

Proverbs 14

Chapter 14

¹ EVERY wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

² He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.

³ In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

⁴ Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

⁵ A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

⁶ A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.

⁷ Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *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 make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.

¹⁰ The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

¹¹ The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.

16 A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

17 *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich *hath* many friends.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

24 The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness

of fools *is* folly.

²⁵ A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.

²⁶ In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

²⁷ The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

²⁸ In the multitude of people *is* the king's honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.

²⁹ *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

³⁰ A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

³¹ He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

³² The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

³³ Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

³⁴ Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.

³⁵ The king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.