Bible Alive 365 – Day #158

Proverbs 16-18

Proverbs 16:1-33 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD. **2** All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits. **3** Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established. **4** The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. **5** Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished. **6** By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil. **7** When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. **8** Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. **9** A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps. **10** A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment. **11** A just weight and balance *are* the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag *are* his work. **12** *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness. **13** Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right. **14** The wrath of a king *is as* messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it. **15** In the light of the king's countenance *is* life; and his favour *is* as a cloud of the latter rain. **16** How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver! **17** The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul. **18** Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. **19** Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. **20** He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he. **21** The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning. **22** Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly. **23** The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. **24** Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. **25** There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death. **26** He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him. **27** An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire. **28** A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends. **29** A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good. **30** He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass. **31** The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness. **32** *He that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. **33** The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

Proverbs 17:1-28 Better *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices *with* strife. **2** A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren. **3** The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts. **4** A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue. **5** Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished. **6** Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers. **7** Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince. **8** A gift *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth. **9** He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends. **10** A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool. **11** An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him. **12** Let a bear robbed of her whelps

meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly. **13** Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house. **14** The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with. **15** He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD. **16** Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart *to it?* **17** A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. **18** A man void of understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend. **19** He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction. **20** He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief. **21** He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy. **22** A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. **23** A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment. **24** Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth. **25** A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him. **26** Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity. **27** He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. **28** Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of understanding.

Proverbs 18:1-24 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom. **2** A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself. **3** When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach. **4** The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook. **5** *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment. **6** A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes. **7** A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul. **8** The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. **9** He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster. **10** The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. **11** The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit. **12** Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility. **13** He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it,* it *is* folly and shame unto him. **14** The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear? **15** The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge. **16** A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men. **17** *He that is* first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him. **18** The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty. **19** A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle. **20** A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. **21** Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. **22** *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing,* and obtaineth favour of the LORD. **23** The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly. **24** A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.