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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 wise sayings said by Solomon. {He was} David's son and Israel's king.

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 sayings of understanding;

UST

² {These wise sayings are} for knowing what is wise and instructive. {They are} for understanding insightful things that people say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:3

ULT

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

UST

³ {These wise sayings are} for instructing someone about what is insightful, righteous, just, and honest.

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 are} for making naive people prudent, and {for making} young people knowledgeable and discreet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:5**ULT**

⁵ (may a wise one hear and increase learning, and an understanding one acquire guidance),

UST

⁵ (Let wise people listen {to these wise sayings} and learn more. Indeed, {let these sayings} guide understanding people so that they know what to do.)

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 parable, the words of the wise ones and their riddles.

UST

⁶ {These wise sayings are} for understanding wise sayings and parables. {Indeed, they are for understanding} what wise people say and the riddles they tell.

(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 In order to become knowledgeable, a person must begin by deeply respecting Yahweh. {But} foolish people detest what is wise or instructive.

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 law of your mother,

UST

⁸ My child, listen carefully to what I, your father, am teaching you. Indeed, obey the rules that your mother has commanded.

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 garland of grace for your head and pendants for your neck.

UST

⁹ {Obey your parents' teaching} because then {people will admire and respect you;} it will be as if those teachings were an attractive wreath on your head, or beautiful necklaces around your neck.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:10**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁰ My child, if sinful people tempt you {to sin with them}, refuse {to do so}.

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 hide to ambush the innocent one without cause.

UST

¹¹ Those sinful people may say, "Join us! We will hide and wait in order to kill someone {who walks by}. Indeed, we will hide ourselves in order to suddenly attack an innocent person for no good reason.

(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 We will kill living people completely, as if we were their grave. {Yes, we will kill} healthy people, as if they could not escape dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:13**ULT**

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

UST

¹³ We will discover many valuable treasures! We will fill our houses with what we steal!

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 You must cause your lot to fall in our midst; one purse will be for all of us."

UST

¹⁴ Join our gang! We will share all the loot between us."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ My son, do not walk on the road with them; restrain your foot from their path,

UST

¹⁵ My child, do not associate with those sinful people! Prevent yourself from doing the things that they do!

(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 {Avoid those sinners} because they are eager to do wicked things. They even rush to murder people.

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 {for a hunter} to put out a net {to trap a bird} while the bird is watching {because the bird will avoid the net}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ but they lie in wait for their blood; they hide in ambush for their lives.

UST

¹⁸ However, {these sinful people are more foolish than birds.} They hide in wait, but they kill themselves. Indeed, they hide so that they can suddenly attack, but they themselves die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:19**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁹ That is what happens to anyone who gains wealth in an unjust manner. What they gained unjustly will kill 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 calls out outside; she gives her voice in the open areas.

UST

²⁰ Imagine that everything that is wise is a woman who calls out {to everyone} in public. Imagine that this woman shouts {to people} in crowded places.

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 places she calls out; at the opening of the gates in the city, she says her sayings,

UST

²¹ Imagine that she calls out {to people} at the place where busy streets intersect. Imagine that she speaks her {wise} words at the {crowded} entrance of the city gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:22**ULT**

²² "Until when will naive ones love naiveté and mockers delight {in} mockery for themselves and stupid ones hate knowledge?

UST

²² She says, "You naive people have loved being naive for too long! You people who ridicule {others} have enjoyed ridiculing {others} to benefit yourselves for too long! You foolish people have hated what you should know for too long!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:23**ULT**

²³ Turn to my rebuke. Behold, I shall allow my spirit to gush forth to you, I shall cause you to know my words.

UST

²³ Turn around {and listen} to me when I correct you! Listen! I will tell you all that I am thinking. Indeed, I will help you to understand what I have to say 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 out my hand and there was no one listening attentively,

UST

²⁴ I called out {to you}, but you refused {to listen}. Indeed, I invited you to come to me, but no one paid any attention {to me}.

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 ignored all my counsel, and my rebuke you did not accept,

UST

²⁵ You ignored everything that I advised you to do. Indeed, you rejected what I said to correct you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:26**ULT**

²⁶ I too shall laugh at your calamity, I shall mock when your dread comes,

UST

²⁶ Therefore, as for me, I will laugh at you when disastrous things happen to you. Indeed, I will ridicule you when you are terrified.

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 dread comes like a storm ^[1] and your calamity happens like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

UST

²⁷ {Yes,} when you are terrified as if a violent storm has arrived, {when} disastrous things happen to you violently, {and} when you become distressed and anguished{, I will ridicule 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 At that time, those foolish people will cry out to me {to help them}, but I will not reply {to them}. Indeed, they will desperately look for me, but they will not be able to 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 the fear of Yahweh they did not choose,

UST

²⁹ {Those foolish people will not find me} because they refuse to learn. Also, they have decided not to respect Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:30**ULT**

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

UST

³⁰ Those foolish people rejected what I advised them to do. Indeed, they detested everything I said to correct them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:31**ULT**

³¹ And they will eat from the fruit of their way, and from their plans they will be satisfied.

UST

³¹ Those foolish people will suffer rightly for what they have done. Indeed, they will suffer fully for what they have planned.

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 ones will slay them and {false} security will lead stupid ones to ruin.

UST

³² Ultimately, naive people will die because they refuse {to be wise}. Indeed, being complacent will destroy foolish people.

(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 dread of evil."

1:27 ^[1]

UST

³³ By contrast, people who listen attentively to what I say will live safely. They will not fear that something evil might happen to them."

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 sayings, and my commandments you store up with you,

UST

¹ My child, accept what I say. Consider what I command {you} to be precious.

What does Wisdom want her son to treasure?

Wisdom wants her son to treasure her commandments.

Proverbs 2:2

ULT

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

UST

² {Do this by} listening carefully to what is wise, {and by} thinking seriously about what you should understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:3

ULT

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

UST

³ Yes, cry out {to God} for {him to show you} what you should perceive. Call loudly {to God} for {him to teach you} what you should understand!

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 like hidden treasures you search for it,

UST

⁴ Try to learn what is wise as eagerly as you would try to find silver. Indeed, look for it as you would look 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 the knowledge of God you will find.

UST

⁵ {If you do those things,} then you will understand how to reverently fear Yahweh. {If you do those things,} then you will be able to know 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; from his mouth {are} knowledge and understanding.

UST

⁶ {This is} because Yahweh provides people with what is wise. He tells them what they should know and understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:7**ULT**

⁷ And he stores up ^[1] for the upright ones sound wisdom; a shield for those walking {with} integrity,

UST

⁷ He gives what is truly wise to upright people. He protects people who behave honestly.

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 the way of his faithful ones he will preserve.

UST

⁸ {He does these things} in order to guard those people who live justly. Indeed, he keeps safe those people 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 integrity—every good track,

UST

⁹ {If you listen to me,} then you will understand what is righteous, just, and honest— all the best ways to behave.

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 soul.

UST

¹⁰ {This is because} you will truly know what is wise, and knowing {what is wise} will please you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:11**ULT**

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

UST

¹¹ Being able to choose wisely will make you safe. Indeed, being able to understand {what is happening around you} will make you secure.

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 speaking perversions,

UST

¹² {Being wise like this} will keep you from doing wicked things, {and you will stay away} from people who speak perversely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:13**ULT**

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

UST

¹³ Those people refuse to behave righteously in order to behave wickedly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:14**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁴ They gladly do what is wrong. They enjoy doing things that are perverse and evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ whose paths {are} crooked and going astray in their tracks;

UST

¹⁵ They behave deceptively. Indeed, they act deviously.

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 sayings smooth,

UST

¹⁶ {Being discreet and insightful} will protect you {also} from adulterous women. {Being discreet and insightful will save you} from immoral women who speak {to you} seductively.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:17**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁷ Those women left the husbands they married when they were young. They even forgot what they had promised to God {when 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 dead ones.

UST

¹⁸ {Being discreet and insightful will rescue you} because {going to} such a woman's house will cause you to die. Indeed, going with her is the same as going to the place where the spirits of dead people are.

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 those who enter her will not return, and they will not reach the paths of life.

UST

¹⁹ No man who acts adulterously with her will live again. He will no longer be able to live in a way that results in life with God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:20**ULT**

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

UST

²⁰ Therefore, behave like a good person. Indeed, conduct yourself like a righteous person.

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 This is important because {only} people who live uprightly will live in our land, Indeed, it is the people who do not act wickedly who will stay in this 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 treacherous ones will be torn away from it.
2:7 ^[1]

UST

²² By contrast, Yahweh will remove people who act wickedly from our land. Be sure of this: Yahweh will completely remove people who act treacherously from this 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 my commandments let your heart guard.

UST

¹ My child, remember the rules I have taught you! Always be mindful to obey what I have commanded you!

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

UST

² {Do this} because {obeying} what I have commanded you will help you live for a long time with many fulfilling and peaceful years.

(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 Always be faithful and trustworthy. Let everyone see {how faithful and trustworthy you are, as if} they were a necklace you are wearing. Remember to be faithful and trustworthy at all times.

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 find favor and good insight in the eyes of God and man!

UST

⁴ As a result of doing so, both God and people will approve of you and consider you an insightful person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:5**ULT**

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

UST

⁵ Trust Yahweh completely, and do not rely on what you understand.

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 himself will straighten your paths.

UST

⁶ Let Yahweh lead you whenever you do anything. As a result {of doing so}, he will show you what you should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:7**ULT**

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

UST

⁷ Do not think that you know what is best. Instead, revere Yahweh and refuse to do what is evil.

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 Doing so will make your body healthy. Indeed, {doing so} will strengthen you from the inside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:9**ULT**

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

UST

⁹ Revere Yahweh {by giving to him} some of your riches, and {by giving to him} some of the first {crops} from everything that you harvest.

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 filled with abundance, and with new wine, your wine vats will burst open.

UST

¹⁰ {Doing so} will result in your places for storing crops becoming completely full {of crops}. Even your containers for wine will overflow with fresh wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:11**ULT**

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

UST

¹¹ My child, do not refuse to listen when Yahweh corrects you. Do not be resentful even when he rebukes you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:12**ULT**

¹² For whom Yahweh loves, he disciplines, and like a father, a son in whom he delights.

UST

¹² {Do not respond in that way} because Yahweh {only} reproves the people whom he loves, just as a father reproves the children whom he cherishes.

Who does Yahweh discipline?

Yahweh disciplines those he loves.

Proverbs 3:13**ULT**

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

UST

¹³ People who become wise are happy. Indeed, the people who understand {Yahweh's world are the ones who} are truly happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:14**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁴ {This is} because being wise benefits people more than silver {could benefit them}. Indeed, being wise is worth more to people than having gold.

Wisdom is better than what?

Wisdom is better than silver and gold.

Proverbs 3:15**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁵ Being wise is more valuable than precious jewels. There is nothing that you could desire that is worth as much as being wise.

(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 Being wise will help you live for a long time. Being wise will help you become wealthy and honorable.

(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 Being wise will allow you to live pleasantly. Indeed, in every way being wise will allow you to live peacefully.

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} happy.

UST

¹⁸ What is wise is {like} a tree {with fruit} that sustains the people who possess it, People who are consistently wise live happily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Yahweh by wisdom founded the earth; he established the heavens by understanding.

UST

¹⁹ Yahweh made the world through being wise. Through being skillful he made the sky and everything in it.

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 Through knowing all things, Yahweh made water burst forth from deep {below the earth} and he made water 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 child, always remember to do what is prudent and brings a good outcome. Always be mindful to do those things.

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 soul and grace for your neck.

UST

²² Doing so will give you a satisfying life and people will honor and respect you.

(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 Doing what is prudent and good will {also} cause you to live safely. They will keep you from making any serious mistakes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:24**ULT**

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

UST

²⁴ When you lie down {to sleep}, you will not fear anything. You will lie down {to sleep} and sleep peacefully.

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 worry about something terrible suddenly happening {to you}, or about {what will happen} when God destroys wicked people.

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 your confidence, and he will keep your foot from capture.

UST

²⁶ {Do not worry} because Yahweh will make you confident. He will not allow people to harm you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:27**ULT**

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

UST

²⁷ Do not refrain from giving what is good to people who deserve it when you are able to do so.

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 When you are with a friend {who needs something}, and you have it with you, do not tell that person, "Go away and come back tomorrow. I will give it to you then."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:29**ULT**

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

UST

²⁹ Do not plan to harm people that you interact with, because they live near you and they 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 you evil.

UST

³⁰ Do not argue needlessly with someone who has not harmed you.

(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 violent people. Do not imitate anything they do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:32**ULT**

³² For an abomination to Yahweh {is} he who goes astray, but with the upright ones {is} his secret counsel.

UST

³² {Do not do so} because Yahweh detests {such} people who act wickedly, but he converses like a friend with people who act uprightly.

Who is wicked to Yahweh?

The lying person is wicked to Yahweh.

Proverbs 3:33**ULT**

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

UST

³³ Yahweh causes bad things to happen to the families of wicked people, but he causes good things to happen to the families of righteous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:34**ULT**

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

UST

³⁴ When people ridicule {others}, it is Yahweh who ridicules them, but he kindly helps those who are humble.

What does Yahweh do to the mockers?

Yahweh mocks the mockers.

Proverbs 3:35**ULT**

³⁵ Wise ones will inherit honor, but stupid ones lift up dishonor.

UST

³⁵ People will honor wise people, but people will shame foolish people.

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 Children, listen carefully to what I, your father, am teaching you. Pay attention in order to learn what you should 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 teaching to you; do not forsake my law.

UST

² {Do this} because what I am teaching you is good. {So} remember the rules that I am teaching 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 to the face of my mother,

UST

³ When I was just a boy with my father, {and} my mother's delicate, only son.

(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 During that time, my father taught me. He told me, "Remember what I have told you! Do what I have commanded you, so that you will keep on living!

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 veer from the sayings of my mouth.

UST

⁵ Learn what is wise and what you should understand! Always remember and keep doing the things that I have said to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:6**ULT**

⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will guard you.

UST

⁶ Keep doing what is wise, because doing so will keep you safe. Love doing what is wise, because being wise will protect you from harm.

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 Wisdom {is} first. Acquire wisdom! And with all your acquisition acquire understanding!

UST

⁷ Being wise is the most important thing. {So} become wise! {Even if} it costs you everything that you own, become a person who understands {God's world}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:8**ULT**

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

UST

⁸ Prize what is wise, so that you will become great. People will honor you when you value what is wise.

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 for your head a garland of grace; {with} a crown of splendor she will cover you."

UST

⁹ Being wise will make you {respectable,} as though you had an attractive wreath on your head. Indeed, being wise will make you {honorable,} as though you were wearing a magnificent crown."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:10**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁰ My child, listen attentively and accept what I say. Doing so will increase the number of years that you live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:11**ULT**

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

UST

¹¹ I instructed you in how to act wisely. I directed you in how to live in the right way.

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 In your walking, your step will not be restricted; and if you run, you will not stumble.

UST

¹² {If you follow my teaching,} nothing will hinder you {from succeeding}. Indeed, if you attempt great things, you will do well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:13**ULT**

¹³ Grasp on to instruction, do not let go; guard it, for it {is} your life.

UST

¹³ Consistently remember the things I have instructed you; keep remembering them! Always be mindful of them, because they will keep you alive.

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 On the path of wicked ones do not go, and do not advance on the way of evil ones.

UST

¹⁴ Do not do what wicked people do. Indeed, do not behave in the way that evil people behave.

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; veer from it and pass on!

UST

¹⁵ Shun doing what is evil. Do not even consider doing it! Refuse to act wickedly and do something else.

(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 {Do not act wickedly} because {it is as if} evil people cannot even sleep unless they have done something evil {on that day}; {it is as if} they cannot rest unless they hurt someone.

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 the wine of violent {acts}, they drink.

UST

¹⁷ {Do not act wickedly} because evil people do wicked things as if they were eating food; they violently hurt others as if they were drinking wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:18**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁸ As for righteous people, they will live {wisely and safely} as people do who walk in the sunshine; {they will live more and more wisely and safely,} just as the sun shines brighter and brighter until the brightest time 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 ones {is} like the darkness; they do not know on what they stumble.

UST

¹⁹ {But} the way that wicked people live is {dangerous,} like people {who walk} in total darkness. {Like people walking in darkness do not know} what they trip over, wicked people do not know {what hurts them}.

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 child, pay attention to what I am saying to you! Listen carefully to what I say!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:21**ULT**

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

UST

²¹ Keep thinking about what I say! Fully commit yourself to remembering such things!

(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 {Do this} because those who live according to my words will have good lives, and their whole bodies will be healthy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:23**ULT**

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

UST

²³ More than anything else, be extremely careful about what you think and desire, because those things will control how you live.

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 from you perversity of mouth, and the deviousness of lips put far away from you.

UST

²⁴ Do not say anything that deceives people. Indeed, never say anything that misleads people.

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 gaze to the front, and cause your eyelids to be straight in front of you.

UST

²⁵ {Focus on doing what is right, like} someone who is always looking straight ahead. Indeed, {act like} someone who is looking straight in front of himself.

Where must the son fix his gaze?

The son must fix his gaze straight before him.

Proverbs 4:26**ULT**

²⁶ Make level ^[1] the track of your foot and all your ways will be firm.

UST

²⁶ Plan carefully to do things in the right way. As a result {of doing so}, you will succeed in everything that you do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:27**ULT**

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

4:26 ^[1]

UST

²⁷ Do not do anything other than what is right. Prevent yourself from doing what is 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, pay attention to the wise things that I tell you! Listen carefully to what I say you should understand!

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 {Do this} so that you will be able to choose wisely {what to do}, and {so that} you will know the {right} things to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:3

ULT

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

UST

³ {Do this} because what adulterous women say seems delightful like the taste of honey. Yes, their words are more soothing than how olive oil feels on your skin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:4**ULT**

⁴ but her aftermath {is} bitter like wormwood, sharp like a sword of mouths.

UST

⁴ However, after being with such a woman you will be miserable, as if you had eaten a bitter plant. {You will suffer} like a person whom someone has cut with a sharp, double-edged 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 {Being with} such a woman will cause both of you to die. Indeed, what she does {with you} will cause you to become dead people.

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 observe the path of life; she does not know her tracks {are} unstable.

UST

⁶ She does not want to do what will cause her to live well. She does not realize that she {lives precariously like someone who} is walking on a broken path.

(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 sayings of my mouth.

UST

⁷ So now, children, pay attention to what I say! Always remember what I have spoken to 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 any adulterous woman! Do not even go near the door of the place where such a woman dwells!

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 to others your splendor and your years to a cruel one,

UST

⁹ If you go to such a woman, you will be giving the best efforts of your youth to others, and a merciless person will take away {everything that you would gain in} the best time of your life.

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 toils in the house of a foreigner,

UST

¹⁰ If you go to such a woman, people you do not know will satisfy themselves with {what you produced} when you were strong, and an outsider will fill his house with what you labored to gain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ and you groan at your end, when your flesh and your body are finished.

UST

¹¹ Then you will groan when you are about to die and have worn out your whole body.

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 correction, and my heart despised rebuke!

