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## INTRODUCTION

In the heart of ancient scriptures lies a treasure trove of radiant wisdom, shining like glistening diamonds amidst the sands of time. Welcome to "Diamonds of Wisdom," a poetic anthology that draws its brilliance from the sacred Book of Proverbs.

Within the profound verses of Proverbs, a timeless symphony of life's truths resonates. Like precious diamonds, each proverb is meticulously cut, reflecting the splendor of moral guidance, the brilliance of discernment, and the clarity of righteous living. Just as these gems are sought after for their purity and value, so too does Proverbs beckon seekers of wisdom to cherish and uphold its teachings.

In "Diamonds of Wisdom," we embark on a poetic voyage that unearths the beauty and depth of Proverbs. With each verse, we marvel at the multifaceted nature of human existence, where wisdom intertwines with folly, and choices shape destinies. The poems unveil the artistry of words, crafted to illuminate the path of righteousness, and the cautionary tales that remind us of the consequences of straying from virtue.

Throughout this collection, the wisdom of King Solomon, the illustrious sage behind Proverbs, shines with unrivaled

brilliance. His words, inspired by divine insight, transcend the boundaries of time, offering a guiding light for every age and generation. As we traverse the poetic landscapes, we encounter the age-old truths that continue to resonate with the modern soul.

"Diamonds of Wisdom" seeks to capture the essence of Proverbs through the enchanting power of poetry. Each stanza is a facet that refracts the light of ancient wisdom, casting its brilliance into the depths of our hearts. These verses invite introspection and contemplation, igniting a journey of self-discovery and growth.

Amidst the fast-paced currents of contemporary life, "Diamonds of Wisdom" stands as an enduring testament to the enduring power of timeless truths. As you read these poems, may the diamonds of wisdom embedded within Proverbs sparkle in your mind, guiding your choices, and illuminating your path. Embrace the legacy of these shimmering gems, for within them lies the potential to transform not only your life but also the world around you.



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*The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: To  
know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of  
understanding,*

Proverbs 1:1-2



## Words

You are going to hear  
Many words today,  
Be on guard  
Hear what they say.

You will hear words of peace  
And words of war,  
Some you will love  
And some you will deplore.

Thoughts are words  
Inside your head,  
Some bring comfort  
Some cause dread.

Some words you hear  
Some words you read,  
It's the Word of God  
You need to heed.

If you want to stand  
On solid ground,  
Open God's Word  
It is profound.

Seek out words  
To make you wise,  
They were written for you  
Oh what a prize.

*To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion— A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,*

Proverbs 1:3-5

## Right Choices

His Word is perfect  
In every way,  
It will revive your soul  
And brighten your day.

His Word is sure  
It cuts like a knife,  
Exposing the places  
That will destroy your life.

If you want to be wise  
It is found in His Word,  
And if you are quiet  
His voice will be heard.

Hidden flaws that will harm you  
His Word will reveal,  
To shelter your soul  
That the enemy would steal.

His Word is a light  
That will guide your way,  
It will keep you safe  
When storms fill the day.

His Word was written  
For people to see,  
The source of their burdens  
The path to be free.

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 1:7

## Foundation Of All Knowledge

The fear of God  
Is where we start,  
To make sense of life  
To know every part.

When you fear the Lord  
You don't run and hide,  
But you turn to Him  
As your only guide.

For the fear of God  
Evil you must hate,  
In its many forms  
And its every state.

Evil's goal you see  
Is called compromise,  
A path called tolerance  
The road to demise.

We are rebellious souls  
Who must be taught,  
What is evil  
And what is not.

To walk life's path  
On a cold dark night,  
We must trust in God  
As a guiding light.

*My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.*

Proverbs 1:8-9

## **Godly Education**

God is our Father  
He longs to teach,  
Those who are willing  
Those He can reach.

He teaches through whispers  
And the words in His book,  
If you want to be wise  
You know where to look.

He teaches through others  
Who know Him as Lord,  
Do not get caught up  
In your culture's hoard.

To be amiable and honorable  
Should be our goal,  
Not rebellious deceivers  
Out of control.

Seek instruction  
That will make you wise,  
To avoid the dangers  
Of the enemy's lies.

Seek Him today  
While He may be found,  
His teachings are precious  
Every word profound.

*My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.*

Proverbs 1:10



## **Peer Pressure**

Just look around  
It's plain to see,  
The effects of sin  
And iniquity.

Yet still there's a pull  
The need to belong,  
That draws you in  
To that rebellious throng.

To hold the wealth of the world  
In high esteem,  
Is not the way  
To keep your spirit clean.

The social glue  
That brings rebels together,  
Is a promised bond  
That will last forever.

Fueled by greed  
And wanton desire,  
They take and steal  
What they desire.

If caught in their snare  
Turn and run,  
Before they destroy you  
Just for fun.

*Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares. She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words: "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.*

Proverbs 1:20-22

## Wisdom Matters

God's wisdom is not hidden  
It's available for free,  
Just pause and humbly ask Him  
While down on bended knee.

But if you do not ask Him  
You think your way is best,  
Your learning will not matter  
You will not pass the test.

To turn your back on wisdom  
Though it may look cool,  
Is a path that's very slippery  
The action of a fool.

First there are the simple  
On the path that's wide,  
Following the crowd  
As they quickly slide.

Then there are the scorners  
The ones who mock and scorn,  
Despising what is righteous  
Tooting their own horn.

At last there are the fools  
All arrogant and trite,  
Proclaiming they're the master  
Despising Godly light.

*Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear  
of the Lord, They would have none of my counsel And  
despised my every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit  
of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own  
fancies. For the turning away of the simple will slay them,  
And the complacency of fools will destroy them;*

Proverbs 1:29-32

## Consequences

If you hate God's light  
Run and hide,  
Or cover your sin  
With a blanket of pride.

But you'll eat the fruit  
Of your wayward path,  
There's a price to pay  
Do the math.

The arrogant think  
They'll escape God's wrath,  
As they plan and scheme  
On their sinful path.

There is a God  
Who knows your name,  
So be very careful  
What you claim.

To be at ease with sin  
As you live this life,  
Will end in death  
And unnecessary strife.

You reap what you sow  
Look at your hand,  
What are your seeds  
And where do they land?

*My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my  
commands within you, So that you incline your ear to  
wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;*

Proverbs 2:1-2

## **Train Your Heart**

Train you heart  
And train your ear,  
Seek God's wisdom  
Don't live in fear.

If you seek God's wisdom  
It will be found,  
His word will nourish  
With a pleasant sound.

Hear with your ear  
Embrace with your heart,  
The wisdom that God  
Does freely impart.

His message is treasure  
Better than gold,  
Receive it with joy  
And tightly hold.

Don't be complacent  
Continue to strive,  
For the wisdom of God  
Persistently drive.

The wisdom He gives  
Seal it within,  
Your heart and your mind  
Let a new life begin.

*For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path. When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,*

Proverbs 2:6-10



## God's Gift Of Wisdom

God has a gift  
That is free for all,  
A gift of wisdom  
If on Him you call.

He freely gives  
To all who ask,  
Because of His Son  
Not based on your past.

Like a stream of water  
On a thirsty tongue,  
His wisdom refreshes  
Brings a joyful song.

His knowledge ensures  
That you understand,  
The evil around you  
And help you stand.

He will be your shield  
And be your guard,  
He will protect your heart  
When deeply scarred.

Trust Him fully  
Seek His ways,  
Accept His gift  
All your days.

*Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, To  
deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks  
perverse things,*

Proverbs 2:11-12

## **Evil's Disguise**

Evil hides in the darkness  
Evil hides in the light,  
Evil is always present  
In the day and the night.

It may present with a scowl  
Or present with a grin,  
Or a plan and a purpose  
That looks like a win.

God's wisdom will save you  
From evil's plan,  
To corrupt your mind  
And take all it can.

To knock you off course  
And entice you in ways,  
That are innocent at first  
And then it slays.

Evil will take  
That which is good,  
A message from God  
Making it misunderstood.

Cling to His words  
They will make you wise,  
And clear your vision  
Removing evil's disguise.

*To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the  
seductress who flatters with her words,*

Proverbs 2:16

## Flattery

Words that flatter  
May sound so sweet,  
Be on your guard  
With a planned retreat.

An appeal to your pride  
You should never trust,  
They are deceptive words  
To awaken lust.

Lust for power  
Lust for fame,  
Lust for fortune  
You know their name.

Lust for affection  
Greed and might,  
Lust for knowledge  
To win every fight.

Don't trade your soul  
For a pot of stew,  
Seek God's wisdom  
And the path that's true.

The favor you seek  
Is found in Him,  
Not in serving your pride  
Or chasing a whim.

*So you may walk in the way of goodness, And keep to the paths of righteousness. For the upright will dwell in the land, And the blameless will remain in it; But the wicked will be cut off from the earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.*

Proverbs 2:20-22

## The Treacherous Path

The days are ripe with treachery  
I thought you were a friend,  
Standing close together  
Brothers to the end.

Evil's heat is rising  
Love is growing cold,  
It is hard to show compassion  
When the truth is rarely told.

Boundaries have been shattered  
We have done away with law,  
Facts no longer valued  
Doesn't matter what you saw.

The end is getting closer  
When no longer will be bear,  
The insults and the fury  
Of those who do not care.

Don't listen to their anger,  
You have no cause for fear,  
He will lead and guide you  
And wipe away your tear.

Hold fast to the Savior  
Do not drift away,  
He will fuel your compassion  
If in His arms you stay.

*My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my  
commands; For length of days and long life And peace they  
will add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind  
them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your  
heart, And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God  
and man.*

Proverbs 3:1-4



## Dig Deep

Scattered on the surface  
Like seashells on the shore,  
Bits of Godly wisdom  
Should leave you wanting more.

Don't settle for a nugget  
Dig for the mother lode,  
It's there beneath the surface  
God's wisdom to behold.

Dig until it's planted  
Deep within your soul,  
Every thought and precept  
Wisdom to be whole.

Treat it as a treasure  
More valuable than gold,  
For it will bring you favor  
Wisdom you can hold.

It will give you peace  
At a troubled time,  
Peace that can't be purchased  
God's wisdom is sublime.

God has a special blessing  
For those who seek His ways,  
Live as His disciple  
All your living days.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.*

Proverbs 3:5-7

## **Don't Trust, Trust**

Don't trust your earthly treasure  
To make your life complete,  
It will leave you wanting  
Anxious and incomplete.

Don't trust in all your knowledge  
Your books and college degrees,  
To bring you peace and rest  
When afflicted with disease.

Don't trust your good intentions  
Your pretense or your style,  
To get you grace and favor  
When you are in a trial.

Trust the God who made you  
The One who gave you breath,  
The One who died to save you  
The One who conquered death.

Trust His word and wisdom  
In everything you do,  
He is here to guide you  
He will pull you through.

His wisdom will give insight  
A path when all seems dark,  
Protection from what is evil  
To those who bear His mark.

*Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits  
of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty,  
And your vats will overflow with new wine.*

Proverbs 3:9-10

## Generosity

If you want a life that's full  
Give what you've been given,  
Be gracious towards others  
Because you have been forgiven.

Be generous with your time  
Don't wait for a rainy day,  
To encourage a weary brother  
Let peace be on display.

Be generous with your words  
Season them with love,  
Be kind and always faithful  
Give bitterness a shove.

Be generous with your treasure  
It is a gift from God,  
For if you hold on tightly  
You will lose the entire wad.

Be generous with your sharing  
Of the faith that gives you peace,  
To others who are searching  
For their emptiness to decrease.

Be generous with your worship  
You serve the God who cares,  
Praise Him with abandon  
Be humble with your prayers.

*My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor  
detest His correction; For whom the Lord loves He corrects,  
Just as a father the son in whom he delights.*

Proverbs 3:11-12

## God's Correction

Love shows up as boundaries  
When you're headed for a fall,  
You might be moving quickly  
Not hearing the Master's call.

Boundaries are restricting  
Felt as pain and loss,  
But they are there to save you  
To remove the waist and dross.

You serve a loving Master  
Who wants you to be blessed,  
Don't run from His correction  
He guides you to the best.

He is a caring shepherd  
He will nudge you with His staff,  
To keep you moving forward  
It's not His holy wrath.

Take comfort in His leading  
He will not spare the rod,  
He is a gracious Father  
He is the loving God.

God's plan for you is perfect  
If you find it you find joy,  
Remember whom your serving  
You're under His employ.

*Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are  
peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,  
And happy are all who retain her.*

Proverbs 3:17-18



## Path Of Peace

Are you seeking wisdom  
When you get up in the morn,  
Or do you start disgruntled  
And pour a cup of scorn?

Are you seeking wisdom  
As you tackle daily chores,  
Or are you building fences  
Protecting what is yours?

Are you seeking wisdom  
When you stop to pray,  
Or are you worn and weary  
Regretting a brand new day?

Are you seeking wisdom  
In how you pause to rest,  
Or do you keep on moving  
Thinking you're the best?

If you're seeking wisdom  
God promises to bless,  
If you put Him first  
No matter what your mess.

His wisdom will bring comfort  
To a troubled soul,  
His Son did die to save you  
He will make you whole.

*The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding  
He established the heavens; By His knowledge the depths  
were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.*

Proverbs 3:19-20

## Wisdom Revealed

God's wisdom was revealed  
When He sent His Son,  
A path for our salvation  
When His work was done.

His wisdom made the earth  
And every living thing,  
The cattle in the field  
The birds that sweetly sing.

He is the God of wonder  
Saving us from hell,  
Within His wisdom's cover  
Bidding us to dwell.

Seek Him with intent and passion  
And wisdom you will find,  
God's righteous way of living  
God's wisdom in flesh defined.

Look up and all around you  
His wisdom shouts out loud,  
From the flowers in your garden  
To the vapor in a cloud.

Listen for His whispers  
He will guide you on your way,  
With wisdom that's eternal  
As you seek and pray.

*My son, let them not depart from your eyes— Keep sound wisdom and discretion; So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck. Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet. Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; For the Lord will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.*

Proverbs 3:21-26

## **Wisdom And Purpose**

If you embrace God's plan  
And know your place,  
He will keep you strong  
By His mercy and grace.

When you know your purpose  
It will keep you strong,  
When the path is troubled  
Though the day be long.

To walk in wisdom  
With a God-given goal,  
Will strengthen your body  
And refresh your soul.

To know what is evil  
And avoid that road,  
Will quicken your step  
And lighten your load.

When you are close to God  
Your purpose is clear,  
And you can navigate life  
With no need to fear.

Stay true to God's wisdom  
Keep it sound and secure,  
When the wicked attack  
He will help you endure.

*Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.*

Proverbs 3:27

## **Withholding Good**

God gave you eyes  
And He gave you hands,  
He gave you a mind  
That understands.

The needs in others  
That you see,  
That you should meet  
Without their plea.

For your faith to grow  
Don't hold on tight,  
To every minute and hour  
Every penny and mite.

God gave you much  
And He'll give you more,  
He's your present supply  
As He was before.

You're His eyes and ears  
You're His hands and feet,  
Appreciate the struggles  
Of everyone you meet.

Be His hands of mercy  
Hear the silent cry,  
You will not go wanting  
He will be your supply.

*Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you.*

Proverbs 3:28



## Hidden Intent

When compelled to give  
Don't procrastinate,  
The future's uncertain  
And so is your fate.

A future promise  
Shows a hidden intent,  
"I don't care"  
Is what you really meant.

Your promise deferred  
Will make others sick,  
If you intend to give  
Then do it quick.

Tomorrow's uncertain  
So if you have it today,  
Don't hold on tight  
Just give it away.

You hold on tight  
For fear of loss,  
If God did the same  
There would be no cross.

If you've got it, then give it  
It's the cure for greed,  
God gave to you  
When you were in need.

*Do not devise evil against your neighbor, For he dwells by  
you for safety's sake.*

Proverbs 3:29

## **Dissimulation**

Don't fabricate evil  
Or let it stir in your head,  
Or think up lies  
As you lay in your bed.

Don't plough up the soil  
Deep in your heart,  
Then plant seeds of doubt  
To drive others apart.

To begrudge your neighbor  
Will display your greed,  
From those envious thoughts  
You need to be freed.

Your neighbor's confidence  
Should not be broken,  
By your ungracious acts  
Or the words you've spoken.

Don't disturb the peace  
Of those who are near,  
Be true to your word  
Make your intentions clear.

To beguile others  
With your pretentious face,  
Is an act of the devil  
And cause for disgrace.

*Do not strive with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm. Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways; For the perverse person is an abomination to the Lord, But His secret counsel is with the upright. The curse of the Lord is on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the home of the just.*

Proverbs 3:30-33

## Contentious

Cursed are the contentious  
The ones who live to fight,  
The ones who love to bully  
While claiming they are right.

Their tempers are so sour  
Their expectations high,  
Serve them just right  
Or surely, you will die.

They take what you do  
Then mix in a lie,  
To twist your motives  
And make you comply.

They share all their poison  
With everyone they meet,  
Stab you in the back  
Or make you obsolete.

But God has a promise  
To the workers of peace,  
Who will pay the great cost  
For fighting to cease.

If you live to make peace  
And not wield a sword,  
You will be called His child  
This is the greatest reward.

*Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the  
humble. The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the  
legacy of fools.*

Proverbs 3:34-35

## **Walking With Mockers**

If you walk with mockers  
It won't be long,  
You will speak like them  
And sing their song.

For mockers mock  
It's what they do,  
And if you listen  
Then so will you.

Mockers are weak  
And so insecure,  
They pretend to be strong  
With verbal manure.

Avoid their trap  
Run away,  
If you stay too long  
You will have to pay.

