

- ¹A gentle answer will calm a person's anger.
But an unkind answer will cause more anger.
- ²Wise people use knowledge when they speak.
But fools speak only foolishness.
- ⁴As a tree gives us fruit, healing words give us life.
But evil words crush the spirit.
- ⁵A foolish person rejects his father's correction.
But anyone who accepts correction is wise.
- ⁷With their words wise people spread knowledge.
But there is no knowledge in the thoughts of the foolish.
- ⁹The Lord hates what evil people do.
But he loves those who do what is right.
- ¹³Happiness makes a person smile.
But sadness breaks a person's spirit.
- ¹⁴Smart people want more knowledge.
But a foolish person just wants more foolishness.
- ¹⁵Every day is hard for those who suffer.
But a happy heart makes it like a continual feast.
- ¹⁶It is better to be poor and respect the Lord
than to be wealthy and have much trouble.
- ¹⁷It is better to eat vegetables with those who love you
than to eat meat with those who hate you.
- ¹⁸A person who quickly gets angry causes trouble.
But a person who controls his temper stops a quarrel.
- ¹⁹A lazy person's life is as difficult as walking through a patch of thorns.
But an honest person's life is as easy as walking down a smooth highway.
- ²⁰A wise son makes his father happy.
But a foolish person hates his mother.

- ²¹ A man without wisdom enjoys being foolish.
But a man with understanding does what is right.
- ²² Plans fail without good advice.
But plans succeed when you get advice from many others.
- ²³ People enjoy giving good answers!
Saying the right word at the right time is so pleasing!
- ²⁴ A wise person does things that will make his life better.
He avoids whatever would cause his death.
- ²⁵ The Lord will tear down the proud person's house.
But he will protect the property of a widow.
- ²⁶ The Lord hates evil thoughts.
But he is pleased with kind words.
- ²⁷ A greedy person brings trouble to his family.
But the person who can't be paid to do wrong will live.
- ²⁸ Good people think before they answer.
But the wicked simply give evil answers.
- ³⁰ Good news makes you feel better.
Your happiness will show in your eyes.
- ³¹ A wise person pays attention to correction
that will improve his life.
- ³² A person who refuses correction hates himself.
But a person who accepts correction gains understanding.