UST

¹² Then you will say, "I hated it extremely when people corrected me! Indeed, I scorned people when they rebuked me!

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 to my instructors I did not incline my ear.

UST

¹³ I did not obey the people who taught me. Indeed, I did not listen carefully to the people who instructed me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I am as a little in all evil in the midst of the assembly and the congregation."

UST

¹⁴ My people are close to considering me as someone who has wasted his life."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:15**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁵ {So be like} someone who only drinks water from his own well; have sex with your wife only.

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 overflow outside, channels of water in the open areas?

UST

¹⁶ {Do not be like} someone who lets his water run out into the streets; never have sex with other women!

(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 Only have sex with your own wife! Do not have sex with other women!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:18**ULT**

¹⁸ May your fountain be blessed, and be glad because of the wife of your youth!

UST

¹⁸ {As a result,} may Yahweh bless your marriage {with children}; enjoy {sexually} the woman whom 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 on every occasion; may you continually stagger in her love.

UST

¹⁹ {She is as beautiful as} a loving deer and a graceful mountain goat. Let her breasts satisfy you always. Constantly be exhilarated by how she loves you.

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, my son, with a strange woman, or embrace the bosom of a foreign woman?

UST

²⁰ My son, you should never be exhilarated by an adulterous woman! You should never passionately caress an immoral woman!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:21**ULT**

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

UST

²¹ {Never do that} because Yahweh fully knows what people do. Indeed, he knows everything that people do.

What does Yahweh see?

Yahweh sees everything a person does.

Proverbs 5:22**ULT**

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

UST

²² The wicked things that wicked people do are {like} traps that catch them; the sinful things that they do are {like} ropes by which others can grab them.

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 correction, and in the abundance of his folly he staggers.

UST

²³ Those wicked people will die because they did not discipline themselves. They will do what kills them because they are extremely foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6

Proverbs 6:1

ULT

¹ My son, if you pledge for your neighbor, you clasp your palms for a stranger,

UST

¹ My child, if you guarantee to pay a loan for someone you meet, {that is, if} you agree to pay a loan for someone 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 sayings of your mouth, you are caught by the sayings of your mouth,

UST

² {if in this way} you have said things that you regret {because} it would be very difficult for you {to fulfill} what you promised,

(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 press your neighbor.

UST

³ then, my child, do this in order to save yourself {from having to pay back this loan}: humbly go to that person and beg him {to cancel what you have promised} because he now controls you.

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 wait until tomorrow; {go immediately!} do not allow yourself to rest {until you go and talk to 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 {immediately}, as if you were a deer fleeing from a hunter or a bird fleeing from a trapper.

(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} ants! Consider what ants do so that you can be wise.

What should a lazy person study?

A lazy person should study the ant.

Proverbs 6:7**ULT**

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

UST

⁷ Absolutely no one tells ants what to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:8**ULT**

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

UST

⁸ {Nevertheless,} they work hard all during the summer, 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, stop sleeping! Wake up!

(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 say to yourself,} "Let me sleep just a little more! Let me lay my hands {across my chest} in order to rest comfortably for a little while longer!"

(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 {If you continue being so lazy} you will become poor and needy just as surely as if a thief has robbed you of all that you have.

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} perversity of mouth,

UST

¹² {I will describe for you what} worthless, sinful people {do. They} constantly deceive people by what they say.

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 eye, one who rubs with his foot, one who points with his fingers.

UST

¹³ They make gestures, such as winking their eyes, signaling with their feet, and pointing their fingers {to communicate their evil plans to their friends}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:14**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁴ They are always thinking perversely while planning how to do evil things. They cause people to argue {with each other}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Therefore his calamity will come instantly; suddenly he will be broken and without healing.

UST

¹⁵ Because of this, disastrous things will suddenly happen to those people. Someone will destroy them instantly and they will not be able to recover.

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 {are} they {that} Yahweh hates, and seven {are} abominations to his self:

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh absolutely hates six, no, seven things:

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 being proud, speaking falsely, someone murdering a person who has not done anything wrong,

(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 someone planning ways to act sinfully, someone eagerly looking for ways to act wickedly,

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 breathing out lies, and sending forth quarrels between brothers.

UST

¹⁹ someone who naturally lies when testifying, and someone causing members of the same family to argue.

What kind of witness does Yahweh hate?

Yahweh hates the witness who speaks out lies.

Proverbs 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ Guard, my son, the commandment of your father and do not forsake the law of your mother.

UST

²⁰ My child, be mindful to obey what I, your father, have commanded {you}. Indeed, obey the rules that your mother has commanded.

(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 Remember what we have taught you as if it were always a part of you. Indeed, {remember these lessons as if} you wore them like a necklace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:22**ULT**

²² When you walk about, it will guide you; when you lie down, it will preserve you; then you will wake up; it itself will converse with you.

UST

²² The wise things that we have taught you will help you to know what you should do as you go about each day. They will cause you to be safe when you sleep. When you wake up {in the morning}, they will be what will continue to instruct you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:23**ULT**

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

UST

²³ {This is so} because what I have commanded {you} is {like} a lamp {that shows you your way}. Indeed, the rules {we taught you} are {like} a light {to guide you}. When we rebuke you while instructing you, {we do that} so that you can do what will give you a good life.

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 {We taught you these lessons} in order to prevent you from {going to} wicked women, {and to prevent you} from {believing} the seductive talk of immoral women.

(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 think lustfully about her beautiful body. Do not let her seduce you by the {flirtatious} 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 a loaf of bread, but the wife of a man hunts a precious life.

UST

²⁶ {Do not do so} because, although having sex with a prostitute may only cost you a cheap meal, {doing so with} an {adulterous} married woman will cause you to die.

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 Could a man carry a fire on his chest and his clothes not be burned?

UST

²⁷ A man cannot hold fire against his chest without burning his clothes!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:28**ULT**

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

UST

²⁸ No one can walk on burning coals without blistering his feet!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:29**ULT**

²⁹ So is the one going to the wife of his neighbor: Every one who touches her will not remain blameless.

UST

²⁹ It is similar with anyone who has sex with another man's wife. People will certainly punish anyone who does that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:30**ULT**

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

UST

³⁰ People do not resent someone who steals if he only steals {food} because he is 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 must repay sevenfold; all the wealth of his house he must give.

UST

³¹ Nevertheless, if people catch thieves, those thieves must pay back seven times {as much as they stole to those from whom they stole}. They may have to give everything that they own {in order to repay what they stole}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:32**ULT**

³² One who commits adultery {with} a woman {is} lacking of heart; destroying his life, he does it.

UST

³² By contrast, a man who acts adulterously with a woman is not thinking. By doing this, he destroys himself!

Who does one who commits adultery destroy?

One who commits adultery destroys himself.

Proverbs 6:33**ULT**

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

UST

³³ {The woman's husband} will injure him, people will despise him, and he will always be ashamed.

(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 {This is so} because the jealous husband will become furious. He will act mercilessly when he revenges himself {on the man who acted adulterously with his wife}.

(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 That jealous husband will not accept any money {to stop being furious}, no matter how much money you offer 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 sayings and store up my commandments with you.

UST

¹ My son, obey what I have told you. Carefully remember the things that I have commanded you.

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 Do what I have commanded {you}, so that you will live {long and well}. Consider the rules I have taught you to be the most precious things that you possess.

(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 Constantly remind yourself of the things that I have commanded you. Memorize them!

(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 Love what is wise as if it were your sister. Indeed, love what you should understand as if it were a close relative.

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 sayings smooth.

UST

⁵ {Do this} so that you will be able to stay away from adulterous women, and {stay away} from immoral women who speak {to you} seductively.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:6**ULT**

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

UST

⁶ {I was} once {standing} near the window {in my house}, and I looked down {from above the street} through the shutters on the window.

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 ones, I discerned among the sons, a young man lacking of heart

UST

⁷ Then I observed {someone} among the naive people. I noticed among the youths a young man who does not think wisely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:8**ULT**

⁸ passing through the lane beside her corner, and he steps {in} the way of her house,

UST

⁸ He walked down the street near the corner of {the road where} the adulterous woman {dwells}. Then he walked on the path toward her house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:9**ULT**

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

UST

⁹ (It was the time of day when night begins, {and then} it became dark.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:10**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁰ Then I saw that an adulterous woman approached the young man. She was wearing a prostitute's clothing and intended to deceive {the young man}.

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 (That woman spoke loudly and acted rebelliously. She never stayed at home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:12**ULT**

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

UST

¹² She {often} walked around the streets and public places. At the corner of any road she waited {for a man whom she could seduce}.)

What does the woman do at every corner?

The woman lies in wait at every corner.

Proverbs 7:13**ULT**

¹³ And she grabs him and kisses him; she strengthens her face and says to him,

UST

¹³ When {she saw the young man}, she firmly took hold of him and kissed him. She shamelessly told {him},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ "The sacrifices of peace offerings {are} with me; today I paid my vows.

UST

¹⁴ "Today {I have meat in my house, because} I sacrificed an animal {in the temple} to promise friendship {with Yahweh}. {In this way} I did what I had vowed to do.

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 So I have come out here to meet you. {I have come out} to look everywhere 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 couch {with} coverings, colored linen of Egypt.

UST

¹⁶ I have covered my bed with expensive Egyptian fabric.

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 put pleasant-smelling perfumes on my bed: myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Come, let us drink fully of lovemaking until the morning; let us delight ourselves with loves!

UST

¹⁸ Come {with me}! Let us satisfy ourselves sexually all night! Let us enjoy ourselves sexually!

(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 {Come with me} because 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 silver in his hand; on the day of the full moon he will enter his house."

UST

²⁰ He filled a bag with money and took it with him. He will not return home until the middle of the month."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:21**ULT**

²¹ She leads him astray with the abundance of her instruction; with the smoothness of her lips she compels him.

UST

²¹ {Thus} that adulterous woman persuaded the young man by speaking many persuasive things; by speaking seductively she allured him {into doing what she wanted him to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:22**ULT**

²² Following after her suddenly, like an ox to slaughter he goes, and like an ankle chain to the correction of a fool,

UST

²² He quickly followed her {to her home}. He {unknowingly} went to die like an ox going to the place where its owner will kill it. {He unknowingly went to die} like a foolish person who lets others lead him by a chain to where they will punish him

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 splits his liver; like a bird rushing into a trap, and he did not know that it {was} for his life.

UST

²³ until {someone kills him by} shooting an arrow into his entrails. {He was as foolish} as a bird flying quickly into a trap. He did not realize that going with the adulterous woman would cause him to die.

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 be attentive to the sayings of my mouth.

UST

²⁴ So now, children, listen to what I say! Carefully pay attention to what I have spoken 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 tracks.

UST

²⁵ Do not desire to be with any adulterous woman. Indeed, never go with one of them!

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 {Do not do so} because they have ruined the lives of many men. It would be difficult to count all of the men that they have caused to die!

(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 {Going to} an adulterous woman's house is like choosing to become a dead person. Those who enter her bedroom will die as a result.

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 Imagine that everything that is wise is a woman. Surely such a woman calls out {to everyone}. Indeed, imagine that everything that people should understand is a woman. Surely such a woman shouts {these things to people}.

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 head of the heights beside the road, the house of the paths, she stations herself.

UST

² Imagine that this woman stands at the highest place next to the crowded crossroads {where everyone can hear her}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:3

ULT

³ At the hand of the gates, at the mouth of the city, the entrance of the openings, she cries out.

UST

³ Imagine that this woman shouts loudly beside the gates at the entrance to a city.

(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 man.

UST

⁴ {Imagine that she proclaims;} “I am calling out to all of you! I am speaking 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 stupid ones, understand heart.

UST

⁵ You naive people must learn to be prudent. You foolish people must learn how to be discerning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:6**ULT**

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

UST

⁶ Listen {to what I say}, because I will tell you some excellent things. I will speak to 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 {Listen to what I say} because I speak what is true. I detest speaking what is evil.

(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 crooked in them.

UST

⁸ Everything that I say is honest. I do not say anything that is false or that deceives {people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:9**ULT**

⁹ All of them {are} straightforward things for the understanding one and upright things for finders of knowledge.

UST

⁹ Everything that I say is plain for people who understand. {Everything that I say} is right to people who have become knowledgeable.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Take my instruction and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold.

UST

¹⁰ Choose {to learn} what I instruct you instead of silver. Indeed, {choose to learn} what you should know instead of the finest gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ For wisdom {is} better than coral pearls, and all desired things do not compare with her.

UST

¹¹ {Do this} because I, wisdom, am more valuable than precious jewels. I, wisdom, am more valuable than anything you can desire.

What is Wisdom more valuable than?

Wisdom is more valuable than jewels.

Proverbs 8:12**ULT**

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

UST

¹² I am what is wise. I am a close relative to what is prudent. I enable people to know what is discreet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:13**ULT**

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

UST

¹³ Everyone who reverently fears Yahweh hates what is evil. I{, what is wise,} hate it when people are proud or arrogant. I hate it when people act wickedly and when people speak perversely.

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 sound wisdom {are} mine; I {am} understanding; strength {is} mine.

UST

¹⁴ I advise people well and enable them to be truly wise. I am what you need to understand. I strengthen people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ By me kings reign and dignitaries decree righteousness.

UST

¹⁵ I enable kings to rule {well}. {I enable} rulers to make righteous laws.

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, princes rule, and nobles, all judges of righteousness.

UST

¹⁶ I enable princes and nobles to govern {well}. {I enable} every royal official who judges righteously {to do so}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:17**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁷ {I am what is wise, and} I benefit anyone who loves me. Anyone who earnestly tries to become wise will succeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:18**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁸ I enable people to become rich and I cause people to honor those people. {I enable people to have} riches that will last and {I enable people to become} righteous.

(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 even the purest 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 pathways of justice,

UST

²⁰ I {always} do what is righteous and just

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:21**ULT**

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

UST

²¹ in order to give property to people who love me. I will fill up the places where they store valuable items.

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 had me{, what is wise,} when he began to create {everything}. {Indeed, he had me} before he started doing that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:23**ULT**

²³ From eternity I was poured out, ^[1] from the head, from the ancient times of the earth.

UST

²³ Yahweh established me a very long time ago—at the very beginning, before the world existed.

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 watery depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs heavy ^[2] with water.

UST

²⁴ Yahweh revealed me before the oceans existed and before there were springs abounding with water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:25**ULT**

²⁵ Before the mountains were sunk, to the face of the hills, I was brought forth,

UST

²⁵ Yahweh revealed me before he made the mountains {and} before {he made} the hills.

(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 loose soil of the world.

UST

²⁶ {Yahweh revealed me} before he made the land or the fields or the first particles of dirt on the earth.

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 watery deep,

UST

²⁷ I was there when Yahweh made the sky, {and} when he made the boundary between the sky and the ocean's surface.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:28**ULT**

²⁸ when he made firm the clouds above, when the springs of the watery deep became strong,

UST

²⁸ {I was there} when Yahweh made the clouds above {the earth}, {and} when he made the springs flow at the bottom of the ocean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:29**ULT**

²⁹ when he set up for the sea its statute, so waters do not cross over his mouth, when he inscribed the foundations of the earth.

UST

²⁹ {I was there} when Yahweh set boundaries for the seas, so that the water {in the seas} would not go past the boundaries that he commanded. {I was there} when Yahweh made the parts supporting the dry land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:30**ULT**

³⁰ Then I was beside him {as} a skilled worker, and I was a delight day {by} day, frolicking before his face at every time.

UST

³⁰ At that time I was {like} someone who was beside Yahweh, skillfully helping him to create {everything}. I made him happy every day. I was always rejoicing 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 delights {were} with the sons of man.

UST

³¹ {I was} rejoicing in the whole world that Yahweh had made. I was also happy with the people {he had made}.

What was Wisdom's delight?

Wisdom's delight was mankind.

Proverbs 8:32**ULT**

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

UST

³² So now, children, pay attention to what I say! {Do this} because anyone who obeys my teachings will be happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:33**ULT**

³³ Hear instruction, and be wise, and do not neglect {it}.

UST

³³ Listen to what I teach {you}, so that you will become wise. Think about what I teach you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:34**ULT**

³⁴ Happy {is} the man listening to me, keeping vigil over my doors day {by} day, keeping watch {over} the doorposts of my entrances.

UST

³⁴ People who listen to me will be happy. People who are as eager to listen to me as if they were waiting {for me} at the door of my house every day and watching for me to come out {will be happy}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:35**ULT**

³⁵ For a finder of me {is} a finder of life, and he obtains favor from Yahweh.

UST

³⁵ {This is true} because people who learn to be wise will live {well}, and Yahweh will approve of 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 misser of me does violence to his life; all haters of me love death.”

8:23 ^[1]

8:24 ^[2]

UST

³⁶ But those who refuse to be wise hurt themselves. All those who hate to be wise {act like they are people who} would love to die.”

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 Imagine that everything that is wise is a woman. Imagine that this woman has built her own {spacious} house and made seven pillars {to support its roof}.

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 arranged her table.

UST

² {Imagine that she has prepared a meal for guests.} She has prepared the meat {to eat} and wine {to drink}. She has {fully} prepared her table for a meal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:3

ULT

³ She has sent out her young women; she calls out on the tops of the heights of the city.

UST

³ Imagine that this woman has sent out her maids {to invite her dinner guests}. Then she calls out at the highest place in the city {where everyone can hear her}.

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 She tells those who are not wise, “Come into {my house}, all you naive people!

(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 {to me}! Eat the food that I have prepared, and drink the wine that I have prepared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:6**ULT**

⁶ Forsake naive things and live; and stride on the way of understanding.

UST

⁶ Stop acting naively so that you can live {well}. Do what will cause you to learn what you should understand.

What does Wisdom say the untaught should leave behind?

Wisdom says the untaught should leave behind their untaught ways.

Proverbs 9:7**ULT**

⁷ The instructor of a mocker receives disgrace for himself, and the rebuker of a wicked {one}, his injury.

UST

⁷ If you {try to} teach someone who ridicules {other people}, that person will ridicule you. If you correct an evil person, that person 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 {So} do not correct a person who ridicules {other people}. If you do so, then that person will hate you. {However,} if you correct a wise person, that person will love you {for doing so}.

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; inform a righteous {one}, and he will increase learning.

UST

⁹ If you instruct wise people, then they will become even wiser. If you teach righteous people, then they 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 holy things {is} understanding.

UST

¹⁰ If you want to be wise, you must start by revering Yahweh, and {only} by knowing what is holy will you understand {which teachings are wise and true}.

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 Indeed, by me your days will increase, and years of life will be added to you.

UST

¹¹ Surely being wise will cause you to live for many more years.

(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 Any wise person benefits himself from being wise, just as anyone who ridicules {other people} will personally suffer for doing so."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:13**ULT**

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

UST

¹³ Foolish women speak loudly, act naively, and are very ignorant.

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 {by} the heights of the city,

UST

¹⁴ They sit at the doors of the places where they dwell. {They sit} on seats at the highest place in the city {where everyone can hear them}.

