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Proverbs

Proverbs 1

Proverbs 1:1

ULT	UST
The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, the king of Israel:	*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, the king of Israel, was the author of these proverbs.

Proverbs 1:3

ULT	UST
to receive instruction of insight, righteousness and justice and integrity;	*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 teach people about what is insightful, righteous, just, and honest.

Proverbs 1:5

ULT	UST
(may a wise one hear and increase learning, and an understanding one acquire guidance),	*(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 and understanding receive by listening to these proverbs?

Wise people can increase their learning, and understanding people can acquire guidance by listening to these proverbs.

Proverbs 1:7

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.	*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	UST
Hear, my son, the instruction of your father and do not forsake the law of your mother,	*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 1:10

ULT	UST
My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.	*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 to sin?

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

Proverbs 1:11-13

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 1:15-16

What do those who are sinning hurry to do?

Those who are sinning hurry to do wicked things.

Proverbs 1:19

ULT	UST
So are the paths of all who unjustly gain unjust gain; it takes the life of its owner.	*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 gain unjustly?

Unjust gain will kill those who gain unjustly.

Proverbs 1:20-21

Who calls out in the streets, open areas, and city gates?

Wisdom calls out in open areas where busy streets intersect and at the entrance of the city gates.

Proverbs 1:24-25

What did those who lacked wisdom do when Wisdom called out to them?

Those who lacked wisdom ignored what Wisdom said and refused to listen when Wisdom called out to them.

Proverbs 1:26

ULT	UST
I too shall laugh at your calamity, I shall mock when your dread comes,	*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 lack wisdom?

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

Proverbs 1:28

ULT	UST
Then they will call out to me, but I will not answer. They will diligently seek me, but they will not find me,	*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 lack wisdom call upon her?

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

Proverbs 1:31

ULT	UST
And they will eat from the fruit of their way, and from their plans they will be satisfied.	*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 lack wisdom be filled?

Those who lack wisdom will suffer rightly for their plans and for what they have done.

Proverbs 1:33

ULT	UST
But the one who listens to me will dwell securely and will be at ease from the dread of evil.”	*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 safely and not dread evil.

Proverbs 2

Proverbs 2:1

ULT	UST
My son, if you receive my sayings, and my commandments you store up with you,	*My child, accept what I say. Consider what I command you to be precious.*

What does the father want his son to store up as precious?

The father wants his son to consider his commandments to be precious.

Proverbs 2:3-4

How should the son seek and search for insight and understanding?

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

Proverbs 2:4-5

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

The son will find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:6-7

What is Yahweh for those who walk in integrity?

Yahweh is a shield for those who walking with integrity.

Proverbs 2:9-10

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

The son will understand righteousness, justice, and integrity.

Proverbs 2:11-12

From what will discretion and understanding rescue the son?

Discretion and understanding will rescue the son from the way of evil and from people who speak perversely.

Proverbs 2:13

ULT	UST
the ones who forsake the paths of straightness to walk in the ways of darkness,	*Those people refuse to behave righteously in order to behave wickedly.*

What do those who walk in the ways of darkness forsake?

Those who walk in the ways of darkness forsake the paths of straightness, they refuse to behave righteously.

Proverbs 2:16-17

What does the strange woman forsake and forget?

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

Proverbs 2:18

ULT	UST
For her house sinks down to death and her tracks, to the spirits of dead ones.	*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 down to death.

Proverbs 2:20

ULT	UST
So you shall walk in the way of the good ones and the paths of the righteous ones you shall keep.	*Therefore, behave like a good person. Indeed, conduct yourself like a righteous person.*

In whose way should the son walk?

The son should walk, or behave like a righteous person.

Proverbs 2:21

ULT	UST
For the upright will dwell in the land, and the blameless will remain in it,	*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 live uprightly?

People who live uprightly will stay in this land for a long time.

Proverbs 2:22

ULT	UST
but wicked ones will be cut off from the land, and treacherous ones will be torn away from it.	*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 removed from the land.

Proverbs 3

Proverbs 3:1-2

What will the father’s commands and teachings add to his son?

The father’s commands and teachings will add years of life and peace to his son.

Proverbs 3:3

ULT	UST
Do not let covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness leave you; tie them on your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart,	*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 one’s heart.

Proverbs 3:5

ULT	UST
Trust in Yahweh with all your heart and on your understanding do not lean.	*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 3:7

ULT	UST
Do not be wise in your eyes; fear Yahweh and turn away from evil.	*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 3:9

ULT	UST
Honor Yahweh from your wealth and from the first of all your produce,	*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 3:12

ULT	UST
For whom Yahweh loves, he disciplines, and like a father, a son in whom he delights.	*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.*

Whom does Yahweh discipline?

Yahweh disciplines those whom he loves.

Proverbs 3:13-14

What benefits people more than having silver or gold?

Being wise benefits people more than silver could benefit them. Indeed, being wise is worth more to people than having gold.

Proverbs 3:17

ULT	UST
Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.	*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 3:19

ULT	UST
Yahweh by wisdom founded the earth; he established the heavens by understanding.	*Yahweh made the world through being wise. Through being skillful, he made the sky and everything in it.*

What did Yahweh do by being wise?

Yahweh made the world through being wise.

Proverbs 3:21-22

What will be life to the son’s soul?

Prudence and discretion will be life to the son’s soul.

Proverbs 3:24

ULT	UST
If you lie down, you will not be in dread. You will lie down, and your sleep will be pleasant.	*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 fear anything, and he will sleep peacefully.

Proverbs 3:25

ULT	UST
Do not be afraid of sudden dread and of the devastation of the wicked when it comes.	*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 dread or devastation.

Proverbs 3:27

ULT	UST
Do not withhold good from its owners, when it is in the power of your hand to act.	*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 what is good from people who deserve it.

Proverbs 3:29

ULT	UST
Do not plot evil against your neighbor, and he is dwelling securely with you.	*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 3:32

ULT	UST
For an abomination to Yahweh is he who goes astray, but with the upright ones is his secret counsel.	*Do not do so because Yahweh detests such people who act wickedly, but he converses like a friend with people who act uprightly.*

Who does Yahweh detest?

Yahweh detests people who act wickedly.

Proverbs 3:34

ULT	UST
Though to the mockers he himself mocks, yet to the humble ones he gives favor.	*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 himself mocks the mockers.

Proverbs 3:35

ULT	UST
Wise ones will inherit honor, but stupid ones lift up dishonor.	*People will honor wise people, but people will shame foolish people.*

What do the wise inherit?

The wise inherit honor.

Proverbs 4

Proverbs 4:1-2

What should the sons not forget?

The sons should not forget their father’s instruction.

Proverbs 4:4

ULT	UST
then he taught me and said to me, “Let your heart grasp my words; keep my commandments and live!	*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 4:6

ULT	UST
Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will guard you.	*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 forsake her, but loves her?

Wisdom will watch over him and keep him safe.

Proverbs 4:8-9

What will Wisdom do for the son if the son cherishes and embraces her?

Wisdom will honor him, as if putting a crown of splendor on his head.

Proverbs 4:11

ULT	UST
In the way of wisdom I taught you; I caused you to tread in the tracks of uprightness.	*I instructed you in how to act wisely. I directed you in how to live in the right way.*

In what way did the father teach the son?

The father taught the son in the way of wisdom and directed him in how to live in the right way.

Proverbs 4:13

ULT	UST
Grasp on to instruction, do not let go; guard it, for it is your life.	*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 grasp, for it is his life?

The son must consistently remember the things his father has instructed him, for it is his life.

Proverbs 4:14-15

What path must the son avoid?

The son must avoid the path of the wicked ones.

Proverbs 4:16

ULT	UST
For they do not sleep if they do not do evil and their sleep is robbed if they do not cause stumbling.	*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 do the wicked do before they can sleep?

The wicked feel that they must do evil before they can sleep.

Proverbs 4:18

ULT	UST
But the path of the righteous ones is like the light of brightness, going and shining until the day is established.	*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 the light of the sun that grows brighter until the brightest time of day.

Proverbs 4:19

ULT	UST
The way of the wicked is like the darkness; they do not know on what they stumble.	*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 way of the wicked like?

The way of the wicked is like the darkness.

Proverbs 4:23

ULT	UST
Guard your heart more than all that is protected, for from it are the sources of life.	*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 extremely carefully?

The son must guard his heart extremely carefully, for from it are the sources of life.

Proverbs 4:24

ULT	UST
Remove from you perversity of mouth, and the deviousness of lips put far away from you.	*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 speech that deceives or misleads people.

Proverbs 4:25

ULT	UST
Cause your eyes to gaze to the front, and cause your eyelids to be straight in front of you.	*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 focus his gaze?

The son must focus his gaze on doing what is right.

Proverbs 5

Proverbs 5:1-2

What will the son learn if he listens carefully to what he should understand?

If he listens carefully to what he should understand, the son will learn to be able to choose wisely what to do, and to know the right things to say.

Proverbs 5:3-4

What will happen to you after being with an adulteress woman?

After being with such a woman you will be miserable, as if you had eaten a bitter plant.

Proverbs 5:5

ULT	UST
Her feet are going down to death; her steps take hold of Sheol,	*Being with such a woman will cause both of you to die. Indeed, what she does with you will cause you to become a dead person.*

To where are such a woman's feet going?

Her feet are going down to death.

Proverbs 5:7-8

What advice does the father give the sons about getting near any adulterous woman?

The sons are to keep far away from any adulterous woman and not even go near her house.

Proverbs 5:9

ULT	UST
lest you give to others your splendor and your years to a cruel one,	*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 son give away if he goes to such a woman?

If he goes to such a woman, the son will give away the best efforts of his youth.

Proverbs 5:11

ULT	UST
and you groan at your end, when your flesh and your body are finished.	*Then you will groan when you are about to die and have worn out your whole body.*

What will happen at the end of his life if the son becomes involved with an adulterous woman?

If the son becomes involved with an adulterous woman, he will groan when he is about to die.

Proverbs 5:12

ULT	UST
And you will say, "How I hated correction, and my heart despised rebuke!	*Then you will say, "I hated it extremely when people corrected me! Indeed, I scorned people when they rebuked me!*

What will the son say at the end of his life if he becomes involved with an adulterous woman?

If he becomes involved with an adulterous woman, he will say that he hated correction and despised rebuke.

Proverbs 5:15

ULT	UST
Drink water from your cistern and flowing waters from the midst of your well.	*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 only drink water from their own well, which means to have sex with his wife only.

Proverbs 5:18

ULT	UST
May your fountain be blessed, and be glad because of the wife of your youth!	*As a result, may Yahweh bless your marriage with children; enjoy sexually the woman whom you married when you were young!*

Whom should the son enjoy sexually?

The father tells the son to enjoy sexually the woman whom he married when he was young.

Proverbs 5:18-19

With what should the a son be exhilarated?