God scorns the scorers  
And those who mock,  
Be humble in spirit  
And guard your talk.

The humble are wise  
God is their guide,  
When they need strength  
He will provide.

*My son, do not forget my law,  
But let your heart keep my commands;  
For length of days and long life  
And peace they will add to you.  
Let not mercy and truth forsake you;  
Bind them around your neck,  
Write them on the tablet of your heart,  
And so find favor and high esteem  
In the sight of God and man.*

Proverbs 4:1-4



## Head To Heart

From head to heart  
There is a gap,  
What's in your heart  
May not be under your cap.

What you think and say  
May sound great,  
While in your heart  
Is a mountain of hate.

So ask, and seek  
Stand and knock,  
Examine your life  
It's time to take stock.

Open His word  
And dig in deep,  
It's an act of faith  
So take the leap.

Bite off a truth  
And chew it a while,  
Ask Him questions  
Make it your style.

Seeds of His truth  
Will start to grow,  
From head to heart  
Let the Spirit flow.

*Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on. For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; And their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall. For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence.*

Proverbs 4:14-17

## **Path Of The Wicked**

Cursed are the wicked and perverted  
The ones who are depraved,  
Who glory in their evil  
To which they are enslaved.

Their conscious is seared  
With no felt guilt or shame,  
If they are caught in a fault  
They are quick to blame.

The god that they seek  
They hold in their hand,  
Under their full control  
Responsive to their demand.

They don't value life  
Or the plight of the lame,  
They growl and mock  
And call you a name.

But to those who are holy  
Whose hearts are pure,  
The God of creation  
To them will appear.

Keep your desires and affections  
In a heart that's sincere,  
Be pleasing to the Lord  
And to you He'll appear.

*But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines  
ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is  
like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.*

Proverbs 4:18-19

## Path Of The Just

His love is a light bright shining  
Beauty it does reveal,  
In wonders and miraculous  
A beauty you can feel.

His love is a light bright shining  
Showing you His plan,  
When you believe you can't  
His whispers say you can.

His love is a light bright shining  
Sending a message to your heart,  
That He is the one who loves you  
And knew you from the start.

His love is a light bright shining  
Giving you a home,  
A place of His selection  
Never again to roam.

His love is a light bright shining  
In a dark and twisted world,  
Look for Him this moment  
His banner has been unfurled.

His love is a light bright shining  
More than a little spark,  
For His love is a light bright shining  
Dispelling all the dark.

*Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you. Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.*

Proverbs 4:23-27

## **Guard Your Heart**

Guard your heart  
And guard your mind,  
Guard your words  
Be God inclined.

Your heart will lead  
Down the path,  
To heaven above  
Or to face God's wrath.

Let go of greed  
Abandon pride,  
You have a choice  
You decide.

Don't hold a grudge  
Freely forgive,  
Be pure of heart  
And you will live.

Keep your vision clear  
Look straight ahead,  
Hang on tight  
To what Jesus said.

Don't get turned aside  
By selfish desire,  
God has a reward  
For you to acquire.

*For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil; But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of hell. Lest you ponder her path of life— Her ways are unstable; You do not know them.*

Proverbs 5:3-6



## Seduction

Guard your heart  
And guard your eye,  
If you look with lust  
What you have will die.

If there is lust in your eye  
It will rot your soul,  
And the price you'll pay  
Will be a great toll.

Lust will not mend  
Your broken heart,  
It will hijack your mind  
Then rip it apart.

A lustful eye  
And wonton desire,  
May start as a spark  
But now your house is on fire.

In the eyes of the Lord  
They are just the same,  
The thought or the act  
Have the same name.

So seek the Lord  
Be pure and wise,  
And don't let your heart  
Follow your eyes.

*For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, And He ponders all his paths. His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, And he is caught in the cords of his sin. He shall die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.*

Proverbs 5:21-23

## God Sees

God sees it all  
He is not blind,  
He knows when you're mean  
He knows when you're kind.

There's no need for pretense  
He sees behind your shell,  
And He is there to save you  
From your path to hell.

So live a life transparent  
Before the King of Kings,  
He sees what you are doing  
All the unrighteous flings.

God holds the scales of justice  
He sees the path you're on,  
Don't waste your energy hiding  
He knows where you belong.

God ponders where you're going  
You should ponder too,  
One day there'll be a reckoning  
You'll get what you are due.

Foolishness breeds destruction  
Break free from the chains of sin,  
Look to Him for wisdom  
He'll change you from within.

*My son, if you become surety for your friend, If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger, You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth. So do this, my son, and deliver yourself; For you have come into the hand of your friend: Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend. Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids. Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.*

Proverbs 6:1-5

## Trapped By A Promise

Be careful what you promise  
A contract is a trap,  
Be aware of what you're signing  
When you don't own the map.

You should give where it is needed  
Don't borrow for more toys,  
Striving for possessing  
Will not silence the inner noise.

Don't be envious of others  
Who have a lot more stuff,  
For contentment is in knowing  
That what you have is just enough.

With affluence there's a danger  
As you live a life of ease,  
Separated from others  
With just yourself to please.

Be grateful for God's blessings  
Don't give your treasure power,  
For if it's too important  
Your spirit it will devour.

Run when you are tempted  
To borrow or to lend,  
There's more to life than treasure  
Don't wait until the end.

*How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep— So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.*

Proverbs 6:9-11

## Wake Up

Wake up you lazy people  
Don't live as if you're dead,  
Your life is almost over  
Rise and get out of bed.

Wake up you sleepy people  
The day is nearly here,  
The King is getting ready  
And soon He will appear.

Wake up you sleepy people  
He has chosen just a few,  
To show the world His glory  
He has a plan for you.

A life of constant leisure  
Will rot your very soul,  
And if you are not careful  
You'll have to pay the toll.

Wake up you sleepy people  
You are a living gate,  
To spread His love to others  
And help them see their fate.

Wake up you sleepy people  
Open up your heart,  
He has conquered sin and death  
Giving you a new start.

*A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth; He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers; Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord. Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.*

Proverbs 6:12-15



## Lawlessness

Subtle as a serpent  
Sliding through the grass,  
An appealing sip of water  
From a clean crystal glass.

The path looks right and holy  
To all who pause to heed,  
But underneath the surface  
Is self-reliance and greed.

Lawlessness is a mystery  
Because it looks sincere,  
A path that many follow  
Believing its motives are pure.

Self-centeredness clothed in religion  
Is evil to the core,  
It may soothe you for a while  
But will leave you wanting more.

Help me loving Father  
Rip the scales from my eyes,  
I need Your Holy Spirit  
To save me from the lies.

For in You is life eternal  
Not in following a creed,  
I need You more than ever  
In my heart please plant Your seed.

*These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.*

Proverbs 6:16-19

## **Cursed Are The Boastful**

Self-righteousness is foolish  
Like the paper that you flush,  
Not the neat and tidy  
But the one covered with your stuff.

They look for a public stage  
A place to beat their chest,  
For deep down inside  
They think that they're the best.

But contentment is not gained  
In the promotion of yourself,  
God must be first  
Leave your pride on the shelf.

When you hear your ego shouting  
"I can do it on my own,"  
You'll be courting curses  
And your heart will turn to stone.

So, if you want God's blessing  
And have heaven for a home,  
You must crucify your ego  
And He will grant shalom.

It's the humble and the lowly  
Who receive His peace and rest,  
They are the ones who are happy  
Knowing He is the best.

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Proverbs 6:16-19

## **Cursed Are The Hard-hearted**

Their hearts are hard  
Encased in ice,  
They may be mean  
Or they may be nice.

They show no care  
For the wrongs they've done,  
The hurt they cause others  
They define as fun.

Remorse and contrition  
Are not on their path,  
And if you cross them  
You will face their wrath.

The comfort they value  
Is kept in a shell,  
That surrounds their heart  
On the highway to hell.

But God promises a peace  
A comfort that's real,  
If you mourn over sin  
And to Him you appeal.

For our hearts are corrupt  
And for this we should mourn,  
Then God in His mercy  
Will remove the thorn.

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Proverbs 6:16-19

## **Cursed Are The Defiant**

Cursed are the defiant  
They are bad to the bone,  
Rebels without a purpose  
See their parents groan.

They are brash and inconsiderate  
And will fight with all they've got,  
To steal your peace and treasure  
Yet, rarely getting caught.

They use their might and power  
Ignoring all alerts,  
To get what they desire  
Even if it hurts.

The curse that they do carry  
In spite of all they've tried,  
Is no matter what their lot  
They are never satisfied.

But God has made a promise  
To the gentle and the meek,  
For He is the great provider  
To anyone who will seek.

For the earth and sky above us  
To Him they all belong,  
And if you are His child  
He'll never do you wrong.

*These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.*

Proverbs 6:16-19



## **Cursed Are The Covetous**

Cursed are the covetous  
They hunger for more stuff,  
And even when they get it  
It never is enough.

They feel they are deserving  
Entitled to it all,  
For they are oh so special  
And all others are so small.

Their hunger is never satisfied  
Their thirst is never quenched,  
Driven by greed and jealousy  
And envy that's entrenched.

Some are seeking fortune  
Some are seeking fame,  
And even if they get it  
They live in a constant pain.

For you cannot fill a void  
That only God can fill,  
No matter what your fortune  
No matter what your skill.

But to those who remain hungry  
For what He has to give,  
They will find a filling  
And a brand new way to live.

*These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.*

Proverbs 6:16-19

## **Cursed Are The Malevolent**

Cursed are the malevolent  
Who live to cause you pain,  
Revenge to them is tasty  
And spite is seen as gain.

They have no felt compassion  
For struggles others face,  
Don't expect them to show mercy  
Or offer an ounce of grace.

They love to stir up trouble  
Leaving anguish in their path,  
And if you show them mercy  
They will show you wrath.

They see others as deserving  
Of the misery they are in,  
To help a struggling neighbor  
They would see as sin.

But God has given a promise  
To those who have a heart,  
That if they are compassionate  
His mercy He'll impart.

We all have need for mercy  
Forgiveness from the Lord,  
Be conscious of the plight of others  
Don't let their anguish be ignored.

*These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.*

Proverbs 6:16-19

## **Cursed Is The Acquiescent**

Cursed is the acquiescent  
Who live by compromise,  
Cowardice is their motto  
And fear is their demise.

Their faith remains well hidden  
Behind a wall of pride,  
And they live a life of turmoil  
When faith and fear collide.

Conflict is felt as evil  
They need to be thought of well,  
Their convictions are quite fickle  
On their path to hell.

With no substance, spine, or fortitude  
They really are a mess,  
Plagued with guilt and shame  
In a space of constant stress.

But to those with faith and courage  
Your life will not be calm,  
You will face scorn and ridicule  
From the godless throng.

To you God has given a promise  
A home for eternity,  
A dwelling in His kingdom  
And part of a holy fraternity.

*For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light;  
Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,*

Proverbs 6:23

## God's Light

If the eye of your heart is darkened  
It will limit what you see,  
You may see what is before you  
But lose sight of eternity.

What color are the lenses  
You have before your eyes,  
Are they stained with greed and selfishness  
Leading to your demise?

Are you blinded by hate and bitterness  
Looking to devour,  
Those you blame for your anguish  
As you're perched up on your tower?

Perhaps your site is diminished  
By rebelliousness and sin,  
With no room to consider others  
As your patience is growing thin?

Or maybe your eye is bothered  
With a speck of ingratitude,  
Believing you're more deserving  
With an entitled attitude?

This world is dark and dreary  
As we wander in the night,  
Ask the Lord to save you  
And He will bring you light.

*My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you. Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding your nearest kin,*

Proverbs 7:1-4



## **Better Than Gold**

What is it that you value  
Will you sacrifice?  
To gain godly wisdom  
Will you pay the price?

Or do you value treasures  
That will surely rot and rust,  
When you look for comfort  
What is it that you trust?

Embracing godly wisdom  
Will keep your vision true,  
And keep you on His path  
Till your life is through.

Fear the Lord and fear no other  
This will keep you strong,  
He'll be there to guide you  
He will give your heart a song.

Value what He whispers  
By His Spirit and His word,  
Take the time to listen  
When your heart is stirred.

He knows you like no other  
His love for you is great,  
Seek Him when you're able  
Before it is too late.

*I'm calling to you, sons of Adam, yes, and to you daughters as well. Listen to me and you will be prudent and wise. For even the foolish and feeble can receive an understanding heart that will change their inner being.*

Proverbs 8:4-5 TPT

## Wisdom For All

Come all sons and daughters  
Embrace His holy word,  
He will give you wisdom  
When you listen it is heard.

To those whose hearts are ready  
The humble and the meek,  
No matter what their status  
They will hear Him speak.

His wisdom is all around you  
Stop and take it in,  
The miracle of creation  
Guilt and shame when caught in sin.

Listen for His whispers  
He has a path for you,  
A plan and a purpose  
And the strength to pull you through.

Don't let your heart get hardened  
Don't get caught up in yourself,  
Believing you're the master  
Seeking earthly wealth.

For matters of importance  
You need a humble heart,  
For Him to come and change you  
Giving you a start.

*Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, And from the opening of my lips will come right things; For my mouth will speak truth; Wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; Nothing crooked or perverse is in them. They are all plain to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold; For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.*

Proverbs 8:6-11

## Stop And Listen

You need to stop and listen  
Amid all the clatter,  
Of others all around you  
Doing what doesn't matter.

You need to stop and listen  
And not charge on ahead,  
When tempted by a treasure  
You're easily misled.

You need to stop and listen  
When troubled and in doubt,  
To hear His voice of comfort  
It's not the time to shout.

You need to stop and listen  
If you want to find the way,  
When wandering in darkness  
Or when you start to stray.

You need to stop and listen  
His word for you is clear  
If you stop and listen  
No need to live in fear.

You need to stop and listen  
You are His precious child,  
His wisdom is perfection  
That will keep you undefiled.

*I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion.*

Proverbs 8:12

## **Shrewdness**

The fear of God  
Is where wisdom starts,  
For He alone  
Knows all the parts.

To fear Him means  
That you're aware,  
Of the scope of evil  
But don't despair.

Evil's source  
Is easy to see,  
That what I hide in my heart  
Is all about me.

The wisdom of shrewdness  
Is that you make your plan,  
Aware that there's evil  
In the heart of every man.

So make your plans  
And live your life,  
If you are aware of evil  
You will have less strife.

It took Jesus' death  
To save us all,  
We've all been corrupted  
Since man's fall.

*The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and  
the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.*

Proverbs 8:13



## To Fear The Lord

It's easy to hate cancer  
When you see it take a life,  
But there is a brand of evil  
That will bring you much more strife.

Evil, pride and arrogance  
And the mouth that speaks deceit,  
Are hated by the Savior  
And will lead to one's defeat.

You can see the face of evil  
When you look into the mirror,  
And see the mask of arrogance  
An image you should fear.

Hate arrogance like a cancer  
Don't follow the rebel's way,  
Guard your mouth with diligence  
Be careful what you say.

Pride is a deadly poison  
It is seen in how you act,  
It is evident in your speaking  
And when troubled how you react.

God loves you with a passion  
And hates what will cause you harm,  
So follow His lead and guidance  
Let Him take you by the arm.

*Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I  
have strength.*

Proverbs 8:14

## Unique Purpose

Wisdom is the Master  
Seek and you will find,  
His plan and your purpose  
When your spirits are aligned.

Understanding will guide you  
On your path today,  
His plan for you is perfect  
His light will show the way.

He gives the courage to say yes  
And the strength to say no,  
And the patience to persist  
When problems start to grow.

His plan for you is perfect  
It fits like a glove,  
For you He has a purpose  
He is the God of love.

Life is filled with problems  
But He will show the way,  
His wisdom is the answer  
Our hope for today.

Seek Him with conviction  
Wash daily in His word,  
Stop and humbly listen  
And His voice will be heard.

*I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently  
will find me.*

Proverbs 8:17

## **Beneath The Surface**

Driven by passion  
Guided by desire,  
What is it you're seeking  
Is there a holy fire?

His wisdom is gained  
With holy desire,  
Seek Him today  
He's a gracious supplier.

You must put in the effort  
To gather His gold,  
It must live in your heart  
Wonders to behold.

He taught us with riddles  
So we would pause and think,  
Then from His wisdom cup  
We can take a drink.

Plant the seeds of His word  
Deep in your mind,  
When it gets to your heart  
Wisdom you'll find.

A wisdom eternal  
A wisdom that's pure,  
Sent from the Father  
A wisdom secure.

*Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the Lord;*

Proverbs 8:32-35

## **Wait For Wisdom**

If you wait for wisdom  
Wisdom you'll find,  
So don't be impatient  
Or caught in a bind.

Don't be distracted  
Or fall asleep,  
Don't drown in sorrow  
Or start to weep.

Joy is not found  
In treasure or clothes,  
But in His wisdom  
He freely bestows.

Stand at His door  
Open His word,  
Take it to heart  
All that you heard.

His blessings are many  
His ways are secure,  
For the sickened heart  
He is the cure.

There's no greater gift  
Than His favor and grace,  
Seek Him now  
His wisdom embrace.

*Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars; She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also furnished her table. She has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, "Come, eat of my bread And drink of the wine I have mixed. Forsake foolishness and live, And go in the way of understanding.*

Proverbs 9:1-6



## Wisdom's Invitation

There's an open invitation  
The table's set to dine,  
Come and join the Master  
This is now your time.

Leave what you are doing  
Look inside your heart,  
Today He is appearing  
You will want a part.

The essence of God's wisdom  
Is His only Son,  
He came to bring us life  
A victory He has won.