(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 {They sit there} in order to call out to the people who are walking past them. {They call out to} those walking down the road, who are only concerned 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 They tell those who are not wise, "Come into {my house}, all you naive people!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:17**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁷ {Come to me, because having sex with someone to whom you are not married is} as sweet as water that you have stolen. Indeed, {it is} as delicious as food that you eat 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 But he does not know that the spirits of the dead {are} there; in the depths of Sheol {are} her called ones.

UST

¹⁸ But men who go to the houses of such women are not aware that the men who have gone there before have died. {They are not aware} that the guests of such women are now in the deepest parts of the place where dead people are.

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 gladdens a father, but a stupid son {is} the grief of his mother.

UST

¹ {These are more} wise sayings {said} by Solomon: Wise children make their fathers glad, but foolish children make their mothers 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 people acquire by acting wickedly will not benefit them, but people who act righteously prevent themselves from dying {too soon}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:3

ULT

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

UST

³ Yahweh prevents righteous people from starving, but he prevents wicked people from getting 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 idleness makes poverty, but the hand of the diligent ones makes rich.

UST

⁴ People who are lazy become poor, but people 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 has insight, but one who sleeps in the harvest {is} a son who acts shamefully.

UST

⁵ Sons who collect crops at the right time are insightful, but sons who sleep during the time to harvest crops are shameful.

(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 God blesses righteous people; but what wicked people say {sometimes} prevents others from knowing about the violent acts {that they do}.

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 People will be happy when they remember righteous people, but people will forget wicked people as if they were something that decays {and disappears}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:8**ULT**

⁸ The one wise of heart receives commands, but the one stupid of lips will be thrown down.

UST

⁸ People who think wisely are willing to obey the {good} things that people tell them to do, but people who speak foolishly destroy themselves.

What will happen to a talkative fool?

A talkative fool will come to ruin.

Proverbs 10:9**ULT**

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

UST

⁹ People who behave honestly will live safely; but God will catch people who behave deceitfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ One who winks an eye gives pain, and the one foolish of lips will be thrown down.

UST

¹⁰ People who gesture with their eyes {to deceive others} hurt {people}, and people who speak foolishly destroy themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ A fountain of life {is} the mouth of the righteous one, but the mouth of the wicked ones covers violence.

UST

¹¹ What righteous people say is like a spring that enables people to live long and well; but what wicked people say prevents others from knowing about the violent acts {that they do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:12**ULT**

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

UST

¹² When people hate others, they argue with each other; but when people love others, they forgive people for the wrong things that they do.

What does love cover?

Love covers over all offenses.

Proverbs 10:13**ULT**

¹³ On the lips of the discerning one, wisdom is found, but a rod {is} for the back of the one lacking of heart.

UST

¹³ Discerning people say what is wise, but someone must punish people who do not think wisely.

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 ones 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 start to destroy things.

(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 What rich people own keeps them safe like a strong wall keeps a city safe, but poor people suffer much because they are poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:16**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁶ God rewards righteous people by allowing them to live {for a long time}, but God recompenses wicked people by punishing them for sinning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ {On} a path to life {is} one who keeps instruction, but one who forsakes rebuke goes astray.

UST

¹⁷ People who heed what is instructive will live for a long time; but people who do not let others correct them do what will destroy them.

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 {has} lips of falsehood, and one who causes an evil report to go forth, he {is} a stupid one.

UST

¹⁸ People who hate {others} but pretend that they do not {hate them} speak falsely. People who slander others 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 insightful.

UST

¹⁹ People who talk a lot sin a lot; but people who refrain from speaking {unnecessarily} are wise.

What is not lacking when there are many words?

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

Proverbs 10:20**ULT**

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

UST

²⁰ What righteous people say is {as valuable as} the best silver; {but} what wicked people think is worthless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:21**ULT**

²¹ The lips of the righteous one shepherd many, but fools die by lack of heart.

UST

²¹ What righteous people say benefits many people, but foolish people die because they do not think wisely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:22**ULT**

²² The blessing of Yahweh, it causes riches, and striving does not add {more} with it.

UST

²² When people become wealthy, {it is because} Yahweh has blessed them, and working harder will not make them to become wealthier.

What do the good gifts of Yahweh bring?

The good gifts of Yahweh bring wealth.

Proverbs 10:23**ULT**

²³ Like laughter for a stupid one {is} doing a wicked plan, but wisdom, for a man of understanding.

UST

²³ Foolish people enjoy doing the wicked things that they planned {to do}, but sensible people enjoy doing what is wise.

(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 Wicked people will experience what frightens them; but righteous people will receive what they want.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:25**ULT**

²⁵ When a whirlwind passes over, then there is no {more} wicked, but a righteous one {is} a foundation of eternity.

UST

²⁵ When something disastrous happens, it destroys wicked people, but righteous people 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 Lazy people irritate people who send them {to do something for them}, like vinegar irritates teeth and smoke irritates eyes.

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 add days, but the years of the wicked ones will be short.

UST

²⁷ People who revere Yahweh will live for a long time, but wicked people will live for only a short time.

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 What righteous people hope for will make them joyful, but what wicked people hope for will not happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:29**ULT**

²⁹ A stronghold for the one with integrity {is} the way of Yahweh, but ruin for doers of iniquity.

UST

²⁹ Yahweh protects honest people like a fortress because they live the way that he directs people to live, but not living that way destroys people who act sinfully.

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 falter to eternity, but wicked ones will not dwell {in} the land.

UST

³⁰ Righteous people will always be secure, but wicked people will never live in our land.

(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 Righteous people say what is wise, but Yahweh will stop people from speaking who speak perversely.

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 Righteous people know good things to say, but wicked people {continually} say things that are not true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11

Proverbs 11:1

ULT

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

UST

¹ Yahweh detests {people} using weighing instruments in order to deceive others, but it pleases him when people use correct weights {on their weighing instruments}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:2

ULT

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

UST

² When people act proudly, they will soon disgrace themselves, but humble people are wise.

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 Upright people know what to do because they are honest, but being deceitful will ruin treacherous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:4**ULT**

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

UST

⁴ What people own will not help them when Yahweh punishes {wicked people}, but he will not kill those who live righteously.

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 by his wickedness, a wicked one will fall.

UST

⁵ Being righteous will cause innocent people to live securely, but being wicked will ruin those who act wickedly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:6**ULT**

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

UST

⁶ Being righteous will cause people who act uprightly to escape {harm}, but desiring {bad} things will cause people who act treacherously to trap themselves.

What traps the treacherous (wicked)?

The treacherous are trapped by their cravings.

Proverbs 11:7**ULT**

⁷ At the death of a wicked man expectation will perish, and the hope of strength perishes.

UST

⁷ When wicked people die, what they hoped for never happens; they hoped that being strong would benefit them, but it will not.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:8**ULT**

⁸ A righteous {one} is drawn away from distress, and a wicked {one} enters instead of him.

UST

⁸ Yahweh rescues righteous people from becoming distressed; but wicked people will become distressed instead.

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} destroys his neighbor, but with knowledge, the righteous will be delivered.

UST

⁹ People who reject God ruin other people by what they say, but what righteous people know will cause them to escape.

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 a city exults; and when the wicked perish, a shout of joy.

UST

¹⁰ People in a city rejoice when the righteous people {there} prosper, and they shout joyously when wicked people die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ With the blessing of the upright a city is raised up, but with the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.

UST

¹¹ A city becomes great when people who act uprightly bless {the people there}, but what people who act wickedly say destroys that city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:12**ULT**

¹² One despising his neighbor {is} lacking of heart, but a man of understandings will keep quiet.

UST

¹² People who {openly} detest someone they know are not thinking wisely; but understanding people say nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:13**ULT**

¹³ One going about {with} gossip uncovers a secret, but one faithful of spirit covers a matter.

UST

¹³ People who go around gossiping tell {others} what is secret, but trustworthy people will keep a matter private.

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 falls, but salvation {is} in an abundance of counsel.

UST

¹⁴ Not having anyone to guide a group of people will ruin them, but having many people to advise them will keep that group secure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ One will be harmed {with} harm if he pledges for a stranger, but one hating hand clasps {is} secure.

UST

¹⁵ People who guarantee {to pay a debt} for someone they do not know will surely suffer, but people who avoid agreeing {to do such a thing} will be safe.

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 the ruthless will grasp riches.

UST

¹⁶ People honor a gracious woman, but cruel men {only} get wealth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ A man of covenant faithfulness completes his soul, but a cruel {one} troubles his flesh.

UST

¹⁷ People who are faithfully kind greatly benefit themselves, but cruel people hurt themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ A wicked {one} makes a wage of falsehood, but {one} sowing righteousness, a wage of truth.

UST

¹⁸ People who act wickedly falsely believe that they have gained {something good}, but God truly rewards people who do what is right.

How does a wicked person get his wages?

A wicked person lies to get his wages.

Proverbs 11:19**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁹ People who truly act righteously will live {well}, but people who eagerly do what is evil will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ An abomination to Yahweh {is} the crooked of heart, but his delight {is} the blameless of way.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh detests people who think deceitfully, but people who act blamelessly please him.

In whom does Yahweh delight?

Yahweh delights in those whose ways are blameless.

Proverbs 11:21**ULT**

²¹ Hand to hand, a wicked {one} will not remain blameless, but the seed of the righteous will safely escape.

UST

²¹ It is certain that Yahweh will punish wicked people, and that he will not punish those who belong to the righteous group.

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 turning away {from} discretion.

UST

²² {It is as unsuitable for} a beautiful woman to refuse to act discreetly {as it is for} a pig to have a gold ring in its snout.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:23**ULT**

²³ The desire of the righteous {is} only good; the expectation of the wicked {is} rage.

UST

²³ When righteous people get what they want, it results in only good things, but when wicked people get what they hope for, it results in {Yahweh} being angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:24**ULT**

²⁴ There is a scatterer yet being added to more, and {one} withholding more than {what is} right, yet to poverty.

UST

²⁴ Some people generously share {what they have with others} but they receive even more. Other people keep more {of what they have} than they should keep but they still become 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, he also will be drenched.

UST

²⁵ People who generously bless others will prosper; and people who generously give others what the others need will also receive everything that they need.

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 One withholding grain, people will curse him, but a blessing {is} for the head of the seller.

UST

²⁶ People curse anyone who {selfishly} hoards grain {instead of selling it}, but they bless people who sell it {when others need it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:27**ULT**

²⁷ One diligently seeking good seeks favor, but one searching {for} evil, it will come {to} him.

UST

²⁷ If you sincerely want to do what is right, people will treat you well, but evil things happen to people who try to do what is evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:28**ULT**

²⁸ One trusting in his riches, he himself will fall, but like a leaf, the righteous will sprout.

UST

²⁸ People who depend on their money will not be successful, but righteous people will thrive like a green plant.

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 troubling his house will inherit wind, and a fool {will be} a slave to the wise of heart.

UST

²⁹ People who trouble their families will not inherit anything, and people who act foolishly will serve people who think wisely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:30**ULT**

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

UST

³⁰ What righteous people say and do is {like} a tree {with fruit} that keeps people alive, and people who persuade others {to be righteous} are wise.

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 a sinner!

UST

³¹ Pay attention! Righteous people on the earth will get what they deserve; but even more so, wicked, sinful people will {also} get 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 The lover of correction loves knowledge, but the hater of rebuke {is} stupid.

UST

¹ People who love other people correcting them {also} love {learning} what they should know. But people who hate other people correcting them are foolish.

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 people who are good, but he condemns people who plan to do what is evil.

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 will not be shaken.

UST

³ People do not become secure by acting wickedly, but righteous people are {as secure as} a tree with immovable roots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:4**ULT**

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

UST

⁴ A virtuous wife causes people to praise her husband, but a disgraceful wife {destroys her husband} 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 plans of the righteous {are} justice; the directions of the wicked {are} deceit.

UST

⁵ Righteous people plan {to treat people} fairly; wicked people advise {people} in order to deceive {them}.

What kind of advice do the wicked give?

The wicked give deceitful advice.

Proverbs 12:6**ULT**

⁶ The words of the wicked lie in wait {for} blood, but the mouth of the upright will deliver them.

UST

⁶ What wicked people say {is like a trap that} kills people {who pass by}; but what upright people say will enable them to escape.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:7**ULT**

⁷ The wicked are overthrown, and they are naught, but the house of the righteous will stand.

UST

⁷ Yahweh destroys wicked people and they disappear, but the families of righteous people will continue.

What happens to the house of those who do right?

The house of those who do right will stand.

Proverbs 12:8**ULT**

⁸ For the mouth of his insight a man will be praised, but {one} twisted of heart will be for contempt.

UST

⁸ People will praise someone according to how insightful that person is, but people will despise someone who thinks perversely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:9**ULT**

⁹ Better {is} being disrespected and having a servant than honoring oneself and lacking bread.

UST

⁹ It is better to be a lowly person yet have a servant than to think that you are important yet have no food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:10**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁰ Righteous people care for their animals, but even when wicked people {think that they} act compassionately, they act cruelly.

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 People who work hard will have enough food {to eat}, but people who waste time doing worthless things do not think wisely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:12**ULT**

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

UST

¹² Wicked people want what evil people steal, but righteous people benefit {others} like a tree with deep roots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:13**ULT**

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

UST

¹³ The sinful things that wicked people say will destroy them, but righteous people escape from 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 accomplishment of the hands of a man will return to him.

UST

¹⁴ The {good} things that people say {to others} will {also} satisfy them with what is good; what people work hard to accomplish will {also} benefit them.

(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 {always} think that what they are doing is right; but wise people listen to what other people advise {them to do}.

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 People know immediately when foolish people are angry; but smart people ignore it when someone disrespects them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:17**ULT**

¹⁷ He who breathes out faithfulness tells righteousness, but a witness of falsehoods, deceit.

UST

¹⁷ People who naturally say what is true speak righteously, but witnesses who say what is false speak deceitfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:18**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁸ When people speak without thinking {about what to say}, they hurt others like someone who stabs people with a sword, but what wise people say helps people heal.

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 as long as I would blink.

UST

¹⁹ What people say truthfully will last forever, but what people say falsely will {only} last for a moment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:20**ULT**

²⁰ Deceit {is} in the heart of devisers of evil, but joy {is} for advisers of peace.

UST

²⁰ People who plan to act evilly think deceitfully, but people who advise others to act peacefully will be joyful.

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, but the wicked are full of evil.

UST

²¹ Bad things {usually} do not happen to righteous people, but wicked people will experience many bad things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:22**ULT**

²² An abomination to Yahweh {are} lips of falsehood, but doers of faithfulness {are} his delight.

UST

²² Yahweh detests people who speak falsely, but people who act faithfully please him.

What does Yahweh hate?

Yahweh hates lying lips.

Proverbs 12:23**ULT**

²³ A prudent man covers knowledge, but the heart of the stupid calls out folly.

UST

²³ Smart people do not reveal {all of} what they know, but foolish people shout out foolish things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:24**ULT**

²⁴ The hand of the diligent will rule, but an idle one will become a forced laborer.

UST

²⁴ People who work hard will reign {over others}, but lazy people will become forced laborers.

To what will the lazy be subject?

The lazy will be subject to forced labor.

Proverbs 12:25**ULT**

²⁵ Concern in the heart of a man weighs it down, but a good word gladdens it.

UST

²⁵ When people worry, they feel sad, but when others speak kindly to them, it causes them to be cheerful again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:26**ULT**

²⁶ A righteous {one} searches out from his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

UST

²⁶ Righteous people guide their friends {in the right way to live}, but by living wickedly, wicked people destroy themselves.

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 animals that they catch, but people who work hard value their possessions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:28**ULT**

²⁸ In the path of righteousness {is} life, and the way of the beaten path {is} no death.

UST

²⁸ People who do what is righteous will live {for a long time}. Indeed, people who do so will not die {too soon}.

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 mocking {one} does not listen to rebuke.

UST

¹ Wise children pay attention when their fathers instruct them, but people who ridicule {other people} do not pay attention when people correct {them}.

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, violence.

UST

² The {good} things that people say are {like} good food to them, and the violent things that treacherous people do are {like} food for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:3

ULT

³ One guarding his mouth keeps his life; one opening his lips, ruin for him.

UST

³ People who are careful about what they say enable themselves to stay alive, {but} people who speak carelessly destroy themselves.

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 will be fattened.

UST

⁴ Lazy people want things very much and get very little, but people who work hard will receive everything that they want.

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 embarrassment.

UST

⁵ Righteous people detest speaking falsely, but what wicked people do is disgusting and disgraceful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:6**ULT**

⁶ Righteousness guards the blameless of way, but wickedness leads a sinful one astray.

UST

⁶ Acting righteously enables people who act blamelessly to be safe, but acting wickedly causes sinful people to do what will destroy them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:7**ULT**

⁷ There is one pretending to be rich but there is nothing {at} all; one pretending to be poor but much wealth.

UST

⁷ Some people act as if they are wealthy while they are {actually} poor. Other people act as if they are poor while they are {actually} wealthy.

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 a poor one does not hear a rebuke.

UST

⁸ Rich people {might} have to pay money {to someone who threatens them} in order to stay alive, but poor people do not {even} listen when someone threatens them.

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 will be glad, but the lamp of the wicked goes out.

UST

⁹ Righteous people live joyfully like a light {that shines brightly}, but wicked people {will merely die} like an oil lamp that stops burning {oil}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ With presumptuousness comes only contention, but with those who are counseled, wisdom.

UST

¹⁰ People who act proudly cause people to argue, but people who let others advise them cause people to be wise.

What does pride breed?

Pride breeds only conflict.

Proverbs 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ Wealth from emptiness will dwindle, but one gathering by hand will increase.

UST

¹¹ Riches that people gain effortlessly will disappear, but people who gain {riches} by working steadily will increase {their riches}.

How does wealth dwindle away?

Wealth dwindles away when there is too much vanity.

Proverbs 13:12**ULT**

¹² Hope deferred makes a heart sick, but a desire fulfilled {is} a tree of life.

UST

¹² People despair when they do not receive what they have been hoping to receive, but when people receive what they have been wanting to receive, they feel like they have everything that they need.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:13**ULT**

¹³ One despising a word, it will go badly for him, but {one} fearing a command, that one will be rewarded.

UST

¹³ People who detest what others {try to} teach them will suffer {for doing so}, but God will reward those people who respect what he has commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The law of the wise {is} a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.

UST

¹⁴ What wise people teach continuously benefits people throughout their lives. It enables people to avoid dangerous things that could kill them.

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 treacherous ones {is} permanent.

UST

¹⁵ People approve of people who are very insightful, but treacherous people are stubborn in the way that they live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Every prudent {one} acts with knowledge, but a stupid person displays folly.

UST

¹⁶ All clever people think carefully before they do something, but foolish people show that they are foolish {by how they act}.

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 {causes} healing.

UST

¹⁷ Bad things happen to messengers who are not reliable, but reliable messengers make people peaceful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Poverty and shame {are for} one avoiding correction, but one keeping a rebuke will be honored.

UST

¹⁸ People who do not let other people correct them will become poor and ashamed, but people respect those who let other people rebuke them {for any bad behavior}.

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 the stupid {is} turning away from evil.

UST

¹⁹ People feel pleasant when they get what they want, but foolish people detest refusing to do what is evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ One walking with wise ones will become wise, but one associating with stupid ones will be harmed.