He should be exhilarated by how the wife of his youth loves him.

Proverbs 5:21

ULT	UST
For in front of the eyes of Yahweh are the ways of a man, and all of his paths he observes.	*Never do that because Yahweh fully knows what people do. Indeed, he knows everything that people do.*

What does Yahweh observe?

Yahweh knows everything that people do.

Proverbs 5:22

ULT	UST
His iniquities capture him, the wicked one, and by the cords of his sin he is grasped.	*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 capture and grasp the wicked person?

The wicked things that the wicked one does will capture him and his sin will be like cords that grasp him.

Proverbs 6

Proverbs 6:1-2

How could the son be caught by what he says with his mouth?

The son could regret what he says if he guarantees a loan for a stranger.

Proverbs 6:3

ULT	UST
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.	*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 humbly go to that person and beg him to cancel what the son has promised.

Proverbs 6:6

ULT	UST
Go to the ant, lazy one! See its ways and be wise,	*You lazy person, learn something from watching ants! Consider what ants do so that you can be wise.*

From what should a lazy person learn?

A lazy person should consider the ant, see its ways, and learn to be wise.

Proverbs 6:8

ULT	UST
prepares its bread in the summer; it gathers its food in the harvest.	*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 gathers and stores food to eat during the winter.

Proverbs 6:9,11

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

He will become poor and needy just as surely as if a thief has robbed him.

Proverbs 6:12

ULT	UST
A man of worthlessness, a man of iniquity, is one who walks with perversity of mouth,	*I will describe for you what worthless, sinful people do. They constantly deceive people by what they say.*

How would you describe worthless people?

Worthless, sinful people are people who constantly deceive other people by what they say.

Proverbs 6:14-15

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

He will be suddenly destroyed and unable to recover.

Proverbs 6:16

ULT	UST
Six are they that Yahweh hates, and seven are abominations to his self:	*Yahweh absolutely hates six, no, seven things:*

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

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

Proverbs 6:18

ULT	UST
a heart devising plans of iniquity, feet hurrying to run to evil,	*someone planning ways to act sinfully, someone eagerly looking for ways to act wickedly,*

What kind of heart does Yahweh hate?

Yahweh hates the heart of someone planning ways to act sinfully.

Proverbs 6:19

ULT	UST
a witness of falsehood breathing out lies, and sending forth quarrels between brothers.	*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 lies when testifying.

Proverbs 6:23

ULT	UST
For commandment is a lamp and law is a light, and the rebukes of instruction are the way of life,	*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.*

To what are commandment and law likened?

Commandment is likened to a lamp and the law is likened to a light.

Proverbs 6:26

ULT	UST
For the price of a prostitute woman is as a loaf of bread, but the wife of a man hunts a precious life.	*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 having sex with the wife of another cost the son?

Having sex with the wife of another will cause him to die.

Proverbs 6:30

ULT	UST
They do not despise the thief if he steals to satisfy his appetite when he is hungry;	*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 do not despise someone who steals if he only steals food because he is hungry.

Proverbs 6:32

ULT	UST
One who commits adultery with a woman is lacking of heart; destroying his life, he does it.	*By contrast, a man who acts adulterously with a woman is not thinking. By doing this, he destroys himself!*

Who does a man who commits adultery destroy?

A man who commits adultery with a woman destroys himself.

Proverbs 6:34-35

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

That jealous husband will not accept any money to stop being furious, no matter how much money you offer him.

Proverbs 7

Proverbs 7:1-2

What must the son keep in order to live?

The son must keep his father’s sayings and commandments to live.

Proverbs 7:4-5

From whom do Wisdom and Understanding keep the son?

Wisdom and Understanding keep the son from immoral women who speak to him seductively.

Proverbs 7:6-7

Who did Solomon notice as he looked out through the window?

Solomon noticed a young man who does not think wisely.

Proverbs 7:10

ULT	UST
And behold, there is a woman to meet him, with the garment of a prostitute and guarded of heart.	*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.*

What was the woman wearing who approached the young man?

She was wearing a prostitute’s clothing.

Proverbs 7:12

ULT	UST
At one time in the street, at another time in the open areas, and beside every corner she lies in wait.)	*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?

At the corner of any road, she waits for a man whom she can seduce.

Proverbs 7:14

ULT	UST
“The sacrifices of peace offerings are with me; today I paid my vows.	*“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 done that day?

That day, the woman had sacrificed an animal.

Proverbs 7:15

ULT	UST
Therefore, I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I found you.	*So I have come out here to meet you. I have come out to look everywhere for you, and now I have found you!*

For what does the woman look everywhere?

The woman is looking everywhere for the young man.

Proverbs 7:18

ULT	UST
Come, let us drink fully of lovemaking until the morning; let us delight ourselves with loves!	*Come with me! Let us satisfy ourselves sexually all night! Let us enjoy ourselves sexually!*

What does the woman invite the young man to do?

The woman invites the young man to come with her so they can satisfy themselves with lovemaking until the morning.

Proverbs 7:19

ULT	UST
For the man is not in his house; he went on a road far away.	*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 from home on a long journey.

Proverbs 7:22

ULT	UST
Following after her suddenly, like an ox to slaughter he goes, and like an ankle chain to the correction of a fool,	*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 follow after the woman?

The young man follows quickly after the woman, going like an ox to its slaughter.

Proverbs 7:23

ULT	UST
until an arrow splits his liver; like a bird rushing into a trap, and he did not know that it was for his life.	*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 cause him to die.

Proverbs 7:25

ULT	UST
Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways; do not wander into her tracks.	*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 an adulterous woman?

He is instructed to not desire her and to never go with her.

Proverbs 7:27

ULT	UST
Her house is the ways of Sheol, descending to the rooms of death.	*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.*

What will happen to those who enter her bedroom?

Those who enter her bedroom will die as a result.

Proverbs 8

Proverbs 8:1-2

Who calls out beside the road?

Wisdom calls out next to the crowded crossroads where everyone can hear her.

Proverbs 8:4

ULT	UST
“To you, men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of man.	*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 all people.

Proverbs 8:6

ULT	UST
Listen, for noble things I will speak, and the opening of my lips will be upright things.	*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?

Wisdom speaks of noble things and of what is right.

Proverbs 8:11

ULT	UST
For wisdom is better than coral pearls, and all desired things do not compare with her.	*Do this because being wise is more valuable than having precious jewels. Being wise is more valuable than anything that you can desire.*

What is wisdom more valuable than?

Wisdom is more valuable than having precious jewels.

Proverbs 8:13

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil. Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the mouth of perverse things I hate.	*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 8:15-16

How do kings and princes who have Wisdom rule?

Kings and princes who have Wisdom rule well.

Proverbs 8:19

ULT	UST
My fruit is better than gold and than refined gold, and my produce, than choice silver.	*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 purest gold and the best silver.

Proverbs 8:21

ULT	UST
to cause those who love me to inherit substance; and their treasuries, I will fill.	*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 8:23

ULT	UST
From eternity I was poured out, from the head, from the ancient times of the earth.	*Yahweh established me a very long time ago —at the very beginning, before the world existed.*

When was Wisdom established?

Wisdom was established a very long time ago, before the world existed.

Proverbs 8:26-27

Where was Wisdom when Yahweh made the earth and heavens?

Wisdom was there when Yahweh made the earth and heavens.

Proverbs 8:30

ULT	UST
Then I was beside him as a skilled worker, and I was a delight day by day, frolicking before his face at every time.	*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 he made everything?

Wisdom was beside Yahweh helping him to create everything.

Proverbs 8:31

ULT	UST
Frolicking in the world of his earth, and my delights were with the sons of man.	*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 the people he made.

Proverbs 8:35

ULT	UST
For a finder of me is a finder of life, and he obtains favor from Yahweh.	*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 and obtain?

One who finds Wisdom also finds life and obtains favor from Yahweh.

Proverbs 8:36

ULT	UST
But a misser of me does violence to his life; all haters of me love death.”	*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 happens to the who fails to find Wisdom?

One who fails to find Wisdom hurts himself.

Proverbs 9

Proverbs 9:1

ULT	UST
Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out her seven pillars.	*Continue imagining that there is a woman who represents everything that is wise. 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 9:3-4

To whom are the invitations that Wisdom sends out directed?

The invitations Wisdom sends out are directed to those who are not wise.

Proverbs 9:6

ULT	UST
Forsake naive things and live; and stride on the way of understanding.	*Stop acting naively so that you can live well. Do what will cause you to learn what you should understand.*

What does Wisdom say to forsake?

Wisdom says to stop acting naively so that you can live well.

Proverbs 9:8

ULT	UST
Do not rebuke a mocker, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise one, and he will love you.	*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 rebukes a mocker?

If you rebuke a mocker, that person will hate you.

What happens to one who corrects a wise person?

If you correct a wise person, that person will love you for doing so.

Proverbs 9:10

ULT	UST
The beginning of wisdom is the fear of Yahweh and knowledge of holy things is understanding.	*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 things is understanding.

Proverbs 9:13

ULT	UST
The woman of stupidity is loud, naive, and she does not know anything.	*Foolish women speak loudly, act naively, and are very ignorant.*

What are the characteristics of a foolish woman?

A foolish woman speaks loudly, acts naively, but she does not know anything.

Proverbs 9:18

ULT	UST
But he does not know that the spirits of the dead are there; in the depths of Sheol are her called ones.	*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?

Those in the foolish woman’s house are now in the deepest parts of the place where dead people are.

Proverbs 10

Proverbs 10:1

ULT	UST
The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son gladdens a father, but a stupid son is the grief of his mother.	*These are more wise sayings said by Solomon: Wise children make their fathers glad, but foolish children make their mothers sad.*

How do fathers react to wise children?

Wise children make their fathers glad.

Proverbs 10:3

ULT	UST
Yahweh does not let the life of the righteous starve, but the desire of the wicked he thrusts away.	*Yahweh prevents righteous people from starving, but he prevents wicked people from getting what they want.*

What does Yahweh do to the desire of the wicked?

Yahweh prevents wicked people from getting what they want.

Proverbs 10:4

ULT	UST
A palm of idleness makes poverty, but the hand of the diligent ones makes rich.	*People who are lazy become poor, but people who work hard become rich.*

What becomes of people who are lazy?

People who are lazy become poor.

Proverbs 10:6

ULT	UST
Blessings are for the head of the righteous, but the mouth of the wicked covers violence.	*God blesses righteous people, but what wicked people say sometimes prevents others from knowing about the violent acts that they do.*

How does God treat righteous people?

God blesses righteous people.

Proverbs 10:8

ULT	UST
The one wise of heart receives commands, but the one stupid of lips will be thrown down.	*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 happens to people who speak foolishly?

People who speak foolishly destroy themselves.

Proverbs 10:12

ULT	UST
Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love covers over all transgressions.	*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 transgressions.