His banquet is beginning  
He's reserved for you a place,  
Come and join the others  
Accept His warm embrace.

But for the proud and boastful  
They won't hear His call,  
Until their heart is humbled  
Or until they hit a wall.

For the humble and the lowly  
His wisdom is for free,  
Nothing will be lacking  
It is a guarantee.

*He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.*

Proverbs 9:7

## Confronting Evil

Some will bark  
And some will snort,  
But neither has ears  
For a righteous report.

They eat and devour  
What has already died,  
But refuse the word  
Of the One who was crucified.

The dogs and pigs  
Have heard God's word,  
And spit it out  
Saying it is absurd.

They have turned their back  
To the God of love,  
To live for themselves  
And give you a shove.

The dogs are vicious  
They growl and mock,  
And swine like the mud  
Not your righteous talk.

Be humble, yet wise  
And share without fear,  
The goodness of God  
To those with ears to hear.

*Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.*

Proverbs 9:8

## **Wasted Energy**

Don't waste your time  
With those who scorn,  
They confuse your purpose  
And cause you to mourn.

Scorners are those  
Who mock and boast,  
Consumed with themselves  
Believing they are the most.

When the light that you carry  
Catches their eye,  
They scream and they shout  
And want you to die.

The goal of their life  
Is to cause you shame,  
With a mixture of truth  
Words impossible to tame.

Someone who scorns  
Will not see your intent,  
If you show them the way  
They will not repent.

Be patient and wise  
With the words that you share,  
Season them well  
With wisdom and prayer.

*Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.*

Proverbs 10:2

## **Wicked Treasure**

If you follow your heart  
Where would it lead,  
To a place of peace  
Or a house of greed.

What you do in secret  
How you use your days,  
Where you spend your money  
Will show what you do praise.

What do you do in secret  
Away from prying eyes,  
Is your righteousness consistent  
Or just a pack of lies?

The time you've been given  
Is it filled with selfish acts,  
Seeking self-promotion  
Engaging in unrighteous pacts?

How do you spend your money  
Look at those receipts,  
Are you generous with others  
Or consumed with useless treats?

Guard your heart with fervor  
What do you see?  
Take stock of what you treasure  
Get ready for eternity.

*He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.*

Proverbs 10:4



## Diligence

A hand that is slack  
Will lose its hold,  
But in the diligent hand  
What you find is gold.

A hand that is slack  
Lives by deceit,  
It promises success  
And delivers defeat.

The hand that is diligent  
The Lord will reward,  
It's honest efforts  
Will not be ignored.

If you want to be rich  
Be diligent and kind,  
Spend less than you make  
And riches you'll find.

Be patient and persistent  
And given some time,  
Your treasure will grow  
And your wealth will climb.

Be diligent and thoughtful  
In all that you do,  
And the Lord will grant  
That which you pursue.

*He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in  
harvest is a son who causes shame.*

Proverbs 10:5

## Seasons

Life has its seasons  
Seasons of gain,  
Seasons of rest  
And seasons of pain.

The most difficult season  
Is the one you're in,  
There are troubles about  
And struggles within.

The wise are aware  
Of the season they're in,  
They know when to stop  
And where to begin.

Seek for God's wisdom  
No matter your age,  
Devour His word  
Consume every page.

He will give you strength  
When frail and weak,  
You're still vital to Him  
Not a rusty antique.

His wisdom will light  
The path you are on,  
He will give you a purpose  
When all seems gone.

*The lover of God is enriched beyond belief, but the evil man  
only curses his luck.*

Proverbs 10:6 TPT

## Faith Or Luck

Do you flip a coin  
Or stop to pray,  
When you need direction  
And have lost your way?

When you need an answer  
Do you throw a dice,  
Or listen to people  
Who pretend to be nice?

Would you draw a straw  
To pick a mate,  
Or live like a fool  
Because all is fate?

We live by faith  
In what we trust,  
If you trust in luck  
You'll turn to dust.

Trust the Lord  
He has a plan,  
To show His love  
To the humble man.

His blessings are many  
Like peace and rest,  
Call on Him now  
He'll hear your request.

*The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot.*

Proverbs 10:7

## Memorial

As I walk between the rows  
The names stare back at me,  
Some stir disappointment  
Others times of glee.

We are here for just a moment  
Then we slip away,  
Leaving just a memory  
That will last but just a day.

What will be your legacy  
What stories will be told,  
Will they point to Jesus  
Or leave others very cold?

Will the world be better  
Now that you are gone,  
Or will there be a void  
A missing of your song?

The mark you leave on others  
If you did them wrong,  
Will cast a lengthy shadow  
So, better finish strong.

Once your name is written  
On the stone that's on the grass,  
Your memorial is sealed  
Recalled by those who pass.

*The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool  
will fall.*

Proverbs 10:8



## Prating

Amid all the noise  
Amid all the clatter,  
You find a host of fools  
Who love to fret and prater.

They prater about this  
They prater about that,  
With prater that's empty  
Just like their hat.

The purpose of prater  
Is to fill a void,  
From a soul that is empty  
And a spirit that's annoyed.

Those who prater  
Will never hear,  
Words of wisdom  
Even if they are clear.

There are praters who boast  
And praters who preach,  
Praters at home  
And praters who teach.

If you want to be wise  
Obey His command,  
Silence your words  
And you'll understand.

*He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who  
perverts his ways will become known.*

Proverbs 10:9

## Walking With Confidence

If you want to walk  
With a confident step,  
Then speak the truth  
Without any prep.

If your heart is pure  
And your words are clear,  
You can walk though life  
Devoid of fear.

If your walk is sincere  
And not a pack of lies,  
You will have courage  
That nothing defies.

Don't think you can hide  
In the darkness of lies,  
For nothing escapes  
The Father's eyes.

Your sins that are hidden  
Will come to light,  
You know what is wrong  
And you know what is right.

So clean up your act  
Let truth be your guide,  
Put your devious ways  
And pretense aside.

*Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.*

Proverbs 10:12

## Love Covers

If you hate your neighbor  
You hate yourself,  
So leave those offenses  
There on the shelf.

With hate in your soul  
You turn to dust,  
As you dry up inside  
Consumed with disgust.

To stir up trouble  
With revenge that you crave,  
Will bring you much harm  
And an early grave.

So love your neighbor  
Ponder their plight,  
Pray for their needs  
In the middle of the night.

How would you feel  
If in their place,  
Don't spread rumors  
Or cause for disgrace.

Walk a mile in their shoes  
Or make it two,  
Consider their struggles  
Before this day is through.

*Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool.*

Proverbs 10:18

## Hidden Hatred

Love grows cold  
When trust is broken,  
And deceit is rampant  
When lies are spoken.

Love grows cold  
When bitterness rules,  
An offense is nursed  
And the wise become fools.

Love grows cold  
When it is do or die,  
But still you fail  
No matter how hard you try.

Love grows cold  
When you are tired and worn,  
Running on empty  
With muscles torn.

My love grows cold  
When I live to serve me,  
Oblivious to others  
Abandoning family.

Holy Spirit move  
Within this weary heart,  
Remove the chilling coldness  
To give Your love a start.

*The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, And He adds no  
sorrow with it.*

Proverbs 10:22



## **No Strings Attached**

The blessings of the Father  
Have no strings attached,  
No pressured call of duty  
No measure to be matched.

The blessings of the Father  
Come with peace and rest,  
They are not gained by striving  
Or trying your very best.

The blessings of the Father  
Will make your spirit sing,  
With joy and sweet contentment  
That only He can bring.

The blessings of the Father  
Will remove all dread and fear,  
Bringing comfort in the storm  
Knowing He is near.

The blessings of the Father  
Will not rot or rust,  
They are a sure foundation  
If in Him you place your trust.

The blessings of the Father  
Others cannot steal,  
For they're hidden in your heart  
Protected by His seal.

*The fear of the wicked will come upon him, And the desire of the righteous will be granted.*

Proverbs 10:24

## **Wicked Fear**

The wicked fear exposure  
So they try to hide,  
In lies and slick deception  
With others by their side.

Their speech is bold and boastful  
But inside they live in fear,  
They know their ways are evil  
And judgement may be near.

Like a moth drawn to a flame  
The lawless plot their course,  
Down a path of darkness  
With no hint of deep remorse.

Judgement day is coming  
A judgement all will face,  
And if you've been rebellious  
Who will plead your case?

For those who seek the Master  
Devoted to His will,  
They will be rewarded  
Their desires He will fulfill.

Chose the path that's righteous  
Abandon selfish sin,  
His will for you is perfect  
He'll restore you from within.

*The hope of the righteous will be gladness, But the expectation of the wicked will perish.*

Proverbs 10:28

## Godly Gladness

Serve the Lord with gladness  
Come before Him with a song,  
Lift your hands to heaven  
In His presence, you belong.

Gladness is a service  
A sign of living faith,  
An outward act of worship  
Being thankful for this place.

Sacrifice with resentment  
Does not please the Lord,  
It is an act of self-promotion  
Being busy instead of bored.

Do you know whom you are serving  
How much do you believe,  
That His gift for you this morning  
Is the very breath you breathe.

That in times of real danger  
He is watching out for you,  
To walk you through the trouble  
Or be there to pull you through.

Rejoice in the hope He's given  
Be patient when times are tough,  
He is the source of gladness  
He will always be enough.

*Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, But a just weight is His delight.*

Proverbs 11:1

## Just Business

Business is not just business  
It is how you live your life,  
It's the way of serving others  
And lessening their strife.

To use your acts of service  
As a way to rob and steal,  
Is hated by the Lord  
A hatred you will feel.

Business that is honest  
It is the Lord's delight,  
And should be the reputation  
Of those walking in His light.

But if you cheat your neighbor  
Pretending to be true,  
You will face His judgement  
When your days are through.

Don't cover up an error  
Or conceal a business loss,  
To elevate your status  
Or be promoted by your boss.

Conduct your daily business  
As a servant of the Lord,  
Be honest in all your dealings  
And you'll get a just reward.

*When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble  
is wisdom.*

Proverbs 11:2



## Presumption

You know what's said of pride  
Better hang on to the wall,  
For the moment is approaching  
Get ready for a fall.

To presume that you are right  
Because you are so grand,  
Will guarantee your failure  
Not what you had planned.

For pride does have an odor  
It smells like rotten stuff,  
And will lead to your rejection  
When others have had enough.

Stop and look around you  
The wisest in the room,  
Is not the proud or boastful  
But those that don't presume.

Shame will be the trophy  
Of those who walk in pride,  
Is this the goal you're seeking  
Now you must decide.

Presumption is a cancer  
Better cut it out,  
For if you serve the Master  
It's not what you're about.

*The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the unfaithful will be caught by their lust.*

Proverbs 11:6

## The Trap

At first a thought  
And then a glance,  
And before you know it  
Your trapped in sin's trance.

Just a little taste  
Does not seem bad,  
And before you know it  
You've been had.

An unrighteous desire  
Will take control,  
Steal all you have  
And consume your soul.

Lust will not give you  
What you desire,  
It destroys what is precious  
With a ferocious fire.

It will hijack your mind  
Take all that you treasure,  
And leave you alone  
Exposed to the weather.

So put on your boots  
Before it's too late,  
Live for the Lord  
And escape sin's fate.

*The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But  
through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.*

Proverbs 11:9

## **Danger Of Hypocrisy**

Don't drink water  
From a polluted stream,  
Or give ear to the words  
Of those who are obscene.

Innocent and gentle  
And kind in the start,  
But when they open their mouth  
You will see their heart.

A heart that is evil  
From a mouth that's foul,  
Spill words of division  
Just look at their scowl.

With their words of acceptance  
You thought they were great,  
As they moved in closer  
To gather more bate.

Your words they will twist  
To make you look bad,  
And when others listen  
It makes them glad.

Be wise and discerning  
And be oh so discreet,  
And consider the words  
Of all whom you meet.

*Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.*

Proverbs 11:14

## Wise Leaders

Like leaves in the autumn  
People will fall,  
Whose leaders are foolish  
Or love to brawl.

When wisdom is lacking  
A ship runs aground,  
When lost in the fog  
And no pilot is found.

Leaders are needed  
Who are honest and wise,  
Who hear with their ears  
And see with their eyes.

Their intent must be righteous  
Their motives pure,  
For all in the land  
To feel secure.

People are lemmings  
This I guarantee,  
They will follow their leaders  
Into the sea.

Lord, give us leaders  
Who honor Your name,  
And follow Your way  
In the laws they proclaim.

*The merciful man does good for his own soul, But he who is  
cruel troubles his own flesh.*

Proverbs 11:17



## Kindness

If you want your soul to prosper  
Be careful what you eat,  
Feed your soul with kindness  
To others that you meet.

Be gracious and forgiving  
Walk a mile in their shoes,  
Be willing to show mercy  
And slow to accuse.

But cursed are the malevolent  
Who live to cause you pain,  
Revenge to them is tasty  
Their spite is seen as gain.

They have no felt compassion  
For struggles others face,  
They will not show you mercy  
Or offer an ounce of grace.

But God has given a promise  
To those who have a heart,  
That if they show compassion  
His mercy He'll impart.

We all have need for mercy  
It is food for our soul,  
Be kind to those around you  
Encourage and console.

*The people will curse him who withholds grain, But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it. He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, But trouble will come to him who seeks evil.*

Proverbs 11:26-27

## **Social Conscious**

If you seek to do good  
With others in mind,  
Favor will find you  
As God has designed.

We don't live on an island  
Of only just one,  
How you treat others  
To you will be done.

If you're selfish and greedy  
Soon you will find,  
You'll be cursed by others  
That you have maligned.

So be fair in your dealings  
Be honest and true,  
For you're not on this planet  
To just serve you.

You know what is fair  
You know what is just,  
Be considerate of others  
And work to build trust.

Trust in the Lord  
Work hard to do good,  
So the favor of God  
Will be understood.

*Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction is stupid.*

Proverbs 12:1

## Teachable

Do you long to be teachable  
Or have you had enough,  
Of learning and correction  
And dealing with your stuff?

To think that all life's answers  
Are stored inside your head,  
Is actually quite stupid  
So put that thought to bed.

The path that you are walking  
Has been trod by quite a few,  
Look to them for wisdom  
It will surely improve your view.

The teachable are humble  
They are not know-it-alls,  
They know that for the proudful  
Life is full of many falls.

The teachable grow in wisdom  
As they walk life's crooked road,  
They're free to ask for guidance  
To lessen a heavy load.

Always remain teachable  
No matter what your age,  
God's word is full of wisdom  
Come turn another page.

*A good man obtains favor from the Lord, But a man of  
wicked intentions He will condemn.*

Proverbs 12:2

## **The Devious Heart**

Set aside all pretense  
Be honest and sincere,  
Abolish self-deception  
And you will see more clear.

We are all just wicked children  
Rotten to the core,  
Void of worth and goodness  
Always wanting more.

We are depraved in our very essence  
Contentious in how we relate,  
Malevolent in our charity  
Defiant and full of hate.

We are boastful towards God and others  
Hard-hearted when faced with proof,  
Covetous in our lusting  
And acquiescent regarding the truth.

But the God of grace and mercy  
Provided us a way,  
To live a life of blessing  
If Him we do obey.

God grants the many blessings  
That are His to freely serve,  
Because of His blessed Son  
Blessings we don't deserve.

*The thoughts of the righteous are right, But the counsels of  
the wicked are deceitful.*

Proverbs 12:5



## Righteous Thoughts

Righteous thought and invention  
Are present just to bless,  
To make the world better  
And clean up all the mess.

Judgements that are fair  
Bring healing to the land,  
With boundaries that are just  
And not delivered underhand.

But deception is pure evil  
With everyone confused,  
Not knowing what's acceptable  
Or what should be refused.

Schemes and scams a plenty  
They're not something new,  
It's been going on for ages  
A simmering rebellious stew.

The schemes they have no power  
So, be careful what you hear,  
Their power is in knowing  
When you are full of fear.

The cure for all this fear  
To find it is a must,  
Is found in where you're leaning  
It is found in whom you trust.

*The words of the wicked are, "Lie in wait for blood," But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.*

Proverbs 12:6

## **Ambushed**

Have you ever been the victim  
Of those who lie in wait,  
To be stabbed with an accusation  
And face an unjust fate?

An ambush is an attack  
At a time you least expect,  
From someone you once trusted  
About something you'd like to forget.

In a sea of slimy slander  
It is difficult to swim,  
And if held beneath the surface  
The future's looking grim.

Lies are meant to hurt you  
Throwing dirt upon your name,  
Destroying trust and favor  
Things will never be the same.

Don't be a wicked hater  
Let your words be filled with peace,  
Be righteous in your speaking  
And from all slander cease.

For words do have great power  
To build or to tear down,  
So chose your words with caution  
And maybe you won't drown.

*Better is the one who is slighted but has a servant, Than he  
who honors himself but lacks bread.*

Proverbs 12:9

## Pretense

Pretense is a cymbal  
That clangs inside my head,  
For to be seen as unworthy  
This, I fear and dread.

I sacrifice the quiet  
Embrace the noise instead,  
To project a glowing image  
To avoid that awful dread.

But the image isn't perfect  
It's full of many holes,  
This drives me to work harder  
Bragging, buying, primping, clothes.

A life of self-promotion  
Will slowly wear you out,  
You'll be despised by others  
And your soul will fill with doubt.

But I know that the acceptance  
I long for, and I seek,  
Is only found in you Lord  
Given freely to the meek.

So let's pull this weed of pretense  
Let meekness grow instead  
And then Your rest and quiet  
Will chase out all that dread.

