

<p>¹My son, IF thou wilt receive my words, and Hide my commandments with thee;</p> <p>²so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;</p> <p>³Yea, IF thou criest after knowledge, and lifest up thy voice for understanding;</p> <p>⁴ IF thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;</p>	
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⁵**THEN** shalt thou **UNDERSTAND** the fear of the Lord, and **FIND** the knowledge of God.

⁶for the Lord giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

⁷He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: He is a **buckler** to them that walk uprightly.

⁸He keepeth the paths of judgment, and **preserveth** the way of his saints.

⁹**THEN** thou shalt **UNDERSTAND** righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

¹⁰When **WISDOM** entereth into thine heart, and **KNOWLEDGE** is pleasant unto thy soul; (THEN)

¹¹**DISCRETION** shall preserve thee, **UNDERSTANDING** shall keep thee:

¹²To deliver thee from the **way of the evil man**, from the man that speaketh froward things;

¹³who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

¹⁴who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

¹⁵whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:

¹⁶To deliver thee from the **strange woman**, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;

¹⁷which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

¹⁸For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

¹⁹None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

²⁰ That thou mayest **WALK** in the way of good men, and **KEEP** the paths of the righteous.

²¹For the upright shall **DWELL** in the land, and the perfect shall **REMAIN** in it.

²²**BUT** the **WICKED** shall be **CUT OFF** from the earth, and the **TRANSGRESSORS** shall be **ROOTED** out of it.