

¹Be not thou envious against evil men,
neither desire to be with them.²For their
heart studieth destruction, and their lips
talk of mischief.³Through wisdom is an
house builded; and by understanding it is
established:⁴And by knowledge shall the
chambers be filled with all precious and
pleasant riches.⁵A wise man is strong; yea,
a man of knowledge increaseth
strength.⁶For by wise counsel thou shalt
make thy war: and in multitude of
counsellors there is safety.⁷Wisdom is too
high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth
in the gate.⁸He that deviseth to do evil
shall be called a mischievous person.⁹The
thought of foolishness is sin: and the
scorner is an abomination to men.¹⁰If thou
faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is
small.¹¹If thou forbear to deliver them that
are drawn unto death, and those that are
ready to be slain;¹²If thou sayest, Behold,
we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth
the heart consider it? and he that keepeth
thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall
not he render to every man according to
his works?¹³My son, eat thou honey,
because it is good; and the honeycomb,
which is sweet to thy taste:¹⁴So shall the
knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul:
when thou hast found it, then there shall
be a reward, and thy expectation shall not
be cut off.¹⁵Lay not wait, O wicked man,
against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil
not his resting place:¹⁶For a just man
falleth seven times, and riseth up again:
but the wicked shall fall into
mischief.¹⁷Rejoice not when thine enemy
falleth, and let not thine heart be glad

when he stumbleth:¹⁸ Lest the LORD see it , and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.¹⁹ Fret not thyself because of evil men , neither be thou envious at the wicked;²⁰ For there shall be no reward to the evil man ; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.²¹ My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:²² For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?²³ These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.²⁴ He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:²⁵ But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.²⁶ Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.²⁷ Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.²⁸ Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.²⁹ Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.³⁰ I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;³¹ And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.³² Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.³³ Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:³⁴ So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.