit {with} afflicted ones than to divide spoil {with} proud ones.

UST

¹⁹ It is better to be humble and live among the poor than to receive a portion of what proud people took by force.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:20**ULT**

²⁰ One who acts prudently concerning a matter will find good, and ones who trusts in Yahweh, blessed is he.

UST

²⁰ Those who think about what they have been taught find many good things in the lesson; how fortunate are those who put their trust in Yahweh.

How does a person find what is good in what they are taught?

A person who contemplates what he is taught finds what is good.

Proverbs 16:21**ULT**

²¹ One who is discerning will be called wise of heart, and the sweetness of lips increases learning.

UST

²¹ One who has wisdom deep inside him is given the title, "discerning," and those who speak in a way that can be understood and can motivate their hearers, teach well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:22**ULT**

²² The prudence of its owner {is} a fountain of life, but the instruction of fools {is} foolishness.

UST

²² When you understand, it is as if you have found a fountain of life within you; but fools find their punishment when their foolishness comes back to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:23**ULT**

²³ The heart of the wise makes his mouth prudent, and on his lips it increases learning.

UST

²³ From deep within him, the wise person speaks from the insight he has learned; and so when he speaks he has the power to persuade others.

What does the heart of the wise do for his mouth?

The heart of the wise gives insight to his mouth.

Proverbs 16:24**ULT**

²⁴ Words of pleasantness {are} a comb of honey, sweet to the self and healing to the bone.

UST

²⁴ Kind words are like a honeycomb; they are sweet for us to take in, and they give healing to our bodies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:25**ULT**

²⁵ There is a right way before the face of a man and its end {is} the ways of death.

UST

²⁵ A person lives out his life and he thinks he is doing what is right, but when he comes to the end of his life, all he finds is death.

Even though a way may seem right to a man, where can it lead?

Even though a way may seem right to a man, it may lead to death.

Proverbs 16:26**ULT**

²⁶ The appetite of the laborer labors for him, for his mouth presses on him.

UST

²⁶ A worker's appetite drives him to work harder, his hunger urges him to keep working.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:27**ULT**

²⁷ A man of worthlessness digs up evil and on his lips {it is} like a scorching fire.

UST

²⁷ A worthless man digs and digs until he finds something he can use to embarrass someone and cause them trouble; and what he says about them is like a fire that burns the field.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:28**ULT**

²⁸ A man of perverse things lets loose strife, and one who whispers {is} one who separates close friends.

UST

²⁸ A person who has no morals stirs up conflict between people; and those who spread rumors pull friends apart.

What separates close friends?

Gossip separates close friends.

Proverbs 16:29**ULT**

²⁹ A man of violence persuades his neighbor, and he leads him in a way {that is} not good.

UST

²⁹ A violent person tells lies to his friend, and he leads him down a path that will never find what is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:30**ULT**

³⁰ One who winks his eyes plans perverse things; one who compresses his lips brings evil to completion.

UST

³⁰ The one who winks the eye is signaling to others it is time to begin their terrible plot; those who press their lips together, they do evil things.

What is the one who winks the eye doing?

The one who winks the eye is plotting evil things.

Proverbs 16:31**ULT**

³¹ Gray hair {is} a crown of splendor; it is found in the way of righteousness.

UST

³¹ Gray hair is like a glorious crown; it is given to those who live their lives by doing what is right.

What is a crown of glory?

Gray hair is a crown of glory.

Proverbs 16:32**ULT**

³² Better {is} one long of nostrils than a mighty one, and one who rules his spirit than one who captures a city.

UST

³² The one who is slow to get angry is stronger than a warrior; the one who is self-controlled is mightier than one who conquers a city by force.

Who is stronger than one who conquers a city?

One who rules his spirit is stronger than one who conquers a city.

Proverbs 16:33

ULT

³³ A lot is thrown down into the lap, but all its judgment {is} from Yahweh.

UST

³³ The stones making up the "lot" are thrown into a person's lap, but Yahweh decides on which side of the stones they will stop rolling.

How is the decision of the lots made?

The decision of the lots is made by Yahweh.

Proverbs 17

Proverbs 17:1

ULT

¹ Better {is} a dry morsel and quietness with it than a house full of sacrifices of strife.

UST

¹ It is better to eat a dry piece of bread and not have strife than to live in a house where quarreling is as regular as feasting.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:2

ULT

² A servant who acts prudently will rule over a son who acts shamefully and in the midst of brothers he will share an inheritance.

UST

² A slave who acts wisely will rule over the son of his master if that son does shameful things. That slave will receive a share of the inheritance and will be treated like one of his master's sons.

What does a wise servant do with a shameful son?

A wise servant rules over a shameful son.

Proverbs 17:3

ULT

³ The melting-pot {is} for silver and the furnace {is} for gold, and Yahweh tests hearts.

UST

³ Silver is put into the crucible to be refined, and gold is put into the furnace to be made pure, but it is Yahweh who makes people pure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:4**ULT**

⁴ One who does evil listens attentively to the lips of iniquity; a liar listens to a tongue of destruction.

UST

⁴ Those who do what is evil pay attention to the person who talks in wicked ways, and those who tell lies listen to those who speak in order to make trouble.

To whom does a liar pay attention?

A liar pays attention to those who say evil things.

Proverbs 17:5**ULT**

⁵ One who mocks one who is poor taunts his maker; one rejoicing at calamity will not be free of guilt.

UST

⁵ The one who makes fun of those who are poor insults Yahweh who made him; Yahweh will punish those who are happy when someone else has troubles.

What happens to those who rejoice at misfortune?

Those who rejoice at misfortune will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 17:6**ULT**

⁶ The crown of old ones {is} sons of sons, and the splendor of sons {is} their fathers.

UST

⁶ Grandchildren bring honor and respect to the aged, and parents bring honor to their children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:7**ULT**

⁷ A lip of excess {is} not suitable for a fool; how much less a lip of falsehood for a noble.

UST

⁷ A fool is not able to give an eloquent speech; even more is it wrong to lie to someone with a royal title.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:8**ULT**

⁸ A stone of favor {is} a bribe in the eyes of its owner; he succeeds to all that he turns.

UST

⁸ A bribe works like magic for the one who is giving the bribe; everything he tries to do by giving bribes succeeds.

How is a bribe like a magic stone?

A bribe is like a magic stone because the one who gives it succeeds wherever he turns.

Proverbs 17:9**ULT**

⁹ One who covers transgression {is} one who seeks love, but one who repeats a matter {is} one who separates close friends.

UST

⁹ You must learn not to be offended by the one you love, but if you bring up something to your friend that hurt you, and you do it over and over, that will pull the best of friends apart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ A rebuke goes down into one who is discerning more than a hundred blows to a fool.

UST

¹⁰ A rebuke to someone with understanding goes deeper into him than trying to teach a fool by hitting him a hundred times with a stick.

Even what fails to deeply affect a fool?

Even a hundred blows fail to deeply affect a fool.

Proverbs 17:11**ULT**

¹¹ An evil one seeks only rebellion, but a cruel messenger will be sent against him.

UST

¹¹ An evil person is only interested in disobeying the rules; he deserves a messenger who will be cruel to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:12**ULT**

¹² Meet a female bear robbed of offspring by a man and not a fool in his foolishness!

UST

¹² You would be better off meeting a mother bear who had been robbed of her cubs than to meet a fool who is being foolish.

What is worse than meeting a bear robbed of her cubs?

Meeting a fool in his foolishness is worse than meeting a bear robbed of her cubs.

Proverbs 17:13**ULT**

¹³ One who returns evil for good, evil will not depart from his house.

UST

¹³ If someone gives back evil for the good that was given to him, evil will stay in his family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The beginning of a quarrel {is} the releasing of water, so leave before the dispute breaks out.

UST

¹⁴ Starting a quarrel is like pumping water and letting it run everywhere; it is much better to walk away before it starts.

What should a person do before a dispute breaks out?

A person should walk away before a dispute breaks out.

Proverbs 17:15**ULT**

¹⁵ One who declares the wicked one righteous and one who declares the righteous one wicked, even the two of them {are} an abomination of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁵ When a court sets the wicked free and condemns those who do what is right, Yahweh hates both of these actions.

What kind of people are an wicked to Yahweh?

A person who acquits the wicked or condemns those who do right is wicked to Yahweh.

Proverbs 17:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Why {is} this: a price {is} in the hand of a fool to acquire wisdom but there is no heart?

UST

¹⁶ There is no benefit for a fool when he pays money to learn about wisdom; no matter how much he tries, he will not be able to learn about wisdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:17**ULT**

¹⁷ At every time the friend {is} one who loves, and a brother is born for distress.

UST

¹⁷ A friend loves you all the time, and when you are in trouble, there is no one better than a brother to help you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:18**ULT**

¹⁸ A man lacking of heart {is} one who claps a palm, pledging a pledge before the face of his neighbor.

UST

¹⁸ One having no good judgment will make a contract he cannot pay, and he will even make a promise to pay the money his neighbor owes.

What does a man having no sense do?

A man having no sense makes binding promises for his neighbor's debts.

Proverbs 17:19**ULT**

¹⁹ One who loves transgression {is} one who loves strife; one who makes his doorway high {is} one who seeks brokenness.

UST

¹⁹ The one who loves to have arguments, that person also loves the sin that lies behind the conflict; one thing leads to another: The one who makes the threshold of his door too high, it is sure to make someone break the bones in his foot.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:20**ULT**

²⁰ One perverse of heart will not find goodness, and one who is turned away in his tongue will fall into evil.

UST

²⁰ A person who is dishonest because of what is within him, he will never find what is good, and the one who tells lies will fall into trouble.

What causes a person to fall into calamity?

An evil tongue causes a person to fall into calamity.

Proverbs 17:21**ULT**

²¹ One who begets a fool, {it is} to grief for him, and the father of a fool will not rejoice.

UST

²¹ The father who has a fool brings sadness into his life; the father of a fool cannot live a happy life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:22**ULT**

²² A joyful heart will make healing good, but a broken spirit dries up bone.

UST

²² Being cheerful is like medicine that makes you feel better, but when you are crushed by sadness, it is as if every bone within you could break with only a touch.

What is good medicine?

A cheerful heart is good medicine.

Proverbs 17:23**ULT**

²³ A wicked one takes a bribe from the bosom to turn the paths of justice.

UST

²³ A wicked person accepts a bribe in such a way as no one could see him, so the bribe would change the verdict in his favor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:24**ULT**

²⁴ Wisdom {is with} the face of one who is discerning, but the eyes of a fool {are} at the ends of the earth.

UST

²⁴ The one who has begun to understand, he knows that he must also now go after wisdom. However, the foolish person has bold plans and impossible dreams, and he looks for them no matter how far away they may be.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:25**ULT**

²⁵ A son of a fool {is} a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.

UST

²⁵ A foolish child brings a father great sadness, and regret to the mother who gave birth to him.

What is a foolish son to his father and mother?

A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to his mother.

Proverbs 17:26**ULT**

²⁶ Even to fine the righteous {is} not good, to strike nobles {is} against uprightness.

UST

²⁶ It cannot be good to punish someone who does what is right, and if a good man with moral character is punished by the law, this can never be good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:27**ULT**

²⁷ One who knows knowledge {is} one who restrains his words, and a man of understanding {is} cool of spirit.

UST

²⁷ The one who has learned knowledge, learned to speak well using few words, and the one who has understanding, does not lose his temper.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:28

ULT

²⁸ Even a fool who keeps silent will be considered wise; one who shuts his lips is being discerning.

UST

²⁸ When a fool keeps silent, some may think he is very wise; when he keeps his mouth shut, even a fool looks intelligent.

How can a fool be considered wise?

A fool can be considered wise if he keeps silent.

Proverbs 18

Proverbs 18:1

ULT

¹ One who separates himself seeks for desire; he bursts out against all prudence.

UST

¹ The one who keeps himself away from other people will only live for his own desires, and he never acts with good judgment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:2

ULT

² A fool does not delight in understanding but rather in his heart revealing itself.

UST

² A foolish person does not enjoy understanding anything; he only wants to tell others what he thinks.

In what does a fool not find pleasure?

A fool finds no pleasure in understanding.

Proverbs 18:3

ULT

³ When wickedness comes contempt also comes, and reproach with shame.

UST

³ A wicked person comes, and with them comes the contempt they have for other people— and then comes shame and disgrace following along.

What comes with a wicked person?

Contempt, shame, and reproach come with a wicked person.

Proverbs 18:4**ULT**

⁴ The words of the mouth of a man {are} deep waters; a spring of wisdom {is} a bubbling stream.

UST

⁴ The words a man speaks are like the deep waters of an ocean or a fountain that flows with wisdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:5**ULT**

⁵ {It is} not good to lift the face of the wicked one, to turn aside the righteous one in the judgment.

UST

⁵ When the wicked are treated with special honor, it is not good, and it is not good to refuse to give justice to those who do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:6**ULT**

⁶ The lips of a fool enter into strife, and his mouth calls for blows.

UST

⁶ A foolish person says things that start arguments; he says things that make other people want to beat him with a stick.

What do a fool's lips bring him?

A fool's lips bring him conflict.

Proverbs 18:7**ULT**

⁷ The mouth of a fool {is} ruin for him, and his lips {are} a snare of his life.

UST

⁷ A foolish person brings himself to ruin by the things he says; his very words set a trap in which he will be caught.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:8**ULT**

⁸ The words of one who whispers {are} like things swallowed greedily, and they go down into the inner rooms of the belly.

UST

⁸ When a person gossips, his words are as sweet to other people as candy is in their mouths, and they love to listen to them.

What are like delicious morsels?

The words of a gossip are like delicious morsels.

Proverbs 18:9**ULT**

⁹ Also, one who is slack in his work, he {is} a brother to an owner of destruction.

UST

⁹ The person who does a poor job when he is working is a relative to the one who destroys everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The name of Yahweh {is} a tower of strength; the righteous one runs into it and is set on high.

UST

¹⁰ The name of Yahweh is like a castle that can never be overrun; those who do what is right run for safety into it, and in the fortress of his name, they are safe.

What is a strong tower?

The name of Yahweh is a strong tower.

Proverbs 18:11**ULT**

¹¹ The wealth of the rich {is} a city of his strength and like a wall set on high in his imagination.

UST

¹¹ The wealthy person depends on his wealth as a city depends on its fortifications; he thinks it protects him as well as a high wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:12**ULT**

¹² Before the face of breaking the heart of a man is exalted, but before the face of honor {is} humility.

UST

¹² When a person is about to be ruined, it is his proud heart that brings his destruction, but before a person can gain great honor, he must first learn to become humble.

What is the attitude of a person before his downfall?

Before his downfall, a person's heart is proud.

Proverbs 18:13**ULT**

¹³ One who returns a word before he listens, it {is} folly to him and shame.