UST

²⁰ People who associate with wise people will become wise {themselves}, but people who are companions of foolish people will suffer.

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 the sinful, but goodness will reward the righteous.

UST

²¹ Bad things happen to sinful people, but good things happen to righteous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:22**ULT**

²² The good will cause sons of sons to inherit, but the wealth of a sinner is stored up for the righteous.

UST

²² Good people will leave riches for their grandchildren {when they die}, but righteous people will receive the riches that sinful people have saved.

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 in} the unplowed field of poor ones, but there is {food} being swept away by no justice.

UST

²³ Poor people have fields that can produce a lot of food, but unjust people take it away {from them}.

(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 diligently seeks him {with} discipline.

UST

²⁴ Parents who do not punish their children {for bad behavior act as if they} hate their children, but parents who {truly} love their children are careful to discipline them.

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} eating to the satisfaction of his appetite, but the stomach of the wicked will lack.

UST

²⁵ Righteous people have enough {food} to eat and satisfy themselves, but wicked people will be 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 wisest of women builds her house, but a foolish woman tears it down with her hands.

UST

¹ The wisest women help their families to thrive, but foolish women ruin their families by {the foolish} things that they do.

What does a wise woman do?

A wise woman builds her house.

Proverbs 14:2

ULT

² The one walking in his uprightness fears Yahweh, but the one crooked in his ways despises him.

UST

² People who behave uprightly {show that they} greatly revere Yahweh, but people who behave deceptively {show that they} detest 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 What foolish people say causes others to punish them for being proud, but what wise people say protects them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:4**ULT**

⁴ Where there are no cattle {is} a trough of cleanness, but an abundance of produce {is} by the strength of an ox.

UST

⁴ If a man has no oxen {to plow his field}, he does not need to put grain in their feedbox, but if he has oxen, they will enable {him to produce} an abundant 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 Honest witnesses do not lie, but dishonest witnesses lie easily.

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 the understanding one.

UST

⁶ People who ridicule {other people} try to become wise and fail to do so, but people who understand {what is right} learn things easily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:7**ULT**

⁷ Go before a man of stupidity, and you will not know lips of knowledge.

UST

⁷ If you associate with foolish people, you will not learn {anything} from knowledgeable people.

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} is to understand his way, but the folly of the stupid {is} deceit.

UST

⁸ People who have good sense know that it is wise to understand {the consequences of} what they do, but stupid people deceive {themselves and others}, which is foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:9**ULT**

⁹ The foolish mock the guilt offering, but among the upright {is} favor.

UST

⁹ Foolish people scorn people who make amends with Yahweh after sinning, but Yahweh approves of people who do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ A heart knows the bitterness of itself, and in its joy a stranger will not share.

UST

¹⁰ Only you truly know how miserable you are, and only you truly know how joyful you are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.

UST

¹¹ The families of wicked people will die out, but the families of upright people will thrive.

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 straight road to the face of a man, but its end {is} the ways of death.

UST

¹² There is a way to do things that is easy and convenient for people, but in the end, doing things that way will cause them to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:13**ULT**

¹³ Even in laughter a heart may ache, and the end of joy {may be} grief.

UST

¹³ People who are laughing may still be suffering, and people who feel joyful may ultimately feel sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ A backsliding heart will be filled from his ways, but a good man, from his deeds.

UST

¹⁴ People who refuse {to live righteously} will receive {from Yahweh} what they deserve {from living that way}; and good people {will also receive from Yahweh} what they deserve {from living the good way}.

What will someone who is not faithful get?

Someone who is not faithful will get what his ways deserve.

Proverbs 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ A naive one believes every word, but a prudent {one} considers his step.

UST

¹⁵ Naive people believe whatever people say, but smart people think carefully about what they do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ A wise {one} fears and turns away from trouble, but a stupid {one} interferes and is confident.

UST

¹⁶ Wise people are careful and avoid doing things that annoy {others}, but foolish people confidently interfere {in other people's business}.

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 folly, and a man of schemes is hated.

UST

¹⁷ People who quickly become angry act foolishly, and people hate those who plan to do evil things.

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 Simpletons inherit folly, but the prudent will wear a crown of knowledge.

UST

¹⁸ Naive people only acquire foolish habits, but the reward for clever people is what they know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The evil will bow down before the face of the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous one.

UST

¹⁹ {Some day} evil people will {respectfully} bow in front of good people, and wicked people will bow at the doors of {the houses where} righteous people {dwell}.

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 Even the friends of poor people despise them, but rich people have many friends.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:21**ULT**

²¹ The one despising his neighbor sins, but the one who shows favor to the lowly, happy {is} he.

UST

²¹ It is sinful to despise your {poor} neighbors, but God is pleased with those who do kind things for poor people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:22**ULT**

²² Do not devisers of evil go astray? But covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness {are} devisers of good.

UST

²² People who plan to act wickedly are surely doing the wrong thing with their lives, but people who plan to do what is good are faithful and trustworthy people.

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 lack.

UST

²³ If people work hard, they will gain from it, but if people {only} talk, they will remain poor.

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 folly of stupid ones {is} folly.

UST

²⁴ A reward of being wise is to become rich, but because stupid people are foolish, they {only} become more foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:25**ULT**

²⁵ A witness of truth rescues lives, but a fraud breathes out lies.

UST

²⁵ Truthful witnesses save people from dying, but deceptive people tell lies {that cause harm to people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:26**ULT**

²⁶ In the fear of Yahweh {is} strong confidence, and for his sons he will be a refuge.

UST

²⁶ People who revere Yahweh are completely confident {that he will protect them}. Yahweh will also protect their 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 Reverently fearing Yahweh is like having a refreshing spring that enables people to live well. It enables people to avoid what could kill them.

What is a fountain of life?

The fear of Yahweh is a fountain of life.

Proverbs 14:28**ULT**

²⁸ With the abundance of people {is} the majesty of a king, but with the end of the populace {comes} the ruin of the potentate.

UST

²⁸ Kings who rule over many people are glorious, but rulers who have no people {to rule over} have nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:29**ULT**

²⁹ One long of nostrils {is} abundant {in} understanding, but one short of spirit lifts up folly.

UST

²⁹ People who do not become angry quickly are very wise, but people who become angry quickly show everyone how foolish they are.

Who exalts folly?

The quick to get angry exalts folly.

Proverbs 14:30**ULT**

³⁰ A heart of healing {is} life to bodies, but envy {is} the decay of bones.

UST

³⁰ Feeling peaceful makes a person's body healthy, but envying others {makes a person's body unhealthy, like something that} rots a person's bones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:31**ULT**

³¹ An oppressor of a lowly one taunts his maker, but one showing favor to a needy one honors him.

UST

³¹ People who make poor people suffer ridicule Yahweh, who made them, but people who are kind to needy people respect Yahweh.

Who curses his Maker by his actions?

The one who oppresses the poor curses his Maker.

Proverbs 14:32**ULT**

³² By his evil the wicked {one} is thrust down, but the righteous {one} finds refuge in his death.

UST

³² Wicked people destroy themselves by doing evil things, but righteous people are safe {even} when they die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:33**ULT**

³³ In the heart of the understanding one rests wisdom, and in the midst of the stupid she will be known.

UST

³³ Understanding people think wisely, but when one is among foolish people what is wise is {especially} obvious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:34**ULT**

³⁴ Righteousness raises a nation, but sin {is} shame for peoples.

UST

³⁴ Acting righteously makes a country great, but acting sinfully disgraces communities.

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 has insight, but his rage is {for} one who acts shamefully.

UST

³⁵ Insightful servants please their kings, but kings are furious with {servants} who act disgracefully.

(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 Replying gently to angry people will calm them, but speaking harshly {to them} will make them angrier.

What turns away wrath?

A gentle answer turns away wrath.

Proverbs 15:2

ULT

² The tongue of the wise makes knowledge good, but the mouth of the stupid gushes forth folly.

UST

² What wise people say makes others want to know more, but foolish people constantly say what is foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:3

ULT

³ The eyes of Yahweh {are} in every place, watching the evil and the good.

UST

³ Yahweh sees everything that is happening; he observes both evil people and good people.

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 crookedness in it {is} a breaking in the spirit.

UST

⁴ What people say soothingly is {like} a tree {with fruit} that enables people to live well, but what people say deceitfully makes people despair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:5**ULT**

⁵ A fool despises the correction of his father, but one who keeps rebuke is prudent.

UST

⁵ Foolish people detest what their fathers say to correct them, but people who let others rebuke them are clever.

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 {has} much treasure, but in the harvest of the wicked is being troubled.

UST

⁶ Righteous people have houses that contain a lot of riches, but what wicked people gain disrupts them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:7**ULT**

⁷ The lips of the wise scatter knowledge, but the heart of the stupid {is} not so.

UST

⁷ What wise people say informs others of what they should know, but what foolish people think does not do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:8**ULT**

⁸ The sacrifice of the wicked {is} an abomination to Yahweh, but the prayer of the upright {is} his delight.

UST

⁸ Yahweh detests the sacrifices that wicked people offer {to him}, but he delights in the prayers of upright people.

What kind of sacrifice does Yahweh hate?

Yahweh hates the sacrifice of the wicked.

Proverbs 15:9**ULT**

⁹ An abomination to Yahweh {is} the way of the wicked, but a pursuer of righteousness he loves.

UST

⁹ Yahweh detests what wicked people do, but he loves people who diligently try to do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Severe discipline {is} for one who forsakes the path; one who hates rebuke will die.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh will severely punish people who refuse to live righteously, {and} people who refuse to let other people correct them will perish.

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 man!

UST

¹¹ Yahweh knows everything about the place where dead people are, so he surely knows everything that everyone thinks!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:12**ULT**

¹² A mocker does not love one who rebukes him; to the wise, he will not go.

UST

¹² People who ridicule others despise anyone who corrects them; they avoid wise people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:13**ULT**

¹³ A joyful heart makes a face glad, but by pain of heart, a spirit {is} stricken.

UST

¹³ People smile when they are happy, but feeling sad can make people despair.

What makes the face cheerful?

A joyful heart makes the face cheerful.

Proverbs 15:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The heart of the understanding one seeks knowledge, but the mouth of the stupid feeds on folly.

UST

¹⁴ Sensible people are always trying to learn more, but foolish people satisfy themselves with what is foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:15**ULT**

¹⁵ All the days of the afflicted {are} evil, but the good of heart {has} a feast continually.

UST

¹⁵ People who suffer experience bad things every day, but cheerful people live as though they are always feasting.

(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 anxiety with it.

UST

¹⁶ Being poor while reverently fearing Yahweh is better than being rich while worrying.

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 portion of vegetables and love there than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

UST

¹⁷ It is better for someone to have a small meal of vegetables with people who love each other than to have a large meal of good meat with people who hate each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:18**ULT**

¹⁸ A man of heat stirs up a quarrel, but one long of nostrils will quiet a dispute.

UST

¹⁸ People who easily become angry cause people to argue, but people who do not easily become angry will help people to be peaceful.

What kind of person quiets a quarrel?

A person who is slow to anger quiets a quarrel.

Proverbs 15:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The way of the lazy {is} like a hedge of brier, but the path of the upright {is} a built-up highway.

UST

¹⁹ Lazy people are {unproductive} like people walking through thorny plants, but upright people are {productive} {like people} walking on a level road.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:20**ULT**

²⁰ A wise son gladdens a father, but a stupid man despises his mother.

UST

²⁰ Wise sons and daughters make their parents happy, but any sons or daughters who detest their parents are foolish.

What does a wise son bring to his father?

A wise son brings joy to his father.

Proverbs 15:21**ULT**

²¹ Folly {is} a joy to the lacking of heart, but the man of understanding makes to go straight.

UST

²¹ People who are not wise enjoy acting foolishly, but understanding people do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:22**ULT**

²² Plans are broken with no counsel, but with a multitude of advisers, it will stand.

UST

²² People will not accomplish what they plan to do if there is no one to advise them {well}, but when many people advise them {well}, they will succeed.

What causes plans to succeed?

Numerous advisers cause plans to succeed.

Proverbs 15:23**ULT**

²³ Joy {is} for the man in the answer of his mouth, and how good {is} a word in its time.

UST

²³ People rejoice when they answer someone aptly. It is so good to say something at the right time!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:24**ULT**

²⁴ The path of life {is} upward for the insightful one, in order to turn away from Sheol below.

UST

²⁴ Insightful people live in a way that causes their lives to become increasingly better, in order for them to avoid living in a way that would result in dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:25**ULT**

²⁵ Yahweh will tear down the house of the proud, but he will set up the boundary of the widow.

UST

²⁵ Yahweh will destroy what proud people own, but he protects the {few} things that widows own.

What does Yahweh tear down?

Yahweh tears down the legacy of the proud.

Proverbs 15:26**ULT**

²⁶ Evil thoughts {are} an abomination to Yahweh, but words of pleasantness {are} pure ones.

UST

²⁶ Yahweh detests the evil things that people think, but the pleasing things that people say are pure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:27**ULT**

²⁷ One who unjustly gains unjust gain troubles his house, but one who hates bribes will live.

UST

²⁷ People who gain wealth in an unjust manner trouble their families, but people who refuse bribes will live {in a better way}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:28**ULT**

²⁸ The heart of the righteous considers {how} to answer, but the mouth of the wicked gushes forth evils.

UST

²⁸ Righteous people think carefully about how to reply to people, but wicked people quickly say what is evil.

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 the wicked, but the prayer of the righteous, he hears.

UST

²⁹ Yahweh does not listen to {what} wicked people {request him to do}, but he listens {and responds} when righteous people pray {to him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:30**ULT**

³⁰ The luminary of the eyes gladdens the heart; good news fattens the bone.

UST

³⁰ People feel happy when they see someone smile, {and} people feel healthy when they hear something good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:31**ULT**

³¹ An ear hearing the rebuke of life will lodge in the midst of the wise ones.

UST

³¹ People who begin to behave in a more life-giving way when others rebuke them {for behaving badly} show that they belong to the group of wise people.

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 avoids correction rejects his life, but one who hears rebuke acquires heart.

UST

³² People who refuse to let others correct them {act as if they} despise themselves, but people who listen when others rebuke them think wisely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:33**ULT**

³³ The fear of Yahweh {is} instruction of wisdom, and to the face of honor {is} humility.

UST

³³ Revering Yahweh teaches people to be wise, and people must be humble before other people can respect them.

What comes before honor?

Humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 16

Proverbs 16:1

ULT

¹ The arrangements of the heart {are} a man's, but the answer of the tongue {is} from Yahweh.

UST

¹ People plan what they want {to say}, but Yahweh determines how they will {actually} speak.

(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 examines spirits.

UST

² People think that everything that they do is right, but Yahweh knows why people do what they do.

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 to Yahweh your works, and your plans will be established.

UST

³ Entrust what you do to Yahweh, and he will make what you plan {to do} succeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:4

ULT

⁴ Yahweh has made all for its purpose and even a wicked {one} for the day of evil.

UST

⁴ When Yahweh made everything, he planned what would happen to each thing. He has even made wicked people for the time when he will punish them.

For what has Yahweh made everything?

Yahweh has made everything for its purpose.

Proverbs 16:5**ULT**

⁵ An abomination to Yahweh {is} each one high of heart, hand to hand he will not remain blameless.

UST

⁵ Yahweh detests all proud people; he will certainly punish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:6**ULT**

⁶ By covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness, iniquity is atoned {for}, and by the fear of Yahweh, one turns away from evil.

UST

⁶ Be loyal to Yahweh and faithfully obey him; if you do that, he will forgive you for having sinned. People who revere Yahweh will avoid 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 be at peace with him.

UST

⁷ When Yahweh approves of what people do, he even causes their enemies to be peaceful with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:8**ULT**

⁸ Better {is} a little with righteousness than an abundance of produce with no justice.

UST

⁸ It is better {for someone} to have {just} a few things while being righteous, than {for someone} to have a lot of crops while being unjust.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:9**ULT**

⁹ The heart of a man plans his way, but Yahweh establishes his step.

UST

⁹ People plan what they want to do, but Yahweh determines what they will {actually} do.

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 must not act unfaithfully.

UST

¹⁰ Kings speak for God; when kings judge, they must {always} speak justly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ A scale with the two balances of justice {belong} to Yahweh; all the stones of the bag {are} his work.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh made accurate weighing instruments {for us to use honestly}. Indeed, he made all the stones in the {weighing} bag {so that we would use them honestly}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:12**ULT**

¹² An abomination of kings {is} doing wickedness, for by righteousness is a throne established.

UST

¹² Kings {should} detest any wicked thing that people do because acting righteously causes kings to rule securely.

How is a throne established?

A throne is established by doing what is right.

Proverbs 16:13**ULT**

¹³ The delight of kings {is} lips of righteousness, and he loves one who speaks upright things.

UST

¹³ {Ideally,} kings enjoy hearing people speak honestly. Indeed, they love people who say what is true.

(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 atone {for} it.

UST

¹⁴ When kings are angry, they cause people to die, so wise people will appease them.

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 cloud of spring rain.

UST

¹⁵ When kings are happy, they let people live; when they approve of people, it is as refreshing as rain in springtime.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:16**ULT**

¹⁶ How better {it is} to acquire wisdom than gold, and to acquire understanding is to be chosen {more} than silver.

UST

¹⁶ Becoming wise is better than having gold. Indeed, it is better to choose to become understanding than to have 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 away from evil; one who protects his life guards his way.

UST

¹⁷ Upright people act in a way that avoids doing what is evil; people who want to stay alive are careful about what they do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:18**ULT**

¹⁸ To the face of a breaking {is} pride, and to the face of a stumbling {is} a height of spirit.

UST

¹⁸ Being proud causes people to destroy themselves. Indeed, being arrogant causes people to ruin themselves.

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 share a portion {of} spoil {with} proud ones.

UST

¹⁹ It is better to live humbly among poor people than to {live proudly and} receive some of what proud people have taken from others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:20**ULT**

²⁰ One who comprehends concerning a matter will find good, and one who trusts in Yahweh, he {is} happy.

UST

²⁰ People who act prudently in a matter will succeed, and people who trust in Yahweh are happy.

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 The wise of heart will be called an understanding one, and the sweetness of lips increases learning.

UST

²¹ People will call those who think wisely, “understanding ones,” and people who speak pleasantly are able to teach others effectively.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:22**ULT**

²² A fountain of life {is} the insight of its owner, but the instruction of fools {is} folly.

UST

²² Being insightful allows a person to live well continually, but foolish people can only teach others to be foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:23**ULT**

²³ The heart of the wise makes his mouth insightful, and on his lips it increases learning.

UST

²³ What wise people think causes them to speak insightfully, and what those people say causes others to learn.

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 A dripping of honey {are} words of pleasantness, sweet to the soul and healing to the bone.

UST

²⁴ The pleasing things that people say are {like} a honeycomb: They cause people to feel pleasant and healthy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:25**ULT**

²⁵ There is a straight road to the face of a man but its end {is} the ways of death.

UST

²⁵ There is a way to do things that is easy and convenient for people, but in the end, doing things that way will cause them to die.