Proverbs 10:13

ULT	UST
On the lips of the discerning one, wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of the one lacking of heart.	*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 10:17

ULT	UST
On a path to life is one who keeps instruction, but one who forsakes rebuke goes astray.	*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 people who do not let others correct them?

People who do not let others correct them do what will destroy them.

Proverbs 10:19

ULT	UST
With a multitude of words, transgression does not cease, but one who restrains his lips is insightful.	*People who talk a lot sin a lot; but people who refrain from speaking unnecessarily are wise.*

What happens when there are many words?

People who talk a lot sin a lot.

Proverbs 10:22

ULT	UST
The blessing of Yahweh, it causes riches, and striving does not add more with it.	*When people become wealthy, it is because Yahweh has blessed them, and working harder will not make them to become wealthier.*

In what does the blessing of Yahweh result?

It is because Yahweh is blessing them that people become wealthy.

Proverbs 10:25

ULT	UST
When a whirlwind passes over, then there is no more wicked, but a righteous one is a foundation of eternity.	*When something disastrous happens, it destroys wicked people, but righteous people are like a foundation that lasts forever.*

What results when something disastrous happens?

When something disastrous happens, it destroys wicked people.

Proverbs 10:26

ULT	UST
Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is the lazy one to one who sends him.	*Lazy people irritate people who send them to do something for them, like vinegar irritates teeth and smoke irritates eyes.*

How do lazy people impact those who send them to do something?

A lazy person is like smoke in the eyes that irritates those who send him.

Proverbs 10:27

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh will add days, but the years of the wicked ones will be short.	*People who revere Yahweh will live for a long time, but wicked people will live for only a short time.*

How long will the years of the wicked ones be?

The years of the wicked ones will be short.

Proverbs 10:29

ULT	UST
A stronghold for the one with integrity is the way of Yahweh, but ruin for doers of iniquity.	*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 with integrity who are honest people.

Proverbs 10:31

ULT	UST
The mouth of the righteous one bears the fruit of wisdom, but the tongue of the perverse ones will be cut off.	*Righteous people say what is wise, but Yahweh will stop people from speaking who speak perversely.*

What does Yahweh do to those who speak perversely?

Yahweh will stop people from speaking who speak perversely.

Proverbs 11

Proverbs 11:2

ULT	UST
When presumptuousness comes, then disgrace comes, but with modest ones is wisdom.	*When people act proudly, they will soon disgrace themselves, but humble people are wise.*

What comes before disgrace?

Presumptuousness or acting proudly comes before disgrace.

Proverbs 11:4

ULT	UST
Wealth will not profit in the day of rage, but righteousness will deliver from death.	*What people own will not help them when Yahweh punishes wicked people, but he will not kill those who live righteously.*

What is valuable when Yahweh punishes wicked people?

Righteousness, not wealth, is valuable when Yahweh punishes wicked people.

Proverbs 11:6

ULT	UST
The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, but by the desire of treacherous ones they will be captured.	*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 people?

Desiring bad things will cause people who act treacherously to trap themselves.

Proverbs 11:8

ULT	UST
A righteous one is drawn away from distress, and a wicked one enters instead of him.	*Yahweh rescues righteous people from becoming distressed; but wicked people will become distressed instead.*

What keeps a person away from distress?

A righteous person will be drawn away from distress.

Proverbs 11:9

ULT	UST
With a mouth a godless one destroys his neighbor, but with knowledge, the righteous will be delivered.	*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 other people?

A godless person destroys others by what they say.

Proverbs 11:13

ULT	UST
One going about with gossip uncovers a secret, but one faithful of spirit covers a matter.	*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 gossiping?

A faithful person will keep a matter private instead of gossiping.

Proverbs 11:15

ULT	UST
One will be harmed with harm if he pledges for a stranger, but one hating hand clasps is secure.	*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 will happen if a person guarantees to pay a debt for someone they do not know?

A person who guarantees to pay a debt for someone they do not know will surely suffer.

Proverbs 11:18

ULT	UST
A wicked one makes a wage of falsehood, but one sowing righteousness, a wage of truth.	*People who act wickedly falsely believe that they have gained something good, but God truly rewards people who do what is right.*

What wage does a wicked person make?

The wage of a wicked person is falsehood because they falsely believe that they have gained something good.

Proverbs 11:20

ULT	UST
An abomination to Yahweh is the crooked of heart, but his delight is the blameless of way.	*Yahweh detests people who think deceitfully, but people who act blamelessly please him.*

In whom does Yahweh delight?

Yahweh delights in those who act blamelessly.

Proverbs 11:21

ULT	UST
Hand to hand, a wicked one will not remain blameless, but the seed of the righteous will safely escape.	*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 certain?

It is certain that the wicked will be punished and the righteous will be safely escape punishment.

Proverbs 11:24

ULT	UST
There is a scatterer yet being added to more, and one withholding more than what is right, yet to poverty.	*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 generously shares what they have with others?

Those who generously share with others receive even more.

Proverbs 11:28

ULT	UST
One trusting in his riches, he himself will fall, but like a leaf, the righteous will sprout.	*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 depends on his riches will not be successful.

Proverbs 11:30

ULT	UST
The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and one taking souls is wise.	*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.*

What is a tree of life?

The fruit of the righteous, what righteous people say and do, is like a tree with fruit that keeps people alive.

Proverbs 11:31

ULT	UST
Behold, a righteous one in the land will be repaid, how much more a wicked one and a sinner!	*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 are righteous will be repaid, and much more the wicked and the sinner will get what they deserve.

Proverbs 12

Proverbs 12:1

ULT	UST
The lover of correction loves knowledge, but the hater of rebuke is stupid.	*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 person who accepts correction love?

A person who accepts correction loves learning what they should know.

Proverbs 12:2

ULT	UST
A good one obtains favor from Yahweh, but a man of schemes he will condemn.	*Yahweh approves of people who are good, but he condemns people who plan to do what is evil.*

Whom does Yahweh condemn?

Yahweh condemns a person who plans to do what is evil.

Proverbs 12:4

ULT	UST
A wife of worth is the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.	*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 virtuous wife is a husband's crown.

Proverbs 12:5

ULT	UST
The plans of the righteous are justice; the directions of the wicked are deceit.	*Righteous people plan to treat people fairly; wicked people advise people in order to deceive them.*

What kind of directions do the wicked give?

The wicked give deceitful directions.

Proverbs 12:7

ULT	UST
The wicked are overthrown, and they are naught, but the house of the righteous will stand.	*Yahweh destroys wicked people and they disappear, but the families of righteous people will continue.*

What happens to the families of those who are righteous?

The families of the righteous will continue.

Proverbs 12:10

ULT	UST
A righteous one knows the life of his animal, but the compassion of the wicked is cruel.	*Righteous people care for their animals, but even when wicked people think that they act compassionately, they act cruelly.*

Who is it that cares for their animals?

Righteous people care for their animals.

Proverbs 12:13

ULT	UST
In the transgression of lips is the snare of an evil one, but a righteous one will go out from distress.	*The sinful things that wicked people say will destroy them, but righteous people escape from trouble.*

What destroys an evil person?

The sinful things that wicked people say will destroy them.

Proverbs 12:15

ULT	UST
The way of a fool is right in his eyes, but a wise one listens to counsel.	*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 a fool think of what he is doing?

A fool thinks that what he is doing is right.

Proverbs 12:18

ULT	UST
There is one speaking thoughtlessly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise ones—healing.	*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 thoughtlessly like?

Words spoken thoughtlessly are like the thrusts of a sword; they hurt others.

Proverbs 12:20

ULT	UST
Deceit is in the heart of devisers of evil, but joy is for advisers of peace.	*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 evil?

Deceit is in the heart of those who plan evil.

Proverbs 12:22

ULT	UST
An abomination to Yahweh are lips of falsehood, but doers of faithfulness are his delight.	*Yahweh detests people who speak falsely, but people who act faithfully please him.*

What is an abomination to Yahweh?

Yahweh detests people who speak falsely.

Proverbs 12:24

ULT	UST
The hand of the diligent will rule, but an idle one will become a forced laborer.	*People who work hard will reign over others, but lazy people will become forced laborers.*

What happens to lazy people?

Lazy people will become forced laborers.

Proverbs 12:26

ULT	UST
A righteous one searches out from his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.	*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; by living wickedly, they destroy themselves.

Proverbs 12:28

ULT	UST
In the path of righteousness is life, and the way of the beaten path is no death.	*People who do what is righteous will live. Indeed, people who do so will not die.*

What becomes of people who do what is righteous?

People who do what is righteous will live.

Proverbs 13

Proverbs 13:1

ULT	UST
A wise son, the instruction of a father, but a mocking one does not listen to rebuke.	*Wise children pay attention when their fathers instruct them, but people who ridicule other people do not pay attention when people correct them.*

To what does a wise son listen?

A wise son listens to his father’s instruction.

Proverbs 13:3

ULT	UST
One guarding his mouth keeps his life; one opening his lips, ruin for him.	*People who are careful about what they say enable themselves to stay alive, but people who speak carelessly destroy themselves.*

How does a person keep his life?

A person keeps his life by guarding his mouth.

Proverbs 13:4

ULT	UST
A lazy one, his appetite is craving and there is nothing, but the appetite of the diligent will be fattened.	*Lazy people want things very much and get very little, but people who work hard will receive everything that they want.*

Who wants things very much and gets very little?

A lazy person wants things very much and gets very little.

Proverbs 13:8

ULT	UST
The ransom of the life of a man is his riches, but a poor one does not hear a rebuke.	*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 might a rich person have to do in order to stay alive?

A rich person might have to pay out of his riches as a ransom to someone who threatens him.

Proverbs 13:10

ULT	UST
With presumptuousness comes only contention, but with those who are counseled, wisdom.	*People who act proudly cause people to argue, but people who let others advise them cause people to be wise.*

What happens with people who act proudly?

People who act proudly cause people to argue.

Proverbs 13:11

ULT	UST
Wealth from emptiness will dwindle, but one gathering by hand will increase.	*Riches that people gain effortlessly will disappear, but people who gain riches by working steadily will increase their riches.*

What kind of wealth dwindles away?

Wealth that people gain without working for it will disappear.

Proverbs 13:14

ULT	UST
The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.	*What wise people teach continuously benefits people throughout their lives. It enables people to avoid dangerous things that could kill them.*

What benefits people throughout their lives?

The law of the wise, that which wise people teach, benefits people throughout their lives.

Proverbs 13:16

ULT	UST
Every prudent one acts with knowledge, but a stupid person displays folly.	*All clever people think carefully before they do something, but foolish people show that they are foolish by how they act.*

How do prudent people show they are prudent?

The prudent think carefully before they do something.

Proverbs 13:18

ULT	UST
Poverty and shame are for one avoiding correction, but one keeping a rebuke will be honored.	*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 happen to those who let other people rebuke them?

