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The wise woman **builds her house**, But the foolish **pulls it down** with her hands. ² He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, but *he who is* perverse in his ways despises Him. ³ In the mouth of a fool *is* a rod of pride, but the lips of the wise will preserve them.

⁴ Where no oxen *are*, the trough *is* clean; But much increase *comes* by the strength of an ox. ⁵ A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness will utter lies. ⁶ A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not *find it*, but knowledge *is* easy to him who understands.

⁷ Go from the presence of a foolish man, when you do not perceive *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 mock at sin, but among the upright *there is* favor.

¹⁰ The heart knows its own bitterness, and a stranger does not share its joy. ¹¹ The house of the wicked will be overthrown, but the tent of the upright will flourish. ¹² There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death.

¹³ Even in laughter the heart may sorrow, and the end of mirth *may be* grief. ¹⁴ **The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways**, but a good man *will be satisfied* from above. ¹⁵ The simple believes every word, but the prudent considers well his steps. ¹⁶ A wise *man* fears and departs from evil, but a fool rages and is self-confident.

¹⁷ A **quick-tempered man** acts foolishly, and a man of wicked intentions is hated. ¹⁸ The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge. ¹⁹ The evil will bow before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

²⁰ The poor *man* is hated even by his own neighbor, but the rich *has* many friends. ²¹ He who despises his neighbor sins; but he who has mercy on the poor, happy *is* he. ²² Do they not go astray who devise evil? But mercy and truth *belong* to those who devise good.

²³ In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter *leads* only to poverty. ²⁴ The crown of the wise is their riches, *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly. ²⁵ A true witness delivers souls, but a deceitful *witness* speaks lies.

²⁶ In the fear of the LORD *there is* strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge. ²⁷ The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to turn *one* away from the snares of death. ²⁸ In a multitude of people *is* a king's honor, but in the lack of people *is* the downfall of a prince.

²⁹ *He who is* slow to wrath has great understanding, but *he who is* impulsive exalts folly. ³⁰ A sound heart *is* life to the body, but envy *is* rottenness to the bones. ³¹ He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.

³² The wicked is banished in his wickedness, but the righteous has a refuge in his death. ³³ Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, but *what is* in the heart of fools is made known. ³⁴ Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin *is* a reproach to *any* people. ³⁵ The king's favor *is* toward a wise servant, but his wrath *is against* him who causes shame.