UST

¹³ A person who gives you an answer before he listens to you— there is nothing more foolish and nothing that gives him more shame.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The spirit of a man will endure his illness, but a broken spirit, who can lift it?

UST

¹⁴ A person may survive a terrible sickness in his body, but if he feels his inner self is crushed, how can he survive?

What is something very difficult to bear?

A broken spirit is something very difficult to bear.

Proverbs 18:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The heart of one who is discerning acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise ones seeks knowledge.

UST

¹⁵ Intelligent people have a desire to get more and more knowledge, and wise people will find someone to teach them even more knowledge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The gift of a man will make room for him, and it will lead him before the face of great ones.

UST

¹⁶ If you take a gift to an important person, you will open the way to allow you to talk to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The first one with his case {is} right, then his neighbor comes and examines him.

UST

¹⁷ The first person to present his case before a judge seems right until the other side comes and questions him.

Who seems right at first?

The first to plead his case seems right.

Proverbs 18:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The lot causes quarrels to cease, and it makes a separation between mighty ones.

UST

¹⁸ When there are two strong people having a dispute, casting lots can help to settle the dispute.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:19**ULT**

¹⁹ A brother who has been offended {is worse} than a city of strength, and quarrels {are} like the gate bar of a fortress.

UST

¹⁹ If you offend your brother, finding a way to have peace with him again may be harder than waging a battle to win a city. and having an argument is more difficult to overcome than breaking down the bars of a castle.

What is harder to win than a strong city?

An offended brother is harder to win than a strong city.

Proverbs 18:20**ULT**

²⁰ From the fruit of the mouth of a man his belly is satisfied; with the produce of his lips he is satisfied.

UST

²⁰ The words a person speaks can bring satisfaction to himself, like the food he eats satisfies his stomach.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:21**ULT**

²¹ Death and life {are} in the hand of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

UST

²¹ People are able to kill others or keep them alive by means of what they say. And there is danger for those who love the power of their speaking.

What are in the power of the tongue?

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Proverbs 18:22**ULT**

²² He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from Yahweh.

UST

²² The one who finds a wife, finds something so good it is a gift to bless his life, and it is Yahweh who gives him this wonderful gift.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:23

ULT

²³ One who is poor speaks pleas, but a rich one answers harshly.

UST

²³ A poor person desperately begs for mercy, but a rich person is rude when he answers.

How does a rich person answer others?

A rich person answers others harshly.

Proverbs 18:24

ULT

²⁴ A man of companions {is} to be broken, but there is one who loves, clinging more than a brother.

UST

²⁴ One person says that he has many friends, but his life is ruined by them; but there is a friend who stands with us through everything, and he is always close at our side, even closer than a brother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19**Proverbs 19:1****ULT**

¹ Better {is} one who is poor who walks in his integrity than one who is perverse in his lips and he {is} a fool.

UST

¹ Compare a poor person who keeps his promises, with a fool who is full of lies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:2**ULT**

² Also, a life with no knowledge {is} not good, and the one who hurries with feet {is} one who misses.

UST

² And consider, having desire without knowledge is like running so fast that you miss the path you want to take.

What must a person have in addition to desire?

A person must have knowledge in addition to desire.

Proverbs 19:3**ULT**

³ The foolishness of a man will pervert his way, and his heart will rage against Yahweh.

UST

³ The folly of a fool destroys his life, but he becomes furious with Yahweh for his troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:4**ULT**

⁴ Wealth adds many companions, but a lowly one is separated from his companions.

UST

⁴ Those who are wealthy easily find many friends, but a poor person will find that his poverty separates him from the one friend he had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:5**ULT**

⁵ A witness of falsehoods will not be free of guilt, and he who breathes out lies will not slip away.

UST

⁵ A person who lies in order to become a friend will be punished for taking advantage, just as the one whose every word he speaks is a lie, he will not escape.

What will happen to a person who is a false witness?

A false witness will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 19:6**ULT**

⁶ Many will appease the face of a noble one, and everyone {is} a friend of a man of gift.

UST

⁶ When a person is generous with their gifts, many people will ask for favors, it seems that everyone is a friend of the one who gives many gifts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:7**ULT**

⁷ All the brothers of one who is poor hate him; how much more do his friends keep away from him! Pursuing with words, they are not.

UST

⁷ All the brothers of one who is poor hate him; and even more do his friends hate him, and they go far away from him; he calls out to them, but they have left.

What happens when a poor man calls out to his friends?

When a poor man calls out to his friends, they are gone.

Proverbs 19:8**ULT**

⁸ One who acquires heart {is} one who loves his life; one who keeps understanding {is} to find good.

UST

⁸ The one who makes every effort to learn about wisdom, loves himself; having understanding helps you know what is good and what is not.

What does a person do who loves his own soul?

A person who loves his own soul gets wisdom.

Proverbs 19:9**ULT**

⁹ A witness of falsehoods will not be free of guilt, and one who breathes out lies will perish.

UST

⁹ The ones who lie when they give testimony will be punished, but the one whose every word is a lie, he will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Luxury {is} not suitable for a fool; how much less for a slave to rule over officials.

UST

¹⁰ When a fool lives in luxury—it is not right, and it is even worse for a slave to rule over princes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:11**ULT**

¹¹ The insight of a man makes his nose long, and his splendor {is} to pass over a transgression.

UST

¹¹ A person with good sense is slow to get angry, and it is to his honor that he overlooks it when someone does him wrong.

What does a person with discretion do when offended?

A person with discretion overlooks an offense.

Proverbs 19:12**ULT**

¹² The rage of a king {is} a growling like the young lion, but his favor {is} like dew on vegetation.

UST

¹² What is the wrath of the king like? It is like the roaring of a young lion, but his kindness is like the dew on the grass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:13**ULT**

¹³ A son of a fool {is} destruction to his father, and the quarrels of a wife {are} a continuous dripping.

UST

¹³ A foolish child will ruin a father. A wife who is always quarreling will upset her husband like water that is constantly dripping.

What is like a constant dripping of water?

A quarreling wife is like a constant dripping of water.

Proverbs 19:14**ULT**

¹⁴ A house and wealth {are} the inheritance of fathers, but a wife who acts prudently {is} from Yahweh.

UST

¹⁴ We can inherit houses and money from our parents, but a sensible wife is from Yahweh.

From where does a prudent wife come?

A prudent (wise) wife is from Yahweh.

Proverbs 19:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Laziness causes deep sleep to fall, and the appetite of slackness is hungry.

UST

¹⁵ The one who is lazy finds that sleep comes easily to him, but anyone who refuses to work will go hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:16**ULT**

¹⁶ One who keeps a command {is} one who keeps his life; one who despises his ways will die.

UST

¹⁶ The one who follows the command he was taught puts a guard over his life, but the one who does not think about how he lives his life will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:17**ULT**

¹⁷ One who shows favor to the lowly {is} one who lends to Yahweh, and he will repay to him his recompense.

UST

¹⁷ One who is kind to the poor, it is as if he were lending to Yahweh; and Yahweh will pay him for what he did.

How does a person lend to Yahweh?

One who is kind to the poor lends to Yahweh.

Proverbs 19:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Discipline your son when there is hope, and do not set your life to putting him to death.

UST

¹⁸ Train your children and give them discipline while it is still possible to rescue them; but do not allow them to offend you so much that you consider taking their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:19**ULT**

¹⁹ One great of heat {is} one who lifts up a fine; for if you rescue, then you will have to do so again.

UST

¹⁹ A hot-tempered person will pay a price for his anger; if you rescue him after he had has an outburst, you will have to do it again and again.

Who will have to be rescued a second time?

A hot-tempered (angry) person will have to be rescued a second time.

Proverbs 19:20**ULT**

²⁰ Listen to counsel and accept instruction, so that you will become wise in your end.

UST

²⁰ Pay attention to good guidance and let others teach you so that you can become wise by the end of your life.

How can a person become wise by the end of his life?

A person can become wise by the end of his life by listening to advice and accepting instruction.

Proverbs 19:21**ULT**

²¹ Many are the plans in the heart of a man, but the counsel of Yahweh, it will stand.

UST

²¹ A person has many plans that come from within him, but Yahweh has his own plans, and he will carry them out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:22**ULT**

²² The desire of a man {is} covenant faithfulness, and better {is} one who is poor than a man of lying.

UST

²² A person wants loyalty, it is better to be poor than to tell a lie to a judge in court in order to get money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:23**ULT**

²³ The fear of Yahweh {is} to life and the satisfied one will stay overnight; he will not be visited by evil.

UST

²³ Anyone who has respect for Yahweh will live a long life; such a person who has this respect for Yahweh will be satisfied, and will come to no harm.

What leads people to life?

Honor for Yahweh leads people to life.

Proverbs 19:24**ULT**

²⁴ A lazy one hides his hand in the dish; he will not even return it to his mouth.

UST

²⁴ The lazy person puts his hand in the dish; he is not able to raise his hand up to his mouth to eat.

What is a sluggard unable to do?

A sluggard is unable to even bring his hand up from the dish to his mouth.

Proverbs 19:25**ULT**

²⁵ Strike a mocker and a naive one will become prudent, and rebuking {is} for one who is discerning, he will discern knowledge.

UST

²⁵ If you punish someone who mocks others, an uninstructed person will learn how to be prudent. If you correct someone who has understanding, he will gain more knowledge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:26**ULT**

²⁶ One who does violence {to} a father, who causes a mother to flee, {is} a son who causes shame and causes disgrace.

UST

²⁶ Someone who steals from his father and alienates his mother brings shame and disgrace to himself.

What does a child bring who robs his father and chases his mother away?

A child who robs his father and chases his mother away brings shame and reproach.

Proverbs 19:27**ULT**

²⁷ My son, cease to hear instruction, stray from the words of knowledge.

UST

²⁷ My son, if you will not listen to the teaching, you will wander away from the words of knowledge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:28**ULT**

²⁸ A witness of worthlessness mocks justice and the mouth of the wicked ones swallows iniquity.

UST

²⁸ A lying witness laughs at anyone who acts justly, and wicked people act sinfully as easily as they eat food.

What makes justice a mockery?

A corrupt witness makes justice a mockery.

Proverbs 19:29**ULT**

²⁹ Judgments are prepared for the mockers, and blows for the back of fools.

UST

²⁹ Yahweh is ready to punish those who make themselves out to be better than other people, and he is ready to flog the backs of fools.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20

Proverbs 20:1

ULT

¹ Wine {is} a mocker, intoxicating drink {is} one who is loud, and everyone who goes astray by it is not wise.

UST

¹ Wine makes you loud, and strong drink makes you foolish; whoever lets alcohol lead them to where they get lost is not wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:2

ULT

² The terror of a king {is} a growling like the young lion; one who infuriates him {is} one who forfeits his life.

UST

² The king's wrath makes people as afraid as if they were facing a young lion roaring at them; the person who makes a king angry is giving up his own life.

What happens to someone who angers the king?

Someone who angers the king forfeits his life.

Proverbs 20:3

ULT

³ Cessation from strife {is} honor for a man, but every fool breaks out.

UST

³ It is an honor to stay out of an argument, but every fool is ready to join one.

Into what does every fool jump?

Every fool jumps into an argument.

Proverbs 20:4**ULT**

⁴ A lazy one will not plow in winter, and he begs in the harvest but there is nothing.

UST

⁴ The lazy person is not willing to plow his crops again in autumn, and when it is harvest time, he looks, but there is nothing growing in his field.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:5**ULT**

⁵ Counsel in the heart of a man {is} deep waters, and a man of understanding will draw it out.

UST

⁵ The purposes within a person's life are like waters in a deep well, but a person who has understanding is able to draw them out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:6**ULT**

⁶ Many a man proclaims, each man, his loyalty, but who can find a man of faithfulness?

UST

⁶ Many people proclaim that they can be trusted to do what they promise, but it is very difficult to find one who can really be trusted.

What kind of person is difficult to find?

A faithful person is difficult to find.

Proverbs 20:7**ULT**

⁷ A righteous one {is} one who walks about in his integrity; blessed {are} his sons after him.

UST

⁷ The person who always does right— how fortunate will be his children who follow after him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:8**ULT**

⁸ A king who sits on the throne of judgment {is} one who scatters every evil with his eyes.

UST

⁸ A king who sits on his throne to act as a judge can distinguish between all the kinds of evil before him just by looking at them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:9**ULT**

⁹ Who can say, "I have made my heart pure, I am clean from my sin"?

UST

⁹ No one can truthfully say, "I have kept my heart pure, and I am free from my sins."

What is something that no one can say about himself?

No one can say about himself, "I have kept my heart clean; I am free from sin."

Proverbs 20:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Stone and stone, ephah and ephah, even the two of them {are} an abomination of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁰ Uneven weights, improperly marked, and unequal measures, that favor the one who is selling, Yahweh hates both of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:11**ULT**

¹¹ Even a young man will cause himself to be recognized by his deeds, if pure and if upright {is} his work.

UST

¹¹ Also, even a youth is known by what he does, it is clear whether what he does is pure and respectable or not.

By what is even a youth known?

Even a youth is known by his actions.

Proverbs 20:12**ULT**

¹² An ear that hears and an eye that sees, Yahweh made even the two of them.

UST

¹² Ears that hear and eyes that see— Yahweh made them both.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:13**ULT**

¹³ Do not love sleep lest you become impoverished; open your eyes, be satisfied with bread.

UST

¹³ If you love to sleep all the time, you will become poor; stay awake when you should be at work and you will have plenty to eat.

Loving what brings a person to poverty?

Loving sleep brings a person to poverty.

Proverbs 20:14**ULT**

¹⁴ “Bad! Bad!” says the one who buys, but when he leaves him, then he boasts.

UST

¹⁴ “It is no good,” the buyer says when he is bargaining with you about the price. But after he buys it, he goes and boasts to his friends what a good price he bought it for.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:15**ULT**

¹⁵ There is gold and an abundance of corals, but lips of knowledge {are} a vessel of preciousness.

UST

¹⁵ Consider the value of gold and many expensive jewels, but the words of the one who has knowledge are like precious jewels.

What are like a precious jewel?

Lips of knowledge are like a precious jewel.

Proverbs 20:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Take his garment when he has pledged for a stranger, and hold it in pledge for a foreign woman.

UST

¹⁶ Take the expensive coat of the person who guarantees a loan for a stranger, so it can be sold if the debt is not paid back. And if he makes a pledge for an immoral woman, hold his coat as a guarantee for the loan he makes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Bread of falsehood {is} sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

UST

¹⁷ Bread gotten by telling a lie, may taste sweet, but later his mouth will be like it was full of gravel, because of his lies.

What does bread gained by deceit taste like afterward?

Bread gained by deceit tastes like gravel afterward.

Proverbs 20:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Plans are established by counsel, and by deliberation make war.

UST

¹⁸ Good plans are made in consultation with good advisors, and only with wise advisors giving their advice should anyone go to war.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:19**ULT**

¹⁹ One who walks in slander {is} one who uncovers a secret, and do not associate yourself with one who opens his lips.