*The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds  
counsel is wise.*

Proverbs 12:15

## Precious Opinions

You know what is said of opinions  
We all have one to wipe,  
What a warm and precious feeling  
Knowing you are right.

Opinions are quite fickle  
They change with thought and time,  
So to use them as a weapon  
Would be an awful crime.

“I will do it my way”  
Is the mantra of the fool,  
They live for selfish purpose  
No sense of a golden rule.

When your opinions are your master  
You have no room to grow,  
Your solutions aren't creative  
When you limit what you know.

When opinions clash in battle  
Stop and take a look,  
Pause and ask a question  
The answer's in His book.

Ask the Lord for wisdom  
Let go of sinful pride,  
Be open to His counsel  
And wisdom He'll provide.

*A fool's wrath is known at once, But a prudent man covers shame.*

Proverbs 12:16



## Unoffendable

To be easily offended  
Is a point of pride,  
It's not what they are doing  
It's what you hold inside.

To be easily offended  
Brings great shame,  
For with a hint of insult  
You'll see their anger's flame.

To be easily offended  
Is the way of a fool,  
They act out of spite  
With acts that are cruel.

To be easily offended  
Is quite a plight,  
With thoughts of rage  
And no rest at night.

The humble and righteous  
Don't embrace an offense,  
They trust in the Lord  
And don't need a defense.

Pretense won't help you  
To hide your pride,  
It's your response to offense  
That shows what's inside.

*The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue is but for a moment. Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.*

Proverbs 12:19-20

## **Liars Are Haters**

Liars are haters  
And their deception will hurt,  
As they tell their story  
And the truth they pervert.

To twist the truth  
And construct a lie,  
Is an act of defiance  
A poke in the eye.

You spend your life building  
A trust that should not die,  
Just to see it shattered  
With the telling of a lie.

The hurt that's inflicted  
When a lie is told,  
Is the pain of rejection  
Being left in the cold.

Words of affection  
Get quickly erased,  
And hate moves in  
As love is replaced.

So speak the truth  
And your message will last,  
Speak words of peace  
For joy unsurpassed.

*A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools  
proclaims foolishness.*

Proverbs 12:23

## Silent Wisdom

The mouth of the wise  
Is in their heart,  
They pause and ponder  
And don't speak at the start.

But the heart of a fool  
Is in his mouth,  
He is quick to speak  
And let foolishness spout.

From an empty mind  
Where foolish dwells,  
You hear too many words  
And all sorts of spells.

It's best to be silent  
And be thought of as wise,  
Than to open your mouth  
And let foolishness arise.

When God gives you wisdom  
Hold on to it tight,  
Take time to ponder  
In the day and the night.

You will know the time  
For those words to share,  
His message of peace  
Or an answer to prayer.

*Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.*

Proverbs 12:25

## **Anxious Fear**

Worry's a cancer  
It's focus is your mind,  
It brings you thoughts  
Of the fearful kind.

The cares of this world  
Can weigh you down,  
Rob you of life  
And give you a frown.

To be anxious and worried  
Will make you sick,  
And focus on yourself  
Turning your heart to brick.

The anxious road  
Will make you depressed,  
As it robs your future  
And leaves you stressed.

But a word of kindness  
At just the right time,  
Can lessen the burden  
Causing your spirit to climb.

The word of the Lord  
Is life-giving feed,  
When your spirit is starving  
It's the message you need.

*He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.*

Proverbs 13:3



## **The Tongue's Power**

It is very small  
And can't lift a weight,  
But given a chance  
It can open hell's gate.

If left to its own  
It can cause quite a mess,  
And with a twist in the truth  
Produce a great stress.

It's as dull as a stick  
But can cut like a knife,  
And severe a relationship  
And cause great strife.

It hides in the dark  
And is rarely seen,  
But can light a great fire  
If it decides to be mean.

Respect your tongue  
Keep it in check,  
It will guide your ship  
Or cause you to wreck.

Be quick to hear  
But slow to speak,  
Keep control of your tongue  
For a positive critique.

*A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome  
and comes to shame.*

Proverbs 13:5

## Something Smells

You can lie with your words  
Or lie with a smile,  
It is all just the same  
Deception with guile.

You can tell there's a lie  
When something smells off,  
The facts don't connect  
Or there's a hint of a scoff.

If you trust a liar  
It will bring you shame,  
For their lies and deception  
Will tarnish your name.

Liars are hateful  
And liars are thieves,  
They hate who they lie too  
To take what they need.

Shame is the stink  
That liars produce,  
And it clings to all  
Who experience their abuse.

Be righteous and holy  
And right from start,  
Speak the truth  
From a clean, pure heart.

*By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised  
is wisdom.*

Proverbs 13:10

## **Strife's Roots**

The pride in my heart  
Will cause a fight,  
I will do what it takes  
To prove I am right.

The pride in my heart  
Will simmer and burn,  
I am the boss  
Didn't you learn!

The pride in my heart  
Will blind my eyes,  
And block my ears  
From other's cries.

The pride in my heart  
Will create a divide,  
For with family and friends  
You must now take a side.

The pride in my heart  
Is evil and foul,  
If you are standing close  
You can hear me growl.

From the pride in my heart  
Jesus came to save,  
To lift me up  
From a selfish grave.

*Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.*

Proverbs 13:12

## Hope's Dream

With great expectations  
Comes great despair,  
That can break your heart  
So it will not repair.

A promise that's made  
Yet never kept,  
Makes the next promise heard  
Hard to accept.

A hope is an anchor  
When times are tough,  
It can keep you going  
When you've had enough.

But when hope is lost  
Your heart will sink,  
What once was fragrant  
Will begin to stink.

To those around you  
Whose hope is gone,  
Be an encourager  
Don't sing a song.

Put your feet in their shoes  
And walk a while,  
God will show a path  
Through every trial.

*Every prudent man acts with knowledge, But a fool lays  
open his folly.*

Proverbs 13:16



## **The Prudent Plan**

The wise do know  
To plan ahead,  
And not be stopped  
By fear or dread.

They draft a plan  
That has an end,  
They count the cost  
And know what to spend.

They don't fall apart  
When troubles arise,  
For troubles are expected  
To those who are wise.

Fools in their folly  
Don't consider what they do,  
For actions have reactions  
One plus one is two.

Don't run with abandon  
With intentions that are grand,  
Without considering the consequences  
The planned and unplanned.

Seek wisdom and knowledge  
From God's holy word,  
For to act as a fool  
Is truly absurd.

*Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains  
correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.*

Proverbs 13:18

## Path Of Honor

We all have flaws  
We all have faults,  
We've all tripped and stumbled  
When we've tried to waltz.

But to refuse to learn  
From a guiding hand,  
Is like building a castle  
Made out of sand.

Our home will fall  
Our business will fail,  
Or if continually defiant  
May end up in jail.

The arrogant rebel  
Will be rewarded with shame,  
For the life we have  
Is more than a game.

But those who are humble  
And willing to learn,  
Will grow in grace  
At every turn.

So be humble and honest  
Don't run from your flaws,  
God's provision of wisdom  
Is better than applause.

*He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion  
of fools will be destroyed.*

Proverbs 13:20

## **Birds Of A Feather**

Birds of a feather  
Do flock together,  
If you want to be wise  
To the wise you should tether.

But to tie yourself  
To a camp of fools,  
Will make you foolish  
As you use their tools.

If you play with a skunk  
Soon you will smell,  
You may think it fine  
But others can tell.

The wickedness of fools  
Is easy to catch,  
The only prevention  
Is to quickly detach.

Foolish or wise  
It is easy to tell,  
Just look at their friends  
With whom do they dwell.

Walk with the wise  
God's faithful few,  
And you will get wisdom  
And know what is true.

*He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.*

Proverbs 13:24

## Discipline

There are lines on the road  
And a ditch to the side,  
You must stay in your lane  
When you go for a ride.

If you take the whole road  
Thinking you are grand,  
You will crash and burn  
Until you understand.

The lanes are not prisons  
But a way to be free,  
And travel with safety  
From point A to point B.

Raising a child  
Is much the same,  
They must learn their lane  
And not stay the same.

You must prepare them well  
For an adult life,  
To keep them as children  
Will cause you great strife.

Their world will be meaner  
Than the bullies in school,  
If you hover too close  
You'll be raising a fool.

*Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; But much increase comes by the strength of an ox.*

Proverbs 14:4



## **Productive Mess**

Don't expect a crop  
Without some weeds,  
Or without labor and toil  
To plant those seeds.

Don't expect to get strong  
Without the work,  
The sweat and the pain  
Will erase your smirk.

Don't expect to have order  
Without a mess,  
For excessive order  
Will only oppress.

For a rose to be pretty  
There must be some dung,  
Mixed in the soil  
Before spring has sprung.

Don't expect to be holy  
Righteous or pure,  
Without seeing your heart  
As full of manure.

From out of your mess  
God's flower will grow,  
A fragrance to others  
And His mercy to show.

*A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, But knowledge  
is easy to him who understands.*

Proverbs 14:6

## **Foolish By Degree**

The wisdom of the world  
To those who scorn,  
Is worn as a badge,  
As they toot their horn.

They know so much  
Their head might burst,  
They know all about water  
But still they thirst.

They work and they toil  
And find the best school,  
Yet because of their pride  
They remain a fool.

They worship the moon  
The sun and the stars,  
But ignore their creator  
To cover their scars.

To know much about something  
May give you a degree,  
But what is the point  
If your soul is not free.

The wisdom that matters  
One place can be found,  
In seeking the Master  
His ways are profound.

*The heart knows its own bitterness, And a stranger does not share its joy.*

Proverbs 14:10

## **Understanding's Limits**

In the depths of your heart  
Is where you will find,  
Sorrows and joys  
Of the personal kind.

There are joys and sorrows  
That only you will know,  
They are deep in your heart  
And do not show.

How can we judge  
When we do not know,  
What is held inside  
The pain and sorrow.

The sorrow of loss  
Of a child or spouse,  
The joy of success  
Or a grand new house.

The sorrow of sin  
That has caused great pain,  
The joy of forgiveness  
And the peace to abstain.

The joy of communion  
With the God above,  
Diminishes the sorrow  
With a blanket of love.

*There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*

Proverbs 14:12

## **Don't Be Surprised**

Two gates are there before you  
Which one will you choose,  
The broad one is inviting  
But with the narrow one you won't lose.

Wide and easy is so tempting  
No need for a detailed map,  
Just follow the crowd around you  
Right into Satan's lap.

No need for a moral compass  
Be tolerant of sin,  
Be arrogant and selfish  
Do anything to win.

Consumed by selfish ambition  
Your soul goes up in smoke,  
Your cruising toward destruction  
This choice is not a joke.

So choose the gate that's narrow  
Set aside your pride,  
Ask the Lord to save you  
He's inviting you inside.

The path will not be easy  
The choice is yours to make,  
With life and death before you  
Which path will you take?

*The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers  
well his steps.*

Proverbs 14:15



## The Next Step

Would you follow a moth  
Into a flame,  
Do you consider life  
Just a silly game?

You only have  
One life to give,  
And soon it's gone  
How did you live?

The steps you take  
The time you spend,  
Don't last too long  
They have an end.

Are you swayed by the crowd  
On their way to hell,  
Like a hypnotized cobra  
Under a spell?

Consider your steps  
Where do they lead,  
For each step you take  
Is planting a seed.

Don't get lead astray  
By a convincing word,  
Use His Word as a filter  
All that is heard.

*A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.*

Proverbs 14:16

## **Foolish Self-confidence**

He keeps his self-confidence  
When his temper is lost,  
A fool rages on  
Without counting the cost.

To huff and puff  
As you blow off steam,  
While claiming you are right  
Is a fool's great dream.

To be wise in the Lord  
Brings calm and rest,  
Amid great turmoil  
Knowing His way is best.

For evil is real  
And it brings great harm,  
It should cause concern  
And raise an alarm.

The evil that's greatest  
That many pursue,  
Is believing your life  
Is all about you.

Live for the Master  
Be humble and pray,  
Run from the evil  
That will cause your decay.

*He who despises his neighbor sins; But he who has mercy  
on the poor, happy is he.*

Proverbs 14:21

## Mercy

They are made in His image  
Even if they smell,  
So don't despise another  
It is a sinful spell.

Don't look down on others  
To push your way ahead,  
Give thought to their troubles  
Show some mercy instead.

None of us are worthy  
Of His saving grace,  
Stop thinking you are better  
Jesus took your place.

To those who are afflicted  
The humble and the meek,  
If you give them grace and mercy  
Your joy will start to peak.

But God has given a promise  
To those who have a heart,  
That if they're kind and compassionate  
His mercy He'll impart.

We all have need for mercy  
Forgiveness from the Lord,  
Be conscious of the plight of others  
Don't let their anguish be ignored.

*In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.*

Proverbs 14:26-27

## **Don't Fear Man**

The fear of man is powerful  
It can waken you in the night,  
What is it they are scheming  
Oh what a dreadful fright.

They might steal all your treasure  
Tie you up in chains,  
They might kill your reputation  
Then scoff at what remains.

They might speak a twisted story  
Exposing all your faults,  
While encouraging many others  
To join in their assaults.

They may flatter for a moment  
To get what they can take,  
Then toss you to the side  
And claim you are a fake.

Man can be so evil  
And wield a mighty force,  
But with Yahweh on my side  
They can't knock me off my course.

Though evil's all around me  
And their intentions are quite clear,  
I will rest in Your presence  
I have no need to fear.

*He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, But he  
who is impulsive exalts folly.*

Proverbs 14:29



## Impulsive Folly

To be patient when afflicted  
Slow to take offense,  
Shows the world your wisdom  
A creature of good sense.

But impatience with emotion  
Are qualities of a fool,  
They're easily offended  
As they quickly lose their cool.

Passion without boundaries  
Won't make a fool wise,  
It's a display of his folly  
That's impossible to disguise.

Impatience is a power  
From a sinful prideful heart,  
An empty soul demanding  
More than just their part.

When anger is a reflex  
It snuffs out all the light,  
Impulse becomes master  
Oh what a dreadful plight.

Take the light remaining  
Look into the mirror,  
Ask the Lord for wisdom  
Set aside your fear.

*A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones.*

Proverbs 14:30

## **Envy And Jealousy**

Jealousy is a cancer  
Eating at your bones,  
A constant painful gnawing  
As your spirit groans.

If you want to suffer  
Throw gratitude away,  
Focus on what you're missing  
And what you have to pay.

Take the cup you're given  
Embrace the empty part,  
And poison what's remaining  
And surely you'll lose heart.

To fret and fuss and grumble  
Will eat your very flesh,  
It will make a thing of beauty  
An ugly smelly mess.

But to take the cup you're given  
Being grateful for what is there,  
Will fill your soul with gladness  
And a joy that you can share.

For a heart that's free of envy  
Is strong and will succeed,  
Knowing God as provider  
And supplier of every need.

*A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.*

Proverbs 15:1

## Answers

Take care of your words  
They have great power,  
They can build a bridge  
Or destroy a tower.

Words are like water  
They can be hot or cold,  
They can be used for healing  
Or used to scold.

Anger and wrath  
Can burst into flame,  
If you speak something mean  
Or call me a name.

A response of silence  
Is never kind,  
So respond with grace  
And peace you will find.

Words that are harsh  
Are spoken in pride,  
They are mean and hateful  
And cause a divide.

An answer that's soft  
Can be used to mend,  
But with words that are harsh  
You can lose a friend.

*In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, But in  
the revenue of the wicked is trouble.*

Proverbs 15:6

## Treasures

The wealth of the wicked  
Will cause them pain,  
It will leave them empty  
As they strive for gain.

If they gain great wealth  
Then who can they trust,  
As they cling to their treasures  
And are driven by lust.

Peace and contentment  
Is not in their soul,  
As they strive and stress  
To maintain control.

But in the house of the righteous  
Great treasures abound,  
And peace and contentment  
Is easily found.

The treasures that matter  
Are found in the heart,  
Not found in your wallet  
Or sold in a mart.

To be safe and secure  
In the hands of the Lord,  
Is better than treasures  
That the wicked have stored.

*The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord,  
But the prayer of the upright is His delight.*

Proverbs 15:8



## Hypocrisy

There are religious hypocrites  
With corruption inside,  
Who praise the Lord  
As a way to hide.

To be righteous and holy  
Is not a coat you wear,  
It's not the words you speak  
Or the style of your hair.

If you want God's presence  
You must make room inside,  
Clear out the bitterness  
And the mountain of pride.

For a heart that's full  
Of selfish desire,  
Cannot feel the warmth  
Of God's holy fire.

God's favor's not bought  
With silver or gold,  
Or acts of worship  
From a heart that is cold.

But the prayer of the righteous  
Brings God delight,  
And if their hearts are humble  
He'll be a guiding light.

*All the days of the afflicted are evil, But he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast.*

Proverbs 15:15

## Dirty Glasses

When your vision is blurred  
Nothing seems clear,  
Especially when clouded  
With worry or fear.

There are those who live  
In a world of gloom,  
They may live in a mansion  
But call it a tomb.

They only see evil  
Wherever they go,  
Their heart is heavy  
They have lost their glow.

They torture themselves  
With worry and dread,  
That troubles their spirit  
And messes with their head.

But for those who are grateful  
Whose joy is the Lord,  
Will live with contentment  
Amid the wicked hoard.

Their life is a feast  
Their heart's full of praise,  
With God as their provider  
All of their days.

*Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, Than a fatted calf with hatred.*

Proverbs 15:17

## **Dinner Time!**

If you sit at a table  
In the presence of hate,  
Whatever you're served  
Will not taste great.

It will stick in your teeth  
And cause your heart to fail,  
No matter if it's steak  
Or the finest lobster tail.

