{20} Proverbs

King James Version

- (3) In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.
- (4) Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.
- (5) A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.
- (6) A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.
- (7) Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.
- (8) The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.
- (9) Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there* is favour.
- (10) The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.
- (11) The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.
- (12) There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
- (13) Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.
- (14) The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.
- (15) The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.
- (16) A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

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- (13) Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that joy is sorrow.
- (14) The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways: and a good man *will be satisfied* from himself.
- (15) The simple minded believe every word: but the prudent *man* looks well to his going.
- (16) A wise *man* fears, and departs from evil: but the fool rages, and is confident.

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- (17) *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.
- (18) The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- (19) The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- (20) The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich *hath* many friends.
- (21) He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.
- (22) Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.
- (23) In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.
- (24) The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.
- (25) A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.
- (26) In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.
- (27) The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
- (28) In the multitude of people *is* the king's honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.
- (29) *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
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- (21) He who despises his neighbor sins: but he who has mercy on the poor, is happy.
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- (23) In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tends* only to poverty.
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