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 Being hungry helps working people work because wanting to eat motivates people to keep on 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 Worthless people plot how to hurt others; the evil things they say harm others like fire burns {people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:28**ULT**

²⁸ A man of perverse things lets loose strife, and a murmurer separates the friendly.

UST

²⁸ Perverse people cause other people to argue with each other, and people who gossip about others cause friends to stop being friends.

What separates close friends?

Gossip separates close friends.

Proverbs 16:29**ULT**

²⁹ A man of violence entices his neighbor, and he leads him on a road {that is} not good.

UST

²⁹ Violent people tempt other people {to sin}, and they guide them to behave wickedly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:30**ULT**

³⁰ One who shuts his eyes plans perverse things; one who compresses his lips brings evil to completion.

UST

³⁰ People who use their eyes to signal to others are planning to do something perverse; people who use their lips to signal to others are about to do the evil thing {that they had planned to do}.

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; on the road of righteousness it is found.

UST

³¹ {The} gray hair {that old people have} is {like} an honorable crown {on their heads}; they achieve it by living righteously.

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 ruling his spirit than one capturing a city.

UST

³² It is better to be someone who does not become angry quickly than to be powerful. It is better to control oneself than to be {as powerful as} someone who conquers a city.

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 Into the lap a lot is cast, but its every judgment {is} from Yahweh.

UST

³³ People throw lots {in order to decide what to do}, but Yahweh decides whatever happens.

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 ease with it than a house full of sacrifices of quarreling.

UST

¹ It is better for someone to have a little stale food {to eat} while living peacefully than for someone to live in a house where people frequently eat large meals while arguing with each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:2

ULT

² An insightful servant will rule over a shameful son and in the midst of brothers he will share an inheritance.

UST

² An insightful slave will become the boss of a disgraceful son {of his master}, and that slave will inherit a portion {of his master's property} along with 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 smelting-pot {is} for the silver and the furnace {is} for the gold, and Yahweh tests hearts.

UST

³ People put silver and gold into very hot furnaces {to burn out what is impure}, and Yahweh tests what people are thinking and desiring to do {in a similar manner}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:4**ULT**

⁴ The evildoer listens attentively to the lips of iniquity; a liar gives ear to a tongue of destruction.

UST

⁴ People who act wickedly listen carefully when people speak what is sinful; people who lie pay attention when people say things that destroy {others}.

To whom does a liar pay attention?

A liar pays attention to those who say evil things.

Proverbs 17:5**ULT**

⁵ A mocker of one who is poor taunts his maker; one glad at calamity will not remain blameless.

UST

⁵ People who ridicule poor people despise Yahweh, who made them; Yahweh will certainly punish people who rejoice when other people experience disastrous things.

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 the old {is} sons of sons, and the splendor of sons {is} their fathers.

UST

⁶ Old people are proud of their grandchildren, and children are proud of their parents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:7**ULT**

⁷ A lip of excess {is} not suitable for a worthless {one}; how much less a lip of falsehood for a noble.

UST

⁷ It is not fitting for worthless people to speak eloquently. It is even less fitting for royal officials to speak falsely!

(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 People who pay bribes think that bribes are magical; {by paying bribes, they think that} everything that they do will be successful.

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 a transgression seeks love, but one who repeats a matter separates a close friend.

UST

⁹ If you want people to love you, forgive them for the wrong things that they have done to you. If you continue to remind them about those {wrong} things, they will no longer be your friends.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ A rebuke goes down into an understanding one more than striking a stupid one a hundred {times}.

UST

¹⁰ Rebuking sensible people once causes them to learn more than hitting foolish people a hundred times {causes them to learn}.

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, and a cruel messenger will be sent against him.

UST

¹¹ Evil people only want to rebel, so a merciless messenger will come and punish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:12**ULT**

¹² Let a female bear robbed of offspring meet a man and not a stupid one in his folly!

UST

¹² A mother bear who is furious because someone has stolen her cubs is dangerous, but it can be more dangerous to confront a foolish person who is doing something 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 does bad things to people who have done good things to him, then bad things will always happen to 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 the dispute before it breaks out.

UST

¹⁴ When people start arguing with each other, it is {as difficult to stop as it is to stop} water that is leaking out {of a dam}, so prevent yourself from arguing before you start to argue.

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 a wicked one righteous and one who declares a righteous one wicked, even the two of them {are} an abomination to Yahweh.

UST

¹⁵ There are people who acquit guilty people, and there are people who condemn innocent people; Yahweh detests both types of people.

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 payment {is} in the hand of a stupid one to acquire wisdom, but there is no heart?

UST

¹⁶ How useless it is for foolish people to try to pay money in order to become wise when they are unable to think!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:17**ULT**

¹⁷ At every time the friend loves, and a brother is born for distress.

UST

¹⁷ A friend loves {you} all the time, and relatives exist in order to help {other relatives} when disastrous things happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:18**ULT**

¹⁸ A man lacking of heart {is} one who clasps a palm, pledging a pledge to the face of his neighbor.

UST

¹⁸ People who do not think wisely agree to pay someone else's loan and even guarantee to pay that loan in front of people whom they know.

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 loves contention; one who makes his opening high seeks a breaking.

UST

¹⁹ People who love to sin {also} love to cause people to argue; people who brag a lot cause others to destroy them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:20**ULT**

²⁰ One crooked of heart will not find goodness, and one who is turned away in his tongue will fall into evil.

UST

²⁰ People who think deceitfully will not experience good things, and bad things will happen to people who speak deceitfully.

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 stupid one, {it is} for grief for him, and the father of a worthless one will not rejoice.

UST

²¹ Foolish people grieve their parents. Indeed, worthless people will cause their parents to be very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:22**ULT**

²² A joyful heart makes healing good, but a broken spirit dries up bone.

UST

²² Being cheerful helps the body to heal, but being discouraged makes the body weak.

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 bend the paths of justice.

UST

²³ Wicked people accept bribes that people give to them secretly, so that they will decide matters unfairly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:24**ULT**

²⁴ Wisdom {is} with the face of an understanding one, but the eyes of a stupid one {are} at the end of the earth.

UST

²⁴ Understanding people concentrate on what is wise, but foolish people cannot concentrate on anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:25**ULT**

²⁵ A stupid son {is} a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.

UST

²⁵ Foolish children grieve their fathers and make their mothers miserable.

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 Actually to fine the righteous {is} not good; to strike nobles {is} against uprightness.

UST

²⁶ Punishing innocent people is surely very bad, {and} flogging noble people {would be just as} wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:27**ULT**

²⁷ One restraining his words {is} one knowing knowledge, and the cool of spirit {is} a man of understanding.

UST

²⁷ People who refrain from speaking {unnecessarily} are knowledgeable, and people who can remain calm are {truly} wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:28**ULT**

²⁸ Even a fool keeping silent will be considered wise; one shutting his lips—understanding.

UST

²⁸ People will think even foolish people are wise if those foolish people do not speak. Indeed, if fools refrain from speaking people will consider them to be insightful.

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; against all sound wisdom, he breaks out.

UST

¹ People who avoid other people only care about doing what they want to do. They refuse to do anything that is wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:2

ULT

² A stupid one does not delight in understanding but rather in his heart revealing itself.

UST

² Foolish people hate learning. Instead, they only want to tell others what they think.

In what does a fool not find pleasure?

A fool finds no pleasure in understanding.

Proverbs 18:3

ULT

³ When a wicked one comes, contempt also comes, and with shame, reproach.

UST

³ People treat wicked people contemptuously, and people scold people who act shamefully.

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 fountain of wisdom {is} a gushing stream.

UST

⁴ What {wise} people say is as profound as a deep ocean. Wise people are {always saying wise things, like} a fountain that flows in a constant stream.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:5**ULT**

⁵ {It is} not good to lift the face of the wicked, to turn aside the righteous in the judgment.

UST

⁵ It is very evil {for judges} to favor guilty people in order to prevent judging innocent people justly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:6**ULT**

⁶ The lips of a stupid one enter into a dispute, and his mouth calls for blows.

UST

⁶ What foolish people say makes people argue, and it makes people want to beat them.

What do a fool's lips bring him?

A fool's lips bring him conflict.

Proverbs 18:7**ULT**

⁷ The mouth of a stupid one {is} ruin for him, and his lips {are} a snare of his life.

UST

⁷ What foolish people say will ruin them. Indeed, what they say may cause them to die, as a trap {may cause an animal to die}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:8**ULT**

⁸ The words of a murmurer {are} like things swallowed greedily, and they themselves go down into the rooms of the belly.

UST

⁸ People are eager to listen to what people who gossip say, and what they say deeply affects those who hear it.

What are like delicious morsels?

The words of a gossip are like delicious morsels.

Proverbs 18:9**ULT**

⁹ Also, one who slacks in his work, he {is} a brother to an owner of destruction.

UST

⁹ People who are lazy when they work are like people who destroy things.

(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 Yahweh is {like} a strong tower that righteous people run into and 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 one {is} the city of his strength and like a wall set on high—in his imagination.

UST

¹¹ Rich people think that what they own keeps them safe like walls keep cities safe; they think that what they own protects them as well as a high wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:12**ULT**

¹² To the face of breaking, the heart of a man is exalted, but to the face of honor—humility.

UST

¹² Before people ruin themselves, they have first become proud; and before people will respect someone, that person must 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 It is foolish and shameful for someone to reply to what a person has said before hearing it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The spirit of a man will endure his illness, but a crushed spirit, who can lift it?

UST

¹⁴ When someone is inwardly strong, he can endure being sick. However, when someone is inwardly weak and depressed, it is very difficult to make the person feel better!

What is something very difficult to bear?

A broken spirit is something very difficult to bear.

Proverbs 18:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The heart of an understanding one acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise ones seeks knowledge.

UST

¹⁵ Understanding people are always learning more. Indeed, wise people are always trying to learn more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The gift of a man will make room for him, and before the face of great ones it will guide him.

UST

¹⁶ Giving something {to someone} can benefit the one who gives it; doing so can enable that person to meet important people.

(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 People who state their cases first seem to be right until people whom they know arrive and question them.

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 between mighty ones, it makes a separation.

UST

¹⁸ Throwing lots {in order to decide something} can make people stop arguing, it can also decide who is right between powerful people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:19**ULT**

¹⁹ A brother offended {is} more than a city of strength, and quarrels {are} like the gate bar of a fortress.

UST

¹⁹ It is more difficult to reconcile with a relative {whom you have} offended than {to conquer} a fortified city; and when people argue, they avoid each other as if a castle's strong gate were between them.

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 What people say will satisfy them when they are hungry. Indeed, what people say will satisfy them.

(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 What people say can cause people to die or to remain alive. So people who are skillful at talking will strongly influence what happens to themselves {and to others}.

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 good, and he obtains favor from Yahweh.

UST

²² A man who marries a {good} wife will experience good things, and Yahweh approves of them.

(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 Poor people plead for others to be merciful {to them}, but rich people reply {to them} rudely.

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 Having companions {who only seem to be true friends} will destroy a person, but there is a type of friend who loves us and is more loyal than any 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 crooked {in} his lips and he {is} a stupid one.

UST

¹ It is better to be poor and behave honestly than to speak deceitfully and be foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:2

ULT

² Also, zeal with no knowledge {is} not good, and one who hurries with feet misses {the way}.

UST

² Furthermore, it is very bad for people to be enthusiastic {about doing something} while not knowing {anything about it}; people who act hastily do things wrong.

What must a person have in addition to desire?

A person must have knowledge in addition to desire.

Proverbs 19:3

ULT

³ The folly of a man will lead astray his way, and his heart will rage against Yahweh.

UST

³ People who act foolishly destroy themselves, yet they become furious with Yahweh {and blame him}.

(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 Wealthy people {easily} make many friends, but when people become poor, they lose {even} the friends they have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:5**ULT**

⁵ A witness of falsehoods will not be blameless, and he who breathes out lies will not escape.

UST

⁵ Someone will surely punish lying witnesses. Indeed, someone will surely punish people who lie easily.

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 entreat the face of a noble, and everyone {is} the friend of a man of gift.

UST

⁶ A lot of people want royal officials to favor them, and many people want to be friends with people who give 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 go far away from him! He pursues {with} words; they {are} not.

UST

⁷ All the relatives of poor people despise them, and even their friends avoid them! Although they call out {to them for help}, they do not {respond}.

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 The one acquiring heart is loving his life; the one keeping understanding {is} to find good {fortune}.

UST

⁸ People who love to learn benefit themselves; people who are consistently sensible will surely succeed.

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 blameless, and one who breathes out lies will perish.

UST

⁹ Someone will surely punish lying witnesses. Indeed, people who lie easily will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Luxury {is} not suitable for a stupid one; how much less for a slave to rule over princes!

UST

¹⁰ It is wrong for foolish people to live luxuriously, and it is even worse for slaves to reign 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 Insightful people do not get angry quickly, and people show how honorable they are by forgiving {people who} sin {against them}.

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 When kings are furious, they frighten people like the roaring of young lions {frightens people}, but when they approve of people, it is as refreshing {for the people} as dew {is} on plants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:13**ULT**

¹³ A stupid son {is} destruction to his father, and a continual dripping, the quarrels of a wife.

UST

¹³ Foolish children destroy their fathers, and when wives argue {with their husbands}, it is {as annoying as} constantly dripping water.

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 from Yahweh {is} a wife who has insight.

UST

¹⁴ People inherit houses and riches from their fathers, but Yahweh {alone} gives {men} insightful wives.

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 a life of idleness is hungry.

UST

¹⁵ Lazy people sleep well, but {such} idle people are {always} hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:16**ULT**

¹⁶ One who keeps a commandment keeps his life; one who despises his ways will die.

UST

¹⁶ People who obey {God's} commandments stay alive, but people who do not care about {God's} ways will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:17**ULT**

¹⁷ One who is gracious {to} a lowly one lends {to} Yahweh, and his dealing he will repay to him.

UST

¹⁷ Giving things to poor people is {like} loaning them to Yahweh; he will reward anyone who does this.

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 lift up your soul to put him to death.

UST

¹⁸ Discipline your children while {they are young and} you can expect them to learn {to live in the right way}. {If you} do not {discipline them}, {it is as though you} want them to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:19**ULT**

¹⁹ One great of heat lifts up a fine; for if you rescue, then you will continue to do {so} again.

UST

¹⁹ Very angry people will pay {for being angry}; so if you rescue them {once from what they must pay}, you will have to do that 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 afterwards.

UST

²⁰ Pay attention to what people advise you {to do} and let people teach you. If you do so, you will become wise for the rest 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 People plan to do many things, but {only} what Yahweh advises will succeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:22**ULT**

²² The desire of a man {is} his covenant faithfulness, and better {is} one who is poor than a man of lying.

UST

²² People want others to consider them to be faithful. It is better to be poor than to be someone who lies.

(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 Revering Yahweh causes people to live for a long time; such people rest contentedly at night; nothing will harm them.

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 Some people are so lazy that even though they have put their hands in a dish {of food}, they will not even lift the food to their mouths.

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 You strike a mocker and a naive one will become prudent, and rebuke an understanding one—he will understand knowledge.

UST

²⁵ {If you} punish people who ridicule {others}, {then} naive people {who see you do that} will learn to be sensible. {If you} correct understanding people, {then} they will know even more.

(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 embarrassment.

UST

²⁶ Children who act violently toward their fathers and chase away their mothers are disgraceful and embarrassing.

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 to stray from the words of knowledge.

UST

²⁷ My child, if you want to become stupid, then stop listening to what people teach you.

(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 Worthless witnesses scorn what is just, and wicked people enjoy acting sinfully as if they were gulping down delicious 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 stupid ones.

UST

²⁹ Yahweh is ready to condemn people who ridicule {others}, and he is ready to beat fools on their backs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20

Proverbs 20:1

ULT

¹ The wine {is} a mocker, beer {is} a brawler, and everyone who staggers by it is not wise.

UST

¹ Drinking a lot of intoxicating drink causes people to start ridiculing and fighting others; becoming drunk is very foolish.

(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 wrongs his life.

UST

² When kings are terrifyingly angry, they frighten people like the roaring of young lions {frightens people}; people who make kings angry cause themselves to die.

What happens to someone who angers the king?

Someone who angers the king forfeits his life.

Proverbs 20:3

ULT

³ Honor for a man {is} cessation from strife, but every fool breaks out.

UST

³ It is honorable to cease arguing with other people, but all foolish people are eager to argue with others.

Into what does every fool jump?

Every fool jumps into an argument.

Proverbs 20:4**ULT**

⁴ A lazy one will not plow from winter, and he begs in the harvest, but there is nothing.

UST

⁴ Lazy farmers do not plow {their fields} when they should {plow their fields}. Then when it is time to harvest {crops}, they look {for crops in their fields}, but there are none.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:5**ULT**

⁵ Counsel in the heart of a man {is} deep waters, but a man of understanding will draw it out.

UST

⁵ Knowing what people are thinking and planning is {as difficult as} drawing water out of a deep {well}, but discerning people are able to do so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:6**ULT**

⁶ Many a man proclaims, {each} man, his covenant faithfulness, but a man of faithful acts, who can find?

UST

⁶ Many people claim that they are faithful individuals, but very few people {actually} act faithfully!

What kind of person is difficult to find?

A faithful person is difficult to find.

Proverbs 20:7**ULT**

⁷ A righteous {one} walks about in his integrity; happy {are} his sons after him.

UST

⁷ Righteous people live honestly; their children are very fortunate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:8**ULT**

⁸ A king who sits on the throne of judgment {is} one who winnows all evil with his eyes.

UST

⁸ {Ideally,} kings who sit on their thrones in order to judge {people} discern anything that is evil and remove it {from their lands}.

(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 do not think sinfully anymore; I do not sin anymore."

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 {are} an abomination to Yahweh, both the two of them.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh detests {people dishonestly using} both weights that differ and measurements that differ {to benefit themselves}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:11**ULT**

¹¹ Even a young man will make himself known by his deeds, if pure and if upright {is} his behavior.

UST

¹¹ Even young people show others {who they are} by what they do; how they act shows whether they are innocent and right {or not}.

By what is even a youth known?

Even a youth is known by his actions.

Proverbs 20:12**ULT**

¹² A hearing ear and a seeing eye, Yahweh made both the two of them.

UST

¹² Yahweh has made both ears with which to hear and eyes with which to see.

(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 sleep a lot, you will become poor; {but} if you stay awake {and work}, you will have plenty of food.

Loving what brings a person to poverty?

Loving sleep brings a person to poverty.

Proverbs 20:14**ULT**

¹⁴ "Bad! Bad!" says the buyer, but when he departs on his way, then he praises himself.

UST

¹⁴ Buyers claim that something is not good at all {when they are bargaining with the seller about its price}. But {after they buy it,} they go and boast {to their friends about the good thing that they bought}.

(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 Gold and precious jewels are plentiful, but the knowledgeable things that people say are rare and precious.

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 on behalf of a foreign woman hold it in pledge.

UST

¹⁶ Take the coats of people who promise to pay a loan for someone whom they do not know. Indeed, hold onto the coats of people who do so for a foreigner {because those people are not likely to repay those loans}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Sweet to a man {is} bread of falsehood, but afterward his mouth will be filled {with} gravel.