Hate is a spice  
You know when it's there,  
Even when served  
With the greatest flair.

A feast or a party  
In the absence of love,  
Will make that steak  
Taste like a glove.

But in the presence of peace  
Where there's love and care,  
A dinner of carrots  
Will be the finest fair.

A plate of contentment  
Will always taste great,  
When there's love in the room  
And the absence of hate.

*Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of  
counselors they are established.*

Proverbs 15:22

## Seeking Advice

You should not take a journey  
Where there might be a trap,  
Without talking to others  
Or taking a map.

If you are wise  
You don't know it all,  
You will humble yourself  
And give others a call.

For the path may be twisted  
With no signs on the road,  
If you ask for directions  
It will lighten your load.

For others have wisdom  
If they've been there before,  
So seek their advice  
Before you walk out the door.

So plan what you can  
With a humble heart,  
Then ask for counsel  
Before you start.

It's the arrogant fool  
Who wanders astray,  
Because he refuses advice  
As he goes his own way.

*He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, But he who hates bribes will live.*

Proverbs 15:27



## **Deadly Greed**

Greed can be deadly  
When all you see,  
Is the dollar before you  
And not your family.

When there's greed in your heart  
You will compromise,  
It will destroy your home  
And be your ultimate demise.

To be driven for more  
And never content,  
Will narrow your vision  
And turn your heart to cement.

Greed is a cavern  
That is never filled,  
It cries out for more  
And is never fulfilled.

Don't claim that you are driven  
By insecurity and need,  
When the powers that are active  
Are selfishness and greed.

Don't be greedy for more  
God will supply your need,  
He will give the contentment  
That's not gained through greed.

*The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.*

Proverbs 15:28

## Think Before Speaking

If you think before speaking  
You will avoid much grief,  
For a word spoken in haste  
Can be an evil thief.

If there's good in your heart  
Don't be hasty to speak,  
Take time to consider  
With a cautious critique.

Words do have power  
That you need to control,  
They can be used for harm  
Or used to console.

To speak without thought  
Is an evil act,  
With words that are poison  
With a deadly impact.

So bite your tongue  
Before you speak,  
Or you will display the sound  
Of a fool's squeak.

Don't let your words become weapons  
Use them to heal,  
For once they are spoken  
Your heart they reveal.

*The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, And a good report  
makes the bones healthy.*

Proverbs 15:30

## Light Of The Eye

When the wonders of creation  
Are seen by your eye,  
It brings joy to your soul  
And your spirit will fly.

Eyes that beam with kind regard  
Acceptance that you can feel,  
Will lift your heart when times are low  
And renew a waning zeal.

A beaming glance from one you love  
Amid the stress of the day,  
Will bring great joy and extra strength  
To help you on your way.

Brighter is the light that comes from God  
A message from His word,  
That shows the way when you are lost  
And with joy your heart is stirred.

News that is good  
Like a hope achieved,  
Will quicken your step  
As it's gladly received.

But to hear your sins are forgiven  
And God calls you His own,  
Will heal your soul  
And soften your heart of stone.

*The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, And before  
honor is humility.*

Proverbs 15:33

## **Honor And Humility**

The fear of God  
Is where we start,  
To make sense of life  
To know every part.

When you fear the Lord  
You don't run and hide,  
But you turn to Him  
As your only guide.

For the fear of God  
Evil you must hate,  
In its many forms  
And its every state.

When you fear the Lord  
There's a painful part,  
For when you fear the Lord  
You see your heart.

No honor will come  
To those who are proud,  
So seek the Lord  
Not the wayward crowd.

But honor will come  
To those who are meek,  
If they humble themselves  
And Jesus they seek.

*Commit your works to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established.*

Proverbs 16:3



## Trust The Lord

Trust the Lord  
With all you do,  
With the plans you make  
The many and the few.

Like a ball of yarn  
Or tangled fishing string,  
Give Him all your burdens  
Give Him everything.

When He gives a purpose  
He gives a plan,  
Give it all to Him  
As soon as you can.

We have work to do  
His kingdom to build,  
There are fields to work  
And barns to be filled.

If you just trust in yourself  
Your plans will fail,  
You will wander off course  
Onto a dangerous trail.

Roll all your works onto the Lord  
Roll every plan and every care,  
Roll every burden and every thought  
And once that's done then leave them there.

*In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by  
the fear of the Lord one departs from evil.*

Proverbs 16:6

## Sin's Grip

It's God's mercy and truth  
Not my sacrifice,  
That atoned for my sin  
He paid the price.

For sin has a grip  
Stronger than a vice,  
It holds your heart  
And turns it to ice.

God's truth is a light  
That shines within,  
Showing what's there  
A heart of sin.

God's mercy and love  
Is free for all,  
He paid the price  
On Him you should call.

His love and truth  
Will weaken sin's hold,  
So you can love others  
And His wonders behold.

His truth will astound you  
His mercy is real,  
What's broken inside you  
His love can heal.

*A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.*

Proverbs 16:9

## Directed Steps

We all have a plan  
We all have a way,  
A course and direction  
As we start our day.

We plan with a purpose  
Some good and some bad,  
Expecting an outcome  
That should make us glad.

We work and we strive  
We sweat and we bleed,  
Attempting to gain  
All we believe we need.

But God is the Master  
He is the guide,  
Be humble while planning  
He'll be by your side.

For our vision is blurry  
We cannot see far,  
But God sees it all  
And He knows where we are.

Trust that He loves you  
As you plan your day,  
And walk humbly with purpose  
And you will not stray.

*How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver. The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who keeps his way preserves his soul.*

Proverbs 16:16-17

## Gold Or Wisdom?

Wealth without wisdom  
Is not a delight,  
It will not sooth your soul  
In the middle of the night.

Wisdom is the engine  
That pulls the train,  
If you care for it  
The rest will be gain.

If wisdom's your goal  
You will get ahead,  
If it's treasure you seek  
You'll be filled with dread.

Silver and gold  
Can buy a lot,  
But wisdom and knowledge  
Is what should be sought.

Be honest and humble  
And look at your goals,  
Seek wisdom from the Savior  
He holds the controls.

Run from what's evil  
You know what I mean,  
Press in to the Master  
He'll show the unseen.

*Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.*

Proverbs 16:18-19



## **Pride's Reward**

Pride is a poker  
You stick in your eye,  
It will blur your vision  
And make you cry.

Pride is a wall  
Between you and God,  
To think you are great  
Is a dangerous façade .

Pride is a poison  
Though it may taste sweet,  
It will rot your soul  
And cripple your feet.

Pride is a monster  
That looks for a stage,  
It will serve you better  
If left in a cage.

The proud are haughty  
Their way is best,  
The ideas of others  
They will never ingest.

Be humble and lowly  
Stay clear of the proud,  
For the treasures they offer  
Are only a shroud.

*An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a  
burning fire. A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer  
separates the best of friends.*

Proverbs 16:27-28

## Dirt Diggers

They scheme and they scam  
And they dig in the dirt,  
Devising their evil  
That will cause you hurt.

They dig in your present  
They dig in your past,  
Then throw dirt in your face  
And think it's a blast.

They're not digging for silver  
They're not digging for gold,  
They're digging for dirt  
So it can be told.

They are mockers and scorners  
They are wicked and bent,  
They want you to stumble  
And not be content.

They speak their evil  
To all who will hear,  
Making it sound  
Oh so sincere.

Don't be a digger  
So wicked and vile,  
Speak peace not division  
Avoiding all guile.

*The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.*

Proverbs 16:31

## **Aged Wisdom**

Do not be deceived  
Do not be lead astray,  
Do not become distracted  
No matter what others say.

The days are getting darker  
Fear is in the air,  
Uncertainty is rising  
Nothing seems to be fair.

The earth has started shaking  
No solid place to stand,  
Reach for the loving Master  
He will take you by the hand.

With trust and respect gone missing  
It is hard for love to flow,  
Abandon selfish ambition  
If you want that love to grow.

Run towards the Savior  
Bathe daily in His Word,  
Praise Him in the moment  
Your prayers to Him are heard.

In weakness this journey started  
But now you must finish strong,  
The Master is returning  
And it won't be very long.

*He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.*

Proverbs 16:32

## **Patient And Powerful**

There's an enemy that's mighty  
That should cause great fear,  
It's the enemy you see  
When you look in the mirror.

There is a battle that rages  
Deep in your soul,  
A battle of passions  
When they are out of control.

If you don't tame the monster  
That you have inside,  
It will tear things apart  
Causing a great divide.

If you restrain your thoughts  
And control your tongue,  
No matter the battle  
You've already won.

If you want to be mighty  
In the Lord's sight,  
You must have a spirit that's meek  
And a heart that is right.

For a hero's not made  
With a mask or a cape,  
But with a spirit that's wise  
Where passions don't escape.

*Better is a dry morsel with quietness,  
Than a house full of  
feasting with strife.*

Proverbs 17:1



## Peace And Quiet

Peace in your spirit  
And quiet in your mind,  
In a house full of strife  
Is impossible to find.

You can't buy peace  
With a fancy car,  
Or quiet your mind  
Sitting at the bar.

If contention dwells  
In your house of gold,  
Under the warmest blanket  
You'll still feel cold.

But a piece of toast  
When all is still,  
Can calm your mind  
Better than a pill.

If love is present  
In your humble home,  
There'll be peace in your spirit  
And no desire to roam.

Be grateful and happy  
For what God did provide,  
If in a home of quiet  
You are blessed to reside.

*The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the Lord tests the hearts.*

Proverbs 17:3

## Refining Fire

What we see on the surface  
Is grime and dust,  
We see nothing of value  
We experience disgust.

For what is in a heart  
No one can tell,  
Could be a refreshing stream  
Or an empty well.

For it's God alone  
Who sees what's there,  
What needs refining  
What needs repair.

If want to get gold  
From a dirty old rock,  
You turn up the heat  
To melt that block.

As the heat get intense  
The dirt will show,  
And beneath the surface  
Will be a golden glow.

For it is God alone  
Who can test each heart,  
To uncover the gold  
And what must depart.

*An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.*

Proverbs 17:4

## **An Evil Ear**

There is an itch and a tingle  
In an evil ear,  
That is tuned to gossip  
It so loves to hear.

The speaker and the hearer  
They are both the same,  
Attacking others  
With their evil game.

If you give ear to gossip  
You are living a lie,  
For if you are questioned  
You will surely deny.

They spread their stories  
Like birds of a feather,  
Who gather in flocks  
To talk together.

Don't get caught in the trap  
Of a delicious lie,  
Leave that web of deceit  
Without a reply.

Be a lover of truth  
Seek what is right,  
Run from liars  
Don't seek their delight.

*Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory  
of children is their father.*

Proverbs 17:6

## Grandparents

They are awesome and grand  
And oh so cuddly,  
The children of your children  
Are oh so lovely.

How could someone so precious  
Come from your seed,  
It's a miracle from heaven  
You'll have to concede.

God grants many blessings  
On the long road of life,  
Like wonderful children  
And an awesome wife.

But when your kids have kids  
There is a great change,  
And life makes a shift  
And priorities rearrange.

Though noisy and wet  
Just one look in their eyes,  
You see before you  
God's greatest prize.

Cherish this moment  
It's God's precious gift,  
A blessing from heaven  
To give your spirit a lift.

*He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.*

Proverbs 17:9



## Love Covers

Love starts with an act  
A thing you do,  
Where you pause for a moment  
And put on a shoe.

Then walk for a mile  
Or maybe more,  
And keep stumbling along  
Until your feet are sore.

What do they value  
What are their goals,  
What are their struggles  
What are their roles?

It is easy to see  
When someone offends,  
But if you jump to conclusions  
You'll no longer be friends.

If you dwell on a grievance  
You keep it alive,  
It's like poking a stick  
In an angry hive.

With love there is mercy  
You're willing to forgive,  
Don't hold on to hurts  
Let charity live.

*Rebuke is more effective for a wise man  
Than a hundred  
blows on a fool.*

Proverbs 17:10

## Teachable Heart

From the head to the heart  
One word to the wise,  
And the path they're on  
They will pause to revise.

For a heart that is willing  
And open to change,  
Will seek out the wise  
For a healthy exchange.

Many painful errors  
Is the lot of a fool,  
Who refuses to learn  
From the hard-knocks school.

If you refuse to be humble  
You will never be wise,  
For words of correction  
You will always despise.

For words of correction  
Must get to your heart,  
For real change to occur  
And to get a fresh start.

Take the path of the humble  
Not the road of the proud,  
Be open to correction  
With a heart that is bowed.

*The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.*

Proverbs 17:14

## No Turning Back

It may start with a trickle  
Like an ill spoken word,  
Then slowly it grows  
As the waters are stirred.

It grows and it grows  
And makes it's own path,  
What started as a slight  
Is now a river of wrath.

Like a fire in the forest  
That starts with one spark,  
Friends can be divided  
With one cruel remark.

So stop the trickle  
Before it grows,  
Into an angry river  
With uncontrollable flows.

Stomp on that spark  
Until it is out,  
Speak words of peace  
Leave no room for doubt.

For a word quickly spoken  
Can lead to offense,  
And before you know it  
A war will commence.

*A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit  
dries the bones.*

Proverbs 17:22

## Misery

There is a kind of misery  
That doctors cannot heal,  
It comes from deep within  
A heart covered with a seal.

If you nurse your cares and worries  
Treat them like a friend,  
Your soul will start to wither  
And you will face a bitter end.

Bitterness that's concealed  
Will eat your very bones,  
When you look inside your heart  
All you see are stones.

Don't think that you righteous  
When all you do is hide,  
The fear and rage inside you  
Claiming a godly side.

What's kept inside keeps churning  
Making a toxic soup,  
If you let it have it's way  
It forms a fatal loop.

So be open to the garbage  
That you keep inside,  
Take it to the master  
In Him you can confide.

*He who has knowledge spares his words, And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit. Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.*

Proverbs 17:27-28



## Be Silent

On the path of sure destruction  
First thought, then word, then deed,  
Guide me Lord Jehovah  
Your help is what I need.

May my heart and mind not wander  
When tempted by my flesh,  
I'm grateful for Your mercy  
Make my praises fresh.

Help me to be silent  
When speaking would be sin,  
Bridal both tongue and emotion  
Show me what's within.

It is best to keep my mouth shut  
When emotions rule the air,  
For the ones I'm likely hurting  
May be the only ones who care.

May my deeds be holy  
Your purpose to fulfill,  
May they not be self-serving  
But conformed to Your will.

May my friends and companions  
Not be the evil sort,  
Lord, give me grace and mercy  
And a dwelling in Your court.

*A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages  
against all wise judgment.*

Proverbs 18:1

## Naval Gazer

You will find what you seek  
So if you seek yourself,  
You'll awaken to find  
You're alone on a shelf.

To cut yourself off  
From family and friends,  
Is a foolish act  
Seeking selfish end.

You must do the hard work  
To get along,  
And not hide in the woods  
Howling a lonely song.

Don't get stopped by the mirror  
Because imperfections you see,  
Step into the world  
Don't whine like you're three.

God has given you a place  
A purpose and a plan,  
That's not hiding on a beach  
Perfecting your tan.

So get out of your corner  
There's a world out there,  
Stop nursing yourself  
And show that you care.

*The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles,  
And they go down into the inmost body.*

Proverbs 18:8

## Tasty Treats

The stories of a gossip  
Are tender and sweet,  
They are packaged with care  
As an attractive treat.

They stick in your mind  
And get to your heart,  
And to tell them to others  
Will make you feel smart.

To hear ill of another  
Will act like a spell,  
That will make you feel whole  
On the highway to hell.

The words of a gossip  
Are meant to divide,  
Spoken from a mouth  
That is full of pride.

They speak very softly  
You must lean in to hear,  
As they deliver their poison  
Into your ear.

When there's a hint of slander  
Right at the start,  
Cover your ears  
And protect your heart.

*Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility.*

Proverbs 18:12

## **The Haughty Heart**

It starts as a whisper  
A subtle urge,  
To claim the world  
To let ego surge.

But heed this warning  
For pride can deceive,  
It's the path to destruction  
So don't be naive.

For humility alone  
A virtue so pure,  
Leads one to honor  
Of this we are sure.

In humility's mirror  
We see our true face,  
As God does behold us  
In His loving grace.

Pride, like a storm  
Can blind our sight,  
We can lose our way  
In its blinding light.

Humility's wisdom  
Like a beacon so bright,  
Guides us through darkness  
And into His light.

*A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, And contentions are like the bars of a castle.*

Proverbs 18:19



## **Walls Of Offense**

To offend a brother  
Is to wound their pride,  
With words and actions  
That cause a divide.

To lift yourself up  
Using other's sins,  
You'll find in the end  
That nobody wins.

Walls get built  
One offense at a time,  
They can get so tall  
They're impossible to climb.

Contention and anger  
Will gradually grow,  
With both parties so selfish  
Their egos glow.

Walls of estrangement  
Can be thicker than love,  
To breach that wall  
You must give pride a shove.

Stay humble and grateful  
And when you cause an offense,  
Quickly resolve it  
Pride is not a defense.

*A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.*

Proverbs 18:20-21

## Power Of Words

Words have great power  
So use them with care,  
Be thoughtful and gracious  
In what you declare.

The words you have spoken  
You will eat someday,  
Would you prefer a feast  
Or a mouth full of hay?

There are words of peace  
And words of strife,  
If you speak the one  
It will cost you your life.

There are words that build  
And words that destroy,  
If you choose them with love  
They can bring great joy.

Your tongue might be small  
But if it is not controlled,  
It will tear you to pieces  
With troubles untold.