UST

¹⁹ A gossip tells secrets, so stay away from people who talk too much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:20**ULT**

²⁰ One who curses his father and his mother, his lamp will be extinguished in the pupil of darkness.

UST

²⁰ If a person curses his father or his mother, his life will be put out as a light that is snuffed out.

What happens to a person who curses his father or mother?

A person who curses his father or mother will have his lamp snuffed out.

Proverbs 20:21**ULT**

²¹ An inheritance gained quickly in the beginning, its end will not be blessed.

UST

²¹ An inheritance that comes to a person quickly, may do some good at the beginning, but later it will do less good for the person who received it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:22**ULT**

²² Do not say, "I will repay evil." Wait for Yahweh and he will save you.

UST

²² Do not say, "I will pay you back for the wrong you did to me." Wait for Yahweh and he will take care of the matter.

Instead of trying to pay someone back for a wrong, what should a person do?

Instead of trying to pay someone back, a person should wait for Yahweh to rescue him.

Proverbs 20:23**ULT**

²³ Stone and stone {are} an abomination of Yahweh, and scales of deceit {are} not good.

UST

²³ Yahweh detests those who use dishonest scales and weights that are not accurate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:24**ULT**

²⁴ The steps of a man {are} from Yahweh, and how can a man understand his way?

UST

²⁴ Yahweh is the one who directs the way a person will go. So then, how can someone understand where he is going?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:25**ULT**

²⁵ A snare of a man: he says rashly, “[It is} holy,” and after vows considers.

UST

²⁵ It is dangerous to declare that something is holy to Yahweh, and it is worse to think about the meaning of holiness only after you have made a vow.

What is it a snare to do rashly?

It is a snare to make a vow rashly.

Proverbs 20:26**ULT**

²⁶ A wise king {is} one who scatters the wicked, and he brings back a wheel over them.

UST

²⁶ A king who is wise will separate the wicked from among his people; then he will severely punish those wicked people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:27**ULT**

²⁷ The spirit of a man {is} the lamp of Yahweh, searching all the inner rooms of the belly.

UST

²⁷ The life-giving spirit within a man is the light shining from Yahweh within us, it shines deep within and shows what is hidden deep inside us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:28**ULT**

²⁸ A king guards covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness, and his throne is sustained by covenant faithfulness.

UST

²⁸ Love and faithfulness preserve the life of the king; his throne is made strong by steadfast love.

What preserves the king?

Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness preserve the king.

Proverbs 20:29**ULT**

²⁹ The splendor of young men {is} their strength and the adornment of old ones {is} gray hair.

UST

²⁹ The honor of young people is seen in how strong they are, but the splendor of old people is in their gray hair.

What is the glory of young men?

The glory of young men is their strength.

Proverbs 20:30

ULT

³⁰ Strikes of a wound cleanse away evil and blows of the inner rooms of the belly.

UST

³⁰ When we are beaten, the wound that results may cleanse away evil, and beatings make our inmost self clean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21

Proverbs 21:1

ULT

¹ The heart of a king {is} channels of water in the hand of Yahweh; he turns it in accordance with all that he desires.

UST

¹ The motives of the king are directed like a stream of water by Yahweh; he diverts the king like he directs the flow of water, in any way he wants.

What does Yahweh direct wherever he pleases?

Yahweh directs a king's heart wherever he pleases.

Proverbs 21:2

ULT

² Every way of a man {is} right in his eyes, but Yahweh weighs hearts.

UST

² When a person looks at his own life, everything he does may seem right to him, but what matters is what Yahweh thinks about what he does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:3

ULT

³ To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to Yahweh than a sacrifice.

UST

³ Doing what is right and just is more acceptable to Yahweh than offering sacrifices to him.

What is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice?

To do what is right and just is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice.

Proverbs 21:4**ULT**

⁴ Height of eyes and broadness of heart, the lamp of wicked ones, {are} sin.

UST

⁴ When you show people that you think you are better than they, and add to that the pride you have within you—this shines like a light and it tells others you are a wicked person— they are examples of sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:5**ULT**

⁵ The plans of the diligent one {are} surely to abundance, but everyone who acts hastily {is} surely to poverty.

UST

⁵ Those who work hard and who carry out their plans will be successful, but everyone who takes action too quickly and with little planning, make themselves poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:6**ULT**

⁶ Work of treasures by a tongue of falsehood {is} a fleeting vapor, those that seek death.

UST

⁶ When someone becomes rich because he tells lies, that wealth fades away like the mist; that wealth will kill him.

What happens to someone who acquires riches by a lying tongue?

Someone who acquires riches by a lying tongue is killed by that snare.

Proverbs 21:7**ULT**

⁷ The violence of wicked ones will sweep them away, for they refuse to do justice.

UST

⁷ When wicked people act with violence, they are destroyed by their own violence, because they refuse to do what is right.

Why are the wicked swept away?

The wicked are swept away because they refuse to do what is just.

Proverbs 21:8**ULT**

⁸ The way of a guilty man {is} crooked, but the pure one, his work {is} upright.

UST

⁸ A guilty person follows a path covered with lies, but the innocent chooses to do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:9**ULT**

⁹ Better to dwell on the corner of a roof than with a woman of quarrels and a house of companionship.

UST

⁹ It is better to live alone in the corner of a housetop than inside a house with a wife who always wants to argue with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The spirit of the wicked one craves evil; his neighbor is not shown favor in his eyes.

UST

¹⁰ The wicked man craves evil more than anything; and when he looks at his neighbor, the wicked man's eyes reveal that he is not going to be kind to his neighbor.

What is not seen in the eyes of the wicked?

Kindness is not seen in the eyes of the wicked.

Proverbs 21:11**ULT**

¹¹ When fining a mocker a naive one becomes wise, and when instructing a wise one he acquires knowledge.

UST

¹¹ When a person who acts like he is better than other people is punished, the simple—who do not know about right and wrong—are taught an important lesson, and if you teach one who is wise, they can learn even more.

Who learns wisdom when a mocker is punished?

The untaught learn wisdom when a mocker is punished.

Proverbs 21:12**ULT**

¹² A righteous one considers the house of the wicked one; overturning wicked ones to calamity.

UST

¹² One who does what is right watches the house where evil people live, and he confronts their wickedness and brings them to justice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:13**ULT**

¹³ One who shuts his ears from the outcry of a lowly one, he also will cry out but will not be answered.

UST

¹³ When the poor cried out for help, there was a person who refused to listen to their cries, but when he cried out, because he covered his ears to their cries, no one heard his cries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:14**ULT**

¹⁴ A gift in secrecy subdues nose, and a bribe in the bosom, strong heat.

UST

¹⁴ Give a gift to a person who is angry with you, and it may turn away his anger; a secret gift may help a person who is angry at you to calm down.

What does a secret gift accomplish?

A secret gift appeases anger.

Proverbs 21:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Doing justice {is} a joy for the righteous one, but a terror to those who do iniquity.

UST

¹⁵ When there is justice, those who love what is right are happy, but when there is justice, it brings great fear to those who do what is evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:16**ULT**

¹⁶ A man wandering from the way of insight will rest in the assembly of the spirits of the dead.

UST

¹⁶ A person who does not understand right and wrong, will get lost when he tries to make decisions, he will only rest when he is dead.

Where does one who wanders from understanding rest?

One who wanders from understanding rests in the assembly of the dead.

Proverbs 21:17**ULT**

¹⁷ A man of poverty {is} one who loves joy; one who loves wine and oil will not become rich.

UST

¹⁷ Love pleasure and it will make you poor; you cannot be rich and love to drink wine and eat expensive foods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:18**ULT**

¹⁸ A wicked one {is} a ransom for the righteous, and one who acts treacherously instead of upright ones.

UST

¹⁸ A person who does right is honored much more than a wicked man, and a good man is worth far more than one who never keeps his promise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Better to dwell in a land of wilderness than {with} a wife of quarrels and vexation.

UST

¹⁹ It is better to live alone in a desert than with a wife who is always stirring up conflicts and never stops complaining.

Where is it better to live than with a complaining wife?

It is better to live in the desert than with a complaining wife.

Proverbs 21:20**ULT**

²⁰ Desirable treasure and oil {are} in the abode of a wise one, but a foolish man swallows it up.

UST

²⁰ Those who are wise have very precious treasures and they live very well, but foolish people waste all they have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:21**ULT**

²¹ One who pursues righteousness and covenant faithfulness will find life, righteousness, and honor.

UST

²¹ A person who does right and is kind, lives a good life, makes wise decisions, and receives honor from others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:22**ULT**

²² A wise one ascends a city of mighty ones and he brings down the strength of its confidence.

UST

²² When a wise leader goes up against a city of mighty warriors, he knows how to bring down the defenses of the city and he conquers it.

What is a wise man able to bring down?

A wise man is able to bring down the stronghold of the city of the mighty.

Proverbs 21:23**ULT**

²³ One who keeps his mouth and his tongue {is} one who keeps his life from distress.

UST

²³ Be careful, if you could put a guard to watch over the words that come out of your mouth and tongue, you would keep away from a lot of trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:24**ULT**

²⁴ An insolent, proud one, mocker {is} his name, acting in the overflow of insolence.

UST

²⁴ The mocker thinks he is better than other people, and his actions come from his pride and his arrogance.

What is the name for a proud and haughty person?

A proud and haughty person is called a "mocker."

Proverbs 21:25**ULT**

²⁵ The desire of the lazy one causes him to die, for his hands refuse to work.

UST

²⁵ The things that the lazy person chooses to do will kill him; he refuses to work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:26**ULT**

²⁶ All the day he desires desire for himself, but a righteous one gives and does not withhold.

UST

²⁶ All day long he desires things—he could not desire for more things— but whoever does right gives gifts to others, and he never holds back anything that is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:27**ULT**

²⁷ The sacrifice of the wicked ones {is} an abomination; how much more when he brings it with a scheme.

UST

²⁷ When the wicked decide to give an offering to Yahweh, Yahweh hates it, and Yahweh hates it even more when the wicked man comes to worship Yahweh in order to get something for himself.

What kind of sacrifice is detestable?

The sacrifice of the wicked is detestable.

Proverbs 21:28**ULT**

²⁸ A witness of falsehoods will perish, but the man who listens will speak to perpetuity.

UST

²⁸ Those who lie about other people, will die, but the one who takes time to listen—when he says something, people will remember it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:29**ULT**

²⁹ A man of wickedness makes firm with his face, but an upright one, he discerns his ways. ^[1]

UST

²⁹ The wicked man acts as if he were strong, but an honest man has thought about what to do and is certain about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:30**ULT**

³⁰ There is no wisdom and there is no understanding and there is no counsel in opposition to Yahweh.

UST

³⁰ Can there be any wisdom, any understanding, or any advice, that is wiser than Yahweh?

What cannot stand against Yahweh?

No wisdom, understanding, or advice can stand against Yahweh.

Proverbs 21:31**ULT**

³¹ A horse is prepared for the day of battle, but the salvation belongs to Yahweh.

21:29 ^[1]

UST

³¹ The groomsman prepares the horse for the day of battle, but the outcome of the battle, the winner or the loser, is determined by Yahweh.

Who gives the victory in the day of battle?

Yahweh gives the victory in the day of battle.

Proverbs 22

Proverbs 22:1

ULT

¹ A name {is} to be chosen more than much riches; favor {is} better than silver and than gold.

UST

¹ Being a person who keeps his word is more important than having great riches, and being a person who everyone respects for doing right, is better than having silver and gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:2

ULT

² A rich one and one who is poor meet together; Yahweh {is} the maker of all of them.

UST

² People who are rich and people who are poor have at least one thing in common— Yahweh made both of them.

What do the rich and poor have in common?

Yahweh is the maker of both the rich and poor.

Proverbs 22:3

ULT

³ A prudent one sees evil and hides himself, but naive ones pass on and they are fined.

UST

³ One who has good sense takes cover when he sees trouble coming, but those who have no experience or knowledge rush ahead into danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:4**ULT**

⁴ The reward of humility, the fear of Yahweh, {is} riches and honor and life.

UST

⁴ When a person is humble and gives Yahweh the respect he deserves, these are his rewards: Riches, and honor, and life.

For what is the reward riches, honor, and life?

For humility and fear of Yahweh the reward is riches, honor, and life.

Proverbs 22:5**ULT**

⁵ Thorns, snares {are} in the way of the perverse one; one who guards his life will stay far from them.

UST

⁵ Where the perverse walk, their way is like a road covered with thorns, and there are traps in every step. When you guard your own life from evil, you will stay away from all these dangers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:6**ULT**

⁶ Train up the boy in accordance with the mouth of his way; even when he is old, he will not turn aside from it.

UST

⁶ A child must be shown the way to live and the direction he should go, and when he reaches old age, he will stay on that same path.

If a child is taught the way he should go, what will he not do when he grows old?

If a child is taught the way he should go, he will not turn away from that instruction when he grows old.

Proverbs 22:7**ULT**

⁷ A rich one rules over those who are poor, and one who borrows {is} a slave to a man who lends.

UST

⁷ The fact is that the rich often have power over the poor, and one who borrows money is almost like a slave to the one who lends him the money.

What is the relationship between the one who borrows and the one who lends?

The one who borrows is a slave to the one who lends.

Proverbs 22:8**ULT**

⁸ One who sows injustice will reap trouble, and the rod of his fury will come to an end.

UST

⁸ If you plant the seeds of wickedness, you can expect a crop of trouble, and when you use a rod to discipline your child, but you use it when you are furious, it will do no good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:9**ULT**

⁹ The good of eye, he will be blessed, for he gives from his bread to the lowly.

UST

⁹ The one who looks for people to help, Yahweh will give many good gifts, because he considered it important to share his food with the poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Drive out a mocker and strife will go out, and judgment and dishonor will cease.

UST

¹⁰ If you throw out the conceited person, out will go all kinds of conflict with him. No one will quarrel or insult anyone else when he is gone.

What will cease if the mocker is driven away?

Strife, disputes, and insults will cease if the mocker is driven away.

Proverbs 22:11**ULT**

¹¹ One who loves a pure heart, his lips {are} gracious, the king {is} his friend.

UST

¹¹ When a person loves to do something just because he wants to do what is good and right— he is sincere, and his speech is filled with kindness —the king will be his friend.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:12**ULT**

¹² The eyes of Yahweh guard knowledge, and he overturns the words of one who is treacherous.

UST

¹² Yahweh gives protection to knowledge, to keep it safe, just as surely as he makes the lying promises of the betrayer fail.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:13**ULT**

¹³ A lazy one says, "A lion {is} outside! I will be killed in the midst of the plazas!"

UST

¹³ A lazy person calls out, "There is a lion in the street! If I go out, I will be killed!"

What excuse does a lazy person use?

