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(10) Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.
 (11) I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.
 (12) When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
 (13) Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.
 (14) Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.
 (15) Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.
 (16) For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.
 (17) For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
 (18) But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
 (19) The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.
 (20) My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
 (21) Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
 (22) For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
 (23) Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.
 (24) Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.
 (25) Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

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 (12) When you go, your steps will not be restrained; and when you run, you will not stumble.
 (13) Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; because she *is* your life.
 (14) Do not enter into the path of the wicked, and do not go in the way of evil *men*.
 (15) Avoid it, do not pass by it, turn from it, and pass away.
 (16) Because they do not sleep, unless they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.
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(27) Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Chapter 5

(1) My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding:
(2) That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge.
(3) For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil:
(4) But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.
(5) Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
(6) Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them*.
(7) Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
(8) Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:
(9) Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:
(10) Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger;
(11) And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
(12) And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
(13) And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

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5:3a – see note on Prov. 2:16