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 (21) My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:
 (22) So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.
 (23) Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.
 (24) When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
 (25) Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.
 (26) For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.
 (27) Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.
 (28) Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.
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