A lazy person says there is a lion in the streets as an excuse.

Proverbs 22:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The mouth of a strange woman {is} a deep pit; one who is cursed of Yahweh will fall there.

UST

¹⁴ The words spoken by an adulteress will draw you in, and it will be as if you have fallen into a deep and dangerous pit! All those who fall into that pit will be in trouble, but what is worse, they will experience Yahweh's anger for what they have done.

What do those who fall for an adulteress stir up?

Those who fall for an adulteress stir up Yahweh's anger against them.

Proverbs 22:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a boy; the rod of discipline will cause it to be far from him.

UST

¹⁵ Stupid and silly things are bound up within a child, and they come out in foolishness; but correcting a child with discipline drives the folly far away.

What drives foolishness from a child?

The rod of discipline drives foolishness from a child.

Proverbs 22:16**ULT**

¹⁶ One who oppresses a lowly one to increase for himself, one who gives to a rich one, will surely be to poverty.

UST

¹⁶ The one who makes his money by taking advantage of the poor, or by giving more money to the wealthy, Yahweh will bring him into poverty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise ones, and set your heart to my knowledge.

UST

¹⁷ Now listen to what those who are wise have said; give it all your attention and learn the knowledge you will need if you are to become wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For {it will be} pleasant if you keep them in your belly, they are ready together on your lips.

UST

¹⁸ It will be good for you to make them the guiding principles you live by, and be able to repeat all of them to others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Your trust {is} to be in Yahweh; I have caused you to know today, even you.

UST

¹⁹ The most important thing is for you to trust in Yahweh, and so I am teaching them to you, yes, even to you.

In whom should a person trust?

A person should trust in Yahweh.

Proverbs 22:20**ULT**

²⁰ Have I not written for you thirty things with counsels and knowledge,

UST

²⁰ I have written thirty of these sayings for you to learn; sayings to give you advice and to teach you what you do not know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:21**ULT**

²¹ to cause you to know the truth of the words of trustworthiness, to return trustworthy words to one who sent you?

UST

²¹ These lessons show you what is true and they teach you with faithful lessons, so you may give reliable and true answers to those who sent you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:22**ULT**

²² Do not rob a lowly one because he {is} lowly, and do not crush an afflicted one at the gate.

UST

²² Anyone can rob a poor person. Do not do it. And do not hurt them who are begging at the city gate,

What must not be done to the poor and needy?

The poor and needy must not be robbed or crushed.

Proverbs 22:23**ULT**

²³ For Yahweh will plead their dispute, and he will rob those who rob them of life.

UST

²³ for Yahweh stands to defend them, and he will take the life of those who stole from the poor.

What will Yahweh do to those who rob the poor?

Yahweh will rob the life of those who rob the poor.

Proverbs 22:24**ULT**

²⁴ Do not befriend a man of nose, and do not go {with} a man of heat,

UST

²⁴ Do not become a friend with one whose life is controlled by his anger, and do not associate with a person who rages in his terrible wrath,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:25**ULT**

²⁵ lest you learn his paths and you take a trap for your life.

UST

²⁵ or you will learn to be like him, and your anger will become like a trap, a trap that will take charge of your life.

Why must a person not make a friend of someone ruled by anger?

A person must not make a friend of someone ruled by anger because the person will learn his ways and be entangled in a snare.

Proverbs 22:26**ULT**

²⁶ Do not be among those who clap a palm, among those who pledge for loans.

UST

²⁶ Be careful that you do not shake hands and promise to pay for the debts of others, and do not make or sign a pledge so another person can take out a loan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:27**ULT**

²⁷ If there is nothing for you to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?

UST

²⁷ For if you cannot pay it back, they will surely come and take away everything from you, even your bed on which you sleep.

What could a person lose if they cannot pay their debts?

A person could lose their bed if they cannot pay their debts.

Proverbs 22:28**ULT**

²⁸ Do not remove the ancient boundary that your fathers made.

UST

²⁸ The ancient boundary stones show where the property lines are. Do not take them away or move them. Your ancestors put them there. Leave them alone.

What must not be removed?

The ancient boundary stone set by the fathers must not be removed.

Proverbs 22:29

ULT

²⁹ See a skilled man in his work; he will station himself before the face of kings; he will not station himself before the face of low ones.

UST

²⁹ One who learns a trade and is skillful at it will become a servant of kings. Because of his achievements he will not serve mere ordinary people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23

Proverbs 23:1

ULT

¹ When you sit to eat {with} a ruler, consider carefully what {is} before your face,

UST

¹ When you sit down to eat a meal with ruler of a country, think carefully about what is in front of you.

When should a person observe carefully what is before him?

When a person sits to eat with a ruler, he should carefully observe what is before him.

Proverbs 23:2

ULT

² and put a knife at your throat if you {are} an owner of an appetite.

UST

² It is said, "put a knife to your throat" if you think of eating a lot of food, because it would be foolish to eat too much at such an important event.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:3

ULT

³ Do not desire his delicious morsels; for it {is} bread of falsehoods.

UST

³ Do not crave the special and expensive food the ruler enjoys; the food will deceive you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:4**ULT**

⁴ Do not toil to gain riches; cease from your understanding.

UST

⁴ Do not work so much that you are always tired, so you can become rich; be wise and know when you should stop and rest.

A wise person knows when to stop doing what?

A wise person knows when to stop working too hard to try to become rich.

Proverbs 23:5**ULT**

⁵ Will you cause your eyes to fly upon it, but it is not? For it will surely make wings for itself like an eagle; it will fly into the heavens.

UST

⁵ As soon as you look at the money, it will be gone; it will be as if it suddenly took up wings and flew up like an eagle, up into the sky.

What happens when a person lights his eyes upon money?

When a person lights his eyes upon money, it is gone.

Proverbs 23:6**ULT**

⁶ Do not eat the bread of one evil of eye, and do not desire his delicious morsels.

UST

⁶ Do not eat with an evil man—he will gaze at your food for a long time— do not desire his fine food,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:7**ULT**

⁷ For like one who calculates in his spirit, so he {is}. "Eat and drink!" he will say to you, but his heart {is} not with you.

UST

⁷ because he will be thinking about how much your food cost him, and he will say to you, "Eat and drink," but that is not what he will really be thinking.

Why is the heart of an evil man not with you when he invites you to eat and drink?

The heart of an evil man is not with you because he counts the price of the food.

Proverbs 23:8**ULT**

⁸ You will vomit up your morsel you ate, and you will ruin your delightful words.

UST

⁸ When you realize what he is really thinking, you will want to vomit what you have eaten; and you will have wasted all the compliments you gave about the fine meal he prepared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:9**ULT**

⁹ Do not speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the insight of your words.

UST

⁹ Do not waste time talking to a fool; he will only despise the wise things that you say.

How does a fool react to wise words?

A fool despises wise words.

Proverbs 23:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Do not move an ancient boundary, and do not enter into the fields of orphans,

UST

¹⁰ Again, do not remove the ancient boundary stone. It is a marker for the property lines; and do not claim land that is set apart for orphans to work,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:11**ULT**

¹¹ for one who redeems them {is} strong; he will plead their dispute against you.

UST

¹¹ because the One who redeems them is strong, and he will plead their case against you.

Who will plead the cause of orphans?

Their strong Redeemer will plead the cause of orphans.

Proverbs 23:12**ULT**

¹² Bring your heart to instruction and your ear to words of knowledge.

UST

¹² Pay attention to what you are learning, and listen to the words of knowledge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:13**ULT**

¹³ Do not withhold discipline from a boy; if you strike him with the rod, he will not die.

UST

¹³ Do not refuse to discipline your children; if you punish them, they will not die,

What should not be withheld from a child?

Discipline should not be withheld from a child.

Proverbs 23:14**ULT**

¹⁴ You shall strike him with the rod and you will rescue his life from Sheol.

UST

¹⁴ and if you beat them with the rod of discipline, you may save their lives from death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:15**ULT**

¹⁵ My son, if your heart {is} wise, my heart, even myself, will be glad,

UST

¹⁵ My son, if you have taken wisdom deep within yourself, I will be very happy,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:16**ULT**

¹⁶ and my kidneys will exult, when your lips speak upright things.

UST

¹⁶ and I will be sincerely glad when you say what is right.

What makes the inmost being of a father rejoice?

When his son speaks what is right, the inmost being of a father rejoices.

Proverbs 23:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Do not let your heart envy sinners, but rather the fear of Yahweh all the day.

UST

¹⁷ Do not envy sinful people; but give Yahweh the respect he deserves, all day long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Surely there is an end and your hope will not be cut off.

UST

¹⁸ If you respect him, you will have a life in the future, and Yahweh will certainly do for you what you are confidently expecting him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Listen, you my son, and be wise, and lead your heart in the way.

UST

¹⁹ My son, listen to me so you may become wise, and think about the way you live your life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:20**ULT**

²⁰ Do not be among those who drink much wine, among those who squander meat for themselves.

UST

²⁰ Do not associate with those who get drunk with wine, or with those who are eat far too much food,

With whom should a person not associate?

A person should not associate with drunkards or gluttonous eaters.

Proverbs 23:21**ULT**

²¹ For one who drinks much and one who squanders will become poor, and slumber will clothe with rags.

UST

²¹ because drunkards and gluttons will become poor; and they will sleep so much that they will have nothing but rags to wear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:22**ULT**

²² Listen to your father, this {one} begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

UST

²² Pay attention to your father who brought you into the world, and do not hate your mother when she is old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:23**ULT**

²³ Buy truth and do not sell, wisdom and instruction and understanding.

UST

²³ When you study wisdom, think of it as buying truth, but never selling it; and the same for wisdom, and with discipline, and also with understanding; let it be as though you were buying them so you can keep them for the rest of your life.

What should a person buy?

A person should buy truth, wisdom, discipline, and understanding.

Proverbs 23:24**ULT**

²⁴ The father of a righteous one will rejoice greatly, and one who begets a wise one, he will be glad in him.

UST

²⁴ The father of a child who does what is right will be very happy; any man who has a wise son will be very happy because of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:25**ULT**

²⁵ May your father and your mother be glad, and may she who bore you rejoice.

UST

²⁵ Make your father and mother proud, and let your mother be glad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:26**ULT**

²⁶ My son, give your heart to me, and may your eyes watch my ways.

UST

²⁶ My son, take what I say and put it deep within you, and pay attention to the way that I live.

What should a son give to his father?

A son should give his father his heart.

Proverbs 23:27**ULT**

²⁷ For a prostitute {is} a deep pit, and a foreign woman {is} a narrow well.

UST

²⁷ A prostitute is like a very deep pit, that is easy to fall into, but difficult to get out; another man's wife is a narrow pit; just as dangerous as a deep pit, but of a different kind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:28**ULT**

²⁸ Also, she lies in ambush like a robber, and she increases those who act treacherously among man.

UST

²⁸ The immoral woman is waiting for you, waiting like a robber waits for his victim; and they cause many men to become liars and traitors to those who love them.

What does another's man's wife increase among humanity?

Another man's wife increases the number of traitors among humanity.

Proverbs 23:29**ULT**

²⁹ For whom {is} woe? For whom {is} sorrow? For whom {are} quarrels? For whom {is} a lament? For whom {is} wounds without reason? For whom {is} dullness of eyes?

UST

²⁹ Who is it who had trouble? Who has sorrows? Who has conflicts and fights? Who has quarreling? Who is wounded for no reason? Whose eyes are always bloodshot because they drank too much or ate too much?

Who has woe and fights? (vv29-30)

The one who lingers over wine has woe and fights.

Proverbs 23:30**ULT**

³⁰ For those who linger over wine, for those coming to search out mixed wine.

UST

³⁰ It is those who drink too much wine and those who drink the mixed wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:31**ULT**

³¹ Do not look at wine when it turns red, when its eye gives in the bag, it goes down with evenness.

UST

³¹ Do not look with pleasure at red wine when it sparkles in the cup, and it goes down the throat smoothly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:32**ULT**

³² Its end bites like a snake, and it stings like a viper.

UST

³² But, in the last, it bites you like a poisonous snake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:33**ULT**

³³ Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will speak perverse things.

UST

³³ It makes you see strange things, and within you, you say perverse things when you are drunk.

What do the eyes of one who looks at the wine when it is red see?

One who looks at the wine when it is red sees strange things.

Proverbs 23:34**ULT**

³⁴ And you will be like one who lies down in the heart of the sea and like one who lies down at the head of a mast.

UST

³⁴ You will think you are on a ship that is tossing on the sea; you will be like someone who is trying to sleep up on the rigging of the boat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:35**ULT**

³⁵ "They hit me. I was not hurt. They beat me. I did not know. When I awake, I will do again, I will seek it again."

UST

³⁵ You will say, "I think that someone struck me, but he did not hurt me; They beat me, but I did not feel it. When will I wake up in order that I can drink some more wine?"

What does the drunkard say he will do when he wakes up?

The drunkard says he will seek another drink when he wakes up.

Proverbs 24

Proverbs 24:1

ULT

¹ Do not envy men of evil, and do not desire to be with them.

UST

¹ Do not want what evil people have; do not desire them for friends,

Of whom should a person not be envious?

A person should not be envious of those who are evil.

Proverbs 24:2

ULT

² For their heart murmurs violence, and their lips speak trouble.

UST

² because they are plotting to do violence; they talk about making trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:3

ULT

³ A house is built by wisdom and by understanding it is established.

UST

³ It takes wisdom to build a house, and by understanding the builder exercises his craft, and a house is made solid on its foundation.

By what is a house established?

By understanding a house is established.

Proverbs 24:4**ULT**

⁴ And by knowledge the rooms are filled, all precious and pleasant wealth.

UST

⁴ It takes knowledge to fill the rooms of the house with all the beautiful and expensive decorations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:5**ULT**

⁵ A man of wisdom {is} with strength and a man of knowledge {is} one who strengthens power.

UST

⁵ A man who has wisdom has strength, and a person with knowledge is mightier than the one who is strong,

What is better than a person who is strong?

A person who has knowledge is better than a person who is strong.

Proverbs 24:6**ULT**

⁶ For with guidance you make war for yourself and salvation {is} with an abundance of counsel.

UST

⁶ for with wise guidance you can wage a war successfully, and by the advice of many advisors there will be victory.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:7**ULT**

⁷ Wise things {are} too high for a fool; in the gate he will not open his mouth.

UST

⁷ Wisdom is something that a fool cannot understand; at the gate where the elders gather, the fool has nothing to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:8**ULT**

⁸ One who plans to do evil, they will call him a master of schemes.

UST

⁸ There is a man who does evil and makes plots—he is called the Master of Schemes.

What do people call a person who plans to do evil?

People call a person who plans to do evil a master of schemes.

Proverbs 24:9**ULT**

⁹ A plan of foolishness {is} sin, and a mocker {is} an abomination of mankind.