Those who let other people rebuke them for any bad behavior will be honored.

Proverbs 13:20

ULT	UST
One walking with wise ones will become wise, but one associating with stupid ones will be harmed.	*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 become wise?

In order to be wise, a person should associate with wise people.

Proverbs 13:22

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

Proverbs 13:24

ULT	UST
One who withholds his rod hates his son, but one who loves him diligently seeks him with discipline.	*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 do parents treat their children if they love them?

Parents who truly love their children are careful to discipline them.

Proverbs 13:25

ULT	UST
A righteous one eating to the satisfaction of his appetite, but the stomach of the wicked will lack.	*Righteous people have enough food to eat and satisfy themselves, but wicked people will be hungry.*

In what condition will the stomach of the wicked be?

The stomach of the wicked will be hungry.

Proverbs 14

Proverbs 14:1

ULT	UST
The wisest of women builds her house, but a foolish woman tears it down with her hands.	*The wisest women help their families to thrive, but foolish women ruin their families by the foolish things that they do.*

What do the wisest women do?

The wisest women help their families to thrive.

Proverbs 14:2

ULT	UST
The one walking in his uprightness fears Yahweh, but the one crooked in his ways despises him.	*People who behave uprightly show that they greatly revere Yahweh, but people who behave deceptively show that they detest Yahweh.*

Who despises Yahweh?

People who behave deceptively show that they despise Yahweh.

Proverbs 14:5

ULT	UST
A witness of faithfulness will not lie, but a witness of falsehood breathes out lies.	*Honest witnesses do not lie, but dishonest witnesses lie easily.*

What will an honest witness not do?

A witness of who is honest will not lie.

Proverbs 14:7

ULT	UST
Go before a man of stupidity, and you will not know lips of knowledge.	*If you associate with foolish people, you will not learn anything from knowledgeable people.*

What will happen if you associate with foolish people?

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

Proverbs 14:11

ULT	UST
The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.	*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 14:14

ULT	UST
A backsliding heart will be filled from his ways, but a good man, from his deeds.	*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 happen to people who refuse to live righteously?

People who refuse to live righteously will receive from Yahweh what they deserve from living that way.

Proverbs 14:16

ULT	UST
A wise one fears and turns away from trouble, but a stupid one interferes and is confident.	*Wise people are careful and avoid doing things that annoy others, but foolish people confidently interfere in other people's business.*

Does a fool turn away from trouble?

No, a fool confidently interferes in other people's business.

Proverbs 14:17

ULT	UST
One short of nostrils does folly, and a man of schemes is hated.	*People who quickly become angry act foolishly, and people hate those who plan to do evil things.*

What does someone do who quickly becomes angry?

A person who quickly becomes angry acts foolishly.

Proverbs 14:19

ULT	UST
The evil will bow down to the face of the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous one.	*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 evil people bow down?

Some day, evil people will bow down in front of good people.

Proverbs 14:22

ULT	UST
Do not devisers of evil go astray? But covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness are devisers of good.	*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.*

How does Solomon describe those people who plan to do good?

Those who plan to do good are faithful and trustworthy people.

Proverbs 14:23

ULT	UST
With all toil is profit, but the word of lips is only for lack.	*If people work hard, they will gain from it, but if people only talk, they will remain poor.*

What will people gain if they talk but do not work hard?

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

Proverbs 14:27

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.	*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 which is like a refreshing spring that enables people to live well.

Proverbs 14:29

ULT	UST
One long of nostrils is abundant in understanding, but one short of spirit lifts up folly.	*People who do not become angry quickly are very wise, but people who become angry quickly show everyone how foolish they are.*

Who shows everyone how foolish they are?

People who quickly become angry show everyone how foolish they are.

Proverbs 14:31

ULT	UST
An oppressor of a lowly one taunts his maker, but one showing favor to a needy one honors him.	*People who make poor people suffer ridicule Yahweh, who made them, but people who are kind to needy people respect Yahweh.*

Who taunts his maker by his actions?

A person who oppresses poor people is taunting Yahweh, his maker.

Proverbs 14:34

ULT	UST
Righteousness raises a nation, but sin is shame for peoples.	*Acting righteously makes a country great, but acting sinfully disgraces communities.*

What kind of behavior makes a country great?

Acting righteously makes a country great.

Proverbs 15

Proverbs 15:1

ULT	UST
A gentle answer turns back heat, but a word of pain lifts up a nose.	*Replying gently to angry people will calm them, but speaking harshly to them will make them angrier.*

What kind of answer calms angry people?

Replying gently to angry people will calm them.

Proverbs 15:3

ULT	UST
The eyes of Yahweh are in every place, watching the evil and the good.	*Yahweh sees everything that is happening; he observes both evil people and good people.*

Whom does Yahweh watch?

Yahweh watches both the evil and the good.

Proverbs 15:5

ULT	UST
A fool despises the correction of his father, but one who keeps rebuke is prudent.	*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 correction?

A fool despises the correction of his father.

Proverbs 15:8

ULT	UST
The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Yahweh, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.	*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 detest?

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Yahweh.

Proverbs 15:10

ULT	UST
Severe discipline is for one who forsakes the path; one who hates rebuke will die.	*Yahweh will severely punish people who refuse to live righteously, and people who refuse to let other people correct them will perish.*

What happens to the person who forsakes God's path?

Yahweh will severely punish the person who refuses to live righteously.

Proverbs 15:13

ULT	UST
A joyful heart makes a face glad, but by pain of heart, a spirit is stricken.	*People smile when they are happy, but feeling sad can make people despair.*

What makes the face glad?

A joyful heart makes the face glad.

Proverbs 15:16

ULT	UST
Better is a little with the fear of Yahweh than much treasure and anxiety with it.	*Being poor while reverently fearing Yahweh is better than being rich while worrying.*

What is better than being rich while worrying?

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

Proverbs 15:18

ULT	UST
A man of heat stirs up a quarrel, but one long of nostrils will quiet a dispute.	*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 dispute?

A person who does not easily become angry will help people to be peaceful.

Proverbs 15:20

ULT	UST
A wise son gladdens a father, but a stupid man despises his mother.	*Wise sons and daughters make their parents happy, but any sons or daughters who detest their parents are foolish.*

How does a wise son affect his father?

A wise son gladdens his father.

Proverbs 15:22

ULT	UST
Plans are broken with no counsel, but with a multitude of advisers, it will stand.	*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 people's plans to succeed?

When many people advise them well, they will succeed.

Proverbs 15:25

ULT	UST
Yahweh will tear down the house of the proud, but he will set up the boundary of the widow.	*Yahweh will destroy what proud people own, but he protects the few things that widows own.*

What will Yahweh tear down?

Yahweh will tear down what a proud person owns.

Proverbs 15:28

ULT	UST
The heart of the righteous considers how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked gushes forth evils.	*Righteous people think carefully about how to reply to people, but wicked people quickly say what is evil.*

What does the righteous person do before answering?

The righteous person thinks carefully before answering.

Proverbs 15:31

ULT	UST
An ear hearing the rebuke of life will lodge in the midst of the wise ones.	*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.*

Where will the person live who behaves better after hearing a rebuke?

The person who behaves better after hearing a rebuke will live among people who are wise.

Proverbs 15:33

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is instruction of wisdom, and to the face of honor is humility.	*Revering Yahweh teaches people to be wise, and people must be humble before other people can respect them.*

What teaches a person to be wise?

A reverent fear of Yahweh teaches a person to be wise.

Proverbs 16

Proverbs 16:2

ULT	UST
All the ways of a man are pure in his eyes, but Yahweh examines spirits.	*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 16:4

ULT	UST
Yahweh has made all for its purpose and even a wicked one for the day of evil.	*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 16:6

ULT	UST
By covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness, iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of Yahweh, one turns away from evil.	*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 sin forgiven?

By covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness sin is forgiven.

Proverbs 16:9

ULT	UST
The heart of a man plans his way, but Yahweh establishes his step.	*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?

A person plans out what he wants to do, but Yahweh determines what he will actually do.

Proverbs 16:12

ULT	UST
An abomination of kings is doing wickedness, for by righteousness is a throne established.	*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 righteousness.

Proverbs 16:14

ULT	UST
The heat of a king is messengers of death, but a wise man will atone for it.	*When kings are angry, they cause people to die, so wise people will appease them.*

What is a messenger of death?

A king’s anger is a messenger of death.

Proverbs 16:16

ULT	UST
How much better it is to acquire wisdom than gold, and to acquire understanding is to be chosen more than silver.	*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 16:18

ULT	UST
To the face of a breaking is pride, and to the face of a stumbling is a height of spirit.	*Being proud causes people to destroy themselves. Indeed, being arrogant causes people to ruin themselves.*

What causes people to ruin themselves?

Being arrogant causes people to ruin themselves.

Proverbs 16:20

ULT	UST
One who comprehends concerning a matter will find good, and one who trusts in Yahweh, he is happy.	*People who act prudently in a matter will succeed, and people who trust in Yahweh are happy.*

What makes a person happy?

A person who trusts in Yahweh is happy.

Proverbs 16:23

ULT	UST
The heart of the wise makes his mouth insightful, and on his lips it increases learning.	*What wise people think causes them to speak insightfully, and what those people say causes others to learn.*

What happens when the wise speak insightfully?

When the wise speak insightfully, what they say causes others to learn.

Proverbs 16:25

ULT	UST
There is a straight road to the face of a man but its end is the ways of death.	*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 to do things may seem easy and convenient for people, where can it end?

In the end, doing things that way will cause them to die.

Proverbs 16:28

ULT	UST
A man of perverse things lets loose strife, and a murmurer separates the friendly.	*Perverse people cause other people to argue with each other, and people who gossip about others cause friends to stop being friends.*

What separates friends?

People who gossip about others cause friends to stop being friends.

Proverbs 16:30

ULT	UST
One who shuts his eyes plans perverse things; one who compresses his lips brings evil to completion.	*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 signals with his eyes doing?

The one who signals others with his eyes is about to do something perverse.

Proverbs 16:31

ULT	UST
Gray hair is a crown of splendor; on the road of righteousness it is found.	*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 splendor?

Gray hair is like an honorable crown on the head.

Proverbs 16:32

ULT	UST
Better is one long of nostrils than a mighty one, and one ruling his spirit than one capturing a city.	*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 it better to be than one capturing a city?

It is better to be someone who does not become angry quickly than to be powerful and capture a city.

Proverbs 16:33

ULT	UST
Into the lap a lot is cast, but its every judgment is from Yahweh.	*People throw lots in order to decide what to do, but Yahweh decides whatever happens.*

How is the decision of casting lots made?

Yahweh decides whatever happens.

Proverbs 17

Proverbs 17:2

ULT	UST
An insightful servant will rule over a shameful son, and in the midst of brothers, he will share an inheritance.	*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 an insightful servant do with regard to a shameful son?

