Bible Alive 365 – Day #154

Proverbs 4-6

Proverbs 4:1-27 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. **2** For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. **3** For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother. **4** He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. **5** Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. **6** Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. **7** Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. **8** Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. **9** She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. **10** Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. **11** I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. **12** When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. **13** Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life. **14** Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men.* **15** Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. **16** For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall. **17** For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. **18** But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. **19** The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble. **20** My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. **21** Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. **22** For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. **23** Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life. **24** Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. **25** Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. **26** Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. **27** Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Proverbs 5:1-23 My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding: **2** That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge. **3** For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil: **4** But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. **5** Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. **6** Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them.* **7** Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. **8** Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: **9** Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: **10** Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger; **11** And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, **12** And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; **13** And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! **14** I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly. **15** Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. **16** Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets. **17** Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. **18** Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. **19** *Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. **20** And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? **21** For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings. **22** His own iniquities shall

take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. **23** He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Proverbs 6:1-35 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, **2** Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. **3** Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend. **4** Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. **5** Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand *of the hunter,* and as a bird from the hand of the fowler. **6** Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: **7** Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, **8** Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest. **9** How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? **10** *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: **11** So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man. **12** A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. **13** He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; **14** Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. **15** Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy. **16** These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: **17** A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, **18** An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, **19** A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. **20** My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: **21** Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck. **22** When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. **23** For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life: **24** To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. **25** Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. **26** For by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. **27** Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? **28** Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? **29** So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. **30** *Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; **31** But *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. **32** *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul. **33** A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. **34** For jealousy *is* the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. **35** He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.