UST

¹⁷ Food that people get by deceiving {others} may taste sweet {to them at first}, but later what they have done will be {as unpleasant to them as having} a mouth full of rocks.

What does bread gained by deceit taste like afterward?

Bread gained by deceit tastes like gravel afterward.

Proverbs 20:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Plans by counsel are established, and by guidance make war.

UST

¹⁸ When people give you good advice, {if you do what they suggest,} your plans will succeed. Therefore, let others advise you before you start fighting a war.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:19**ULT**

¹⁹ One who goes about {as} a gossip reveals a secret, and with one who opens his lips do not associate yourself.

UST

¹⁹ People who walk around gossiping tell {others} what is secret, so avoid people who speak carelessly.

(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 People who curse their parents {will die like} an oil lamp that stops burning {oil} in a totally dark place.

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 If people inherit {property} hastily before the proper time, they will ultimately not receive any blessing from 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 that you will harm someone who has harmed you. Rather, wait for Yahweh {to resolve the matter}, so that he may vindicate you.

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 to Yahweh, and scales of deceit {are} not good.

UST

²³ Yahweh detests {people dishonestly using} differing weights {to benefit themselves}. Indeed, {using} weighing instruments in order to deceive {others} is very bad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:24**ULT**

²⁴ From Yahweh {are} the steps of a strong man, so how can a man understand his way?

UST

²⁴ Yahweh directs what happens {even} to powerful people. So then, no one can comprehend what will happen to him!

(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 for people to declare thoughtlessly that they will dedicate something to Yahweh, and then later regret that they have promised to do that.

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 winnows the wicked, and he brings back a wheel over them.

UST

²⁶ Wise kings separate the wicked people from the good people and then punish the wicked people severely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:27**ULT**

²⁷ The breath of a man {is} the lamp of Yahweh, searching all the rooms of the belly.

UST

²⁷ Just as the light of a lamp penetrates into and illuminates a dark place, the life-breath that Yahweh puts into each person penetrates into the person's inner being. That breath is like the presence of Yahweh, who sees everything that is inside a person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:28**ULT**

²⁸ Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness guard a king, and his throne is sustained by covenant faithfulness.

UST

²⁸ Being faithful and trustworthy makes kings safe. Indeed, being faithful enables them to rule securely.

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 People admire young men because they are strong, but people admire old men because they have become wise.

What is the glory of young men?

The glory of young men is their strength.

Proverbs 20:30**ULT**

³⁰ Blows of a wound cleanse away evil and strikes, the rooms of the belly.

UST

³⁰ Flogging people for doing evil things can stop them from doing those evil things, and hitting those people {on the outside} can change who they are on the inside.

(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 steers it according to all that he desires.

UST

¹ Yahweh directs what kings think like {a farmer directs} streams to bring water anywhere he wants {it to go}.

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 examines hearts.

UST

² People think that everything they do is right, but Yahweh {rightly} evaluates what they think.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:3

ULT

³ To do righteousness and justice is preferred to Yahweh more than a sacrifice.

UST

³ Acting righteously and justly is more important to Yahweh than sacrificing animals {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 Being proud and arrogant guide what wicked people do like a lamp {shows people where to go}; they are sinful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:5**ULT**

⁵ The plans of the diligent one surely {are} to profit, but everyone who hurries about surely {is} to lack.

UST

⁵ What diligent people plan will certainly profit them, but all those who act too hastily will certainly become poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:6**ULT**

⁶ The making of treasures by a tongue of falsehood {is} scattered vapor, seekers of death.

UST

⁶ When people gain wealth by speaking falsely, that wealth quickly vanishes like mist {and what they do} will kill them.

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 drag them away, for they refuse to do justice.

UST

⁷ When wicked people act violently, they destroy themselves because they refuse to act justly.

Why are the wicked swept away?

The wicked are swept away because they refuse to do what is just.

Proverbs 21:8**ULT**

⁸ Perverse {is} the way of a guilty man, but the pure one, upright {is} his behavior.

UST

⁸ Guilty people act perversely, but innocent people act uprightly.

(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 a corner of a housetop than to live inside a house with a wife who always argues {with you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The soul of the wicked one craves evil; his neighbor is not shown grace in his eyes.

UST

¹⁰ Wicked people strongly desire to act evilly, they will not be merciful to the people they know.

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 giving insight to a wise one, he receives knowledge.

UST

¹¹ If you punish people who ridicule others, {then} naive people {who see you do that} will become wise, and if you teach wise people, they will become {even more} knowledgeable.

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 has insight into the house of the wicked one; overturning wicked ones to evil.

UST

¹² {Yahweh,} the Righteous One, knows the families of wicked people; he destroys them.

(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 People who refuse to listen to poor people when they cry out {for help} will also cry out {for help themselves}, but no one will help them.

(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 Secretly giving something to an angry person will stop them from being angry. Indeed, secretly bribing a furious person will calm them down.

What does a secret gift accomplish?

A secret gift appeases anger.

Proverbs 21:15**ULT**

¹⁵ A joy for the righteous one {is} doing justice, but a terror for doers of iniquity.

UST

¹⁵ Righteous people enjoy acting justly, but acting justly terrifies people who act sinfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:16**ULT**

¹⁶ A man wandering from the way of having insight will rest in the assembly of the spirits of dead ones.

UST

¹⁶ People who stop behaving insightfully will end up in the place where the spirits of dead people are together.

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 lack loves joy; a lover of wine and oil will not become rich.

UST

¹⁷ People who love what is pleasurable will be poor. Indeed, people who love {luxuries like} wine and olive oil will never be rich.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:18**ULT**

¹⁸ A ransom for the righteous one {is} a wicked one, and instead of upright ones, one who acts treacherously.

UST

¹⁸ Wicked people will suffer instead of righteous people, and treacherous people {will suffer} in place of upright people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Better to dwell in a land of wilderness than {with} a woman of quarrels and vexation.

UST

¹⁹ It is better to live {alone} in a deserted land than {to live} with an argumentative and vexing wife.

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 stupid man swallows it up.

UST

²⁰ Wise people have precious riches and olive oil, but foolish people waste everything that they have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:21**ULT**

²¹ A pursuer of righteousness and covenant faithfulness will find life, righteousness, and honor.

UST

²¹ People who diligently try to be righteous and faithful will live {for a long time}, will be righteous, and people will respect them.

(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 Wise people conquer cities that mighty warriors are defending; they pull down the walls that people {in those cities} believe will protect them.

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 keeps his life from distress.

UST

²³ People who are careful about anything they say avoid becoming distressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:24**ULT**

²⁴ A presumptuous, haughty one, "Mocker" {is} his name, acting with the rage of presumption.

UST

²⁴ People who ridicule others act presumptuously and arrogantly; they behave furiously and presumptuously.

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 act.

UST

²⁵ Lazy people want what will kill them because they refuse 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 Lazy people always want more things for themselves, but righteous people generously give {what they have to others}.

(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 wicked plan!

UST

²⁷ What wicked people offer {to Yahweh} is detestable; it is even more {detestable} when they are offering something {to Yahweh} while intending to act wickedly!

What kind of sacrifice is detestable?

The sacrifice of the wicked is detestable.

Proverbs 21:28**ULT**

²⁸ A witness of lies will perish, but the man who listens will speak to perpetuity.

UST

²⁸ Witnesses who lie will die, but when people who listen carefully speak, others will always remember {what they said}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:29**ULT**

²⁹ A wicked man strengthens his face, but an upright one, he considers his ways. ^[1]

UST

²⁹ Wicked people show how stubborn they are, but upright people think about what they do.

(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 There is absolutely nothing that is wise, understanding, and advisable, but is {also} the opposite of what Yahweh wants.

What cannot stand against Yahweh?

No wisdom, understanding, or advice can stand against Yahweh.

Proverbs 21:31**ULT**

³¹ A horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the salvation {is} of Yahweh.
21:29 ^[1]

UST

³¹ Soldiers prepare to fight, but Yahweh determines who wins {that fight}.

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 abundant riches; favor {is} better than silver and than gold.

UST

¹ Being someone whom people respect is more important than being very wealthy. Indeed, being someone whom others approve of is better than having silver and gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:2

ULT

² A rich one and a poor one meet together; Yahweh {is} maker of all of them.

UST

² Rich people and poor people 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 Sensible people observe something dangerous happening and avoid it, but naive people {ignorantly} do not avoid it and suffer {for doing so}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:4**ULT**

⁴ The result of humility, the fear of Yahweh, {is} riches and honor and life.

UST

⁴ People who are humble, who reverently fear Yahweh, will become rich. People will respect them, and they will live {for a long time}.

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, traps {are} in the way of the crooked one; one who guards his life will stay far away from them.

UST

⁵ Deceptive people live {dangerously,} as if they were walking down a road covered with thorns and traps, {but} people who want to stay alive avoid living that way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:6**ULT**

⁶ Train up the boy according to his way; even when he is old, he will not turn away from it.

UST

⁶ Teach children how to behave {properly}, so that when they become old, they will still continue to do so.

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 a borrower {is} a slave to a man who lends.

UST

⁷ Rich people reign over poor people, and people who borrow {money} from others are slaves to the people who loaned them {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 A sower of iniquity will reap disaster, and the rod of his rage will come to an end.

UST

⁸ People who act unjustly will suffer for doing so, and they will no longer be able to furiously oppress other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:9**ULT**

⁹ The one good of eye, he will be blessed, for he gives from his bread to the lowly one.

UST

⁹ Yahweh will bless generous people because they give their own food to poor people.

(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 banish people who ridicule others, then people will stop arguing {with each other}, quarreling {with each other}, and shaming {each other}.

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 People who love thinking purely speak graciously and are companions of kings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:12**ULT**

¹² The eyes of Yahweh guard knowledge, but he overturns the words of one who is treacherous.

UST

¹² Yahweh preserves what people should know, but he makes what treacherous people say 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 open areas!"

UST

¹³ Lazy people {do nothing because they} claim that there is a lion outside that will kill them in the street {if they go outside}.

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 What adulterous women say is {as dangerous as} a deep hole; those whom Yahweh is angry with will fall into it.

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 Folly is bound up in the heart of a boy; the rod of discipline will cause it to be far away from him.

UST

¹⁵ Children inherently think foolishly, but physically disciplining them will teach them to stop being foolish.

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, surely {will be} to lack.

UST

¹⁶ People who oppress poor people in order to make more money for themselves or who give things to rich people {in order to become rich} will only become poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise ones, and you must set your heart to my knowledge!

UST

¹⁷ Listen carefully to what wise people have said; consider carefully what I am teaching you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For {it will be} pleasant if you keep them in your inner parts, they are ready together on your lips.

UST

¹⁸ {Do this} because if you remember these sayings and are always ready to repeat them {to others}, then you will be glad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:19**ULT**

¹⁹ {For} your trust to be in Yahweh, I have caused you to know today, even you.

UST

¹⁹ I am teaching these sayings to you—yes, you—right now so that you will trust Yahweh.

In whom should a person trust?

A person should trust in Yahweh.

Proverbs 22:20**ULT**

²⁰ Have I not written for you 30 things ^[1] with counsels and knowledge,

UST

²⁰ I am indeed writing these 30 sayings to advise and teach you.

(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 {I am writing them} in order to teach you what is true in trustworthy sayings, and in order to answer those who sent you with trustworthy sayings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:22**ULT**

²² Do not rob a lowly one because he {is} a lowly one, and do not crush an afflicted one at the gate.

UST

²² Do not steal from poor people just because they are poor; and do not oppress suffering people in court.

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 plunder of life those who plunder them.

UST

²³ {Do not do these things} because Yahweh will defend those poor people when you dispute with them, and he will kill the people who stole from them.

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 an owner of nose, and do not go {with} a man of heat,

UST

²⁴ Do not become friends with angry people. Indeed, do not associate with people who easily become angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:25**ULT**

²⁵ lest you learn his paths and you take a snare for your life.

UST

²⁵ {If you do so,} then you will act like them, and you will endanger yourself like an animal caught in a trap.

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 clasp a palm, among those who pledge for loans.

UST

²⁶ Stay away from those people who agree to pay loans for others. {Indeed, stay away from those people} who guarantee to pay the loans of others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:27**ULT**

²⁷ If there is nothing for you to repay, why should he take away your bed from under you?

UST

²⁷ {For} if you cannot pay back {the loan}, {then} the person to whom you owe money will surely take away even your own bed {in order to pay back the loan}.

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 move the ancient boundary that your fathers made.

UST

²⁸ Do not cheat people by moving the stones that their ancestors placed long ago to mark the boundaries of their land.

What must not be removed?

The ancient boundary stone set by the fathers must not be removed.

Proverbs 22:29**ULT**

²⁹ You 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 obscure ones.

22:20 ^[1]

UST

²⁹ Consider this: People who work skillfully will serve kings rather than serving unknown 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 someone who rules over others, pay attention to the food that 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 you should put a knife at your throat if you {are} an owner of appetite.

UST

² Restrain yourself {from eating too much} if you like eating a lot of food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:3

ULT

³ Do not desire his delicious morsels, for it {is} bread of lies.

UST

³ Do not crave the {expensive} food that the ruler has because that ruler is using that food to deceive you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:4**ULT**

⁴ Do not weary yourself to gain riches; from your understanding cease.

UST

⁴ Do not work so much that you exhaust yourself in order to become rich. Be understanding enough to stop doing so.

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 to it, but it is not there? For making, it will make wings for itself; like an eagle, it will fly {into} the sky.

UST

⁵ As soon as you look at that wealth, it will surely be gone! {This is} because wealth certainly disappears quickly as if it had wings and flew off into the sky like a fast bird.

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 food that stingy people {give you}. Do not crave the expensive food that they have,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:7**ULT**

⁷ For like one who calculates in his soul, so he {is}. “Eat and drink!” he will say to you, but his heart {is} not with you.

UST

⁷ because stingy people are always thinking about how much the food costs them. They will tell you to eat and drink, but they do not mean what they say.

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 pleasant words.

UST

⁸ {When you realize this,} you will want to vomit what little food you ate. You will have wasted the kind things you said {to them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:9**ULT**

⁹ Do not speak in the ears of a stupid one, for he will show contempt for the insight of your words.

UST

⁹ Do not directly address foolish people because they will only despise the insightful 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 fatherless ones,

UST

¹⁰ Do not cheat people by moving the old stones that mark the boundaries of their land. Do not claim the land that belongs to {defenseless} orphans,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:11**ULT**

¹¹ for their redeemer {is} strong; he himself will plead their dispute against you.

UST

¹¹ because {Yahweh is} the one who redeems them {and he} is powerful. He is the one who will defend them when they dispute with 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 correction and your ear to words of knowledge.

UST

¹² Consider carefully {what people say} when they correct you. Indeed, listen carefully to what people teach you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:13**ULT**

¹³ Do not withhold discipline from a boy; when you strike him with the rod, he will not die.

UST

¹³ Do not refuse to discipline your children. If you physically 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 Physically punish your children, so that you may prevent them from dying.

(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 child, if you are wise, then surely I myself will be very happy,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:16**ULT**

¹⁶ and my inner parts will exult, when your lips speak upright things.

UST

¹⁶ and I will sincerely rejoice 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 be envious of sinners, but rather in the fear of Yahweh all the day.

UST

¹⁷ Do not envy sinful people; instead always reverently fear Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Surely there is a future and your hope will not be cut off.

UST

¹⁸ {If you do so, then} you will surely have a {good} future, and what you hope will happen will indeed occur!

(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 child, listen {to me} so that you can become wise. Make yourself think about behaving rightly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:20**ULT**

²⁰ Do not be among drinkers of much wine, among gluttonous eaters of flesh for themselves.

UST

²⁰ Stay away from drunkards and gluttons,

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 eats gluttonously will become poor, and slumber will clothe {with} rags.

UST

²¹ because drunkards and gluttons will become poor. They sleep so much that they will only have 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 enabled you to exist, and do not scorn your mother when she becomes old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:23**ULT**

²³ Acquire truth and do not sell, wisdom and instruction and understanding.

UST

²³ Learn what is true and remember it. Learn what is wise and instructive and what you should understand.

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, rejoicing, will rejoice, and one who begets a wise one, he will be glad in him.

UST

²⁴ Fathers of righteous people are very joyful. Indeed, those who father wise people are happy because of them.

(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 So do what will make your parents happy! Do what will make your mother joyful!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:26**ULT**

²⁶ My son, give your heart to me, and may your eyes watch ^[1] my ways.

UST

²⁶ My son, pay close attention to me! Carefully observe what I do!

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 {Do this} because prostitutes are as dangerous as a deep hole. Indeed, adulterous women are as dangerous as a well you cannot escape from.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:28**ULT**

²⁸ Surely she herself lies in wait like a robber, and she adds to the treacherous ones among man.

UST

²⁸ These very women certainly wait {for men to seduce} like robbers {wait for people to rob}. They cause many men to become unfaithful.

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 {are} wounds without reason? For whom {is} dullness of eyes?

UST

²⁹ These are the kind of people who are woeful, sorrowful, and quarrelsome, who lament, get hurt for no reason, and have red eyes:

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 those people who drink too much wine and are always looking around for wine {to drink} that someone has prepared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:31**ULT**

³¹ Do not look {at} wine when it is red; when its eye gives in the cup, it goes with evenness.

UST

³¹ Do not {even} look with pleasure at wine, even though it is beautifully red, glistens in the cup, and goes down your 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 Afterward the wine {only} harms you as if a poisonous snake had bitten you.

(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 {When you are drunk,} you will hallucinate, and you will speak perversely.

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 feel {dizzy} as if you were trying to sleep on a ship that the sea was tossing back and forth. Indeed, you will feel as if you were trying to sleep while swaying at the top of a ship's sails.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:35**ULT**

³⁵ “They struck me. I was not hurt. They beat me. I did not know. When will I awake? I will add, I will seek it again.”

23:26 ^[1]

UST

³⁵ {You will say,} “People hit me, but it did not hurt. People beat me, but I did not feel it. I wish I could be sober so that I could find even more wine {to drink} again!”

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 be envious of men of evil, and do not desire to be with them.

UST

¹ Do not envy evil people; do not want to associate with them,

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 plots violence, and their lips speak trouble.

UST

² because they plan to act violently, and they talk about troubling people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:3

ULT

³ By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.

UST

³ People build houses by acting wisely, they make houses stable by acting understandably.

By what is a house established?

By understanding a house is established.

Proverbs 24:4

ULT

⁴ And by knowledge the rooms are filled {with} all precious and pleasant wealth.

UST

⁴ By acting knowledgeably, people fill the rooms {of those houses} with all kinds of valuable and delightful riches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:5**ULT**

⁵ A man of wisdom {is} with strength and a man of knowledge strengthens power.

UST

⁵ Wise people are strong, and knowledgeable people make themselves more powerful,

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 by guidance you make war for yourself and salvation {is} in an abundance of counsel.

UST

⁶ because letting people advise you will make you fight your war successfully, and letting many people counsel you will rescue you {from losing the war}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:7**ULT**

⁷ Wise things {are too} high for a fool; at the gate he will not open his mouth.

