

¹Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.²A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.³A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.⁴A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.⁵The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.⁶The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.⁷The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.⁸A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.⁹He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.¹⁰A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.¹¹He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.¹²The wicked desireth the net of evil men : but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit .¹³The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.¹⁴A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.¹⁵The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.¹⁶A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.¹⁷He that speaketh truth sheweth forth

righteousness: but a false witness
deceit.¹⁸ There is that speaketh like the
piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the
wise is health.¹⁹ The lip of truth shall be
established for ever: but a lying tongue is
but for a moment.²⁰ Deceit is in the heart of
them that imagine evil: but to the
counsellors of peace is joy.²¹ There shall no
evil happen to the just: but the wicked
shall be filled with mischief.²² Lying lips are
abomination to the LORD: but they that
deal truly are his delight.²³ A prudent man
concealeth knowledge: but the heart of
fools proclaimeth foolishness.²⁴ The hand of
the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful
shall be under tribute.²⁵ Heaviness in the
heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good
word maketh it glad.²⁶ The righteous is
more excellent than his neighbour: but the
way of the wicked seduceth them.²⁷ The
slothful man roasteth not that which he
took in hunting: but the substance of a
diligent man is precious.²⁸ In the way of
righteousness is life; and in the pathway
thereof there is no death.