Respect your speech  
For your words have great power,  
And they will return to you  
At some future hour.

*Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one who is  
perverse in his lips, and is a fool.*

Proverbs 19:1

## **The Best Policy**

It's best to be honest  
Even if it will hurt,  
So speak what is true  
Though it cost you your shirt.

Be honest in word  
Be honest in deed,  
And don't tell lies  
Or be controlled by greed.

Be honest in business  
Pay what is due,  
Be known to others  
As being fair and true.

Being poor is tragic  
But something's much worse,  
To be foolish and twisted  
Comes with a curse.

Be deliberate in action  
In thought and in speech,  
Others are watching  
They see what you teach.

Walk with integrity  
With a conscience that's clear,  
For there is great peace  
When you are sincere.

*Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, And  
he sins who hastens with his feet.*

Proverbs 19:2

## Impatience

A soul without knowledge  
Is a terrible state,  
To be ignorant of self  
Is a disastrous fate.

To lack awareness  
As you live in deceit,  
Will lead you to sin  
That you tend to repeat.

It will feed your impatience  
To calm the pressure inside,  
As you move in a direction  
Where action and purpose collide.

So pause for a moment  
If you want to be whole,  
Ask the Lord for insight  
And a righteous goal.

If you don't ponder your path  
It will lead to great sin,  
And the patience of others  
Will quickly wear thin.

If you run without wisdom  
You'll hit a brick wall,  
To be ignorant and hasty  
Will cause you to fall.

*The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the Lord.*

Proverbs 19:3



## God's Fault

Not from far away  
But much more nearer,  
Our biggest foe  
Is in the mirror.

Our foolish thoughts  
Our silly acts,  
Chew at our goals  
Like a pack of rats.

The shame of failure  
Is too much to bear,  
So we point a finger  
To release our despair.

We blame our neighbors  
We blame our spouse,  
We blame the color  
On our ugly house.

We dodge the bullet  
Of our foolish ways,  
By blaming God  
Who gave us these days.

God's plan for your life  
Did not lead to this mess,  
Your way is failure  
His way is success.

*The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his  
glory is to overlook a transgression.*

Proverbs 19:11

## Slow Down

When it comes to anger  
And rage inside,  
Don't light the fuse  
And then run and hide.

To respond without thought  
With emotion and fight,  
Will make you look foolish  
And won't prove you are right.

Those who are wise  
Will ponder a while,  
And let their emotions cool  
And not respond with guile.

For anger and rage  
Will blur your sight,  
And you will look like a fool  
If you respond in spite.

To respond to an insult  
With mercy and grace,  
Will bring you honor  
Instead of disgrace.

To be slow to anger  
And quick to forgive,  
Is the path of the Master  
His way to live.

*Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction.*

Proverbs 19:18

## **Boundaries**

If you neglect correction  
You will spoil your child,  
Just look on your streets  
The ones that run wild.

Children aren't born  
With a compass that's true,  
They need guidance and direction  
That should come from you.

A parent's place  
Is to lead them right,  
Not lost in darkness  
But be a guiding light.

Love and correction  
Must work together,  
So they'll stay on the path  
When you sever the tether.

If you hover to close  
They will never know,  
The struggles in life  
Or how to grow.

Show them the way  
Put boundaries in place,  
Nurture their souls  
With mercy and grace.

*The fear of the Lord leads to life, And he who has it will  
abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.*

Proverbs 19:23

## God's Way

Love is a beacon  
In our human quest,  
To find the best in each  
We are truly blessed.

In love and humility  
Our hearts entwine,  
For in their union  
Divine love does shine.

Love sees others  
As God sees them,  
With eyes of compassion  
Like a precious gem.

In flaws and virtues  
Finding beauty's trace,  
Embracing souls  
With God's unending grace.

Humility sees yourself  
As God sees you,  
A vessel of imperfections  
That He died to renew.

So let love guide our actions  
Our hearts, and minds,  
And in humility  
God's purpose we find.

*Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And beatings for the  
backs of fools.*

Proverbs 19:29



## Day Of Judgement

If you are facing injustice  
Do not dismay,  
God has promised a reckoning  
There'll be a judgement day.

Your thoughts and your actions  
The good and forbidden,  
Will be judged by God  
Even all you have hidden.

The smug and rebellious  
Who have caused great pain,  
You will see them squirm  
As they start to complain.

There will be no excuses  
And no one to blame,  
It's too late for sorry  
You must own your shame.

God in His mercy  
Sent us His Son,  
To take our place  
No matter what we have done.

So accept His gift  
Before it's too late,  
Change your ways  
Or stand at hell's gate.

*Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is  
led astray by it is not wise.*

Proverbs 20:1

## **Foolishness Of Intoxication**

When held by its grip  
If you are so inclined,  
Things that intoxicate  
Will hijack your mind.

You're no longer in charge  
Of what you say or do,  
When you are affected  
By a mind altering stew.

Wine is a mocker  
Vodka a curse,  
If you're hooked on heroin  
It will empty your purse.

God gave you a brain  
It's a wonderful thing,  
To soak it in poison  
Is a foolish thing.

You won't solve your sorrows  
With a bottle or a pill,  
Or advance in life  
By numbing your will.

You are the master  
Of what you partake,  
So be wise and not foolish  
In the choices you make.

*The lazy man will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and have nothing.*

Proverbs 20:4

## Time To Plant

If you want a great harvest  
There's no way to cheat,  
You must plant in spring  
If you want food to eat.

You must be diligent and wise  
In how you use your time,  
To waste it in idleness  
Would be a great crime.

If you don't use it you'll lose it  
So use what you've got,  
A mind that's inactive  
Will quickly rot.

You were made for a challenge  
So be up for the task,  
God will guide  
If you would only ask.

There are roads to make  
And bridges to build,  
If you do your part  
You will be fulfilled.

Be purposeful in action  
And run from excuse,  
And you will reap a harvest  
Of what your labor's produce.

*Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But who can  
find a faithful man?*

Proverbs 20:6

## Trustworthy

When you are in trouble  
Where do you place your trust,  
Do you seek the Father  
Or those who're made from dust?

We know we are weak and helpless  
In the things that matter most,  
When dealing with a serious matter  
Should we fight or should we coast?

God's Word says a lot about trusting  
But no where does it say,  
That trusting in another human  
Will help you in the day.

It's our souls that need saving  
Count the other stuff as loss,  
The saving that is needed  
Is found only at the cross.

So when it comes to others  
You can point them to the goal,  
But no matter how much you sacrifice  
You cannot save their soul.

So when it comes to trusting  
Trust in God alone,  
For faith in other humans  
Will leave you lost and alone.

*The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The Lord has made  
them both.*

Proverbs 20:12



## Seeing And Hearing

We have ears to hear  
And eyes to see,  
The wonders of God  
Full of mystery.

With eyes and ears  
We learn and grow,  
In this world of wonder  
There is much to know.

God has given the gift  
To see and hear,  
To walk in His light  
Not governed by fear.

With your eyes and ears  
You may be tempted to stray,  
Away from God  
To find your own way.

If you're down that path  
Just pause and ask,  
What happened to the light  
You saw in the past.

Look to the Savior  
Hear His call,  
Turn from your ways  
Before you fall.

*Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.*

Proverbs 20:20

## **Dishonoring Your Parents**

We are the masters  
Of our own demise,  
By soothing ourselves  
With wicked lies.

We curse ourselves  
By cursing others,  
We curse our fathers  
And curse our mothers.

We live a lie  
And boldly proclaim,  
“It’s my family’s fault  
They are to blame.”

To point a finger  
Is to no avail,  
All we are doing  
Is building our own jail.

For the path of blame  
Is a very dark hour,  
For to those you accuse  
You have given your power.

Be grateful, not bitter  
God made no mistake,  
No parents are perfect  
So give them a break.

*A man's steps are of the Lord; How then can a man  
understand his own way?*

Proverbs 20:24

## God Ordained

Life is a mystery  
To those who are wise,  
As they seek for the truth  
In a mountain of lies.

We have free will  
We have a choice,  
We have a mind  
And we have a voice.

But we are shackled by time  
And God is not,  
And He knows the outcome  
Of our every thought.

How this all works  
I do not know,  
When it comes to these matters  
My mind is slow.

God is in charge  
But we get to choose,  
He knows the path  
And I pick the shoes.

My mind does hurt  
But ponder it I must,  
For at the end of the day  
In God I trust.

*The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.*

Proverbs 20:27

## God's Image

With one sacred breath  
Our spirit was born,  
To some it's a treasure  
To others a thorn.

For with our spirit  
That is deep within,  
We know ourselves  
And know our sin.

We know the path  
That we should tread,  
We know our purpose  
That came from God.

We can dim that light  
With distraction and sin,  
Or with selfish pride  
Numb that spirit within.

But still we know  
In the middle of the night,  
That we are human  
And need His light.

He made us in ways  
That are just like Him,  
If you snuff out that light  
The results will be grim.

*Mercy and truth preserve the king, And by lovingkindness he  
upholds his throne.*

Proverbs 20:28



## Love And Truth

Love and truth  
Will preserve the day,  
When God's people  
Are humble and pray.

Love and truth  
Must abide together,  
For if one is absent  
The other won't weather.

Truth without love  
Can be harsh and cold,  
It will harden the hearts  
Of the young and the old.

Love without truth  
Is hallow and weak,  
You know you are deceived  
When you hear it speak.

But when love and truth  
Walk hand in hand,  
Then everyone wins  
And there is peace in the land.

Show mercy to others  
And let truth be the light,  
That will guide you safely  
Whatever the plight.

*Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the hearts.*

Proverbs 21:2

## Self-deception

Motives can be messy  
They can be selfish and cruel,  
You may praise a brother  
But believe he's a fool.

If it's in your heart  
Don't make it a deal,  
For the guide of a fool  
Is what they feel.

To follow your heart  
Believing it's right,  
Will take you to places  
Much darker than night.

For the heart is deceptive  
It is wicked and cruel,  
It will take the wise  
And make them a fool.

But if you humble yourself  
Be quiet and pray,  
The Lord will guide  
And show you the way.

He will work with your heart  
To root out the lies,  
And from the deception  
Your spirit will rise.

*To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the  
Lord than sacrifice.*

Proverbs 21:3

## **Better Than Sacrifice**

To do what is right  
To be kind and fair,  
Has more value to God  
Then religious flair.

You may tithe to the penny  
Sing a bubbly song,  
But to neglect your neighbor  
You have done great wrong.

You know what is right  
And what is for show,  
Treat others with respect  
And the Spirit will flow.

It is not in the service  
Where you wale and weep,  
But how you treat others  
You meet on the street.

His path is quite simple  
Though it might cost a lot,  
To consider for a moment  
Those who others forgot.

To love God and love others  
Is what matters the most,  
That alone marks the presence  
Of God's Holy Ghost.

*The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.*

Proverbs 21:5

## **Urgency And Diligence**

With no sense of urgency  
We waist away our day,  
Weakened by distractions  
Just empty jars of clay.

Enticed to be complacent  
By promises not kept,  
Walking like we're zombies  
Those who have never slept.

The days are long and boring  
No dragons left to fight,  
We're numb and barely breathing  
Oh, what a dreadful plight.

Wake up you lazy people  
God has given you a brain,  
Awaken to your potential  
And you'll never go insane.

Diligence with purpose  
Will feed a famished soul,  
You'll never make much progress  
If you do not have a goal.

When you find your purpose  
Give all heart and soul,  
Hold nothing back  
Stretch toward His' goal.

*A gift in secret pacifies anger, And a bribe behind the back,  
strong wrath.*

Proverbs 21:14



## **Gift Or Bribe**

A gift given in secret  
Has a powerful effect,  
And for the receiver  
Calm a bitter affect.

If you give such a gift  
Give it with care,  
Don't give it with scorn  
Don't give it with flair.

If you give such a gift  
Do it with love,  
Put your foot in their shoe  
Put your hand in their glove.

Remember the purpose  
Is not to offend,  
But an offering of peace  
For a relationship to mend.

Be humble and honest  
You caused the offense,  
And giving a gift  
May be your best defense.

It isn't an evil bribe  
If you're righting a wrong,  
It's not an act of a coward  
It shows you are strong.

*He who loves pleasure will be a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.*

Proverbs 21:17

## Enduring Wealth

If your focus is pleasure  
You will quickly grow blind,  
To the real contentment  
That is so hard to find.

It is not found in silver  
And not found in gold,  
It is not found in houses  
Or things you can hold.

A passion for pleasure  
Will make one poor,  
For quickly the feasting  
Turns into manure.

All the striving and fussing  
To make you look grand,  
Won't bring you the glory  
You so carefully planned.

Your barns might be full  
You may have reached your goal,  
But along the way  
You lost your soul.

If your love for pleasure  
Pushes God to the side,  
It is time to consider  
What to do with your pride.

*He who follows righteousness and mercy Finds life,  
righteousness, and honor.*

Proverbs 21:21

## Satisfaction

The anointing of Your presence  
To know that You are near,  
Brings courage to the soul  
And drives away all fear.

Feasting in Your presence  
Will fill an empty soul,  
Giving it Your purpose  
Giving it Your goal.

Filled and running over  
Is the joy You freely give,  
To those who seek You only  
In Your presence they will live.

If your soul is hungry  
And you're humble and you're meek,  
He'll give you all your needing  
If His face you seek.

So if the Lord does stir you  
In the middle of the night,  
Praise Him for His mercies  
Be grateful for your plight.

If the Lord has really touched you  
Quickened your dying soul,  
You will speak it loudly  
With praise you can't control.

*A proud and haughty man— “Scoffer” is his name; He acts  
with arrogant pride.*

Proverbs 21:24

## **Proud Wrath**

From a tiny spark  
To a raging fire,  
Fueled by pride  
And selfish desire.

They seek respect and glory  
But all they get is shame,  
Left alone to smolder  
With anger you can't tame.

Their words are sharp and bitter  
And can cut you to the core,  
You may try to be forgiving  
But they are always keeping score.

They label others by their errors  
Not the good they've done,  
Their memory is selective  
Their jest is not in fun.

If this sounds familiar  
And you are easy to offend,  
It means you're proud and arrogant  
Which will hurt you in the end.

Ask the Lord for mercy  
Set aside your pride,  
Ask the Lord to show you  
The pride you hide inside.

*The desire of the lazy man kills him, For his hands refuse to labor.*

Proverbs 21:25



## **Slothfulness**

With a healthy hand outreaching  
Always asking for more,  
Refusing a life of labor  
These are not the poor.

They are fit and able  
But refuse to do their share,  
They won't lift a finger  
Demanding that you care.

Their soul is filled with anguish  
They are not free of greed,  
They covet what takes labor  
But are unwilling to plant the seed.

To sooth the pain and turmoil  
They turn to wine and drugs,  
Or turn their pain to rage  
As a gain of wicked thugs.

The real poor and needy  
Don't expect a gift,  
And they often remain quite hidden  
Living their life of thrift.

Be generous with your treasure  
To those who have a need,  
But to the slothful beggar  
Do not feed their greed.

*The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; How much more when he brings it with wicked intent!*

Proverbs 21:27

## **Wicked Intentions**

An outward act of worship  
A holiness pretended,  
Is hated by the Lord  
When wickedness is intended.

You cannot judge a heart  
By the actions that you see,  
For the outward act of worship  
May be hiding sin's debris.

You cannot buy God's favor  
By giving Him a gift,  
Then turn to face your neighbor  
An offer him a fist.

God sees the heart you're hiding  
He sees your greed and pride,  
You think you are so righteous  
But from Him you cannot hide.

Pause for just a moment  
Ask Him for His light,  
To shine within your heart  
Showing you your plight.

Be honest and be humble  
As you bow to pray,  
Then offer Him your service  
And He will show the way.

*A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
Loving favor rather than silver and gold.*

Proverbs 22:1

## Reputation's Value

To have a name that's spoken in favor  
Among the good and the wise,  
Is better than great treasure  
For it is the greatest prize.

For with a glowing reputation  
Comes a sacred trust,  
That has eternal value  
And never turns to rust.

The favor that has value  
Does not compromise,  
It comes to a heart that's righteous  
Seeing the world through godly eyes.

If through striving you gain great treasure  
But lose your respected name,  
The things that you have gathered  
Will only cause you pain.

So consider what has value  
What will last beyond your days,  
It's not what's in your pocket  
For all that just decays.

For how you've treated others  
Not the treasures that you savor,  
That have a lasting value  
And what will bring you favor.

*By humility and the fear of the Lord Are riches and honor  
and life.*

Proverbs 22:4

## Humble Devotion

The grace that is the greatest  
That brings a great reward,  
Is a heart of deep devotion  
Humble before the Lord.

For He alone is worthy  
For He alone is pure,  
And we are broken vessels  
But in Him we are secure.

Look into the mirror  
Of His living word,  
And it will give you guidance  
As your heart is stirred.

For inside you is a treasure  
A genius with power,  
That's released by being humble  
God's gift is a superpower.

So be diligent in seeking  
His face in humble prayer,  
And heavens gates will open  
To things you weren't aware.

As a humble willing servant  
Proclaim His holy name,  
And the world that is around you  
Will never be the same.

*Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old  
he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6



## Parental Guidance

A parent that has wisdom  
Will observe their children well,  
And give them godly guidance  
That may save their soul from hell.

They will weigh their strengths and talent  
And encourage them with love,  
Down a path they may be fruitful  
Not by giving them a shove.

They will mold their expectations  
Not fill their head with fluff,  
Give them righteous boundaries  
And know when it's enough.

They will show by their example  
What is a godly life,  
A life of humble service  
Though not devoid of strife.