UST

⁹ A foolish plan is not only folly, it is sin; when people tell the truth, they hate those who are conceited and mock everyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:10**ULT**

¹⁰ {If} you make yourself slack in the day of distress, your strength {is} narrow.

UST

¹⁰ When trouble comes, and you are terrified like a coward, then your strength is small.

How is a person's strength shown to be small?

When a person shows his cowardice in the day of trouble, he shows his strength to be small.

Proverbs 24:11**ULT**

¹¹ Rescue those who are taken for death, but do not hold back those who are staggering to the slaughter.

UST

¹¹ Rescue the ones who are being carried away to the slaughter; they stagger and fall—hold them back from the one who would kill them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:12**ULT**

¹² If you say, “Behold, we did not know this.” The one who weighs hearts, does he not understand, and the one who guards your life, does he know? And he will return to a man according to his work.

UST

¹² If you say, “I did not know that those people needed any help,” then think about this: God knows why we do everything, so he also knows why you said those people needed no help. God sees everything you do in this life, so he certainly understands why you said that about those people. He will certainly pay you back—and everyone else, too—for the harm they have done.

What does God give each person?

God gives each person what he deserves.

Proverbs 24:13**ULT**

¹³ My son, eat honey because {it is} good and the fresh honey {is} sweet on your palate.

UST

¹³ My son, eat honey, because it tastes good; the honeycomb is sweet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So know wisdom for your self; if you find it, then there will be a future and your hope will not be cut off.

UST

¹⁴ Wisdom is like the honeycomb, it feeds your life, if you can find it. If you can find it, you will have a future, and you will come to the future with hope that will not be cut short.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Do not lie in ambush like a wicked one for the abode of the righteous one; do not assault his resting-place.

UST

¹⁵ Do not be like wicked people who hide and wait to attack the home of those who do what is right. Do not commit a violent attack on the place where the good man rests!

What do the wicked lie in wait to do?

The wicked lie in wait to attack the house of those who do right.

Proverbs 24:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For a righteous one falls seven times and rises up, but wicked ones stumble in calamity.

UST

¹⁶ Even if good people fall down seven times, they always get back up, but when a disaster comes to the wicked, they are ruined by it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:17**ULT**

¹⁷ When your enemy falls, do not be glad, and when he stumbles do not let your heart rejoice,

UST

¹⁷ When your enemy falls, do not rejoice, and do not be happy when he stumbles,

What will Yahweh do if a person celebrates when his enemy falls? (vv17-18)

Yahweh will see and disapprove, and turn away his wrath from the enemy.

Proverbs 24:18**ULT**

¹⁸ lest Yahweh see, and {it is} evil in his eyes, and he turn back his nose from on him.

UST

¹⁸ for Yahweh will see how you treat your enemy, and if he disapproves how you treat him, Yahweh may turn his wrath from your enemy and put it on you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Do not cause yourself to be hot at evildoers; do not envy wicked ones.

UST

¹⁹ Do not worry about those who do what is evil, and do not be jealous of them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:20**ULT**

²⁰ For a future is not for an evil one, the lamp of the wicked ones will be extinguished.

UST

²⁰ for there is no future for the wicked; they are like a lamp whose light will soon be put out.

What happens to the lamp of the wicked?

The lamp of the wicked goes out.

Proverbs 24:21**ULT**

²¹ My son, fear Yahweh and the king; do not associate with ones who change.

UST

²¹ My son, give to Yahweh and give to the king the respect each of them deserves, and do not associate with anyone who rebels against either Yahweh or the king;

With whom should a person not associate?

A person should not associate with those who rebel against the king.

Proverbs 24:22**ULT**

²² For suddenly their disaster will arise, and who {is} one who knows the destruction of the two of them?

UST

²² because disasters will suddenly come upon those rebels, and no one knows how terrible the disasters will be that will come from both Yahweh and from the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:23**ULT**

²³ These also {are} of the wise ones: Recognizing faces in judgment {is} not good.

UST

²³ Here are more things that wise people have said: It is wrong for judges to decide matters unfairly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:24**ULT**

²⁴ One who says to the wicked one, “You {are} righteous,” peoples will curse him, nations will denounce him.

UST

²⁴ If they say to people who are guilty, “You are innocent,” they will be cursed by foreign peoples, and hated by nations.

What will happen to the one who says to the guilty, “You are in the right.”?

That person will be cursed by peoples and hated by nations.

Proverbs 24:25**ULT**

²⁵ But for those who rebuke it will be delightful, and a blessing of goodness will come over them.

UST

²⁵ But if judges say that guilty people must be punished, things will go well for those judges, and they will receive gifts of goodness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:26**ULT**

²⁶ He kisses lips who returns honest words.

UST

²⁶ Answering honestly—that is the best thing a person can do.

What is like a kiss on the lips?

An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

Proverbs 24:27**ULT**

²⁷ Prepare your work outside, and make it ready for yourself in the field; and after you will build your house.

UST

²⁷ First, do the work that needs to be done outside, and prepare your fields; and after that, build your house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:28**ULT**

²⁸ Do not be a witness without cause against your neighbor. And would you deceive with your lips?

UST

²⁸ Do not give testimony against your neighbor if there is no reason for it, and do not deceive people when you are telling what you know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:29**ULT**

²⁹ Do not say, "Just as it was done to me, so I will do to him; I will return to the man according to his deed."

UST

²⁹ Do not say, "I will do to him what he did to me; I will pay him back for what he did to me."

What should a person not say about his neighbor?

A person should not say that he will pay back his neighbor for what he has done.

Proverbs 24:30**ULT**

³⁰ I passed over the field of a lazy man and over the vineyard of the man lacking of heart.

UST

³⁰ I walked by the field of a lazy man, past the vineyard of a man who had no good judgment.

What did the field of the lazy man look like? (vv30-31)

In the lazy man's field, the thorns grew up, the ground had nettles, and the wall was broken down.

Proverbs 24:31**ULT**

³¹ And behold, all of it went up with thorns, its face was covered with nettles, and the wall of his stones was broken down.

UST

³¹ Thorns grew there and the stone wall had fallen down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:32**ULT**

³² And I myself looked, I set my heart, I saw, I received instruction.

UST

³² When I saw that, I thought about it, and I learned this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:33**ULT**

³³ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of hands to lie down,

UST

³³ A little sleep, a little nap, a little folding of the hands to rest—and while you rest,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:34**ULT**

³⁴ and your poverty will come walking around, and your needs like a man of shield.

UST

³⁴ poverty will come to you like a thief who steals from you, and poverty will come like an armed soldier who attacks you.

What comes upon the lazy man like a robber?

Poverty comes upon the lazy man like a robber.

Proverbs 25

Proverbs 25:1

ULT

¹ These also {are} proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah the king of Judah copied.

UST

¹ Here are more wise sayings of Solomon that were written down by the men of Hezekiah, the king of Judah.

Who was the author of this proverb?

King Solomon was the author of this proverb.

Proverbs 25:2

ULT

² {It is} the glory of God to hide a matter, but the glory of kings to search out a matter.

UST

² God honors himself when he hides something so people cannot know it. But it is to the honor of kings to search out the things that God has hidden.

What is it the glory of God to do?

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter.

Proverbs 25:3

ULT

³ Heavens for height and earth for depth, and the heart of kings is not searchable.

UST

³ What kings think is above the way peasants think; they are like the heavens, they are above us all; and all kings have the same deep burdens that others cannot understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:4**ULT**

⁴ Remove dross from silver and a vessel goes out for the one who refines.

UST

⁴ Silver cannot be used by the metal worker, unless the silver is heated and dross is removed from it;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:5**ULT**

⁵ Remove a wicked one before the face of the king, and his throne will be established by the righteous one.

UST

⁵ just as the dross is removed, even so, if wicked men are removed from the kings court, his throne will be more secure, and he will be able to do what is right.

How is the throne of the king established?

By removing the wicked from the presence of the king, the throne of the king is established.

Proverbs 25:6**ULT**

⁶ Do not honor yourself before the face of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great ones.

UST

⁶ When you stand in front of a king, do not bring attention to yourself and do not stand in the place set aside for those the king is honoring.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:7**ULT**

⁷ For, better to say to you, "Come up here," than to humiliate you before the face of a noble, whom your eyes have seen.

UST

⁷ It is better if someone important invites you, saying, "Come up and sit closer to the king," than to embarrass you in front of an important nobleman by making you move so that you now sit far away from the king. When you witness something that gives you concern,

What is better than standing in the place designated for the great?

Waiting for the king to say to you, "Come up here," is better than standing in the place designated for the great.

If you have witnessed something concerning your neighbor, why should you not be quick to bring it to trial? (vv7-8)

You should not be quick to bring it to trial because your neighbor may put you to shame.

Proverbs 25:8**ULT**

⁸ Do not go out hastily to dispute, or else what will you do in its end when your neighbor humiliates you?

UST

⁸ you should not quickly bring the matter to trial, unless you are very sure about it. because your neighbor may have a good explanation for what you saw.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:9**ULT**

⁹ Dispute your dispute {with} your neighbor and do not uncover another secret,

UST

⁹ If you and your neighbor are having a disagreement, settle it between yourselves, and do not tell others any secret you have learned about;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:10**ULT**

¹⁰ lest one who hears reproaches you, and your evil report not turn back.

UST

¹⁰ for others might find out what you have done, and you would be ashamed; and from that time on, you will have a bad reputation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:11**ULT**

¹¹ Apples of gold in sculptures of silver {is} a word that is spoken in accordance with its circumstance.

UST

¹¹ Use the right words and a phrase put together to say exactly what you mean; this is as delightful as seeing designs of gold in a silver bowl.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:12**ULT**

¹² A ring of gold and jewelry of fine gold {is} a wise rebuke on an ear that listens.

UST

¹² When a wise person rebukes someone who is willing to listen to him, it is as priceless as a gold ring or jewelry made of finest gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:13**ULT**

¹³ Like the coolness of snow on the day of harvest {is} a faithful messenger for those who sent him and he brings back the life of his masters.

UST

¹³ A messenger who is reliable and on time, gives delight to those who sent him, to them he is like the cold of snow at harvest time, that refreshes the ground.

What does a faithful messenger do for his masters?

A faithful messenger refreshes the soul of his masters.

Proverbs 25:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Clouds and wind but without rain {is} the man who boasts of a gift of falsehood.

UST

¹⁴ When someone boasts about a gift he is going to give, but never gives it, he is like the clouds and the wind that do not bring rain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:15**ULT**

¹⁵ With length of nostrils a ruler is persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks bone.

UST

¹⁵ With patient persuasion even a ruler's mind can be changed, like the proverb that says, 'a soft tongue can break a bone.'

With what can a ruler be persuaded?

With patience a ruler can be persuaded.

Proverbs 25:16**ULT**

¹⁶ If you find honey, eat {what is} sufficient for you, lest you become satiated with it and you vomit it up.

UST

¹⁶ If you find some honey, eat just a little, because if you eat too much, you could vomit it up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Make rare your foot from the house of your neighbor, lest he become satiated with you and hate you.

UST

¹⁷ Do not go to your neighbor's house too often; he may get tired of you, and if you do not stop, he could even grow to hate you.

How could your neighbor become tired of you?

Your neighbor could become tired of you if you set your foot in his house too often.

Proverbs 25:18**ULT**

¹⁸ A hammer and a sword and a sharp arrow {is} a man who answers a testimony of falsehood against his neighbor.

UST

¹⁸ To falsely accuse others in court is like attacking them with a club used in battle, or with a sword, or with sharp arrows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:19**ULT**

¹⁹ A broken tooth and a shaky foot {is} confidence in one who acts treacherously in the day of distress.

UST

¹⁹ Depending on an unreliable person during times of trouble is like having a bad tooth or a foot that slips and makes you fall.

What is like a foot that slips?

An unfaithful man in whom you trust is like a foot that slips.

Proverbs 25:20**ULT**

²⁰ One who removes a garment on a cold day, vinegar on natron, so {is} one who sings with songs over a heart of misery.

UST

²⁰ Singing a song to someone who is feeling sad, it is as unhelpful as taking off a coat on a very cold day, or pouring vinegar into soda, making it bubble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:21**ULT**

²¹ If one who hates you {is} hungry, cause him to eat bread, and if thirsty, cause him to drink water;

UST

²¹ If your enemies are hungry, give them something to eat; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;

What should you do for your enemy?

You should give your enemy food to eat and water to drink.

Proverbs 25:22**ULT**

²² for you are heaping coals on his head, and Yahweh will reward you.

UST

²² that will be the equal to pouring coals of fire on his head, without doing him any harm, and Yahweh will reward you for doing that.

What will Yahweh do for the one who gives his enemy food and drink?

Yahweh will reward the one who gives his enemy food and drink.

Proverbs 25:23**ULT**

²³ The wind of the north brings forth rain, and faces {that} are angry, a tongue of secrecy.

UST

²³ When wind blows from the north, it will certainly rain; it is just as certain that someone who tells secrets about others will make people angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:24**ULT**

²⁴ Better to dwell on the corner of a roof than {with} a wife of quarrels and a house of companionship.

UST

²⁴ It is better to live alone in the corner of a housetop than inside a house with a wife who always wants to argue with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:25**ULT**

²⁵ Cool water over a weary spirit, so {is} good news from a distant land.

UST

²⁵ When you receive news from a far away country, that is like giving cold water to a person who is thirsty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:26**ULT**

²⁶ A spring {that is} muddied by trampling and a fountain {that is} spoiled {is} a righteous one who shakes before the face of a wicked one.

UST

²⁶ A good person who falls before the wicked, that is as bad as a spring that becomes muddied or a fountain that becomes polluted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:27**ULT**

²⁷ To eat much honey {is} not good, and the searching out of their honor upon honor.

UST

²⁷ It is not good to eat too much honey; that is like searching for more honor when you already have honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:28**ULT**

²⁸ A breached city without a wall {is} a man who has no restraint for his spirit.

UST

²⁸ A person who cannot control himself is like a city with no way to keep out enemies; its walls have fallen down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26

Proverbs 26:1

ULT

¹ Like the snow in the summer and like the rain in the harvest, so honor {is} not suitable for a fool.

UST

¹ When it snows in the summer, or when it rains in the harvest, that is what it is like when a fool gets honor—honor for him comes at the wrong time, and the wrong place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:2

ULT

² As the bird with respect to fluttering, as the swallow with respect to flying, so an undeserved curse does not come.

UST

² A sparrow flies here and there flittering around, and a swallow darts back and forth when it flies, that is like someone speaking a curse against you—but it cannot land on you.

What does not alight on a person?

An undeserved curse does not alight on a person.

Proverbs 26:3

ULT

³ A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools.

UST

³ A horse needs a whip to make it move, and a donkey must have a bridle in its mouth, or it will not carry its load. In the same way, a fool needs someone to beat him on his back to get him to do anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:4**ULT**

⁴ Do not answer a fool according to his foolishness, lest you become like him, also you.