An insightful servant will rule over a shameful son.

Proverbs 17:4

ULT	UST
The evildoer listens attentively to the lips of iniquity; a liar gives ear to a tongue of destruction.	*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 what does an evildoer listen carefully?

An evildoer will listen carefully when people say sinful things that destroy others.

Proverbs 17:5

ULT	UST
A mocker of one who is poor taunts his maker; one glad at calamity will not remain blameless.	*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 when someone experiences calamity?

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

Proverbs 17:8

ULT	UST
A stone of favor is a bribe in the eyes of its owner; he succeeds to all that he turns.	*People who pay bribes think that bribes are magical; by paying bribes, they think that everything that they do will be successful.*

Why do people who pay bribes think that bribes are magical?

They think that, by paying bribes, everything they do will be successful.

Proverbs 17:10

ULT	UST
A rebuke goes down into an understanding one more than striking a stupid one a hundred times.	*Rebuking sensible people once causes them to learn more than hitting foolish people a hundred times causes them to learn.*

What causes a sensible person to learn?

Rebuking a sensible person once causes him to learn.

Proverbs 17:12

ULT	UST
Let a female bear robbed of offspring meet a man and not a stupid one in his folly!	*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 more dangerous than meeting a mother bear robbed of her cubs?

It can be more dangerous to confront a foolish person who is doing something foolish.

Proverbs 17:14

ULT	UST
The beginning of a quarrel is the releasing of water, so leave the dispute before it breaks out.	*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 leave the dispute before it breaks out because once an argument has started, it will be as difficult to stop as it is to stop water that is leaking.

Proverbs 17:15

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

What two types of people are an abomination to Yahweh?

A person who declares a wicked person as righteous and one who declares a righteous person as wicked are both an abomination to Yahweh.

Proverbs 17:18

ULT	UST
A man lacking of heart is one who clasps a palm, pledging a pledge to the face of his neighbor.	*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 do who does not think wisely?

A man who does not think wisely agrees to pay someone else's loan.

Proverbs 17:20

ULT	UST
One crooked of heart will not find goodness, and one who is turned away in his tongue will fall into evil.	*People who think deceitfully will not experience good things, and bad things will happen to people who speak deceitfully.*

What causes a person to experience bad things?

Bad things will happen to a person who thinks and speaks deceitfully.

Proverbs 17:22

ULT	UST
A joyful heart makes healing good, but a broken spirit dries up bone.	*Being cheerful helps the body to heal, but being discouraged makes the body weak.*

What helps the body to heal?

A joyful heart helps the body to heal.

Proverbs 17:25

ULT	UST
A stupid son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.	*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 17:28

ULT	UST
Even a fool keeping silent will be considered wise; one shutting his lips—understanding.	*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 18:2

ULT	UST
A stupid one does not delight in understanding but rather in his heart revealing itself.	*Foolish people hate learning. Instead, they only want to tell others what they think.*

In what does a foolish person not find delight?

A foolish person hates learning and does not delight in understanding.

Proverbs 18:3

ULT	UST
When a wicked one comes, contempt also comes, and with shame, reproach.	*People treat wicked people contemptuously, and people scold people who act shamefully.*

How is a wicked person treated?

A wicked person is treated with contempt and a person who acts shamefully, with reproach.

Proverbs 18:6

ULT	UST
The lips of a stupid one enter into a dispute, and his mouth calls for blows.	*What foolish people say makes people argue, and it makes people want to beat them.*

What happens when a foolish person speaks?

What a foolish person says makes people argue and want to beat him.

Proverbs 18:8

ULT	UST
The words of a murmurer are like things swallowed greedily, and they themselves go down into the rooms of the belly.	*People are eager to listen to what people who gossip say, and what they say deeply affects those who hear it.*

What deeply affects those who hear it?

What people who gossip say deeply affects those who hear it.

Proverbs 18:10

ULT	UST
The name of Yahweh is a tower of strength; the righteous one runs into it and is set on high.	*Yahweh is like a strong tower that righteous people run into and are safe.*

What is a tower of strength?

The name of Yahweh is like a strong tower into which the righteous can run and be safe.

Proverbs 18:12

ULT	UST
To the face of breaking, the heart of a man is exalted, but to the face of honor—humility.	*Before people ruin themselves, they have first become proud; and before people will respect someone, that person must become humble.*

What must a person become before others will honor and respect him?

A person must become humble before others will respect him.

Proverbs 18:14

ULT	UST
The spirit of a man will endure his illness, but a crushed spirit, who can lift it?	*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!*

When is it difficult to make someone feel better?

When they are inwardly weak and depressed.

Proverbs 18:17

ULT	UST
The first one with his case is right; then his neighbor comes and examines him.	*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 person to state his case seems to be right until people whom he knows arrive and question him.

Proverbs 18:19

ULT	UST
A brother offended is more than a city of strength, and quarrels are like the gate bar of a fortress.	*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 more difficult to do than to conquer a fortified city?

It is more difficult to reconcile with an offended relative than it is to conquer a fortified city.

Proverbs 18:21

ULT	UST
Death and life are in the hand of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.	*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 strongly influences what happens to people?

What people say can influence what happens, even to cause people to die or to remain alive.

Proverbs 18:23

ULT	UST
One who is poor speaks pleas, but a rich one answers harshly.	*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 19

Proverbs 19:2

ULT	UST
Also, zeal with no knowledge is not good, and one who hurries with feet misses the way.	*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 zeal?

A person must have knowledge in addition to zeal.

Proverbs 19:5

ULT	UST
A witness of falsehoods will not be blameless, and he who breathes out lies will not escape.	*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?

Someone will surely punish people who lie easily.

Proverbs 19:7

ULT	UST
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.	*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	UST
The one acquiring heart is loving his life; the one keeping understanding is to find good fortune.	*People who love to learn benefit themselves; people who are consistently sensible will surely succeed.*

What does a person do who loves his life?

A person who loves his life loves to learn.

Proverbs 19:11

ULT	UST
The insight of a man makes his nose long, and his splendor is to pass over a transgression.	*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 insight do when offended?

Insightful people do not get angry quickly.

Proverbs 19:13

ULT	UST
A stupid son is destruction to his father, and a continual dripping, the quarrels of a wife.	*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	UST
A house and wealth are the inheritance of fathers, but from Yahweh is a wife who has insight.	*People inherit houses and riches from their fathers, but Yahweh alone gives men insightful wives.*

From where does a insightful wife come?

An insightful wife is from Yahweh.

Proverbs 19:17

ULT	UST
One who is gracious to a lowly one lends to Yahweh, and his dealing he will repay to him.	*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?

Giving things to poor people is like loaning them to Yahweh.

Proverbs 19:19

ULT	UST
One great of heat lifts up a fine; for if you rescue, then you will continue to do so again.	*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 very angry person will have to be rescued a second time.

Proverbs 19:20

ULT	UST
Listen to counsel and accept instruction, so that you will become wise in your afterwards.	*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 for the rest of his life?

A person can become wise for the rest of your life by paying attention to what people advise them and by accepting instruction.

Proverbs 19:23

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is to life and the satisfied one will stay overnight; he will not be visited by evil.	*Revering Yahweh causes people to live for a long time; such people rest contentedly at night; nothing will harm them.*

What leads people to live for a long time?

Revering Yahweh causes people to live for a long time.

Proverbs 19:24

ULT	UST
A lazy one hides his hand in the dish; he will not even return it to his mouth.	*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 will a lazy one not do?

A lazy one will not even lift the food to his mouth.

Proverbs 19:26

ULT	UST
One who does violence to a father, who causes a mother to flee, is a son who causes shame and causes embarrassment.	*Children who act violently toward their fathers and chase away their mothers are disgraceful and embarrassing.*

What does a child cause who does violence to his father and causes his mother to flee?

A child who does violence to his father and causes his mother to flee causes shame and embarrassment.

Proverbs 19:28

ULT	UST
A witness of worthlessness mocks justice, and the mouth of the wicked ones swallows iniquity.	*Worthless witnesses scorn what is just, and wicked people enjoy acting sinfully as if they were gulping down delicious food.*

What kind of witness mocks justice?

A worthless witness scorns what is just.

Proverbs 20

Proverbs 20:2

ULT	UST
The terror of a king is a growling like the young lion; one who infuriates him is one who wrongs his life.	*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 is the anger of a king compared to?

The king's anger can frighten people like the roaring of a lion.

Proverbs 20:3

ULT	UST
Honor for a man is cessation from strife, but every fool breaks out.	*It is honorable to cease arguing with other people, but all foolish people are eager to argue with others.*

What are fools eager to do?

Foolish people are eager to argue with others.

Proverbs 20:6

ULT	UST
Many a man proclaims, each man, his covenant faithfulness, but a man of faithful acts, who can find?	*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 20:9

ULT	UST
Who can say, "I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin"?	*No one can truthfully say, "I do not think sinfully anymore; I do not sin anymore."*

What is something that no one can truthfully say about himself?

No one can say truthfully that he has made his heart pure and is clean from sin.

Proverbs 20:11

ULT	UST
Even a young man will make himself known by his deeds, if pure and if upright is his behavior.	*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 young person known?

Even a young man will show others who he is by what he does.

Proverbs 20:13

ULT	UST
Do not love sleep lest you become impoverished. Open your eyes; be satisfied with bread.	*If you sleep a lot, you will become poor; but if you stay awake and work, you will have plenty of food.*

What causes a person to become poor?

If you sleep a lot, you will become poor.

Proverbs 20:15

ULT	UST
There is gold and an abundance of corals, but lips of knowledge are a vessel of preciousness.	*Gold and precious jewels are plentiful, but the knowledgeable things that people say are rare and precious.*

What things are rare and precious?

The knowledgeable things that people say are rare and precious.

Proverbs 20:17

ULT	UST
Sweet to a man is bread of falsehood, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.	*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 food gained by deceit taste like afterward?

Food gained by deceiving others tastes like gravel afterward.

Proverbs 20:20

ULT	UST
One who curses his father and his mother, his lamp will be extinguished in the pupil of darkness.	*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?

People who curse their parents will be like an oil lamp that is extinguished in a totally dark place.

Proverbs 20:22

ULT	UST
Do not say, "I will repay evil." Wait for Yahweh, and he will save you.	*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 you do?

You should wait for Yahweh to resolve the matter, so that he may vindicate you.

Proverbs 20:25

ULT	UST
A snare of a man: He says rashly, "It is holy," and after vows, considers.	*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 dangerous to thoughtlessly declare?

It is dangerous to thoughtlessly declare that a man will dedicate something to Yahweh before he considers.

Proverbs 20:28

ULT	UST
Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness guard a king, and his throne is sustained by covenant faithfulness.	*Being faithful and trustworthy makes kings safe. Indeed, being faithful enables them to rule securely.*

What guards a king?

Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness guard a king.

Proverbs 20:29

ULT	UST
The splendor of young men is their strength and the adornment of old ones is gray hair.	*People admire young men because they are strong, but people admire old men because they have become wise.*

What is the splendor of young men?

The splendor of young men is their strength.

Proverbs 21

Proverbs 21:1

ULT	UST
The heart of a king is channels of water in the hand of Yahweh; he steers it according to all that he desires.	*Yahweh directs what kings think as a farmer directs streams of water to make them go wherever he wants them to go.*

What does Yahweh direct wherever he wants them to go?

Yahweh directs what kings think according to all that he desires.

Proverbs 21:3

ULT	UST
To do righteousness and justice is preferred to Yahweh more than a sacrifice.	*Doing what is right and fair is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrificing animals to him.*

What is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice?

To do what is right and fair is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice.

Proverbs 21:6

ULT	UST
The making of treasures by a tongue of falsehood is scattered vapor, seekers of death.	*When people gain wealth by speaking falsely, that wealth quickly vanishes like mist, and doing that will kill them.*

What happens to the wealth of someone who acquires riches by a speaking falsely?

That wealth quickly vanishes like mist, and doing that will kill the person who lied.

Proverbs 21:7

ULT	UST
The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do justice.	*When wicked people act violently, they cause others to punish them for it because they refuse to do what is right.*

Why are the wicked punished?

The wicked are punished because they refuse to do what is right.

Proverbs 21:10

ULT	UST
The soul of the wicked one craves evil; his neighbor is not shown grace in his eyes.	*Wicked people strongly desire to do what is evil, they will not be merciful to the people around them.*

What is not seen in the eyes of the wicked?

Grace is not seen in the eyes of the wicked.

Proverbs 21:11

ULT	UST
When fining a mocker, a naive one becomes wise, and when giving insight to a wise one, he receives knowledge.	*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 naive learn wisdom when a mocker is punished.

Proverbs 21:14

ULT	UST
A gift in secrecy subdues nose, and a bribe in the bosom, strong heat.	*Secretly giving something to an angry person will stop him from being angry. Indeed, secretly bribing a furious person will calm him down.*

What does a secret gift accomplish?

A secret gift subdues anger.

Proverbs 21:16

ULT	UST
A man wandering from the way of understanding will rest in the assembly of the spirits of the dead.	*People who stop behaving sensibly will soon go to the place where the spirits of dead people are.*

Where does one who wanders from understanding rest?

One who wanders from understanding rests in the assembly of the spirits of the dead.

Proverbs 21:19

ULT	UST
Better to dwell in a land of wilderness than with a woman of quarrels and vexation.	*It is better to live alone in a desolate land than to live with an argumentative and nagging wife.*

Where is it better to live than with a quarrelsome wife?

It is better to live in the wilderness than with an argumentative, nagging wife.

Proverbs 21:22

ULT	UST
A wise one ascends a city of mighty ones, and he brings down the strength of its confidence.	*Wise people know how to conquer cities that mighty warriors are defending; they can 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 walls that people believe will protect them.

Proverbs 21:24

ULT	UST
A presumptuous, haughty one, "Mocker" is his name, acting with the rage of presumption.	*People who ridicule others are proud and arrogant; they behave furiously and presumptuously.*

What is the name for a proud and haughty person?

A proud and haughty person is called "Mocker."

Proverbs 21:27

ULT	UST
The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; how much more when he brings it with a wicked plan!	*Yahweh detests the sacrifices that wicked people offer to him; 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 a wicked person is detestable, and even more so when he offers it while intending to act wickedly.

Proverbs 21:30

ULT	UST
There is no wisdom and there is no understanding and there is no counsel in front of Yahweh.	*Even the wisest and most knowledgeable counselor is nothing compared to Yahweh.*

What things are nothing compared to Yahweh?

Wisdom, understanding, or counsel are nothing compared to Yahweh.

Proverbs 21:31

ULT	UST
A horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the salvation is of Yahweh.	*Soldiers prepare to fight, but Yahweh determines who wins that fight.*

Who gives the victory in the day of battle?

Yahweh determines who wins that fight.

Proverbs 22

Proverbs 22:2

ULT	UST
A rich one and a poor one meet together; Yahweh is maker of all of them.	*Rich people and poor people have this in common: Yahweh made all of them.*

What do the rich and poor have in common?

Yahweh is the maker of both the rich people and poor people.

Proverbs 22:4

ULT	UST
The result of humility, the fear of Yahweh, is riches and honor and life.	*People who are humble, who revere Yahweh, will become rich, people will respect them, and they will live long and well.*

For what is the reward of riches, honor, and life?

The reward of riches, honor, and life is given to people who are humble and revere Yahweh.

Proverbs 22:6

ULT	UST
Train up the boy upon the mouth of his way; even when he is old, he will not turn away from it.	*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 how to behave properly, he will not turn away from that training when he grows old.

Proverbs 22:7

ULT	UST
A rich one rules over those who are poor, and a borrower is a slave to a man who lends.	*Rich people reign over poor people, and people who borrow money from others become like 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 22:10

ULT	UST
Drive out a mocker and strife will go out, and judgment and dishonor will cease.	*If you banish people who ridicule others, then people will stop arguing with each other, condemning each other, and shaming each other.*

What will cease if the mocker is driven away?

Judgment and dishonor will cease if the mocker is driven away.

Proverbs 22:13

ULT	UST
A lazy one says, "A lion is outside! I will be killed in the midst of the open areas!"	*Lazy people as an excuse to not work 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 not to work?

A lazy person says there is a lion in the streets that will kill him if he goes outside.

Proverbs 22:14

ULT	UST
The mouth of a strange woman is a deep pit; one who is cursed of Yahweh will fall there.	*What adulterous women say is as dangerous as a deep hole that men could fall into; those with whom Yahweh is angry will suffer from it.*

How dangerous is what an adulterous woman says?

What an adulterous woman says is as dangerous as a deep hole that men could fall into.

Proverbs 22:15

ULT	UST
Folly is bound up in the heart of a boy; the rod of discipline will cause it to be far away from him.	*Children naturally 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 22:19

ULT	UST
For your trust to be in Yahweh, I have caused you to know today, even you.	*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 22:22

ULT	UST
Do not rob a lowly one because he is a lowly one, and do not crush an afflicted one at the gate.	*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 suffering?

Do not steal from the poor and do not oppress suffering people.

Proverbs 22:23

ULT	UST
For Yahweh will plead their dispute, and he will plunder of life those who plunder them.	*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 kill the people who stole from them.

Proverbs 22:24-25

Why must a person not associate with people who easily become angry?

A person must not associate with someone who easily becomes angry because he will learn to act like them and endanger himself.

Proverbs 22:26-27

What might a person take from someone who cannot pay back a loan?

A person could take even their bed if they cannot repay the loan.

Proverbs 22:28

ULT	UST
Do not move the ancient boundary that your fathers made.	*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 moved?

The ancient boundary stone set by their ancestors must not be moved.

Proverbs 23

Proverbs 23:1

ULT	UST
When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider carefully what is before your face,	*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 consider what is before him.

Proverbs 23:4

ULT	UST
Do not weary yourself to gain riches; from your understanding, cease.	*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	UST
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.	*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.*

How does wealth compare to a bird?

Both wealth and a bird can quickly disappear.

Proverbs 23:7

ULT	UST
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.	*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 does a stingy man not mean what he says when he tells you to eat and drink?

Because stingy people are always thinking about how much the food costs them.

Proverbs 23:9

ULT	UST
Do not speak in the ears of a stupid one, for he will show contempt for the insight of your words.	*Do not try to talk to foolish people because they will only despise the insightful things that you say.*

How does a fool react to insightful words?

A fool despises the insightful things that you say.

Proverbs 23:10-11

Why should you not claim the land that belongs to orphans?

Their strong redeemer, Yahweh, will defend them when they dispute with you.

Proverbs 23:13

ULT	UST
Do not withhold discipline from a boy; when you strike him with the rod, he will not die.	*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 23:15-16

What makes a father be deeply joyful?

When his son speaks what is right, the father will be deeply joyful.

Proverbs 23:20

ULT	UST
Do not be among drinkers of much wine, among gluttonous eaters of flesh for themselves.	*Stay away from drunkards and gluttons,*

From whom should a person stay away?

A person should stay away from drunkards or gluttonous eaters.

Proverbs 23:23

ULT	UST
Acquire truth and do not sell, wisdom and instruction and understanding.	*Learn what is true and remember it. Learn what is wise and instructive and what you should understand.*

What should a person acquire?

A person should acquire truth, wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

Proverbs 23:26

ULT	UST
My son, give your heart to me, and may your eyes watch my ways.	*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 23:27-28

In what way are certain women very dangerous?

Prostitutes and adulterous women are dangerous because they cause many men to become unfaithful.

Proverbs 23:29-30

What kind of people are woeful, sorrowful, and quarrelsome?

Those people who drink too much wine.

Proverbs 23:31-33

What will happen when you let wine become overly attractive to you?

When you are drunk, you will hallucinate.

Proverbs 23:35

ULT	UST
“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.”	*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 when he wakes up?

The drunkard says he wishes to be sober so that he could find even more wine to drink again.

Proverbs 24

Proverbs 24:1

ULT	UST
Do not be envious of men of evil, and do not desire to be with them.	*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 24:3

ULT	UST
By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.	*People build households by acting wisely; they make those households stable by acting sensibly.*

By what is a household established?

A household is established by wisdom.

Proverbs 24:5

ULT	UST
A man of wisdom is with strength and a man of knowledge strengthens power.	*Wise people are strong, and knowledgeable people make themselves more powerful,*

What can a person add to wisdom to become more powerful?

A wise person who adds knowledge to wisdom makes himself more powerful.

Proverbs 24:8

ULT	UST
One who plans to do evil, they will call him an owner of schemes.	*Some people are always planning to do evil things; 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 schemer.

Proverbs 24:10

ULT	UST
If you make yourself slack in the day of distress, your strength is narrow.	*If you give up during distressful times, then you are weak.*

If you give up during distressful times, how is your strength?

If you give up during distressful times, then you are weak.

Proverbs 24:12

ULT	UST
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 he, give back to a man according to his work?	*If you falsely claim that you did not know that those people were dying unjustly, then think about this: Yahweh knows exactly what you are thinking and he understands what you are doing! He is the one who keeps you alive and he knows everything about you! He will surely make people receive what they deserve for whatever they have done or not done!*

What does God give each person?

God gives each person what he deserves.

Proverbs 24:15

ULT	UST
Do not lie in wait like a wicked one against the abode of the righteous; do not assault his resting place.	*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 places where righteous people dwell.

Proverbs 24:17-18

What will Yahweh do if you are glad when your enemy falls?

