

**{20} Proverbs**

**King James Version**

(29) For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:  
 (30) They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.  
 (31) Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.  
 (32) For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.  
 (33) But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

**Chapter 2**

(1) My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;  
 (2) So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;  
 (3) Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding;  
 (4) If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;  
 (5) Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.  
 (6) For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.  
 (7) He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.  
 (8) He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.  
 (9) Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.

**King James Paraphrase**

(29) Because they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD {Jehovah}:  
 (30) They would *have* none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.  
 (31) Therefore they shall eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.  
 (32) Because the turning away of the simple will kill them, and the prosperity of fools will destroy them.  
 (33) But whoever listens to me shall live safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

**Chapter 2**

(1) My son, if you will receive my words, and hide my commandments within you;  
 (2) So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *and* apply your heart to understanding;  
 (3) Yes, if you cry after knowledge, *and* lift up your voice for understanding;  
 (4) If you seek her as silver, and search for her as *for* hidden treasures;  
 (5) Then you shall understand the fear of the LORD {Jehovah}, and find the knowledge of God.  
 (6) Because the LORD {Jehovah} gives wisdom: out of His mouth *comes* knowledge and understanding.  
 (7) He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous: *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly.  
 (8) He keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of His saints.  
 (9) Then you shall understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yes*, every good path.

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(10) When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;  
(11) Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:  
(12) To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things;  
(13) Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;  
(14) Who rejoyce to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked;  
(15) Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths:  
(16) To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words;  
(17) Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.  
(18) For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.  
(19) None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.  
(20) That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous.  
(21) For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.  
(22) But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

### Chapter 3

(1) My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:  
(2) For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

### King James Paraphrase

(10) When wisdom enters into your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul;  
(11) Discretion shall preserve you, understanding shall keep you:  
(12) To deliver you from the way of the evil *man*, from the man who speaks perverse things;  
(13) Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;  
(14) Who rejoyce to do evil, *and* delight in the perverseness of the wicked;  
(15) Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they are* perverse in their paths:  
(16) To deliver you from the strange woman {prostitute}<sup>a</sup>, *even* from the stranger *who* flatters with her words;  
(17) Who forsakes the guide of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.  
(18) Because her house inclines to death, and her paths to the dead.  
(19) None that go to her return again, neither do they take hold of the paths of life.  
(20) That you may walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous.  
(21) Because the upright shall live in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.  
(22) But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the sinners shall be rooted out of it.

### Chapter 3

(1) My son, do not forget my law; but let your heart keep my commandments:  
(2) Because they shall add to you length of days, and long life, and peace.

2:16a - strange woman - a woman who is not your wife - a woman who tries to seduce you  
- i.e. a prostitute

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(3) Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:  
(4) So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.  
(5) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
(6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.  
(7) Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.  
(8) It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.  
(9) Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:  
(10) So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.  
(11) My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:  
(12) For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.  
(13) Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.  
(14) For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.  
(15) She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.  
(16) Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.  
(17) Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.

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(4) So shall you find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.  
(5) Trust in the LORD {Jehovah} with all your heart; and do not lean upon your own understanding.  
(6) In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.  
(7) Do not be wise in your own eyes: fear the LORD {Jehovah}, and depart from evil.  
(8) It shall be health to your belly, and marrow to your bones.  
(9) Honor the LORD {Jehovah} with your substance, and with the first fruits of all your increase:  
(10) So shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your wine presses shall burst out with new wine.  
(11) My son, do not despise the discipline of the LORD {Jehovah}; neither be weary of His correction:  
(12) For whom the LORD loves He corrects; even as a father the son *in whom* he delights.  
(13) Happy *is* the man *who* finds wisdom, and the man *who* obtains understanding.  
(14) Because the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and its gain *better* than fine gold.  
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