UST

⁴ Do not reply to a fool when he is trying to draw you into his foolishness, or you will be just as much a fool as he is.

What will a person become if he joins in the folly of a fool?

A person who joins in the folly of a fool will become a fool.

Proverbs 26:5**ULT**

⁵ Answer a fool according to his foolishness, lest he become wise in his eyes.

UST

⁵ Give a fool an answer that will be just as foolish as his question, and that may open his eyes so he can see that he is not as wise as he thinks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:6**ULT**

⁶ One who cuts off feet, one who drinks violence, {is} one who sends words by the hand of a fool.

UST

⁶ If you entrust an important message to be delivered by a fool, that would be as foolish as cutting of your own feet, and then taking a drink of poison.

What is like cutting off one's own feet?

Sending a message by the hand of a fool is like cutting off one's own feet.

Proverbs 26:7**ULT**

⁷ Legs dangle from a lame man, so {is} a proverb in the mouth of fools.

UST

⁷ A lame man cannot use his legs; they hang down and are useless, as useless as when fools are reciting proverbs to one another that they do not understand..

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:8**ULT**

⁸ Like tying a stone in a sling, so {is} one who gives honor to a fool.

UST

⁸ When you tie a stone into a sling so it cannot be thrown, that is like one who gives honor to a fool, for no matter how much you praise him, it will never do him any good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:9**ULT**

⁹ A thorn goes up into the hand of a drunkard, so {is} a proverb in the mouth of fools.

UST

⁹ When a drunk man picks up a bush full of thorns and starts to swing it around at people, that is as helpful as a fool reciting proverbs, people stand back and try to get away from him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:10**ULT**

¹⁰ An archer who pierces everyone, so {is} one who hires a fool and hires those passing by.

UST

¹⁰ An archer who aims and shoots arrows at people standing around him, is as dangerous as one who hires a fool or he takes so little care that he hires the next person who comes along.

One who hires a fool is like what?

One who hires a fool is like an archer who wounds everybody.

Proverbs 26:11**ULT**

¹¹ Like a dog returning over its vomit {is} a fool who repeats his foolishness.

UST

¹¹ When you see a dog return to his vomit, that is just like a fool who does the same foolish thing over and over again.

Why is a fool like a dog who returns to his vomit?

A fool is like a dog who returns to his vomit because a fool repeats his folly.

Proverbs 26:12**ULT**

¹² See a man wise in his eyes, {there is} more hope for a fool than him.

UST

¹² Do you know someone who has this idea about himself— he thinks he is a very wise person? It is easier to teach a fool than him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:13**ULT**

¹³ A lazy one says, "A young lion {is} in the road, a lion {is} between the plazas!"

UST

¹³ The lazy person has many reasons for not working— you might hear him say, "But there is a lion in the street!" or "Oh, there is a lion in the market!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The door turns on its hinges, and a lazy one on his bed.

UST

¹⁴ When you see a door swing back and forth on its hinges, that is just like one who is lazy, when he is lying on his bed, turning back and forth.

What is a door turning on its hinges like?

A door turning on its hinges is like a lazy person upon his bed.

Proverbs 26:15**ULT**

¹⁵ A lazy one hides his hand in the dish; he is weary to return it to his mouth.

UST

¹⁵ One who is lazy might reach down with his hand to get some food, but he does not have the energy to put the food into his mouth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:16**ULT**

¹⁶ A lazy one {is} wiser in his eyes than seven who return discretion.

UST

¹⁶ The one who is lazy considers himself to be very wise, more wise than seven men who are known for their insight.

How does a lazy person appear in his own eyes?

A lazy person appears wiser than seven men with discernment in his own eyes.

Proverbs 26:17**ULT**

¹⁷ One who grabs the ears of a dog passing by {is} one who infuriates himself over a dispute not for him.

UST

¹⁷ Someone who walks by a dog lying on the ground, who then reaches down and pulls its ears; he is like someone who hears an argument as he is walking by, and he gets involved, and becomes angry and then he takes sides and joins in— even though he had nothing to do with it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Like a madman who shoots burning arrows and death,

UST

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Who is like an insane person who shoots burning arrows in every direction? One who lies to his neighbor! He makes an excuse to his neighbor and tells him, "I was only joking;" but just like the madman's arrows, what he said has set everything on fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:19**ULT**

¹⁹ so {is} the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "Was I not joking?"

UST

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Who is like an insane person who shoots burning arrows in every direction? One who lies to his neighbor! He makes an excuse to his neighbor and tells him, "I was only joking;" but just like the madman's arrows, what he said has set everything on fire.

What does a person say after deceiving his neighbor?

A person says, "Was I not telling a joke?" after deceiving his neighbor.

Proverbs 26:20**ULT**

²⁰ At the lack of wood a fire goes out, and when there is no one who whispers a quarrel is silenced.

UST

²⁰ The fire goes out when there is no more wood to burn; and so arguments stop when no one is gossiping.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:21**ULT**

²¹ As charcoal {is} to burning coals and wood {is} to fire, so a man of quarrels {is} to kindling of a dispute.

UST

²¹ As charcoal can ignite into burning coal and a log of wood into a fire; so the one who argues sets anger ablaze.

What does a quarrelsome person kindle?

A quarrelsome person kindles strife.

Proverbs 26:22**ULT**

²² The words of one who whispers {are} like delicious morsels, and they go down into the inner rooms of the belly.

UST

²² The gossip tells stories that are like sweet treats to eat; people eat them like candy until they are filled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:23**ULT**

²³ Silver of dross covering over a clay pot {are} burning lips and a heart of evil.

UST

²³ A shining glaze applied with great heat, covers the clay pot, and that is like the fiery words that cover an evil heart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:24**ULT**

²⁴ One who hates disguises himself with his lips and he sets deceit in his inward part.

UST

²⁴ The one who is filled with hate, by the words he speaks, he hides his true feelings; and he stores up more and more lies within himself.

How does a person disguise the fact that he hates others?

A person who hates others disguises it with his lips.

Proverbs 26:25**ULT**

²⁵ When he makes his voice gracious, do not trust in him, for seven abominations {are} in his heart.

UST

²⁵ He may speak kind words, but you should not believe them, because deep within him is everything that Yahweh despises.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:26**ULT**

²⁶ Hatred is covered by deception; his evil will be uncovered in the assembly.

UST

²⁶ Even though he covers up his hatred by his lies, everyone will realize how wicked he is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:27

ULT

²⁷ One who digs a pit will fall into it and one who rolls a stone, it will come back to him.

UST

²⁷ One who digs a pit will fall into it; and a stone rolls back on the one who tried to push it up a hill.

What happens to the person who digs a pit?

The person who digs a pit will fall into it.

Proverbs 26:28

ULT

²⁸ A tongue of falsehood hates its oppressed ones, and a smooth mouth makes ruin.

UST

²⁸ The one who lies hates the people he destroys; just as much as the person who uses flattery causes terrible destruction.

What does a flattering mouth bring about?

A flattering mouth brings about ruin.

Proverbs 27

Proverbs 27:1

ULT

¹ Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day will bring forth.

UST

¹ Do not boast about what will happen tomorrow, because you do not know what will come to you during that day.

Why should a person not boast about tomorrow?

A person should not boast about tomorrow because he does not know what a day may bring.

Proverbs 27:2

ULT

² Let a stranger praise you and not your mouth, a foreigner and not your lips.

UST

² Do not praise yourself; let someone else praise you. It is better for someone you do not know to praise you, than for you to praise yourself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:3

ULT

³ The heaviness of a stone and the weight of sand, yet the vexation of a fool {is} heavier than the two of them.

UST

³ If you think about how heavy a stone can be, or how much sand can weigh— then you will understand that the trouble a fool causes is harder to carry than both of those things.

What is heavier than the weight of sand?

The provocation of a fool is heavier than the weight of sand.

Proverbs 27:4**ULT**

⁴ Fierceness of heat and a flood of nose, but who will stand before the face of jealousy?

UST

⁴ If you think about how cruel can be people who rage at others, and how angry people can attack others like a flood of water, then think about how jealous people are even worse; no one can resist being harmed by a jealous person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:5**ULT**

⁵ Better {is} open rebuke than hidden love.

UST

⁵ It is better to offer a rebuke out in the open, than to have a love that is hidden.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:6**ULT**

⁶ Faithful {are} the wounds of one who loves, but abundant {are} the kisses of one who hates.

UST

⁶ A wound from a friend is better than kisses from an enemy.

What may an enemy do to deceive you?

An enemy may kiss you profusely to deceive you.

Proverbs 27:7**ULT**

⁷ A satiated appetite tramples fresh honey, but for the appetite of a hungry one everything bitter {is} sweet.

UST

⁷ When a person is walking along and he has a full stomach, he may step on a honeycomb because he is not hungry; but if he were very hungry, even bitter things would taste sweet to him.

To whom is every bitter thing sweet?

To the hungry person, every bitter thing is sweet.

Proverbs 27:8**ULT**

⁸ Like a bird wandering from its nest, so a man who wanders from his place.

UST

⁸ When a man wanders away from his home, he is acting like a bird that stays far from its nest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:9**ULT**

⁹ Oil and incense make the heart glad and the sweetness of his friend {is} from counsel of self.

UST

⁹ The aroma of perfume and the scent of incense can help to make a person feel happy; and we most appreciate friends who give us good advice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father, and do not enter the house of your brother on the day of your disaster. Better {is} a nearby inhabitant than a distant brother.

UST

¹⁰ Do not forget your friend or a friend of your father; and when you have a problem and you need help, do not go to your brother's home. When there is trouble, a neighbor who lives close by is better than a brother who lives far away.

What is better than a brother who is far away?

A neighbor is better than a brother who is far away.

Proverbs 27:11**ULT**

¹¹ Be wise, my son, and make my heart glad and I shall return a word to one who taunts me.

UST

¹¹ My son, if you become wise, you will make me happy; so I will be able to give an answer to anyone who argues against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:12**ULT**

¹² A prudent one sees evil, he hides; naive ones pass on, they are fined.

UST

¹² One who has good sense takes cover when he sees trouble coming, but those who have no experience or knowledge rush ahead into danger.

What does a prudent man do when he sees trouble?

A prudent man hides himself when he sees trouble.

Proverbs 27:13**ULT**

¹³ Take his garment when he pledges for a stranger, and hold it in pledge on behalf of a foreign woman.

UST

¹³ Take a man's garment as security when he is guaranteeing a loan for a stranger. Hold the garment in pledge to protect yourself from losing your money when he puts up security for an adulteress.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:14**ULT**

¹⁴ One who blesses his neighbor with a great voice in the rising morning, it will be considered a curse to him!

UST

¹⁴ If you rise early in the morning and call out a greeting to your neighbor while he is still sleeping, he will consider it to be a curse, not a blessing.

When is a blessing given with a loud voice considered to be a curse?

Early in the morning, a blessing given with a loud voice is considered to be a curse.

Proverbs 27:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Dripping continuing on a day of steady rain and a woman of quarrels {are} the same;

UST

¹⁵ A wife who continually argues with her husband is as annoying as the constant dripping of water on a rainy day;

What is like restraining the wind? (vv15-16)

Restraining a quarreling wife is like restraining the wind.

Proverbs 27:16**ULT**

¹⁶ restraining her {is} restraining the wind and oil meets his right hand.

UST

¹⁶ and stopping her from arguing would be as difficult as restraining the wind, or trying to catch oil in one hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Iron sharpens against iron, and a man sharpens the face of his neighbor.

UST

¹⁷ Iron is used to sharpen an iron blade, just like a man makes his friend better.

What is like iron which sharpens iron?

A man who sharpens his friend is like iron which sharpens iron.

Proverbs 27:18**ULT**

¹⁸ One who watches a fig tree will eat its fruit and one who guards his master will be honored.

UST

¹⁸ The farmer who takes care of a fig tree will enjoy its fruit when it is ripe. This is just like the one who protects his master, he will get honor from his master.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:19**ULT**

¹⁹ As the water {is} the face to the face, so {is} the heart of the man to the man.

UST

¹⁹ When a person looks in the water, he sees his own face; similarly when we look at what a person loves, we know what he is like deep inside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:20**ULT**

²⁰ Sheol and Abaddon are not satisfied, and the eyes of man are not satisfied.

UST

²⁰ You know that the Place of the Dead and The Destroyer are never satisfied; and people, too, are never satisfied and always want more.

What are never satisfied, just like Abaddon?

A man's eyes are never satisfied, just like Abaddon.

Proverbs 27:21**ULT**

²¹ A melting-pot {is} for silver and a furnace {is} for gold, so {is} a man for the mouth of one who praises him.

UST

²¹ Silver is refined in a crucible, and gold is put into a furnace to be made pure; and how a person responds to the praise given to them will tell you what kind of person he is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:22**ULT**

²² If you pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle, in the midst of grains, his foolishness will not turn aside from on him.

UST

²² Though you grind a fool as if you were grinding up grain, you will not be able to take his foolishness out of him.

Even what will not remove foolishness from a fool?

Even crushing a fool will not remove foolishness from a fool.

Proverbs 27:23**ULT**

²³ Know well the face of your flock, set your heart to the livestock.

UST

²³ A good shepherd will know the condition of all his sheep and he will check on them every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:24**ULT**

²⁴ For wealth {is} not to eternity, and a crown {is} not for generation and generation.

UST

²⁴ Wealth does not last forever. Does the crown of a king endure for all generations?

How long does wealth last?

Wealth does not last forever.

Proverbs 27:25**ULT**

²⁵ The grass is uncovered and fresh grass is seen, so the herbs of the mountains are gathered.

UST

²⁵ The grass dies out and then the new growth starts to grow; and on the mountains food for the cattle is stacked up in the barns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:26**ULT**

²⁶ Like lambs {are} for your clothing, so male goats {are} the price of a field.

UST

²⁶ The lambs will give you warm clothing and the goats will give you enough to pay for the cost of the field.

What do lambs provide for a household?

Lambs provide clothing for a household.

Proverbs 27:27

ULT

²⁷ And {there will be} enough milk of female goats for your food, for the food of your house, and life for your female servants.

UST

²⁷ There will be milk from the goats that you can drink—that will be food for everyone who lives in your house— and it is food to feed your servant girls, as well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28**Proverbs 28:1****ULT**

¹ The wicked flee and there is not one who pursues, but the righteous ones are confident like a young lion.

UST

¹ A wicked person runs away even when no one is coming after him, but the one who does what is right is as brave as lions.

Who runs away even when no one is chasing them?

The wicked run away even when no one is chasing them.

Proverbs 28:2**ULT**

² By the transgression of a land many {are} its rulers, but with a man who is discerning, who is knowledgeable, so it will endure.