UST

⁷ Foolish people cannot understand what is wise; they have nothing to say in court.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:8**ULT**

⁸ One who plans to do evil, they will call him an owner of schemes.

UST

⁸ {Some} people are always planning to act evilly; other people refer to them as schemers.

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 scheme of folly {is} sin, and a mocker {is} an abomination to man.

UST

⁹ Foolish plans are sinful, and people detest people who ridicule others.

(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 If you fail during distressful times, then you are weak.

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 the death, and those who stagger to the slaughter, if only you would hold back!

UST

¹¹ Save people whom others are {unjustly} leading away to kill; prevent them from staggering to {the place where} people will {unjustly} slaughter them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:12**ULT**

¹² If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he, the examiner of hearts, understand, and he, the guard of your life, know, and will he give back to a man according to his work?

UST

¹² If you {falsely} claim that you did not know that those people were dying unjustly, then think about this: Yahweh discerns what people think and surely understands! He keeps you alive and surely knows! He will surely make people receive what they deserve for what they have done!

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 child, eat honey because it tastes good, and honey dripping from the comb tastes sweet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Know wisdom {is} thus for your soul; if you find {it}, then there will be a future and your hope will not be cut off.

UST

¹⁴ Be aware that what is wise is like honey for you. If you become wise, then you will have a {good} future, and what you hope will happen will indeed occur!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Do not lie in wait {like} a wicked one against the abode of the righteous one; do not assault his resting place.

UST

¹⁵ Do not be like wicked people and hide in wait in order to attack the places where righteous people dwell. Do not devastate the places where righteous people rest!

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 seven {times} a righteous one falls and rises up, but wicked ones stumble into calamity.

UST

¹⁶ {Do not do so} because righteous people can recover many times when disastrous things happen to them, but disastrous things will destroy wicked people.

(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 Do not be happy when something disastrous happens to your adversaries. Indeed, do not rejoice when that happens!

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 turns away his nose from on him.

UST

¹⁸ If you do, then Yahweh will notice and disapprove, so that he stops being angry with your enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Do not make yourself hot because of evildoers; do not envy wicked ones.

UST

¹⁹ Do not worry about people who do what is evil. Do not be jealous of wicked people.

(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 {Do not do so} because evil people will not have {good} futures, {but} wicked people {will merely die} like an oil lamp that stops burning {oil}.

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 child, reverently fear Yahweh and kings. Avoid people who rebel {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 calamity will arise, and who {is} one who knows the destruction of the two of them?

UST

²² because disastrous things will happen quickly to those people, and no one knows how terribly both Yahweh and kings can destroy {others}!

(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 very evil to favor someone when you judge.

(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 Many people will curse and people groups will hate anyone who declares that any guilty person is innocent.

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 the rebukers it will be pleasant, and over them will come a blessing of goodness.

UST

²⁵ However, people who condemn {guilty people} will prosper, and Yahweh will bless them well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:26**ULT**

²⁶ He kisses lips who returns straightforward words.

UST

²⁶ People who answer honestly show that they are true friends.

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 in the outdoors, and make it ready for yourself in the field, and after, you will build your house.

UST

²⁷ Do the work you must do outside and prepare your fields before you 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 testify against someone you know if you do not have a good reason {to do so}. Do not speak deceitfully!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:29**ULT**

²⁹ Do not say, "Just as he did 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 that same {bad} thing 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 a man lacking of heart.

UST

³⁰ I walked by the land of a lazy person and past the vineyard of someone who does not think wisely.

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} weeds, and the wall of its stones was torn down.

UST

³¹ And I saw that thistles and weeds were everywhere in that field and vineyard. Even the stone wall surrounding them 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 considered carefully {what I was seeing}. When I observed {that}, 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 the hands to lie down,

UST

³³ {You say to yourself,} “Let me sleep just a little more! Let me lay my hands {across my chest} in order to rest comfortably for a little while longer!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:34**ULT**

³⁴ and your poverty will come {like} one who walks around, and your needs like a man of shield.

UST

³⁴ {Being so lazy} will result in you suddenly becoming poor and needy as if a thief has attacked 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, king of Judah, copied.

UST

¹ Here are more wise sayings said by Solomon that the scribes who served Hezekiah, the king of Judah, copied {from a scroll that Solomon had written}:

Who was the author of this proverb?

King Solomon was the author of this proverb.

Proverbs 25:2

ULT

² The glory of God {is} to hide a matter, but the glory of kings {is} to search out a matter.

UST

² God shows how glorious he is when he makes something difficult for people to understand. But kings show how glorious they are when they explain something {that is difficult for people to understand}.

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 As people cannot fully understand how high the sky is or how deep the earth is, so they cannot fully understand what kings think.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:4**ULT**

⁴ Remove dross from silver and a vessel comes out for the refiner.

UST

⁴ People who make things from metal must remove scum from silver before they can make {that silver into} something.

(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 righteousness.

UST

⁵ {In the same way,} people must remove wicked advisers from the presence of kings before acting righteously causes kings to rule securely.

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 in the place of the great ones do not stand.

UST

⁶ Do not promote yourself in front of kings, and do not pretend to be great.

(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 {Do not do so} because it is better if someone invites you to come closer {to a king}, than for someone to embarrass you in front of a royal official whom you have seen {by telling you to move away from a king}.

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 Do not plead your case too quickly against someone you know. If you do, then you will not know what to do when that person {wins the case and} embarrasses you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:9**ULT**

⁹ Dispute your dispute {with} your neighbor and the secret of another do not uncover,

UST

⁹ If you do indeed plead your case against someone you know, then do not tell {others} what is secret about that person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:10**ULT**

¹⁰ lest one who hears shames you, and the rumor {of} you does not turn back.

UST

¹⁰ If do you, then people may hear you and disgrace you, and people will continue to speak badly about you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:11**ULT**

¹¹ Apples of gold in sculptures of silver {is} a word spoken according to its circumstance.

UST

¹¹ What someone says aptly is {as delightful as} golden apples that someone has set in silver.

(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 to a listening ear.

UST

¹² When someone wisely rebukes someone who is willing to listen, it is {as valuable as} a gold ring or jewelry made from the best gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:13**ULT**

¹³ Like the coolness of snow in the day of harvest {is} a faithful envoy for his senders, and he brings back the life of his masters.

UST

¹³ Reliable messengers are as refreshing to those who sent them as cold snow at the time when people harvest crops; they refresh the people whom they serve.

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 in a gift of falsehood.

UST

¹⁴ People who brag about giving something that they never gave are as disappointing as clouds and wind that do not bring rain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:15**ULT**

¹⁵ By length of nostrils a commander may be persuaded, and a soft tongue can break a bone.

UST

¹⁵ People can persuade leaders by acting patiently, and by speaking gently people can convince those who oppose them {to agree with them}.

With what can a ruler be persuaded?

With patience a ruler can be persuaded.

Proverbs 25:16**ULT**

¹⁶ {If} you find honey, eat enough {for} you, lest you become satiated with it and you vomit it up.

UST

¹⁶ If you discover some wild honey, do not eat too much of it. If you do, then you will become sick and vomit.

(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 {In the same way,} do not visit too often the houses of people you know. If you do, then they may become weary of you or {even} 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 People who lie when they testify against people they know are {deadly, like} a club, sword, or piercing arrow.

(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 Trusting treacherous people during distressful times is {as useless as having} a rotten tooth or a crippled foot.

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 to a heart of misery.

UST

²⁰ Singing to someone who is sad is {as unhelpful as} taking a coat off of someone in cold weather or pouring vinegar on soda.

(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 Feed your enemies if they are hungry; give them something to drink if they are thirsty.

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 repay to you.

UST

²² {Do so} because by doing so you {will shame them, as if you} are pouring burning coals on top of them, and Yahweh will reward you {for doing so}.

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 indignant faces, a tongue of secrecy.

UST

²³ When wind blows from the north, rain will fall. In the same way, when people tell the secrets of others, people get 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 a corner of a housetop than to live inside a house with a wife who always argues {with you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:25**ULT**

²⁵ Cool water over a weary soul, so {is} good news from a distant land.

UST

²⁵ When people hear something good from a faraway place, it is as {refreshing as drinking} cold water when you are thirsty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:26**ULT**

²⁶ A spring muddied by trampling and a fountain spoiled {is} a righteous one swaying before the face of a wicked one.

UST

²⁶ When righteous people yield to wicked people, it is {as bad as} a spring that people have made murky by walking in it or {as bad as} a polluted fountain.

(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, honor.

UST

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

(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 People who cannot control themselves are {as defenseless as} a city that an army has broken into and knocked down its walls.

(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 stupid one.

UST

¹ Honoring foolish people is just as inappropriate as snow {falling} in {hot} summer and rain {falling} during the time to harvest crops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:2

ULT

² Like the bird for fluttering, like the swallow for flying, so a curse without cause does not come.

UST

² When someone curses innocent people, it is like birds that fly around and do not land {on those innocent people}.

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 stupid ones.

UST

³ As people must whip horses and bridle donkeys {in order to guide them}, so people must physically punish foolish people {in order to guide them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:4**ULT**

⁴ Do not answer a stupid one according to his folly, lest you yourself also become like him.

UST

⁴ {Sometimes,} do not reply to foolish people according to their foolish way of thinking. If you do, then you also will be foolish.

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 stupid one according to his folly, lest he become wise in his eyes.

UST

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

(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 stupid one.

UST

⁶ People who send foolish people to tell {someone else} something on their behalf {harm themselves like} someone who cuts off his own feet or drinks what is harmful.

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 one, and a proverb in the mouth of stupid ones.

UST

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

(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 stupid one.

UST

⁸ Honoring foolish people is just {as useless} as a harmless weapon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:9**ULT**

⁹ A thorn goes up into the hand of a drunkard, and a proverb in the mouth of stupid ones.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:10**ULT**

¹⁰ An archer who pierces everyone, so {is} one who hires a stupid one and hires those passing by.

UST

¹⁰ People who employ foolish people or random strangers are {as dangerous} as someone who injures all the people {near him} by shooting arrows {at them}.

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 to its vomit {is} a stupid one who repeats his folly.

UST

¹¹ Foolish people who do the same foolish thing over and over again are like dogs that eat what they have vomited up.

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 You see a man wise in his eyes. {There is more} hope for a stupid one than him.

UST

¹² Consider this: Foolish people are more likely to improve themselves than people who {wrongly} think they are wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:13**ULT**

¹³ A lazy one says, "A young lion {is} on the road! A lion {is} between the open areas!"

UST

¹³ Lazy people {do nothing because they} claim that there is a lion in the path or in the midst of the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The door turns on its hinge, and a lazy one on his bed.

UST

¹⁴ As doors swing on their hinges {and do not go anywhere}, so lazy people turn back and forth in their beds.

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 {too} weary to return it to his mouth.

UST

¹⁵ Lazy people put their hands in a dish {of food}, {but} they are so lazy that they will not lift the food to their mouths.

(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 Lazy people {wrongly} think that they are wiser than many people who answer discreetly.

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 People who make themselves angry because of something not concerning them that other people are arguing about are {as foolish as} people who cause dogs to bite them by pulling their ears when they walk by.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Like an insane one who shoots firebrands, arrows, and death,

UST

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ People who trick people they know and say that they were just joking are {as dangerous} as a crazy person who {uses a bow to} shoot flaming darts or deadly arrows {at people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:19**ULT**

¹⁹ so {is} a man who deceives his neighbor and says, "Was I not joking?"

UST

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ People who trick people they know and say that they were just joking are {as dangerous} as a crazy person who {uses a bow to} shoot flaming darts or deadly arrows {at people}.

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 With the end of wood pieces a fire goes out, and when there is no murmurer, a quarrel becomes silent.

UST

²⁰ Fires stop burning when they have nothing {to burn}. In the same way, people stop arguing when no one is gossiping.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:21**ULT**

²¹ Charcoal to burning coals and wood to fire, so a man of quarrels {is} to kindling of a dispute.

UST

²¹ {As} charcoal keeps coals burning and wood keeps fires burning, so people who always argue keep other people arguing.

What does a quarrelsome person kindle?

A quarrelsome person kindles strife.

Proverbs 26:22**ULT**

²² The words of a murmurer {are} like things swallowed greedily, and they themselves go down into the rooms of the belly.

UST

²² People are eager to listen to what people who gossip say, and what they say deeply affects those who hear it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:23**ULT**

²³ Silver of dross overlaid on a clay vessel {are} burning lips and a heart of evil.

UST

²³ What people fervently say while thinking evilly is {as deceptive as} a cheap pot that someone has covered with a pretty coating.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:24**ULT**

²⁴ With his lips one who hates disguises himself, but within him he sets deceit.

UST

²⁴ People who hate you will use what they say to hide what they feel, but they are {really} thinking about how to betray you.

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 Do not believe those people when they speak kindly to you, because they are thinking many detestable things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:26**ULT**

²⁶ Hatred is covered by guile; his evil will be uncovered in the assembly.

UST

²⁶ Although those people prevent others from knowing that they hate you by deceiving them, everyone will realize how wicked they are.

(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 People who dig pits to trap others will fall into those pits instead; and people who try to crush others with stones will become crushed by those stones instead.

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 calamity.

UST

²⁸ Liars hate the people whom they hurt, and flatterers cause disastrous things to happen.

What does a flattering mouth bring about?

A flattering mouth brings about ruin.

Proverbs 27

Proverbs 27:1

ULT

¹ Do not boast about the next day, for you do not know what a day will bring forth.

UST

¹ Do not brag about what {you think} will happen tomorrow, because you do not know what will happen then.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:3

ULT

³ The heaviness of a stone and the weightiness of the sand, yet the vexation of a fool {is} heavier than the two of them.

UST

³ Stones and sand are heavy, but how provocative fools are is like something that is heavier than both of them.

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 Cruelty of heat and a flood of nose, but who can stand before the face of jealousy?

UST

⁴ Angry people are cruel and furious people are destructive, but no one can resist jealous people!

(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 correct people openly, than to love them without them knowing that you do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:6**ULT**

⁶ Faithful {are} the wounds of one who loves, but deceptive {are} the kisses of one who hates.

UST

⁶ Friends will be faithful to you by criticizing you {when necessary}, but enemies will deceive you by acting affectionately toward you.

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 people who have full stomachs see {on the ground} honey dripping from the comb, they step on it {because they are not hungry}. but even bitter things taste sweet to hungry people {because they are so hungry}.

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 her nest, so {is} a man who wanders from his place.

UST

⁸ People who stray from their homes are like birds that stray from their nests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:9**ULT**

⁹ Oil and incense gladden the heart, and the sweetness of his friend {is} from the counsel of the soul.

UST

⁹ Just as fragrant oil and perfume make people feel happy, so when your friends advise you sincerely, they show how kind they are.

(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 in the day of your calamity. Better {is} a nearby inhabitant than a distant brother.

UST

¹⁰ Do not abandon your friends or your father's friends. Do not go to the houses of your relatives when something disastrous happens to you. {Rather,} it is better to go to a neighbor than to relatives who live 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 gladden my heart and I shall return a word to one who reproaches me.

UST

¹¹ My child, act wisely and make me happy, so that I will be able to reply 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 himself; naive ones pass on, they are fined.

UST

¹² Sensible people observe something dangerous happening and avoid it, but naive people {ignorantly} do not avoid it and suffer {for doing so}.

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 has pledged {for} a stranger, and on behalf of a foreign woman hold it in pledge.

UST

¹³ Take the coats of people who promise to pay a loan for someone whom they do not know. Indeed, hold onto the coats of people who do so for a foreigner.

(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 People will think that someone they know is cursing them if that person speaks loudly to bless them early in the morning.

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 A continual dripping on a day of steady rain and a woman of quarrels are alike.

UST

¹⁵ A wife who always argues {with you} is as {annoying as} constantly dripping 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 The one who hides her hides the wind, and oil meets his right hand.

UST

¹⁶ It is as difficult to stop her {from arguing} as stopping the wind, or catching 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 Just as iron can sharpen an iron {blade}, so too people can help people they know improve how they think.

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 guards a fig tree will eat its fruit, and one who protects his master will be honored.

UST

¹⁸ Just as people who take care of fruit trees will eat the fruit from those trees {as a result}, so too will masters honor their servants who guard them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:19**ULT**

¹⁹ As the water, the face to the face, so the heart of the man, to the man.

UST

¹⁹ When people look in water, the water reflects their faces. In the same way, what people think reveals what kinds of people they are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:20**ULT**

²⁰ Sheol and Abaddon are not satisfied, and the eyes of the man are not satisfied.

UST

²⁰ Just as the place where dead people go never becomes full; so people never stop wanting {something}.

What are never satisfied, just like Abaddon?

A man's eyes are never satisfied, just like Abaddon.

Proverbs 27:21**ULT**

²¹ The smelting-pot {is} for the silver and the furnace {is} for the gold; so {is} a man for the mouth of one who praises him.

UST

²¹ People use crucibles and furnaces to test and refine silver and gold. In the same way, people test what kind of person someone is by saying good things about that person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:22**ULT**

²² Even if you pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle in the midst of ground grains, his folly will not turn away from on him.

UST

²² If you were to crush a fool the way you would crush grain {into powder}, you would still not be able to stop that person from acting foolishly.

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 faces of your flock; set your heart to the herds.

UST

²³ Be fully aware of how your sheep are doing. Indeed, consider carefully how your animals fare.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:24**ULT**

²⁴ For treasure {is} not to eternity, nor even a crown for generation and generation.

UST

²⁴ {Do so} because riches will not last forever. Even a king's family will not rule forever!

How long does wealth last?

Wealth does not last forever.

Proverbs 27:25**ULT**

²⁵ The grass disappears, and fresh grass is seen, and the herbs of the mountains are gathered;

UST

²⁵ Harvest the grass and then you will see new grass. Collect {and store} the plants that grow on the hillside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:26**ULT**

²⁶ lambs {will be} for your clothing, and male goats the price of a field.

UST

²⁶ {If you do these things, then} you will have lambs with wool that you can clothe yourself with. You will also have male goats that you can sell for enough money to buy a 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 young women.

UST

²⁷ You will even have female goats that produce enough milk for yourself, your family, and your servant girls to drink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28

Proverbs 28:1

ULT

¹ The wicked flee and there is no pursuer, but the righteous ones are confident as a young lion.

UST

¹ Wicked people run away even though no one is chasing them, but righteous people are 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 by a man who understands, who knows, so it will endure.

UST

² When the people in a country sin, they have many leaders; but when they have a truly knowledgeable ruler, they will last.

(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 Poor people who oppress other poor people are {as destructive as} rain that destroys all the crops, so that there is nothing to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:4**ULT**

⁴ Those who forsake the law praise a wicked one, but those who keep the law strive against them.

UST

⁴ People who reject {Yahweh's} laws say good things about wicked people; but people who obey those laws oppose such wicked people.

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 seekers of Yahweh understand everything.

UST

⁵ Evil people cannot comprehend what is just, but people who desire to please Yahweh comprehend everything about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:6**ULT**

⁶ Better {is} one who is poor who walks in his integrity than one crooked of ways, yet he {is} rich.

UST

⁶ It is better to be poor and act honestly than to act dishonestly and be rich.