They will teach them how to labor  
And how to use their mind,  
How to be respectful  
And the value of being kind.

They will point them in a direction  
Then send them on their way,  
With all that will be needed  
To live but never stray.

*He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow, And the rod of his anger will fail.*

Proverbs 22:8

## Seed Of Sin

Did you know you are a farmer  
You're always planting seeds,  
Some seeds will end up flowers  
Others will end as weeds.

The seeds may look enticing  
And pretty when they sprout,  
But if you see a weed  
Quickly pull it out.

For once it has developed  
It holds tightly to the ground,  
And if you are not careful  
Only weeds are found.

The seeds you now are planting  
You will eat at harvest time,  
Weeds taste oh so bitter  
But bread tastes so divine.

You know what you are planting  
Before you see your crop,  
So before you end up wanting  
It may be time to stop.

Take time to pause and ponder  
What do you want to reap?  
For harvest day is coming  
Will you smile or will you weep?

*Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife  
and reproach will cease.*

Proverbs 22:10

## Shame Traffickers

They sow seeds of discord  
Wherever they go,  
If there is strife in your life  
It's people you know.

They are cynical and critical  
And think they're the best,  
But given some time  
Show they are a pest.

It's their lust and their pride  
That fuels their scorn,  
If you are in anguish  
Don't expect them to mourn.

They show no respect  
For God or man,  
As they look for a stage  
To grab what they can.

They will scorn with passion  
And scorn with wit,  
Their scorning is endless  
It seems to never quit.

But when their bags are packed  
They take their scorn,  
And contention will leave  
When you remove that thorn.

*Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand  
before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.*

Proverbs 22:29

## Diligent

Resilience is a warrior  
In the face of strife,  
Through trials and storms  
It fights for life.

Diligence is a steady  
Unwavering hand,  
Crafting dreams  
From grains of sand.

Diligence is the scholar  
With open book,  
In the quest for knowledge  
It won't overlook.

It toils in silence  
Day and night,  
In the darkest hours  
It finds the light.

Resilience is a blanket  
On a cold dark night,  
Diligence is a fire  
That is hard to light.

Resilience will keep you  
Warm but alone,  
But diligence is needed  
To warm your whole home.

*When you sit down to eat with a ruler, Consider carefully what is before you; And put a knife to your throat If you are a man given to appetite. Do not desire his delicacies, For they are deceptive food.*

Proverbs 23:1-3



## The Wanting Trap

Be in control of your wanting  
When you're present as a guest,  
For others are observing  
What you're offered is a test.

For in the lap of luxury  
There lies a sinister power,  
A test for greed and envy  
So consider what you devour.

People who have power  
Don't give their stuff for free,  
You may not see it in the moment  
But one day there'll be a fee.

They will ask you for a favor  
That will make their power grow,  
Don't think that you are special  
Because you are in the know.

Be aware of all your wanting  
When invited to a feast,  
For the greed and lust within you  
Can be an ugly beast.

Guard carefully your spirit  
Don't quickly sell your soul,  
It's not a time for getting  
It's time for self-control.

*Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease! Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.*

Proverbs 23:4-5

## Deceptive Wealth

The sweet melody of riches  
Is another thorn I see  
It gives pleasure for a moment  
But no security.

It feeds a hungry passion  
Always wanting more  
And when I have enough  
There is no room on my floor.

So then I must get busy  
Build a much, much bigger house  
To store those precious treasures  
And chase out every mouse.

But as I sit there quiet  
In the midst of all this stuff  
There is a deep and haunting feeling  
That there'll never be enough.

The pleasures that are fleeting  
Have now just flit away  
And I am left here grieving  
With only bills to pay.

The answer is in resting  
In the protection of Your hold  
To know that You love me  
Is worth more than all the gold.

*Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, For he will despise the wisdom of your words.*

Proverbs 23:9

## Pearls For Swine

Wisdom that is whispered  
Into the ear of a fool,  
He will take and use them  
With scorn and ridicule.

Don't waste a precious moment  
He will not change his way,  
Your words may be convincing  
But his mind you will not sway.

A fool is entrenched  
In a narrow frame of thought,  
And even if it's painful  
He refuses to be taught.

Speaking wisdom to a fool  
Is like poking an angry bear,  
He will use those words against you  
No matter how much you care.

Guard those precious treasures  
The wisdom of the Lord,  
Hold on to them tightly  
Keep them safely stored.

The pearls of God's wisdom  
Are for a special time,  
They'll be valued by the godly  
And trampled by the swine.

*Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the  
fear of the Lord all the day; For surely there is a hereafter,  
And your hope will not be cut off.*

Proverbs 23:17-18

## Passion

Passion is a fire  
That burns within your soul,  
It can be destructive  
Or, it can make you whole.

Don't envy those with treasures  
That you will never own,  
Their treasures are deceptive  
Gold is just a stone.

Your life is more than silver  
Your soul is more than gold,  
Treasure what has true value  
Not the stuff you hold.

The sinner's rank and station  
Will mean nothing in the end,  
They've had their taste of heaven  
From what they had to spend.

Turn your wanting into zeal  
Be zealous for the Lord,  
He has for you a future  
That should never be ignored.

Live this side of heaven  
Being diligent in His way,  
He will give you all that's needed  
And a future place to stay.

*Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your  
mother when she is old.*

Proverbs 23:22



## Respect For Parents

One commandment has a promise  
If you want a prosperous life,  
It has to do with parents  
And how to avoid much strife.

Respect your earthly father  
The man who once was strong,  
Working many hours  
So you could get along.

Don't forget your mother  
The one who gave you life,  
You came from her body  
So never give her strife.

Give them your attention  
Listen to what they say,  
Especially when they're older  
And slowly turning gray.

Do not mock your mother  
Just because she's old,  
She may have lost some beauty  
But her wisdom is pure gold.

Don't be the kind of child  
Who lives for selfish gain,  
Lean in to hear your parents  
Don't treat them with disdain.

*Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong, Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength;*

Proverbs 24:3-5

## **Builders**

God made us to be builders  
To work with heart and hand,  
Using His gifts and talents  
Making something grand.

If you want your home to flourish  
Seek the wisdom of the Lord,  
Apply your hand with diligence  
Contentment is His reward.

With one eye on the future  
The other on His word,  
With wisdom and understanding  
Progressing while undeterred.

Start with a sure foundation  
Faith in God alone,  
Use the mortar of humble devotion  
As you carefully place each stone.

Don't be in a panic  
Building takes much time,  
To ruin what God is building  
Would be an awful crime.

Thank the Lord each moment  
Even in times of stress,  
And He will give you guidance  
For He is your success.

*For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again,  
But the wicked shall fall by calamity.*

Proverbs 24:16

## Resilience

When the blows of life hit hardest  
And knock you on your back,  
Do you lie there crying  
Or arise for another attack.

Do you rise now the wiser  
Was there a lesson in the pain,  
Did you take the loss you suffered  
And turn it into gain?

God will give you strength when troubled  
If you daily seek His face,  
He'll be there to shield you  
And protect you by His grace.

Everyone has battles  
This is not the time to quit,  
Be grateful and be humble  
You're not trapped in that pit.

Don't forget the Savior  
Nailed to the cross,  
If you were there observing  
It looked like all was lost.

The grave did not retain Him  
He rose to give you life,  
And to give you peace and courage  
No matter what your strife.

*My son, fear the Lord and the king; Do not associate with  
those given to change; For their calamity will rise suddenly,  
And who knows the ruin those two can bring?*

Proverbs 24:21-22

## Rebels

The world is full of rebels  
Whose motives are not pure,  
They live to cause disruption  
Attacking the secure.

God is not their master  
They live for self alone,  
Defiant and destructive  
With hearts that turned to stone.

They run from peace and stillness  
They are restless to the core,  
Devoid of satisfaction  
Always wanting more.

Disrespect is their motto  
You can see it on their face,  
If you join their party  
Your rewarded with disgrace.

Choose carefully your partners  
With whom you live and work,  
Be attentive to their passions  
Don't ignore the smirk.

If you are bound to a rebel  
You will face their fate,  
This is the time for action  
Tomorrow may be too late.

*He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.*

Proverbs 24:26



## Honesty

Do not be deceptive  
Speak the truth in love,  
Always be respectful  
Be gentle as a dove.

Don't hide the truth behind you  
Because it may cause pain,  
If you are speaking to the wise  
Then friendship you will gain.

The best answer may be silence  
Until the time is right,  
But do not be vindictive  
And start screaming in the night.

To answer with a question  
May help you understand,  
The current situation  
And where the others stand.

Trust is oh so precious  
And fragile as an egg,  
You can crack it with a lie  
And now you have to beg.

So give an honest answer  
Be a faithful friend,  
It may cause discomfort  
But be worth it in the end.

*A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; So shall your poverty come like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.*

Proverbs 24:33-34

## Work Diligently

An attitude of leisure  
Will quickly rob you blind,  
It will take all you treasure  
As it sneaks up from behind.

God made us to be fruitful  
Diligent all the time,  
Servants for His kingdom  
Slothfulness is a crime.

Don't work for selfish motive  
Neglecting those you love,  
But be a good example  
God watches from above.

A life built on excuses  
Will lead to more neglect,  
Building what will crumble  
And rewarded with regret.

Negligence is corrosive  
It will eat away your soul,  
And take your precious diamonds  
And turn them into coal.

So don't neglect your duties  
And don't neglect your soul,  
Seek the Lord in earnest  
And stretch to reach the goal.

*Debate your case with your neighbor, And do not disclose  
the secret to another; Lest he who hears it expose your  
shame, And your reputation be ruined.*

Proverbs 25:9-10

## **Ruined Reputation**

Do not air your dirty laundry  
On the street for all to see,  
For those who are observing  
May become an enemy.

Don't share another's secrets  
That you learned while in debate,  
For it might take their passion  
And turn it into hate.

None of us are perfect  
We all have cause for shame,  
So keep their secrets hidden  
Relationships are not a game.

When you throw eggs at others  
It ends up on your face,  
The harm that you intended  
Will bring you much disgrace.

If your reputation gets tarnished  
From the secrets that are shared,  
No matter how much effort  
It will not get repaired.

Be civil and respectful  
Keep emotions in control,  
And keep the issue private  
Make resolution your final goal.

*A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.  
Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold Is a  
wise rebuker to an obedient ear.*

Proverbs 25:11-12

## Timely Words

A whisper to a loved one  
Telling them you care,  
Can sooth a troubled soul  
A rescue from despair.

A word of warning when there's danger  
If heard by one who's wise,  
Can save them from corruption  
Or ultimate demise.

A word of wisdom aptly spoken  
From a humble loving heart,  
Can guide the lost and lonely  
This is a skillful art.

Words can be a comfort  
When spoken to a friend,  
An encouragement in trouble  
Before the troubles end.

Seek the Lord in earnest  
Be humble and sincere,  
Then speak with His direction  
Words that conquer fear.

The world is lost and troubled  
They need to hear His plan,  
That He died to save them  
Tell them when you can.

*By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.*

Proverbs 25:15



## **Patience And Kindness**

If you suffer long  
For a cause that is right,  
And give others time  
To see the light.

With gentle words  
From a heart that is pure,  
The message of wisdom  
Will be heard for sure.

A mild answer  
Can soften a heart of stone,  
Or break it open  
Like it was made of bone.

The mind that's calm  
When others are not,  
Possesses great power  
That cannot be bought.

To speak without passion  
When passions prevail,  
Will show that your strong  
And others are frail.

Hold firm your convictions  
Be patient and kind,  
And aim to live the life  
That God has designed.

*Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, Lest  
you be filled with it and vomit.*

Proverbs 25:16

## **Too Much Of A Good Thing**

Satisfaction is found  
When your needs are met,  
And to demand much more  
Will cause you to fret.

To over indulge  
With things that are good,  
Will cause you discomfort  
Just like it should.

God gave us great bounty  
For us to enjoy,  
But to consume it all  
Will not give you more joy.

Be moderate and temperate  
And contentment you'll find,  
In all He's provided  
Plus a peace of mind.

Always be grateful  
Generous and kind,  
And thank the Lord  
For what He has designed.

For those things that are sweet  
Stop and thank the Lord,  
And then enjoy it fully  
As His generous reward.

*A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.*

Proverbs 25:18

## Words As Weapons

Words can be weapons  
They can cut like a knife,  
They can make you bleed  
Or take your life.

If you stab with a knife  
You may go to jail,  
But if you hurt with your words  
Your words do prevail.

The weapons we fear  
Should not be the gun,  
But the message brought forth  
From a twisted tongue.

You can buy a lock  
And put it on a gun,  
But no cage can hold  
A scorner's tongue.

The pen is mightier  
Than the sharpest sword,  
Both are weak compared  
To a mocker's spoken word.

Treat your words like explosives  
And your tongue as the spark,  
And pause to consider  
Before your next remark.

*Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather, And  
like vinegar on soda, Is one who sings songs to a heavy  
heart.*

Proverbs 25:20

## **Bitter Joy**

Like nails on a chalkboard  
That gives you a chill,  
Are bubbly songs  
When your spirit is ill.

Don't dance a jig  
Where all is lost,  
Pause and consider  
Count the cost.

Your exuberant joy  
Won't help the pain,  
To you it is freedom  
To them a chain.

A heart that is heavy  
Despises your song,  
They hear it as hurtful  
And they want you gone.

Your intentions may be helpful  
To provide some relief,  
But untimely mirth  
Will increase the grief.

Be silent and thoughtful  
Be observant and hear,  
For words out of place  
Can fly like a spear.

*If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the Lord will reward you.*

Proverbs 25:21-22



## **The Power Of Kindness**

Love the ones who hate you  
Be kind to all you meet,  
Serve the Lord with gladness  
To love is not defeat.

God has made a promise  
To those will be kind,  
He will be there to help them  
When they are in a bind.

So take time to consider  
Those who are in need,  
Be they friend or foe  
How can they be freed?

In the face of trials and troubles  
When others choose to mock,  
Speak with words of peace  
Don't be a stumbling block.

A heart that's cold and hardened  
Uses vengeance as a crutch,  
When what it needs is healing  
Found in the Master's touch.

So, be His hands of mercy  
Show love in the face of hate,  
Point others to the Savior  
He can lift their weight.

*As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.*

Proverbs 25:25

## Reviving News

Good news you weren't expecting  
Can sooth a troubled soul,  
It can mend your broken pieces  
And help you to feel whole.

When you're feeling lost and lonely  
And your soul cries out in thirst,  
Good news is so refreshing  
It can make your spirit burst.

To know there are caring others  
From your distant past,  
Can renew your faith and courage  
When troubles seem to last.

To hear from a wayward child  
That you thought was lost for good,  
Can get the blood a flowing  
In a heart that's made of wood.

Angels traversed from heaven  
To bring good news to all,  
God's Son has come to save us  
Oh listen to their call.

For we were not deserving  
But still He came to save,  
And give our life true meaning  
As He rose up from the grave.

*A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a  
murky spring and a polluted well.*

Proverbs 25:26

## **Compromise Is Foul**

To compromise a little  
When you're feeling weak,  
Will not make you stronger  
Or empower you when you speak.

To compromise a little  
When your weary or your worn,  
Will destroy your reputation  
And guarantee more scorn.

To compromise a little  
To conform out of fear,  
Will take your godly wisdom  
And make it disappear.

To compromise a little  
Because favor you do seek,  
Will erode your convictions  
And make your future bleak.

To compromise a little  
Is like baking a big cake,  
Then scrapping of the vomit  
And asking others to partake.

So stick to your convictions  
And never compromise,  
And God will give you courage  
As you face rejection and demise.

*Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.*

Proverbs 26:4-5

## **The Wise Response**

If you are wise  
You will need some tools,  
To know how to speak  
And deal with fools.

They are clever not wise  
And will pull you in,  
With statements and questions  
That will make your head spin.

Don't stoop to their level  
They will drag you down,  
And make you look foolish  
As a painted clown.

If he defames another  
To your face,  
Then turn and walk  
And show your disgrace.

In his banter and jest  
Do not join in,  
Or wade for a while  
In his verbal sin.

If he attacks God's wisdom  
Then play his game,  
Speak out boldly  
And bring him to shame.

*He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own Is  
like one who takes a dog by the ears.*

Proverbs 26:17



## Walk Away

Not my circus, not my monkeys  
Say those words out loud,  
If the conflict is another's  
Avoid the meddling crowd.

Don't let another's anger  
Cause you to burn,  
You don't own their stuff  
It is not your concern.

It might cause discomfort  
To see others in pain,  
But if you let them solve it  
It will be to their gain.

Don't act like a judge  
Who just hears one side,  
Then shows his favor  
To bolster his pride.

Choose carefully your battles  
The ones you will own,  
If it's not yours to solve  
Then leave it alone.

If it's not your circus or your monkeys  
It's best to walk away,  
For if you stop to meddle  
You will surely pay.

*Fervent lips with a wicked heart Are like earthenware covered with silver dross. He who hates, disguises it with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself; When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart; Though his hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.*

Proverbs 26:23-26

## Hypocrisy

Like a shiny little nugget  
Covered in stain and glaze,  
What is inside a hypocrite  
His character betrays.

For the nugget was something  
Part of a branch or tree,  
Eaten by a moose  
Then deposited for thee.

Like a wicked heart  
Clothed with compassion,  
Concealing for the moment  
It's true dispassion.

For hatred concealed  
On the surface looks sweet,  
Until you take a bite  
And its nuggets you eat.

Do not quickly trust  
Those gracious words,  
If it shines on the outside  
Inside might be turds.

Be patient and wise  
And don't swallow the bait,  
What sounds good at first  
May be a disguise for hate.