UST

² The more sin there is in a country, the greater the number of rulers it will have; but when there is a ruler who has understanding and knowledge, the country can last a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:3**ULT**

³ A man who is poor and who oppresses the lowly ones {is} a rain that washes away and there is no bread.

UST

³ When a poor person oppresses other poor people, it is like a hard rain that destroys the crops and leaves no food for anyone to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:4**ULT**

⁴ Those who forsake instruction praise a wicked one, but those who keep instruction strive against them.

UST

⁴ Those who reject the law are the same people who speak well of those who are wicked; but those who obey the law fight against the wicked.

Who are praised by those who forsake the law?

The wicked are praised by those who forsake the law.

Proverbs 28:5**ULT**

⁵ Men of evil do not understand justice but those who seek Yahweh understand everything.

UST

⁵ As difficult as it is for evil people to understand what is just, even so those who want to find Yahweh understand everything that is important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:6**ULT**

⁶ One who is poor who walks in his integrity {is} better than one perverse of ways and he {is} rich.

UST

⁶ It is better to be honest and poor, than to be dishonest in all you do, and to be rich.

Which is more important, money or integrity?

Integrity is more important than money.

Proverbs 28:7**ULT**

⁷ One who keeps instruction {is} a son who is discerning, but one who associates with those who squander shames his father.

UST

⁷ The one who obeys the law is a child who has understanding of the ways of wisdom; but if children go around with friends who are only interested in eating too much, they put their father to shame.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:8**ULT**

⁸ One who makes his wealth abundant by interest and usury gathers it for one who shows favor to lowly ones.

UST

⁸ The person who becomes rich by charging a high rate of interest, he does not know that he is gathering his money, and it will be given to someone who helps the poor and is kind to them.

What happens to the wealth of someone who becomes rich by charging too much interest?

His wealth is given to another who will have pity on the poor.

Proverbs 28:9**ULT**

⁹ One who turns his ear away from hearing instruction, even his prayer {is} an abomination.

UST

⁹ If you refuse to hear what the law says to you about how you should live; then Yahweh is offended by your prayers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:10**ULT**

¹⁰ One who leads upright ones astray in the way of evil he will fall into his pits but blameless ones will inherit good.

UST

¹⁰ If someone tricks an honest person into doing what is bad, the one who did that will fall into his own trap, but those who have tried to do what is right will receive many good things.

Who will fall into his own pit?

A person who misleads the upright into an evil way will fall into his own pit.

Proverbs 28:11**ULT**

¹¹ A rich man {is} wise in his eyes, but a lowly one who understands will search him out.

UST

¹¹ A rich person can think of himself as being wise, but someone who is poor but who has good sense will be able to tell if the rich man is really wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:12**ULT**

¹² {There is} great splendor when righteous ones rejoice, but a man is searched for when wicked ones arise.

UST

¹² When those who do what is right have a victory, it is a time to celebrate, but when those who are wicked rise up in victory, people run and hide.

How do the people react when the wicked arise?

The people hide themselves when the wicked arise.

Proverbs 28:13**ULT**

¹³ One who covers his transgressions will not prosper, but one who confesses and forsakes will be shown mercy.

UST

¹³ The one who tries to cover up his sins will be found out, but Yahweh will forgive those who tell their sins to him, and they turn away from doing them.

How can a sinner receive mercy?

A sinner who confesses and forsakes his sin will receive mercy.

Proverbs 28:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Blessed {is} a man who trembles continually, but one who hardens his heart will fall into evil.

UST

¹⁴ How fortunate are those who always honor Yahweh; but those who refuse to listen to him, who do not want to learn from him, will fall into trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:15**ULT**

¹⁵ A lion growling and a bear charging {is} a wicked ruler over a lowly people.

UST

¹⁵ You know what a roaring lion or a charging bear is like; they are just like the wicked ruler who is tearing apart poor people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:16**ULT**

¹⁶ A leader lacking understanding {is} with great oppressions; one who hates unjust gain will lengthen days.

UST

¹⁶ A king who does not have good sense thinks he is wise when he is cruel and he takes everything away from his people. but a person who hates getting anything by breaking the law, will live a long life.

How can a ruler's days be prolonged?

A ruler can prolong his days if he hates dishonesty.

Proverbs 28:17**ULT**

¹⁷ A man who oppresses by the blood of life will flee as far as a pit; they will not support him.

UST

¹⁷ If a person is guilty of murdering another he will live like a fugitive until he dies; and no one will help him.

What can make a person a fugitive until death?

Shedding someone's blood can make a person a fugitive until death.

Proverbs 28:18**ULT**

¹⁸ One who walks blamelessly will be saved, but one who is crooked in ways will fall into one.

UST

¹⁸ When a person lives his life and is blameless, Yahweh will keep him safe; but one who lives by his lies will be suddenly ruined.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:19**ULT**

¹⁹ One who works his land will be satisfied {with} bread, but one who pursues empty things will be satisfied {with} poverty.

UST

¹⁹ A farmer who works his field will have plenty of food to eat; but anyone who gives his time to worthless dreams, will be very poor.

How can a person have plenty of poverty?

If a person follows worthless pursuits, he will have plenty of poverty.

Proverbs 28:20**ULT**

²⁰ A man of faithfulness {has} an abundance of blessings, but one who hurries to become rich will not be free of guilt.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh will give good things to a faithful person; but he will certainly punish those who become rich quickly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:21**ULT**

²¹ Recognizing faces {is} not good, but on account of a bit of bread a man will rebel.

UST

²¹ It is bad to give a favor to one person and not to another; some people will do what is wrong just to get a piece of bread.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:22**ULT**

²² A man of an evil eye {is} one who hurries to the wealth, but he does not know that poverty will come to him.

UST

²² A man who hates to spend his money will run to more, but he does not know that poverty is coming to him.

How does a stingy man pursue riches?

A stingy man hurries after riches.

Proverbs 28:23**ULT**

²³ One who rebukes a man afterward will find favor more than one who makes the tongue smooth.

UST

²³ The one who rebukes a person will later be appreciated more than the one who says nice things just to flatter him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:24**ULT**

²⁴ One who robs his father and his mother and says, "There is no transgression," he {is} the companion of a man of destruction.

UST

²⁴ Anyone who steals things from his father or his mother and says "That is not sinful," he is friend of the one who destroys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:25**ULT**

²⁵ One wide of spirit stirs up strife, but one who trusts in Yahweh will be made fat.

UST

²⁵ A greedy person stirs up arguments between people; but the one who trusts in Yahweh will do well.

What is the result of trusting in Yahweh?

The one who trusts in Yahweh will prosper.

Proverbs 28:26**ULT**

²⁶ One who trusts in his heart, he {is} a fool, but one who walks in wisdom, he will slip away.

UST

²⁶ One who depends on himself is a fool, those who make wise decisions escape danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:27**ULT**

²⁷ One who gives to the one who is poor has no need, but one who hides his eyes has an abundance of curses.

UST

²⁷ One who gives to help the poor, will not lack anything, but many curses will come to whoever turns away and ignores them.

What will a person who closes his eyes to the poor receive?

A person who closes his eyes to the poor will receive many curses.

Proverbs 28:28

ULT

²⁸ When wicked ones arise a man will hide himself, but when they perish righteous ones will increase.

UST

²⁸ When wicked people get power, men and women hide; but when the wicked die, there will be more and more of those who do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29

Proverbs 29:1

ULT

¹ A man of rebukes who stiffens the neck will suddenly be broken and there will be no healing.

UST

¹ When you rebuke a person who has rejected your words and who refused to listen to you, he will be crushed to the point that he cannot be healed.

What happens to a person who stiffens his neck after many rebukes?

A person who stiffens his neck after many rebukes will be broken beyond healing.

Proverbs 29:2

ULT

² When the righteous ones increase, the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

UST

² When people live the right way, they become more numerous, but when a wicked ruler starts to govern, the people groan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:3

ULT

³ A man who loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, but one who associates with prostitutes destroys wealth.

UST

³ A son who desires to learn about wisdom makes his father very happy; but the son who is a companion of prostitutes will lose all his money

What destroys a person's wealth?

Keeping company with prostitutes destroys a person's wealth.

Proverbs 29:4**ULT**

⁴ The king by justice causes the land to stand, but a man of contributions tears it down.

UST

⁴ When a king rules with honest rules and good laws, he causes his nation to be strong, but anyone who asks for bribes ruins his nation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:5**ULT**

⁵ A man who makes smooth for his neighbor {is} one who spreads a net for his feet.

UST

⁵ One who praises his neighbor to get something from him, is like the one who listens for the sound of his footsteps, so he can catch him in a net.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:6**ULT**

⁶ A snare {is} in the transgression of an evil man, but the righteous one sings and rejoices.

UST

⁶ A bad person sets a trap with his sin; then he falls into it; but one who does right is full of songs and joy.

What causes an evil person to be caught in a trap?

His own sin causes an evil person to be caught in a trap.

Proverbs 29:7**ULT**

⁷ A righteous one {is} one who knows the cause of lowly ones; a wicked one does not understand knowledge.

UST

⁷ The one who does right stands up for the poor and defends them; but wicked people do not see the importance of standing up for the poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:8**ULT**

⁸ Men of mockery inflame a city, but wise ones turn away nose.

UST

⁸ People who sneer and mock others are like those who set a city on fire; but those who help people get rid of their anger are wise.

What kind of person turns away wrath?

A wise person turns away wrath.

Proverbs 29:9**ULT**

⁹ A wise man judges a foolish man, but he trembles and laughs and there is no rest.

UST

⁹ If a wise person has any conflict with a foolish person, the foolish person screams at him and then laughs at him, and it never ends.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Men of bloodshed hate a blameless one, but upright ones seek his life.

UST

¹⁰ A murderer hates him who does everything right; and they seek to kill the one who has a good reputation.

Who do the bloodthirsty seek to kill?

The bloodthirsty seek to kill the upright.

Proverbs 29:11**ULT**

¹¹ A fool brings forth all his spirit, but a wise one soothes it backwards.

UST

¹¹ A fool shows all his anger, but a person who is wise holds his anger, and he knows how to calm himself down.

What does a wise man do with his anger?

A wise man holds back his anger and calms himself down.

Proverbs 29:12**ULT**

¹² One who rules who listens attentively to a word of falsehood, all his servants {are} wicked.

UST

¹² If a ruler believes the lies that are told to him, he teaches all his officials to be wicked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:13**ULT**

¹³ One who is poor and the man of oppression meet together; he who enlightens the eyes of them both {is} Yahweh.

UST

¹³ What do a poor person and one who takes advantage of people have in common? Yahweh gives life to both of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:14**ULT**

¹⁴ A king who judges lowly ones by truth, his throne will be established to perpetuity.

UST

¹⁴ If a king judges the poor by listening to the truth, he will build a kingdom that will continue forever.

How can a king establish his throne forever?

A king can establish his throne forever by judging the poor by the truth.

Proverbs 29:15**ULT**

¹⁵ A rod and rebukes give wisdom but a boy who is sent away {is} one who causes his mother shame.

UST

¹⁵ If a child is punished, the gift of wisdom is given to him; but when a child is out of control, this brings shame to his mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:16**ULT**

¹⁶ When wicked ones increase, transgression increases, but righteous ones will look at their overthrow.

UST

¹⁶ When wicked people have authority, lawbreaking is common; but those who do what is right will see the day when the wicked will lose their power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Discipline your son and he will cause you to rest and he will give delights to your spirit.

UST

¹⁷ Discipline your child and he will help you and serve you; you will truly rejoice over him.

What is the result of disciplining a child?

A disciplined child will give the parents rest.

Proverbs 29:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When there is no prophetic vision, the people are let loose, but one who keeps instruction, blessed is he.

UST

¹⁸ When no prophet receives any vision from Yahweh, the people go out of control, but those who obey the law are fortunate.

If the people do not keep the law, what do they do?

If the people do not keep the law, they run wild.

Proverbs 29:19**ULT**

¹⁹ A servant will not be corrected with words, for he understands but there is no answer.

UST

¹⁹ Talk to a slave as much as you want, but though he understands what you are saying, they have learned not to give you an answer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:20**ULT**

²⁰ Do you see a man who hastens his words; {there is} more hope for a fool than him.

UST

²⁰ Do you see someone who is quick to speak, quick to give an opinion? Yahweh can give a fool more help in the future easier than he can help him who is quick to speak.

What is worse than being a fool?

Being a man who is hasty in his words is worse than being a fool.

Proverbs 29:21**ULT**

²¹ {If} one pampers his servant from youth, then his end will be insolence.

UST

²¹ If a slave is excused from his labor and treated better than other slaves by his master from the time he is young; but when he is grown, that slave will give trouble to his master.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:22**ULT**

²² A man of nose stirs up strife and an owner of heat, much transgression.

UST

²² A person who cannot control his anger stirs up many quarrels and uses his rage to rule over others, and so he commits many sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:23**ULT**

²³ The pride of a man will make him low, but one lowly of spirit will grasp honor.

UST

²³ Any person who is proud will be humbled; but the one who is humbled will be given honor.

What kind of person is given honor?

A person with a humble spirit is given honor.

Proverbs 29:24**ULT**

²⁴ One who shares with a thief {is} one who hates his life; he will hear an oath but will not tell.

UST

²⁴ A person who helps a thief, hates himself; he overhears the curse, but he does not say anything about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:25**ULT**

²⁵ The anxiety of a man gives a snare, but the one who trusts in Yahweh will be set on high.

UST

²⁵ When one is afraid of what people can do, it is like setting a trap for himself. but whoever trusts in Yahweh is safe.

What does Yahweh do for the one who trusts in him?

Yahweh protects the one who trusts in him.

Proverbs 29:26**ULT**

²⁶ Many {are} those who seek the face of a ruler, but justice of a man {is} from Yahweh.

UST

²⁶ Many people want to come before a ruler to get help from him, but Yahweh is the only one who gives him true justice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:27**ULT**

²⁷ A man of injustice {is} an abomination of righteous ones, but the upright of way {is} an abomination of a wicked one.

UST

²⁷ Those who do what is right detest a person who treats others in an unfair way; just as the wicked hate those who live good lives.

Who is an abomination to those who do right?

An unjust man is an abomination to those who do right.

Proverbs 30

Proverbs 30:1

ULT

¹ The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the burden: The declaration of the man to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

UST

¹ These are sayings containing wisdom, the sayings of Agur son of Jakeh. Agur wrote them for Ithiel, yes, to Ithiel and to Ucal.

Whose sayings are written in this proverb?

The sayings of Agur the son of Jakeh are written in this proverb.

Proverbs 30:2

ULT

² Surely, I {am} more stupid than a man, and the understanding of mankind {is} not mine.

UST

² I am more like an animal than any human being! I lack the understanding that a human being has!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:3

ULT

³ And I have not learned wisdom, nor do I know the knowledge of the holy one.

UST

³ I have not learned about wisdom; I do not know Yahweh, the Holy One.