Which is more important, money or integrity?

Integrity is more important than money.

Proverbs 28:7**ULT**

⁷ One who guards the law {is} a son who understands, but one who associates with gluttonous eaters humiliates his father.

UST

⁷ People who obey {Yahweh's} laws are discerning children, but people who befriend gluttons disgrace their fathers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:8**ULT**

⁸ One who increases his wealth by interest and usury gathers it for one who shows favor {to} lowly ones.

UST

⁸ People who become wealthy by charging an unreasonably large amount of interest {from those to whom they loan money} {unknowingly} collect that wealth to give it to people who are kind to poor people.

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 away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer {is} an abomination.

UST

⁹ Yahweh detests what people pray if those people refuse to even listen to his laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:10**ULT**

¹⁰ One who leads upright ones astray in the way of evil into his pit he himself will fall, but blameless ones will inherit good.

UST

¹⁰ People who guide upright people to act evilly will destroy themselves by what they do, but people whom Yahweh does not blame {for acting wickedly} will receive what is good.

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 Rich people may {wrongly} think that they are wise, but discerning poor people will prove that those people are not {wise}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:12**ULT**

¹² When righteous ones exult, {there is} great splendor, but when wicked ones arise, a man is searched for.

UST

¹² People celebrate when righteous people become powerful, but people hide when wicked people become powerful.

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 People who {try to} hide the sinful things that they do will never be successful, but Yahweh will be merciful to people who confess the sinful things that they have done and stop doing them.

How can a sinner receive mercy?

A sinner who confesses and forsakes his sin will receive mercy.

Proverbs 28:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Happy {is} a man who is in terror continually, but one who hardens his heart will fall into evil.

UST

¹⁴ People who always reverently fear Yahweh are happy, but bad things happen to stubborn people.

(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 Wicked people who rule over poor people are {as dangerous as} a roaring lion or attacking bear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:16**ULT**

¹⁶ A leader lacking of understanding {is} also abundant of oppressions; one who hates unjust gain will lengthen days.

UST

¹⁶ Leaders who are not understanding severely oppress {other people}, {but} people who despise gaining wealth unjustly will live for a long time.

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 oppressed by the blood of a life will flee as far as a pit; let them not support him.

UST

¹⁷ People who murder others will keep running away {from those who would punish them} until they die. Do not help them!

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 blameless will be saved, but one who is crooked of ways will fall in one.

UST

¹⁸ Yahweh will rescue people whom he does not blame for how they act, but people who act dishonestly will suddenly ruin themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:19**ULT**

¹⁹ One who works his ground will be satisfied {with} bread, but one who pursues empty things will be satisfied {with} poverty.

UST

¹⁹ People who work hard will have enough food {to eat}, but people who waste time doing worthless things will only be 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 remain blameless.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh abundantly blesses faithful people, but he will certainly punish people who are eager to be wealthy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:21**ULT**

²¹ Recognizing faces {is} not good, yet for a bit of bread a man will transgress.

UST

²¹ Although it is very evil to favor someone, some people will sin {by doing so} to get as little as a scrap of food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:22**ULT**

²² One who hurries to the wealth {is} a man of an evil eye, but he does not know that lack will come to him.

UST

²² Although people who are eager to become rich are stingy, they do not realize that they will become poor.

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 People approve of someone who corrects them after that person does so more than {they might approve of} someone who speaks flatteringly {to them}.

(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 People who rob their parents and say that doing so is not wrong are as bad as murderers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:25**ULT**

²⁵ One wide of appetite stirs up strife, but one who trusts in Yahweh will be fattened.

UST

²⁵ Greedy people cause people to argue with each other, but Yahweh will prosper people who trust him.

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 stupid one, but one who walks in wisdom, he himself will flee.

UST

²⁶ People who trust themselves are foolish, but people who act wisely are the ones who will escape {what is dangerous}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:27**ULT**

²⁷ One who gives to the one who is poor has no lack, but one who hides his eyes has an abundance of curses.

UST

²⁷ People who give poor people {what they need} will have all that they need, but Yahweh abundantly curses people who ignore poor people.

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 People hide when wicked people become powerful, but when those wicked people die, there will be more and more righteous people.

(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 without healing.

UST

¹ Some people become stubborn when other people correct them; someone will destroy them instantly, and they will not be able to recover.

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 one rules, a people groans.

UST

² People are joyful when righteous people become numerous, but people are miserable when wicked people rule {over them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:3

ULT

³ A man who loves wisdom gladdens his father, but one who associates with prostitutes destroys wealth.

UST

³ People who cherish what is wise make their fathers happy, but people who have sex with prostitutes waste all their money.

What destroys a person's wealth?

Keeping company with prostitutes destroys a person's wealth.

Proverbs 29:4**ULT**

⁴ A king by justice causes the land to stand, but a man of contributions tears it down.

UST

⁴ Kings make the people in their land succeed by acting justly, but leaders who take money dishonestly ruin the people in their land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:5**ULT**

⁵ A man who makes smooth for his neighbor spreads out a net for his feet.

UST

⁵ People who flatter people they know {are deceptive}, {they are like} people who try to trap others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:6**ULT**

⁶ In the transgression of an evil man {there is} a snare, but a righteous one shouts for joy and is glad.

UST

⁶ Evil people endanger themselves by acting sinfully, but righteous people sing joyfully and are happy.

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 knows the legal claim of lowly ones; a wicked one does not understand knowledge.

UST

⁷ Righteous people care about the rights of poor people, but wicked people do not care about them at all.

(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 mock others agitate people living in a city, but wise people stop others from being angry.

What kind of person turns away wrath?

A wise person turns away wrath.

Proverbs 29:9**ULT**

⁹ A wise man goes to judgment with a foolish man, but he trembles and laughs, and there is no rest.

UST

⁹ If wise people sue foolish people, the foolish people will rage and sneer and not resolve anything.

(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 Murderers despise people whom Yahweh does not blame {for acting wickedly}, but upright people try to protect those people.

Who do the bloodthirsty seek to kill?

The bloodthirsty seek to kill the upright.

Proverbs 29:11**ULT**

¹¹ A stupid one brings out all his spirit, but a wise one soothes it backward.

UST

¹¹ Foolish people uncontrollably express everything that they feel, but wise people control how they express what they feel.

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 A ruler who listens attentively to a word of falsehood, all his servants {are} wicked ones.

UST

¹² Leaders who believe the false things that people tell them have only wicked servants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:13**ULT**

¹³ One who is poor and a man of oppression meet together; the one who enlightens the eyes of them both {is} Yahweh.

UST

¹³ Poor people and the people who oppress {them} have {at least} one thing in common: Yahweh is the one who caused them to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:14**ULT**

¹⁴ A king who judges lowly ones with truth, his throne will be established to perpetuity.

UST

¹⁴ Kings who judge poor people according to what is true will always rule securely.

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 rebuke give wisdom, but a boy who is sent away causes his mother shame.

UST

¹⁵ If parents punish and correct their children, doing so can make those children wise; but if parents let their children do whatever they want to do, then their children will disgrace them.

(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 downfall.

UST

¹⁶ People sin more when wicked people become numerous, but righteous people will witness Yahweh destroy those wicked people.

(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 soul.

UST

¹⁷ Discipline your children, so that they will make you feel peaceful and will delight you.

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 vision, the people are let loose, but one who keeps the law, happy {is} he.

UST

¹⁸ When Yahweh does not reveal anything {to his prophets}, then people do not control themselves, but people who obey {Yahweh's} laws are happy.

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 instructed by words, for he understands, but there is no answer.

UST

¹⁹ You cannot correct servants by {only} speaking to them because they will not respond to you, even if they understand {what you say}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:20**ULT**

²⁰ You see a man hurrying in his words. {There is more} hope for a stupid one than him.

UST

²⁰ Consider this: Foolish people are more likely to improve themselves than people who speak thoughtlessly.

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 you give your servants everything they want when they are young, then they will eventually be arrogant.

(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 People who easily become angry cause people to argue. Indeed, angry people cause people to sin.

(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 People will humiliate proud people for being proud, but people will honor humble people.

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 hates his life; he will hear an oath but will not tell.

UST

²⁴ People who help thieves only hurt themselves. They hear that Yahweh will curse them {for not speaking what is true}, but they do not say anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:25**ULT**

²⁵ The anxiety of a man sets a snare, but the one who trusts in Yahweh will be set on high.

UST

²⁵ Being anxious is {as dangerous as} a trap, but people who trust Yahweh will be 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 from Yahweh {is} justice of a man.

UST

²⁶ Many people want leaders to help them, but Yahweh is the only one who does what is just for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:27**ULT**

²⁷ An abomination to righteous ones {is} a man of injustice, but an abomination to a wicked one {is} one upright of way.

UST

²⁷ Righteous people detest unjust people, but wicked people detest people who act uprightly.

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 son of Jakeh, the burden: The declaration of the strong man to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

UST

¹ {These are} the sayings of Agur son of Jakeh, which Yahweh told him to say; {these are what} Agur declared to Ithiel, even to Ithiel and 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 man {is} not mine.

UST

² I am certainly less intelligent than other people. Indeed, I do not understand as much as everyone else understands!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:3

ULT

³ And I have not learned wisdom, nor the knowledge of holy ones do I know.

UST

³ I have never learned about what is wise, nor do I know about {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 wrapped waters in the 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 Surely nobody has ever gone to heaven and returned to earth! Surely nobody has ever controlled the wind! Surely nobody has ever gathered the water for rain in the clouds! Surely nobody has ever formed the boundaries of the earth! {If such a person exists, then} what is his name? And what is the name of his son? Surely you do not know {about such a person}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:5**ULT**

⁵ Every saying of God is refined; he {is} a shield for those who take refuge in him.

UST

⁵ Everything that God says is true; he is {like} a shield that protects people who trust him to protect them.

(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 Never claim that God has said something other than what he has {actually} said. If you do that, then 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 ask that he give them to me before I die:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:8**ULT**

⁸ Emptiness and the word of a lie put far away from me. Do not give to me poverty or riches; cause me to receive the bread of my portion.

UST

⁸ {I ask that he} prevent me from being dishonest or speaking what is not true. {I also ask that he} not let me become too poor or too rich, {but} just provide the proper amount of food for me.

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 steal, and I seize the name of my God.

UST

⁹ If I become too rich, then I may reject Yahweh and claim that I do not know him. Or if I become too poor, then I may rob {other people}, so that I dishonor 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 found guilty.

UST

¹⁰ Never say bad things about servants to the people whom they serve. If you do, then they will curse you, and people will hold you responsible {for what you said}.

(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 Some people frequently curse their parents.

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 clean in its eyes, but it is not washed from its excrement.

UST

¹² Some people think they are sinless, but they are {actually guilty like} people who have not cleaned off 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 Some people are extremely arrogant!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:14**ULT**

¹⁴ {There is} a generation, its teeth {are} swords and its fangs {are} knives for devouring afflicted ones from the earth and needy ones from man.

UST

¹⁴ Some people {harshly oppress poor people as if they} were animals who remove poor people from the world by eating them up with very sharp teeth.

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 {Greedy people are like} animals that suck blood and have two daughters. {The names of both of them are} Give Me Some! There are three, no, four things that 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 closure of the womb, a land not satisfied with water, and a fire does not say, 'Enough!'

UST

¹⁶ the place where dead people are, childless women, soil that never receives enough water, and fire, which always needs something to burn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:17**ULT**

¹⁷ An eye mocks a father and shows contempt for the obedience {to} a mother; the ravens of the valley will peck it out, and the sons of the vulture will eat it.

UST

¹⁷ People who ridicule their fathers, and refuse to obey their mothers {will die and} wild birds will pluck out their eyes, and young scavenging birds will eat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Three things, they {are} too wonderful for me, and four, I do not understand them:

UST

¹⁸ There are three, no, four things that are too amazing for me to comprehend:

(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 young man with a young woman.

UST

¹⁹ how birds fly in the air, how snakes slither over rocks, how ships sail in the middle of the ocean, and how young men act {lovingly} with young women.

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 eats and wipes her mouth and says, 'I have not done iniquity.'

UST

²⁰ Acting adulterously is {as easy} for adulterous women as eating, wiping their mouths, and claiming that they have not sinned at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:21**ULT**

²¹ Under three things the earth quakes, and under four it is not able to hold up:

UST

²¹ There are three, no, four things that {the people in} the world cannot tolerate:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:22**ULT**

²² under a slave when he becomes king and a worthless one when he is satisfied with bread,

UST

²² when slaves become rulers, when worthless people have plenty of food to eat,

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 when women whom people hate marry someone, and when servant girls replace the wives of their masters.

(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 in the world that are small but extremely wise:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:25**ULT**

²⁵ The ants {are} a people not strong, but they prepare their food in the summer.

UST

²⁵ Although ants are weak insects, during the right time they store their food {to eat during the winter}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:26**ULT**

²⁶ Rock badgers {are} a people not mighty, but they set their house in the cliff.

UST

²⁶ Although hyraxes are weak animals, they make their homes {among the rocks} on cliffs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:27**ULT**

²⁷ There is no king for the locust, but each of it go out divided {into groups}.

UST

²⁷ Although locusts do not have a king, they move in orderly groups like soldiers in an 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 Although lizards are small enough to hold in your hands, you can find them 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 three, no, four things that look very impressive when they walk:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:30**ULT**

³⁰ a lion, mighty among the animals, and it will not turn away from the face of anything,

UST

³⁰ lions, which are the most powerful animals and never flee from anything,

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 male birds, male goats, and kings whom people are afraid to rebel against.

(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 schemed, a hand {be} to mouth!

UST

³² If you have acted foolishly by bragging about yourself, or if you were plotting {to do what is evil}, then stop doing so immediately!

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 out butter, and the squeezing of the nose brings out blood, and the squeezing of nostrils brings out strife."

UST

³³ {Stop doing so} because {doing so will cause bad things to happen to you,} just as churning milking turns it into butter, squeezing a nose will make it bleed, and making people angry causes them to 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} the sayings of King Lemuel; Yahweh had spoken these sayings that his mother had taught him:

Who wrote this proverb?

King Lemuel wrote this proverb.

Proverbs 31:2

ULT

² What, my son? And what, son of my womb? And what, son of my vows?

UST

² My son, whom I gave birth to and whom I vowed {to dedicate to Yahweh}, listen to me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:3

ULT

³ Do not give to women your strength or your ways to cause kings to be wiped out.

UST

³ Do not exhaust yourself by having sex with women; they can 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 dignitaries or intoxicating drink.

UST

⁴ Lemuel, kings should certainly not drink wine, and rulers should not want to drink what can intoxicate {them}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:5**ULT**

⁵ Lest he drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the legal claim of all the sons of the afflicted one.

UST

⁵ If they do so, then they might forget the laws {that they have made} and prevent all suffering people from getting what they legally deserve.

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 the perishing one and wine to those bitter of soul.

UST

⁶ Let dying people drink what can intoxicate {them}, and let miserable people drink wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:7**ULT**

⁷ He will drink and forget his poverty, and his trouble he will not remember again.

UST

⁷ They can drink {what can intoxicate them} to forget that they are poor and to completely forget what troubles them.

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 a mute one, for the legal claim of all the sons of the one passing away.

UST

⁸ Defend those who cannot speak {for themselves}; {defend} all those who are dying so that they get what they legally deserve.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:9**ULT**

⁹ Open your mouth, judge {with} righteousness, and plead the legal case of the afflicted one and poor one.

UST

⁹ Defend, judge rightly, and plead for suffering and poor people to get what they legally deserve.

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 worth, who can find? And her value {is} far more than corals.

UST

¹⁰ Virtuous and capable women are difficult to find! This kind of woman is more valuable than precious jewels.

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 spoil he will not lack.

UST

¹¹ Her husband completely trusts her, and he will always gain many things {because of her}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:12**ULT**

¹² She does to him good and not evil all the days of her life.

UST

¹² Such a woman benefits her husband for as long as she lives.

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 searches {for} wool and linens and works with the delight of her palms.

UST

¹³ She gets materials to make warm and cool clothing, and she enjoys making that clothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:14**ULT**

¹⁴ She is like the ships of a merchant; she brings her bread from far away.

UST

¹⁴ She is like merchant ships because she brings her food to her home from distant places.

(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 young women.

UST

¹⁵ She gets up before dawn in order to prepare food for her family and some {food} for her female servants.

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 buys a field after planning carefully. She uses some of what she earned by working to plant a vineyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:17**ULT**

¹⁷ She girds her loins with strength, and she strengthens her arms.

UST

¹⁷ She vigorously prepares herself to work hard, and she makes her arms strong {by working hard}.

With what does the capable wife dress herself?

She dresses herself with strength.

Proverbs 31:18**ULT**

¹⁸ She perceives that her profit {is} good; her lamp does not go out in the night.

UST

¹⁸ She knows that what she does is very profitable. She works late into the night.

(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 makes thread {for clothing} with her own hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:20**ULT**

²⁰ She spreads out her palm to the afflicted one, and she stretches out her hands to the poor one.

UST

²⁰ She helps poor people and suffering people.

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 snow, for all her house is clothed {with} crimson.

UST

²¹ She is not worried that her family will be cold during cold weather because her whole family has the best warm clothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:22**ULT**

²² She makes for herself coverings, fine linen and purple for her clothing.

UST

²² She makes her own blankets to cover beds. She wears clothing made from expensive cloth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:23**ULT**

²³ Her husband is known at the gates, when he sits with the elders of the land.

UST

²³ People respect such a woman's husband at the {city} gates, and he sits {there} with the {other} leaders of the city.

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 a belt she gives to the Canaanite.

UST

²⁴ This woman makes clothing and sells it. She also sells belts to merchants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:25**ULT**

²⁵ Strength and splendor {are} her clothing, and she laughs at a future day.

UST

²⁵ People notice how strong and dignified she is, and she is cheerful about 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 law of covenant faithfulness {is} on her tongue.

UST

²⁶ She speaks wisely, and when she speaks, she teaches {others} to be faithfully kind.

What is on the capable wife's tongue?

The law of kindness is on the capable wife's tongue.

Proverbs 31:27**ULT**

²⁷ She scans the goings on of her house, and the bread of laziness she does not eat.

UST

²⁷ She carefully watches what happens in her household, and she is never lazy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:28**ULT**

²⁸ Her sons rise up and call her happy; her husband also praises her.

UST

²⁸ This woman's children stand respectfully and declare that she lives happily. Her husband says good things about her as well.

What do the children of the capable wife call her?

Her children call her blessed.

Proverbs 31:29**ULT**

²⁹ “Many daughters have acted {with} worth, but you yourself have ascended over all of them.”

UST

²⁹ He says to her, “Many women have acted virtuously and capably, but you indeed have done better than them all!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:30**ULT**

³⁰ The charm {is} falsehood and the beauty {is} vapor; a woman fearful of Yahweh, she herself will be praised.

UST

³⁰ Charming women {who are not good} can deceive people into thinking that they are good, and beautiful women will not remain beautiful forever. However, people will praise those women who reverently fear Yahweh.

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 at the gates.

UST

³¹ Give to such women what they have earned, and praise them publicly for what they have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

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