Yahweh will notice and disapprove, and stop being angry with your enemies.

Proverbs 24:20

ULT	UST
For a future is not for an evil one, the lamp of the wicked will be extinguished.	*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 will be extinguished.

Proverbs 24:21

ULT	UST
My son, fear Yahweh and the king; do not associate with ones who change.	*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 24:24

ULT	UST
One saying to a wicked one, "You are righteous," peoples will curse him, nations will denounce him.	*If anyone declares that a guilty person is innocent, many people will curse him and whole people groups will hate him.*

What will happen to the one who declares that a guilty person is innocent?

Many people will curse him and whole people groups will hate him.

Proverbs 24:26

ULT	UST
He kisses lips who returns straightforward words.	*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 24:29

ULT	UST
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.”	*Do not say, “I will do to him that same bad thing that 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 24:30-31

What did the field of the lazy man look like?

In the lazy man’s field, thistles and weeds were everywhere, and the stone wall surrounding it had broken down.

Proverbs 24:34

ULT	UST
and your poverty will come like one who walks around, and your needs like a man of shield.	*Then the result of being so lazy will be that you will become poor and needy just as surely as if a thief has robbed you.*

What comes upon the lazy man like a robber?

Poverty and need come upon the lazy man as if a thief has robbed him.

Proverbs 25

Proverbs 25:1

ULT	UST
These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah, copied.	*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?

Solomon was the author of this proverb.

Proverbs 25:2

ULT	UST
The glory of God is to hide a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.	*God shows how glorious he is when he makes something that is 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 make something that is difficult for people to understand.

Proverbs 25:5

ULT	UST
Remove a wicked one to the face of the king, and his throne will be established by righteousness.	*In the same way, people must remove wicked advisers from the presence of kings so that they can rule securely by being righteous.*

How is the throne of the king established?

People must remove wicked advisers from the presence of the king so that he can rule securely by being righteous.

Proverbs 25:6-7

What is better than standing in the place designated for the great?

Waiting for the king tell you to come up here is better than standing in the place designated for the great and being told to sit farther away from the king.

Proverbs 25:8

ULT	UST
Do not go out hastily to dispute, or else what will you do in its end when your neighbor humiliates you?	*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!*

If you have witnessed something concerning your neighbor, why should you not be quick to bring it to trial?

You should not plead your case too quickly because your neighbor may win the case and embarrass you.

Proverbs 25:13

ULT	UST
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.	*Reliable messengers are as refreshing to those who send them as cold snow would be refreshing during the summer harvest time; they refresh the people whom they serve.*

What does a reliable messenger do for his senders?

A faithful messenger refreshes the people whom he serves.

Proverbs 25:15

ULT	UST
By length of nostrils a commander may be persuaded, and a soft tongue can break a bone.	*People can persuade leaders by being patient, and by speaking gently people can convince those who oppose them to agree with them.*

With what can a leader be persuaded?

A ruler can be persuaded with patience.

Proverbs 25:17

ULT	UST
Make rare your foot from the house of your neighbor, lest he become satiated with you and hate you.	*In the same way, do not visit too often the houses of your friends. If you do, then they may feel that they have had too much of you and even hate you.*

How could your neighbor feel that he has had too much of you?

Your neighbor could feel that he has had too much of you if you visit his house too often.

Proverbs 25:19

ULT	UST
A broken tooth and a shaky foot is confidence in one who acts treacherously in the day of distress.	*Trusting treacherous people during distressful times is like trying to eat with a rotten tooth or trying to walk with a crippled foot.*

What is like a a crippled foot?

Trusting treacherous people during distressful times is like a crippled foot.

Proverbs 25:21

ULT	UST
If one who hates you is hungry, cause him to eat bread, and if thirsty, cause him to drink water;	*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 if they are hungry or thirsty.

Proverbs 25:22

ULT	UST
for you are heaping embers on his head, and Yahweh will repay to you.	*Do so because by doing so you will shame them, as if you were 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 26

Proverbs 26:2

ULT	UST
Like the bird for fluttering, like the swallow for flying, so a curse without cause does not come.	*Just as a bird will fly by and not land on you, so a curse will not harm you if you are innocent.*

What does not harm you?

A curse will not harm you if you are innocent.

Proverbs 26:4

ULT	UST
Do not answer a stupid one according to his folly, lest you yourself also become like him.	*Do not reply to foolish people according to their foolish way of thinking. If you do, then you also will be foolish.*

What will happen to you if you reply to foolish people according to their foolish way of thinking?

If you do, then you also will be foolish.

Proverbs 26:6

ULT	UST
One cutting off feet, one drinking violence, is one sending words by the hand of a stupid one.	*Anyone who asks a foolish person to take a message to someone is doing something as foolish as cutting off his own feet or drinking poison.*

What is like cutting off one's own feet?

Sending a message by the hand of a fool is like cutting off one's own feet.

Proverbs 26:10

ULT	UST
An archer piercing everyone, so is one hiring a stupid one and hiring passersby.	*People who employ foolish people or random strangers are as dangerous as someone who randomly shoots arrows at people.*

One who employs a fool is like what?

One who employs a fool is like an archer who randomly shoots arrows at people.

Proverbs 26:11

ULT	UST
Like a dog returning to its vomit is a stupid one who repeats his folly.	*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 does the same foolish thing over and over again.

Proverbs 26:14

ULT	UST
The door turns on its hinge, and a lazy one on his bed.	*As doors swing on their hinges and do not go anywhere, so lazy people turn back and forth in their beds.*

What is like a door swinging on its hinges?

As a door swings on its hinges and does not go anywhere, so a lazy person turns back and forth in his bed.

Proverbs 26:16

ULT	UST
A lazy one is wiser in his eyes than seven returning discernment.	*A typical lazy person wrongly thinks that he is wiser than several people who answer intelligently.*

How does a lazy person appear in his own eyes?

A lazy person wrongly thinks that he is wiser than several people who answer intelligently.

Proverbs 26:19

ULT	UST
so is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, “Was I not joking?”	

What does a person say after deceiving his neighbor?

A person says he was just joking after deceiving his neighbor.

Proverbs 26:21

ULT	UST
Charcoal to burning coals and wood to fire, so a man of quarrels is to kindling of a dispute.	*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 a dispute.

Proverbs 26:24

ULT	UST
With his lips one who hates disguises himself, but within him he sets deceit.	*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 will use what they say to hide what they feel.

Proverbs 26:27

ULT	UST
One who digs a pit will fall into it, and one who rolls a stone, it will come back to him.	*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	UST
A tongue of falsehood hates its oppressed ones, and a smooth mouth makes calamity.	*Liars hate the people whom they hurt, and flatterers cause disastrous things to happen.*

What do flatterers cause?

Flatterers cause disastrous things to happen.

Proverbs 27

Proverbs 27:1

ULT	UST
Do not boast about the next day, for you do not know what a day will bring forth.	*Do not brag about what you will do 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 will happen then.

Proverbs 27:3

ULT	UST
The heaviness of a stone and the weightiness of the sand, yet the vexation of a fool is heavier than the two of them.	*Stones and sand are heavy, but fools are so annoying that they are harder to bear than either of those.*

What is so annoying that it is compared to the heaviness of stones or sand?

A fool is so annoying that he is harder to bear than either of those.

Proverbs 27:6

ULT	UST
Faithful are the wounds of one loving, but deceptive are the kisses of one hating.	*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 will deceive you by acting affectionately toward you.

Proverbs 27:7

ULT	UST
A satiated appetite tramples fresh honey, but for the appetite of a hungry one everything bitter is sweet.	*When people have full stomachs, they do not want to eat even honey. But when people are hungry, even bitter things taste sweet to them.*

To whom is every bitter thing sweet?

To hungry people, every bitter thing is sweet.

Proverbs 27:10

ULT	UST
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.	*Do not ignore your friends or your father's friends. Do not think that you must go to the house of a relative when something disastrous happens to you. Rather, it is better to go to a nearby neighbor than to relatives who live far away.*

What is better than a brother who is far away?

A nearby neighbor is better than a brother who is far away.

Proverbs 27:12

ULT	UST
A prudent one sees evil, he hides himself; naive ones pass on, they are fined.	*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 something dangerous happening?

A prudent man hides himself when he sees something dangerous happening.

Proverbs 27:14

ULT	UST
One who blesses his neighbor with a great voice in the rising morning, it will be considered a curse to him!	*If you rise early in the morning and loudly call out a blessing to your neighbor while he is still sleeping, he will consider it to be a curse, not a blessing.*

When is a blessing given with a loud voice considered to be a curse?

Early in the morning, a blessing given with a loud voice is considered to be a curse.

Proverbs 27:15-16

What is like stopping the wind?

Restraining a quarreling wife is like stopping the wind.

Proverbs 27:17

ULT	UST
Iron sharpens against iron, and a man sharpens the face of his neighbor.	*We can use one iron tool to sharpen another iron tool; similarly, when one person shares what he is thinking, it can help another person to think more clearly.*

What does the author compare to iron which sharpens iron?

The author says that, similar to how iron sharpens iron, when one person shares what he is thinking, it can help another person to think more clearly.

Proverbs 27:20

ULT	UST
Sheol and Abaddon are not satisfied, and the eyes of the man are not satisfied.	*Just as the place where dead people go never becomes full; so people never stop wanting things.*

What are never satisfied?

A person’s desire for things is never satisfied.

Proverbs 27:22

ULT	UST
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.	*If you were to crush a fool the way that you would crush grain into powder, you would still not be able to find any part of him that is not foolish.*

Could you remove foolishness from a fool?

If you were to crush a fool the way that you would crush grain into powder, you would still not be able to find any part of him that is not foolish.

Proverbs 27:24

ULT	UST
For treasure is not to eternity, nor even a crown for generation and generation.	*Do so because riches will not last forever. Even a king’s family will not rule forever!*

How long do riches last?

Riches do not last forever.

Proverbs 27:26

ULT	UST
lambs will be for your clothing, and male goats the price of a field.	*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 you?

Lambs provide wool with which to clothe yourself.

Proverbs 28

Proverbs 28:1

ULT	UST
The wicked flee and there is no pursuer, but the righteous are as confident as a young lion.	*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 though no one is chasing them.

Proverbs 28:4

ULT	UST
Those forsaking the law praise the wicked, but those keeping the law strive against them.	*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 28:6

ULT	UST
Better is one who is poor who walks in his integrity than one crooked of ways, yet he is rich.	*It is better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and rich.*

Which is more important, riches or honesty?

It is better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and rich.

Proverbs 28:8

ULT	UST
One increasing his wealth by interest and usury gathers it for one showing favor to the lowly.	*Money that people gain by charging an unreasonably large amount of interest from those to whom they loan money will eventually belong to someone who is kind to poor people.*

What happens to the wealth of someone who becomes rich by charging too much interest?

His wealth will eventually belong to someone who is kind to poor people.