What has the author not learned?

The author has not learned wisdom.

Proverbs 30:4**ULT**

⁴ Who has ascended {to} heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has bound up waters in a cloak? Who has raised up all the ends of the earth? What {is} his name and what {is} the name of his son? Surely you know!

UST

⁴ Who has ever gone up to heaven and come back down again? Who can catch the wind in his hand? Who can gather up the waters in an overcoat? Who set the limits to the size of the earth? What is his name? And what is the name of his son? Do you know?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:5**ULT**

⁵ Every word of God is tested; he {is} a shield for those who take refuge in him.

UST

⁵ Every word of God is proven by a test that it is true; he is like a shield that protects those who run to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:6**ULT**

⁶ Do not add upon his words, lest he rebuke you and you be shown a liar.

UST

⁶ Be careful not to add to Yahweh's words more than he has said; if you do that, he will correct you and he will prove that you lied about what he said.

What will happen to someone who adds to God's words?

God will rebuke someone who adds to God's words.

Proverbs 30:7**ULT**

⁷ Two things I ask from with you, do not withhold from me before I die:

UST

⁷ I ask Yahweh for two things, and that he give them to me before I die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:8**ULT**

⁸ Put emptiness and the word of a lie far away from me. Do not give to me poverty or riches, cause me to tear the bread of my portion.

UST

⁸ Put vain pride and lies far away from me; and do not give me poverty or riches, just give me the food I need every day.

How wealthy does the author wish to be?

The author wishes to have neither poverty nor riches.

Proverbs 30:9**ULT**

⁹ Lest I be satiated and I deny and say, "Who {is} Yahweh?" And lest I become dispossessed and I steal and I seize the name of my God.

UST

⁹ For if I have too much money, it is possible that I will deny my God and say, "Who is Yahweh?" Or it is possible that I will become so poor that I steal from others and bring disgrace on the name of my God.

What is the author afraid he would do if he were rich?

The author is afraid he would deny Yahweh if he were rich.

Proverbs 30:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Do not slander a slave to his master, lest he curse you and you be guilty.

UST

¹⁰ Do not speak badly about a slave when he is standing before his master; if you do, he will curse you, and you will be responsible; you brought it on yourself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:11**ULT**

¹¹ {There is} a generation, it curses its father and does not bless its mother.

UST

¹¹ There are many people who curse their fathers and they do not praise their mothers or thank them;

Who is not washed of their filth? (vv11-12)

A generation that curses their father and does not bless their mother is not washed of their filth.

Proverbs 30:12**ULT**

¹² {There is} a generation pure in its eyes, but it is not washed from its filth.

UST

¹² those people think everything they do should not be criticized, but really they have never been cleansed from their filth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:13**ULT**

¹³ {There is} a generation, how its eyes are raised up, and its eyelids are lifted up!

UST

¹³ These people show how proud they are in their eyes; they make people look at them and they show their pride in their faces!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:14**ULT**

¹⁴ {There is} a generation, its teeth {are} swords and its jaws {are} knives for devouring afflicted ones from the earth and poor ones from mankind.

UST

¹⁴ These people use their mouths to speak the most hurtful words, like they are cutting and tearing people apart; it is as if they are eating up the poor people from the earth, and swallowing up the needy from humanity.

What does the haughty generation do to the poor?

The haughty generation devours the poor.

Proverbs 30:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Two daughters {are} for the leech, "Give! Give!" There are three, they are not satisfied; four, they do not say, "Enough":

UST

¹⁵ There are leeches that suck blood, imagine they had two daughters; they say, "Give to us! Give to us! There are four things that are never satisfied— they always want more:

What are four things that never say "enough"? (vv15-16)

Four things that never say "enough" are sheol, the barren womb, land thirsty for water, and fire.

Proverbs 30:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Sheol, and the barrenness of the womb, a land not satisfied with water, and a fire does not say, "Enough!"

UST

¹⁶ The grave, the place of the dead; the womb of a woman that never conceived a child; soil that badly needs to be watered; and a fire that burns hot and it never says, "The fire is hot enough!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:17**ULT**

¹⁷ An eye mocks a father and despises the obedience of a mother, the ravens of the valley will peck it out and the sons of the vulture will eat it.

UST

¹⁷ The one who dishonors his father, and who disrespects and disobeys his mother. such a person would be killed and have his eyes pecked out by crows, and would be devoured by the vultures.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Three things, they {are} too marvelous for me, and four, I do not understand them:

UST

¹⁸ There are three wonderful things I can mention; no, there are four that are too amazing and I cannot understand them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:19**ULT**

¹⁹ the way of the eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship in the heart of the sea; and the way of a man with a young woman.

UST

¹⁹ How eagles fly in the sky; how snakes move over a big rock, how ships can sail on the seas, and how a man is able to win the love of a woman.

What is the second thing that the author does not understand because it is too wonderful?

The author does not understand the way of a snake on a rock.

Proverbs 30:20**ULT**

²⁰ Thus {is} the way of a woman who commits adultery: she devours and wipes her mouth and says, "I have not done iniquity."

UST

²⁰ This is what a woman is like who is not faithful to her husband: she eats and then wipes her mouth, and she says, "There is nothing wrong in what I have done."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:21**ULT**

²¹ Under three things the earth trembles, and under four it is not able to bear:

UST

²¹ There are four things that make the earth tremble:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:22**ULT**

²² under a slave when he becomes king, and a fool when he is satisfied with bread,

UST

²² the earth trembles with a slave becomes a king; the earth trembles when fool has eaten his food and is filled;

What is the first thing that the author says causes the earth to tremble?

The first thing that causes the earth to tremble is a slave when he becomes king.

Proverbs 30:23**ULT**

²³ under a hated woman when she is married, and a female servant when she dispossesses her mistress.

UST

²³ the earth trembles when a woman who is hated by all, gets married, and the earth trembles, when the maid becomes the wife of her master.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:24**ULT**

²⁴ Four things, they {are} small things of the earth but they {are} wise things being made wise:

UST

²⁴ There are four creatures on the earth that are small, but they are very wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:25**ULT**

²⁵ The ants {are} not a strong nation, but they prepare their food in the summer.

UST

²⁵ Ants are not strong, but they store up food during the summer in order to have it during the winter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:26**ULT**

²⁶ Rock badgers {are} not a mighty nation, but they set their house in the rock.

UST

²⁶ Rock badgers also are not strong, but they make their homes among the rocks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:27**ULT**

²⁷ There is no king for the locust, but all of them go out divided {into groups}.

UST

²⁷ Locusts do not have a king, but they march in rank like soldiers in the army.

What does the author find amazing about locusts?

The author finds locusts amazing because they have no king, but all of them march in rank.

Proverbs 30:28**ULT**

²⁸ You can catch a lizard with hands, yet it {is} in the palaces of the king.

UST

²⁸ Lizards are very small and you can hold them in your hand, but they get inside kings' palaces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:29**ULT**

²⁹ Three things, they are doing well of step, and four are doing well of walking:

UST

²⁹ There are four animals that walk with great pride and they are very impressive as they walk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:30**ULT**

³⁰ a lion {is} mighty among the animals and it will not turn away from the face of anything,

UST

³⁰ Lions, which are the strongest among wild animals and are not afraid of any of them.

What does not turn away from anything?

The lion does not turn away from anything.

Proverbs 30:31**ULT**

³¹ one girded of loins, or a male goat, and a king against whom one does not rise up.

UST

³¹ Strutting roosters, and male goats, and kings who stand with their soldiers beside them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:32**ULT**

³² If you have been foolish by lifting up yourself, or if you have devised evil, a hand be to mouth!

UST

³² If you have acted foolishly, exalting yourself, or if you been planning to do something evil, put your hand over your mouth! Stop it!

What should a person do who has been devising evil?

A person who has been devising evil should put his hand over his mouth.

Proverbs 30:33**ULT**

³³ For the squeezing of milk brings forth butter and the squeezing of the nose brings forth blood, and the squeezing of nostrils brings forth strife.

UST

³³ Just as when you churn milk, and it produces butter, even so, if you hit someone hard on his nose, the result is that his nose will bleed; and, in the same way, when people are angry, they will argue and fight.

What does anger produce?

Anger produces conflict.

Proverbs 31

Proverbs 31:1

ULT

¹ The words of Lemuel the king, a burden that his mother had instructed him:

UST

¹ These are sayings of King Lemuel—an oracle his mother taught him.

Who wrote this proverb?

King Lemuel wrote this proverb.

Proverbs 31:2

ULT

² Why, my son? And why, son of my womb? And why, son of my vows?

UST

² She says: You are my son; I carried you in my womb; you are the son, I made promises to Yahweh for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:3

ULT

³ Do not give your strength to women or your ways to wipe out kings.

UST

³ Do not give your strength to women; and do not tell what your plans are, to the women who destroy kings.

To whom should the king not give his ways?

He should not give his ways to those who destroy kings.

Proverbs 31:4**ULT**

⁴ {It is} not for kings, Lemuel, {it is} not for kings to drink wine or for rulers, or intoxicating drink.

UST

⁴ Lemuel, kings should be careful about drinking wine; and a king should never ask, "Where is the strong drink?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:5**ULT**

⁵ Lest, he drink and forget {what} has been decreed and pervert the cause of all the sons of the afflicted one.

UST

⁵ They could drink but then they might forget that they made a decree of the king, and tear down the rights of those who have been taken advantage of.

What do rulers forget when they have strong drink?

Rulers forget what has been decreed when they have strong drink.

Proverbs 31:6**ULT**

⁶ Give intoxicating drink to one who is perishing and wine to those bitter of spirit.

UST

⁶ Give strong drink to those who are dying and to those who are grieving their loss.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:7**ULT**

⁷ He will drink and will forget his poverty and he will not remember his trouble again.

UST

⁷ One who drinks will forget he is poor, and he will not remember his trouble.

What do those in bitter distress forget when they have strong drink?

Those in bitter distress forget their trouble when they have strong drink.

Proverbs 31:8**ULT**

⁸ Open your mouth for the mute, for the cause of all the sons of the passing away one.

UST

⁸ Speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, speak for those who are approaching death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:9**ULT**

⁹ Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the afflicted one and poor one.

UST

⁹ Speak out and render judgment according to what is right; and plead for justice to come in the cases of the poor and the needy.

Whose cause should the king plead?

The king should please the cause of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:10**ULT**

¹⁰ A woman of strength, who can find? And her worth {is} far more than corals.

UST

¹⁰ Who can find a wife who is good at many things? Her value is much more than the jewels she could wear.

What is more valuable than jewels?

A capable wife is more valuable than jewels.

Proverbs 31:11**ULT**

¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her and he will not lack spoil.

UST

¹¹ Her husband completely trusts her, and because of her, he will never be poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:12**ULT**

¹² She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.

UST

¹² She does good things for him and not evil, all the days of her life.

What does the capable wife do all the days of her life?

She does good for her husband and not evil all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:13**ULT**

¹³ She selects wool and linens and works with the delight of her palms.

UST

¹³ She finds wool and flax in the market, and she enjoys spinning it to make yarn and fabric.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:14**ULT**

¹⁴ She is like the ships of one who travels about; she brings her food from far away.

UST

¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships because she brings her food to her home from far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And she rises while still night and gives food to her house and a portion to her female servants.

UST

¹⁵ She gets up before dawn to prepare food for her family, and she gives each servant girl her duties for the day.

When does the capable wife arise?

She arises while it is night.

Proverbs 31:16**ULT**

¹⁶ She considers a field and gets it; from the fruit of her palms she plants a vineyard.

UST

¹⁶ She goes out and considers what field she will buy, and she buys it. With the money she has made in other ventures, she plants a vineyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:17**ULT**

¹⁷ She girds her loins with strength and she makes her arms firm.

UST

¹⁷ She prepares herself with her strength, and her arms are strong, able to do hard work.

With what does the capable wife dress herself?

She dresses herself with strength.

Proverbs 31:18**ULT**

¹⁸ She perceives that her gain {is} good; her lamp does not go out in the night.

UST

¹⁸ She knows when she is getting a good profit from her business. She keeps a lamp burning all night long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:19**ULT**

¹⁹ She stretches out her hands at the distaff and her palms grasp the spindle.

UST

¹⁹ She holds the spindle, and then she spins the thread that she will use.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:20**ULT**

²⁰ She spreads out her palms to the afflicted one, and she stretches out her hands to the poor one.

UST

²⁰ She gives an outstretched hand to help the poor.

To whom does the capable wife reach out?

She reaches out to the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:21**ULT**

²¹ She does not fear for her house because of the snow, for all her house is clothed {with} scarlet.

UST

²¹ She is not worried about the snow, for everyone in her house have the best winter coats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:22**ULT**

²² She makes for herself coverings, fine linen and purple for her garment.

UST

²² She makes covers for the beds. She wears fine purple linen clothes—the color of royalty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:23**ULT**

²³ Her husband {is} one who is known at the gates, when he sits with the elders of the land.

UST

²³ Her husband is well known at the city gates, and there at the gates he sits with the other leaders of the town.

Where does the capable wife's husband sit?

Her husband sits with the elders at the gates.

Proverbs 31:24**ULT**

²⁴ She makes a linen garment and sells, and she gives a sash to the Canaanite.

UST

²⁴ She makes linen garments and she sells them. She sells sashes to shop owners.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:25**ULT**

²⁵ Strength and splendor {are} her clothing, and she laughs at a day to come.

UST

²⁵ She is strong in her character and respected, and she laughs at what will happen in the future.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:26**ULT**

²⁶ Her mouth opens with wisdom, and the instruction of covenant faithfulness {is} on her tongue.

UST

²⁶ When she speaks, she says what is wise, and she lives by the law of kindness.

What is on the capable wife's tongue?

The law of kindness is on the capable wife's tongue.

Proverbs 31:27**ULT**

²⁷ Watching closely the goings on of her house, and she does not eat the bread of idleness.

UST

²⁷ She watches over everything that is done in her household, and nothing in her actions would be anything like laziness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:28**ULT**

²⁸ Her sons rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her.

UST

²⁸ Her children speak highly of her; her husband also praises her.

What do the children of the capable wife call her?

Her children call her blessed.

Proverbs 31:29**ULT**

²⁹ "Many daughters have done valiantly, but you have ascended over all of them."

UST

²⁹ He says to her, "There are many women who do admirable things, but you surpass them all!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:30**ULT**

³⁰ Charm {is} falsehood and beauty {is} vain; a woman fearful of Yahweh, she will be praised.

UST

³⁰ Elegance can deceive and make you think more highly of a person than you should; and beauty has no lasting value. But a woman who honors Yahweh will be praised for the person she is.

What kind of woman will be praised?

A woman who fears Yahweh will be praised.

Proverbs 31:31**ULT**

³¹ Give to her from the fruit of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates.

UST

³¹ Give her what she has earned, and her works will praise her among the leaders of the town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

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