

## Proverbs 1:20-33 (Warning Against Rejecting Wisdom)

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries aloud in the street,  
in the markets she raises her voice;  
<sup>21</sup> at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
<sup>22</sup> "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
<sup>23</sup> If you turn at my reproof,  
behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused to listen,  
have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,  
<sup>25</sup> because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when terror strikes you,  
<sup>27</sup> when terror strikes you like a storm  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
<sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently but will not find me.  
<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
<sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel  
and despised all my reproof,  
<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,  
and have their fill of their own devices.  
<sup>32</sup> For the simple are killed by their turning away,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
<sup>33</sup> but whoever listens to me will dwell secure  
and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."

## Proverbs 13

- 13** A wise son hears his father's instruction,  
but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- <sup>2</sup> From the fruit of his mouth a man eats what is good,  
but the desire of the treacherous is for violence.
- <sup>3</sup> Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life;  
he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- <sup>4</sup> The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing,  
while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.
- <sup>5</sup> The righteous hates falsehood,  
but the wicked brings shame and disgrace.
- <sup>6</sup> Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless,  
but sin overthrows the wicked.
- <sup>7</sup> One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing;  
another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.
- <sup>8</sup> The ransom of a man's life is his wealth,  
but a poor man hears no threat.
- <sup>9</sup> The light of the righteous rejoices,  
but the lamp of the wicked will be put out.
- <sup>10</sup> By insolence comes nothing but strife,  
but with those who take advice is wisdom.
- <sup>11</sup> Wealth gained hastily will dwindle,  
but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.
- <sup>12</sup> Hope deferred makes the heart sick,  
but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.
- <sup>13</sup> Whoever despises the word brings destruction on  
himself,  
but he who reveres the commandment<sup>Ⓜ</sup> will  
be rewarded.
- <sup>14</sup> The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life,  
that one may turn away from the snares of death.
- <sup>15</sup> Good sense wins favor,  
but the way of the treacherous is their ruin.
- <sup>16</sup> Every prudent man acts with knowledge,  
but a fool flaunts his folly.
- <sup>17</sup> A wicked messenger falls into trouble,  
but a faithful envoy brings healing.
- <sup>18</sup> Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores  
instruction,  
but whoever heeds reproof is honored.
- <sup>19</sup> A desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul,  
but to turn away from evil is an abomination to  
fools.
- <sup>20</sup> Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,  
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.
- <sup>21</sup> Disaster pursues sinners,  
but the righteous are rewarded with good.
- <sup>22</sup> A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's  
children,  
but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.
- <sup>23</sup> The fallow ground of the poor would yield much  
food,  
but it is swept away through injustice.
- <sup>24</sup> Whoever spares the rod hates his son,  
but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.
- <sup>25</sup> The righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite,  
but the belly of the wicked suffers want.