*A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a  
flattering mouth works ruin.*

Proverbs 26:28

## Lying Is Hate

If through lying and deception  
Is how you relate,  
If you look in your heart  
You'll find a mountain of hate.

A lying tongue  
May be hard to tell,  
For the words may be kind  
With a message from hell.

If you live a lie  
It comes with fear,  
For the one most hated  
You see in the mirror.

For a lying tongue  
Will cause great harm,  
If used with anger  
Or delivered with charm.

Deception and lies  
Will destroy all trust,  
If you're labeled a liar  
You'll face disgust.

It is foolish to lie  
For God knows your heart,  
And to lie to Him  
Would not be too smart.

*Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth. Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.*

Proverbs 27:1-2

## Plans And Boasting

You cannot take the hands of time  
No matter how hard you grip,  
And try to control their ebb and flow  
Without making a fatal slip.

For it is only the proud and arrogant  
Who live this presumptuous way,  
Demanding God's will conform to them  
Without ever having to stop and pray.

So work and plan and don't forget  
That no matter how hard you stress and strain,  
When tomorrow unfolds  
It may be loss, not gain.

Don't make a big deal  
Of what you will do,  
What you plan to build  
Or the goals you'll pursue.

Don't puff up your chest  
Or pat your own back,  
For if you promote yourself  
You invite an attack.

If you live for tomorrow  
You will lose today,  
So be humble and patient  
And grateful for this day.

*Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.*

Proverbs 27:6



## Friendly Wounds

There are wounds of love  
And wounds of hate,  
The one will build  
The other negate.

A friend will wound  
When he sees a fault,  
It will build you up  
It is not an assault.

So have in your corner  
A friend that's sincere,  
Who will share in love  
Not causing you fear.

For his wounds will help  
On life's crooked path,  
Take them to heart  
It will spare you wrath.

Plain and painful words  
Spoken by a friend,  
Can be words of healing  
And a relationship mend.

But don't take to heart  
The words of a foe,  
The complement he speaks  
Will not help you grow.

*A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, But to a hungry soul  
every bitter thing is sweet.*

Proverbs 27:7

## Hungry Soul

If you have too much  
And are full of pride,  
Your soul cries out  
“I am satisfied.”

But if you do not thank  
The God above,  
You will grow to despise  
What you once did love.

You cannot fill your soul  
With the things you buy,  
No matter how much you have  
Or how hard you try.

But a grateful soul  
The Lord can fill,  
With grace and truth  
His blessings instill.

The longing in your heart  
The hunger in your soul,  
If you seek the Lord  
Can make you whole.

He will give what's needed  
For you to grow,  
Be humble and grateful  
And your spirit will glow.

*Ointment and perfume delight the heart, And the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel. Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend, Nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; Better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.*

Proverbs 27:9-10

## Friendship

Old friends are a treasure  
So keep them that way,  
Walk in their shows  
Their value convey.

Be faithful to your friends  
Hold them near and dear,  
When they have a need  
Do not disappear.

It's best to have a friend  
Who does not live afar,  
Where you can share some kindness  
Right where you are.

Don't be independent  
Ask them for a favor,  
It will bring you closer  
A type of bonding flavor.

When calamity comes knocking  
And you can share it with a friend,  
The burden will be lighter  
With those you can depend.

Be that kind of friend  
Faithful strong and true,  
As you wish that others  
Would be that friend to you.

*A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; The simple pass on and are punished.*

Proverbs 27:12

## Shrewdness

Wake up and put on wisdom  
Get your head out of the sand,  
Look up and all around you  
There is evil in the land.

Evil has an odor  
It smells of want and greed,  
Demanding satisfaction  
Demanding it with speed.

Evil can be a vision  
Of a far-off promised land,  
Where you rule as master  
The world at your command.

Evil has a melody  
A song that's sung out loud,  
"This world is my oyster"  
Proclaimed by all the proud.

Evil can have a sweetness  
The flavor of desire,  
Forged in Satan's furnace  
Lust and sinful fire.

Stop for just a moment  
Look intently in the mirror,  
Ask God to show you evil  
And help you see it clearer.

*As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance  
of his friend.*

Proverbs 27:17



## **The Sharpening Stone**

Iron sharpens iron  
So, the scriptures say,  
The grinding is essential  
For you to grow today.

As iron sharpens iron  
Don't be frightened by the noise,  
Don't go into hiding  
Like timid girls and boys.

Iron sharpens iron  
We all have separate parts,  
When iron sharpens iron  
Expect to see some sparks.

As iron sharpens iron  
Don't burst into flames,  
By thinking you're the better  
Or making selfish claims.

God has given you a purpose  
And sharp you have to be,  
But before it is rewarding  
You will want to flee.

Cling firmly to the Master  
His path for you is true,  
Stay humble as you walk  
He is perfecting you.

*The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, And a man is valued by what others say of him.*

Proverbs 27:21

## Fame's Fire

Gold and silver  
Are cleaned with fire,  
But a dose of fame  
Will show a man's desire.

Fame has the power  
To bring the inside out,  
To show your arrogance  
And show your doubt.

When on fame's stage  
For all to see,  
Pretentiousness will show  
As hypocrisy.

If you applaud a man  
His foolishness will show,  
It will reveal conceit  
And give his arrogance a glow.

But if he is wise and righteous  
And you pour on the praise,  
He'll point to the Lord  
With gratitude raise.

When receiving praise  
Do you pat your own back?  
Do you praise the Lord?  
Or expect a plaque?

*For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations.*

Proverbs 27:24

## All Things Temporary

Don't hold too tight  
To what you can lose,  
Like a fancy house  
Or brand-new shoes.

Give time and thought  
To what will last,  
Don't fear the future  
Or be trapped by the past.

Your spirit will last  
And your body decay,  
Your spirit will strengthen  
If you walk in His way.

Feed your spirit with food  
That comes from His word,  
It is the bread of life  
To the world absurd.

The love He gives  
Will not expire,  
It will not rot  
Or burn in a fire.

So embrace that love  
And give it away,  
To all you meet  
Along life's way.

*Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, But such as  
keep the law contend with them.*

Proverbs 28:4

## **Calloused Conscious**

In a lawless land  
The wicked thrive,  
The righteous hang on  
And try to survive.

The tyrant is valued  
Because he gets things done,  
The pervert is honored  
Because he is having fun.

Evil is praised  
As being good,  
And sin is a concept  
That is misunderstood.

The wicked as a group  
Gather to promote each other,  
It soothes their souls  
And consciences smother.

Those living for God  
Will speak His word,  
They will confront the wicked  
And shame the absurd.

God gave you a conscience  
And He gave you His word,  
If you follow His path  
His whispers are heard.

*He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. Happy is the man who is always reverent, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.*

Proverbs 28:13-14



## Stubborn Or Tender

Sins that a buried  
Will sprout in due time,  
And a payment will be due  
For every crime.

If you bury it deeper  
It will only rot,  
No matter how sly  
Or clever your plot.

Sins are often hidden  
Under a pile of excuse,  
But you can't dodge those darts  
That shame does produce.

But if you take God's side  
And confess your sin,  
His grace will lift you  
And renew you within.

So confess your sins  
Let those burdens go,  
His mercy is free  
He will save your soul.

The tender heart  
Will confess with sorrow,  
And God will grant  
A brighter tomorrow.

*He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts  
in the Lord will be prospered.*

Proverbs 28:25

## **Proud And Impatient**

Impatience can be  
A flag of warning,  
Of arrogance hidden  
Or anger that's forming.

The impatient and arrogant  
Do not trust God,  
They only trust themselves  
Their worship a façade.

They stir up trouble  
As they race for the stage,  
And if they're resisted  
It will spark great rage.

They are greedy and bitter  
As they promote their worth,  
When you see them coming  
Give them wide berth.

If you want to succeed  
Abandon the pride,  
See impatience as evil  
And in Jesus confide.

For if you trust the Lord  
He will guide your way,  
With peace and contentment  
As you follow and pray.

*He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.*

Proverbs 28:26

## **Self-confidence**

“Follow your heart”  
Is the mantra of the day,  
For it's all about me  
Get out of my way.

Your flesh will tell you  
That you matter most,  
And the world will give  
Fresh buttered toast.

For your needs and desires  
Rule your life,  
Others don't count  
They are a source of strife.

This is the way of a fool  
To just trust his heart,  
That has deceived him before  
And torn him apart.

For your heart is wicked  
And full of deceit,  
And to trust it only  
Will guarantee defeat.

So trust in the Lord  
Be humble and wise,  
And He will reform your ego  
To its proper size.

*If a wise man contends with a foolish man, Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.*

Proverbs 29:9

## Hold Your Breath

If you're wise you should be cautious  
When contending with a fool,  
For you live with peaceful purpose  
But he another rule.

The fool looks for a battle  
How he loves to fight,  
It is his holy mission  
To exercise his might.

If you wrestle with a fool  
The contention will never end,  
He will not hear good reason  
Although he may pretend.

For peace is not his purpose  
He has a troubled soul,  
And destroying the peace of others  
Is his inner goal.

You cannot guide a fool  
From his foolish ways,  
By hitting him with a stick  
Or offering him some praise.

If peace is what you're seeking  
It may be best to hold your breath,  
For the actions of a fool  
Will beat your peace to death.

*Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;  
But happy is he who keeps the law.*

Proverbs 29:18



## Revelation

When God's word is abandoned  
Danger is in the air,  
Society becomes defenseless  
No one seems to care.

When God's word is abandoned  
The streets are filled with shame,  
Hiding from one another  
Always casting blame.

When God's word is abandoned  
Rebels rule the land,  
Through fear and intimidation  
Crushing those who make a stand.

When God's word is abandoned  
Ambition begins to rot,  
With no eternal purpose  
Why get off the cot?

When God's word is abandoned  
People scatter like they're sheep,  
With no shepherd there to guide them  
Unity is hard to keep.

When God's word is abandoned  
People are destroyed,  
The world is off its axis  
Existing in a Godless void.

*An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression.*

Proverbs 29:22

## The Angry Heart

An angry disposition  
Comes from a heart of pride,  
Easily offended by others  
Embracing a selfish guide.

Ruled by passion and emotion  
They spew a deadly fire,  
Consuming those around them  
Pursuing what they desire.

They cause strife among their neighbors  
Problems with their kin,  
While justifying their actions  
As anger is not a sin.

When anger is your compass  
You'll never know you're lost,  
For bitterness is blinding  
No need to count the cost.

Perversion is not a failure  
It becomes a way of life,  
A way to drown your sorrows  
A way to deal with strife.

Keep your eyes wide open  
Be humble and sincere,  
Seek the Lord in earnest  
And don't be cavalier.

*Surely I am more stupid than any man, And do not have the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom Nor have knowledge of the Holy One.*

Proverbs 30:2-3

## **Dazed And Confused**

You will have those moments  
When you are confused,  
Dazed and lost and lonely  
Feeling beat up and abused.

When you have these moments  
You will have a clearer view,  
You will see your heart as wicked  
Embracing what's taboo.

The wisest ones among us  
Are aware of where they lack,  
They know what is important  
And what will need attack.

The Lord is slow and gracious  
When showing you your heart,  
For the depth of your corruption  
Would stop you from the start.

Thank the Lord who saved you  
Or else you would be doomed,  
To a life of sheer destruction  
By the sin you freely consumed.

To have knowledge of the Master  
You must see where you are weak,  
And seek Him with a passion  
Being humble and being meek.

*Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches— Feed me with the food allotted to me; Lest I be full and deny You, And say, “Who is the Lord?” Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.*

Proverbs 30:8-9

## **A Balanced Life**

Not rich without measure  
Or poor as a mouse,  
But just enough  
For me and my spouse.

Thank you Lord  
For what you supply,  
Just enough  
To remove the lie.

If I have too much  
It is easy to feel,  
That I don't need You  
To supply my next meal.

If I'm starving and needy  
I may curse Your name,  
Thinking You don't care  
And have brought me shame.

Keep me on the path  
You would have me walk,  
Away from lies  
And self-deceptive talk.

With just enough treasure  
And just enough love,  
To stay humble and holy  
Praising the God above.

*There is a generation that curses its father, And does not  
bless its mother. There is a generation that is pure in its own  
eyes, Yet is not washed from its filthiness. There is a  
generation—oh, how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids  
are lifted up. There is a generation whose teeth are like  
swords, And whose fangs are like knives, To devour the  
poor from off the earth, And the needy from among men.*

Proverbs 30:11-14



## **The Entitled Generation**

This is the generation  
That has thrown God's word away,  
As an ancient dusty scribble  
With no rules to obey.

They are wise and oh so pretty  
In their foolish head,  
They have all the answers  
Don't care what Jesus said.

In their garden of greed  
Flowers of bitterness grow,  
They feel they are deserving  
For they are in the know.

They see their parents as foolish  
But they are the foolish ones,  
Shouting out their platitudes  
As if their mouths were guns.

They think they are so holy  
Bathing in their sin,  
Wicked little children  
Yet empty deep within.

This time is full of troubles  
Rebels full of hate,  
Lord we need Your guidance  
The time is getting late.

*If you have been foolish in exalting yourself, Or if you have devised evil, put your hand on your mouth. For as the churning of milk produces butter, And wringing the nose produces blood, So the forcing of wrath produces strife.*

Proverbs 30:32-33

## **Self-promoting Fool**

In a realm of self-praise  
Shadows grow,  
And egos dance  
A twisted show.

Humble virtues lost  
In the vanity parade,  
As genuine worth  
Begins to fade.

The art of modesty  
A forgotten song,  
Drowned by the noise  
Of self-promotion's throng.

In the echo chamber  
Of relentless acclaim,  
Genuine connection  
Becomes a fleeting flame.

Let humility  
Be the beacon,  
A guiding light  
Against the darkness of self-serving might.

Lord we pray  
We do not fall,  
Into the pit of pride  
And miss Your call.

*Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.*

Proverbs 31:10-11

## **God's Greatest Blessing**

In the tapestry of life  
There is a gem so rare,  
It is a virtuous wife  
A woman beyond compare.

In her every step  
Her virtue shines bright,  
Guiding with wisdom  
She's a beacon of light.

Her words, like honey  
Are sweet and true,  
Bring solace and peace  
Like morning dew.

In trials and triumphs  
She stands by your side,  
In her presence you find  
Love and strength abide.

Her kindness is a balm  
For wounds unseen,  
She's a pillar of support  
Calm and serene.

Through laughter and tears  
She walks with grace,  
A reflection of God's love  
In every trace.

*Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time  
to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her  
tongue is the law of kindness.*

Proverbs 31:25-26

## **The Wisest Teacher**

In the tapestry of grace  
Her words unfold,  
A woman's beauty  
A story untold.

Godly wisdom is beautiful  
It is a radiant light,  
With kindness it flows  
Pure and bright.

Her voice is a melody  
Of truth and grace,  
Each syllable spoken  
Is a tender embrace.

In wisdom's garden  
She takes her stand,  
As a goddess of kindness  
Walking hand in hand.

No cosmetics can rival the glow,  
Of virtues that from within her flow.  
Her beauty transcends the surface fair,  
A divine aura, beyond compare.

With words, she paints  
A world so fine,  
It is where we see  
Compassion and wisdom entwine.

*Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who  
fears the Lord, she shall be praised.*

Proverbs 31:30



## **Eternal Beauty**

In allure's mask  
There's a fleeting grace,  
For charm and beauty  
Is a transient chase.

Deceit may dance  
In eyes so bright,  
Yet true beauty dwells  
In heavenly light.

A heart that loves  
The God above,  
Radiates a beauty  
That's a pure, endless love.

Beyond the surface  
Where illusions play,  
Her divine devotion  
Is true beauty on display.

So thank the Lord  
Who gave you life,  
Who blessed you fully  
With a wonderful wife.

For when you are old  
And your days are done,  
His grace will show  
For He made you one.



## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, "Diamonds of Wisdom" serves as a radiant collection of poetic reflections on the ancient wisdom found in the Book of Proverbs. Throughout this journey, we have unearthed the priceless gems of timeless truths, ever relevant and illuminating. Like diamonds, these verses have been meticulously cut and polished, revealing their brilliance and captivating beauty to the discerning eye.

Within the pages of this poetry book, we have walked hand in hand with the sages of old, their words transcending time and culture, resonating deeply within our hearts and souls. Each poem, a testament to the enduring power of wisdom, has shed light on the complexities of human existence, offering solace and guidance amidst the struggles of life's labyrinth.

As the poet's ink gracefully danced upon the parchment, the verses breathed life into Proverbs' eternal teachings, inviting us to ponder and reflect on the paths we tread. With elegance and grace, the verses encapsulated the essence of virtues like humility, integrity, and compassion, encouraging us to embrace them as guiding stars on our journey towards a meaningful and purposeful life.

"Diamonds of Wisdom" has been more than just a collection of poems; it has been a profound meditation, awakening in us a thirst for deeper understanding and a hunger for greater

wisdom. It has reminded us that the pursuit of wisdom is a lifelong quest, an ever-evolving expedition, and an invitation to continually refine and shape our character.

As we bid farewell to this poetic odyssey, let us carry these precious diamonds of wisdom within us, allowing their radiant light to illuminate our minds and hearts, infusing our actions with virtue and our decisions with discernment. May the lessons we have gleaned from the Book of Proverbs and the verses of this book propel us towards a more compassionate, just, and enlightened world.

With gratitude to the ancient sages, the poet, and the timeless words that have graced these pages, let us remember that like diamonds, wisdom is a treasure beyond measure—a treasure meant to be shared, cherished, and passed down through the generations.

As we move forward, may these diamonds guide us on our journey, forever illuminating the path towards wisdom, understanding, and a life well-lived.





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