Proverbs 28:10

ULT	UST
One leading the upright astray in the way of evil into his pit he himself will fall, but the blameless will inherit good.	*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.*

What people will destroy themselves?

People who guide upright people to act evilly will destroy themselves by what they do.

Proverbs 28:12

ULT	UST
When the righteous exult, there is great splendor, but when the wicked arise, a man is searched for.	*People celebrate when righteous people become powerful, but people hide when wicked people become powerful.*

How do people react when the wicked become powerful?

People hide when the wicked become powerful.

Proverbs 28:13

ULT	UST
One covering his transgressions will not prosper, but one confessing and forsaking will be shown mercy.	*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 shown mercy?

A sinner who confesses and forsakes his sin will be shown mercy.

Proverbs 28:16

ULT	UST
A leader lacking of understanding is also abundant of oppressions; one hating unjust gain will lengthen days.	*Leaders who are not sensible 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 despises gaining wealth unjustly.

Proverbs 28:17

ULT	UST
A man oppressed by the blood of a life will flee as far as a pit; let them not support him.	*People who murder others will keep running away from those who would punish them until they die. Do not help them!*

Whom are we told that we should not help?

We should not help people who murder others and keep running away from those who would punish them until they die.

Proverbs 28:19

ULT	UST
One working his ground will be satisfied with bread, but one pursuing empty things will be satisfied with poverty.	*People who work hard will have enough food to eat, but people who waste time doing worthless things will only be poor.*

What happens to a person who pursues empty things?

A person who wastes time pursuing empty things will only be poor.

Proverbs 28:22

ULT	UST
One hurrying to the wealth is a man of an evil eye, but he does not know that lack will come to him.	*People who are eager to become rich are greedy. They do not realize that they will become poor.*

How does a greedy man pursue riches?

A greedy man hurries after riches.

Proverbs 28:25

ULT	UST
One wide of appetite stirs up strife, but one who trusts in Yahweh will be fattened.	*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?

Yahweh will prosper people who trust him.

Proverbs 28:27

ULT	UST
One giving to the one who is poor—there is no lack, but one hiding his eyes—an abundance of curses.	*People who give poor people what they need will have all that they need, but there are many who will curse people who ignore poor people.*

What will a person who ignores the poor receive?

A person who ignores the poor will receive many curses.

Proverbs 29

Proverbs 29:1

ULT	UST
A man of rebukes who stiffens the neck will suddenly be broken and without healing.	*Some people remain stubborn even though other people often correct them; but someday something will destroy them quickly, and they will not be able to recover.*

What happens to a person who remains stubborn even though other people often correct him?

A person who remains stubborn even though other people often correct him will be destroyed quickly, and he will not be able to recover.

Proverbs 29:3

ULT	UST
A man who loves wisdom gladdens his father, but one who associates with prostitutes destroys wealth.	*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?

A person who has sex with prostitutes wastes all their money.

Proverbs 29:6

ULT	UST
In the transgression of an evil man—a snare, but a righteous one shouts for joy and is glad.	*Evil people endanger themselves by acting sinfully, but righteous people sing joyfully and are happy.*

What causes an evil person to endanger himself?

Acting sinfully causes an evil person to endanger himself.

Proverbs 29:8

ULT	UST
Men of mockery inflame a city, but the wise turn away nose.	*People who mock others agitate people throughout a city, but wise people enable others to remain calm.*

What kind of person enables others to remain calm?

A wise person enables others to remain calm.

Proverbs 29:10

ULT	UST
Men of bloodshed hate a blameless one, but upright ones seek his life.	*Murderers despise people who always try to do what is right, but righteous people try to protect them.*

Who do murderers hate?

Murderers despise people who always try to do what is right.

Proverbs 29:11

ULT	UST
A stupid one brings out all his spirit, but a wise one soothes it backward.	*Foolish people uncontrollably express everything that they feel, but wise people control how they express what they feel.*

What do foolish people uncontrollably express?

Foolish people uncontrollably express everything that they feel.

Proverbs 29:14

ULT	UST
A king who judges the lowly with truth, his throne will be established to perpetuity.	*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 with truth.

Proverbs 29:17

ULT	UST
Discipline your son, and he will cause you to rest, and he will give delights to your soul.	*If you discipline your children, then you will no longer feel worried about their behavior and they will make you very happy.*

What is the result if you discipline your son?

Discipline your son, and he will cause you to rest, and he will give delights to your soul.

Proverbs 29:18

ULT	UST
When there is no vision, the people are let loose, but one keeping the law, happy is he.	*When the people of a nation do not have messages from Yahweh through his prophets, then they 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 do not control themselves.

Proverbs 29:20

ULT	UST
You see a man hurrying in his words. There is more hope for a stupid one than him.	*Consider this: Foolish people are more likely to do well in life than people who speak thoughtlessly.*

For whom is there more hope for a stupid one?

There is more hope for a stupid one than for a man hurrying in his words.

Proverbs 29:23

ULT	UST
The pride of a man will make him low, but one lowly of spirit will grasp honor.	*People will humiliate proud people for being proud, but people will honor those who are humble.*

What kind of person is given honor?

A person with a humble spirit is given honor.

Proverbs 29:25

ULT	UST
The anxiety of a man sets a snare, but the one trusting in Yahweh will be set on high.	*Being anxious is as dangerous as walking into a trap, but Yahweh will protect people who trust in him.*

What does Yahweh do for the one who trusts in him?

Yahweh protects the one who trusts in him.

Proverbs 29:27

ULT	UST
An abomination to the righteous is a man of injustice, but an abomination to the wicked is one upright of way.	*Righteous people detest unjust people, and wicked people detest people who do the right thing.*

Whom do righteous people detest?

Righteous people detest unjust people.

Proverbs 30

Proverbs 30:1

ULT	UST
The words of Agur son of Jakeh, the burden: The declaration of the strong man to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:	*These are the sayings of Agur son of Jakeh, which Yahweh told him to say; these are what Agur declared to both Ithiel and Ucal:*

Whose sayings are written in this proverb?

The sayings of Agur the son of Jakeh are written in this proverb.

Proverbs 30:3

ULT	UST
And I have not learned wisdom, nor the knowledge of holy ones do I know.	*I have not learned how to become wise, nor do I know much about Yahweh, the Holy One.*

What has the author not learned?

The author has not learned wisdom.

Proverbs 30:6

ULT	UST
Do not add upon his words, lest he rebuke you and you be shown a liar.	*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 you if you add to God's words?

God will correct you and he will prove that you lied about what he said.

Proverbs 30:8

ULT	UST
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.	*Please prevent me from being dishonest or speaking what is not true. Please do 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, but just the proper amount of food.

Proverbs 30:9

ULT	UST
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.	*Because if I become rich, I might say that I do not know you and that I do not need you; and if I become poor, I might dishonor you by stealing things.*

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 30:11-12

What kind of people think that they are sinless, yet have committed disgusting sins?

People who disrespect their parents think that they are sinless, yet have committed disgusting sins.

Proverbs 30:13-14

What does the proud generation do to the poor?

The proud generation destroys the poor.

Proverbs 30:15-16

Why are greedy people like leeches?

Greedy people are like the offspring of leeches because they always want other people to give them more.

Proverbs 30:19

ULT	UST
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.	*how a bird flies in the air, how a snake slithers over a rock, how a ship sails in the middle of the ocean, and how a young man loves a young woman.*

What is the second thing that the author does not understand because it is too wonderful?

The author does not understand the way of a snake on a rock.

Proverbs 30:21-22

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 30:27

ULT	UST
There is no king for the locust, but each of it goes out divided into groups.	*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 move in orderly groups.

Proverbs 30:30

ULT	UST
a lion, mighty among the animals, and it will not turn away from the face of anything,	*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 30:32

ULT	UST
If you have been foolish by lifting up yourself, or if you have schemed, a hand be to mouth!	*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 plotting evil?

A person who has been devising evil should stop doing so immediately.

Proverbs 30:33

ULT	UST
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.”	*Stop doing so because just as churning milk produces butter, and squeezing a nose produces blood, making people angry causes them to fight.*

What does anger produce?

Anger causes people to fight.

Proverbs 31

Proverbs 31:1

ULT	UST
The words of Lemuel the king, a burden that his mother had instructed him:	*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 31:3

ULT	UST
Do not give to women your strength or your ways to cause kings to be wiped out.	*Do not exhaust yourself by having sex with women; they can destroy kings.*

To whom should a man not give his strength?

He should not give his strength to women and exhaust himself by having sex with them.

Proverbs 31:5

ULT	UST
Lest he drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the legal claim of all the sons of the afflicted one.	*They must not do this so that they do not 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 31:7

ULT	UST
He will drink and forget his poverty, and his trouble he will not remember again.	*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 what troubles them when they have strong drink.

Proverbs 31:9

ULT	UST
Open your mouth, judge with righteousness, and plead the legal case of the afflicted one and poor one.	*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 plead for suffering and poor people to get what they legally deserve.

Proverbs 31:10

ULT	UST
A woman of worth, who can find? And her value is far more than coral pearls.	*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 virtuous and capable wife is more valuable than precious jewels.

Proverbs 31:12

ULT	UST
She does to him good and not evil all the days of her life.	*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 31:15

ULT	UST
And she rises while still night and gives food to her house and a portion to her young women.	*She gets up before dawn in order to prepare food for her family and to prepare some food for her female servants.*

When does the capable wife arise?

She arises while it is still night.

Proverbs 31:17

ULT	UST
She girds her loins with strength, and she strengthens her arms.	*She keeps her body strong, and she makes her arms strong by working hard.*

How does the capable wife care for her body?

She keeps her body strong and she makes her arms strong by working hard.

Proverbs 31:20

ULT	UST
She spreads out her palm to the afflicted one, and she stretches out her hands to the poor one.	*She generously helps people who are poor and suffering.*

Whom does the capable wife generously help?

She generously helps people who are poor and suffering.

Proverbs 31:23

ULT	UST
Her husband is known at the gates, when he sits with the elders of the land.	*People respect such a woman's husband at the city gates, when 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 31:26

ULT	UST
Her mouth opens with wisdom, and the law of covenant faithfulness is on her tongue.	*She speaks wisely, and when she speaks, she teaches others to be faithful and kind.*

How does the capable wife speak?

She speaks wisely, and when she speaks, she teaches others to be faithful and kind.

Proverbs 31:28

ULT	UST
Her sons rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her.	*This woman's children stand respectfully and declare that she lives well. 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 31:30

ULT	UST
The charm is falsehood and the beauty is vapor; a woman fearful of Yahweh, she herself will be praised.	*Charming women who are not good can deceive people into thinking that they are good, and beautiful women will be beautiful for only a short time. However, people will always praise those women who reverently fear Yahweh.*

What kind of woman will be praised?

People will praise a woman who fears Yahweh.