Bible Alive 365 – Day #16

Proverbs 22-24

Proverbs 22:1-29 A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold. **2** The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all. **3** A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished. **4** By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life. **5** Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them. **6** Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. **7** The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender. **8** He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail. **9** He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor. **10** Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease. **11** He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend. **12** The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor. **13** The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets. **14** The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein. **15** Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. **16** He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches, and* he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely *come* to want. **17** Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. **18** For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips. **19** That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. **20** Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, **21** That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee? **22** Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: **23** For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them. **24** Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: **25** Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul. **26** Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are sureties for debts. **27** If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee? **28** Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set. **29** Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men.*

Proverbs 23:1-35 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee: **2** And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite. **3** Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat. **4** Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. **5** Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. **6** Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: **7** For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee. **8** The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words. **9** Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words. **10** Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless: **11** For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee. **12** Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge. **13** Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. **14** Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell. **15** My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. **16** Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things. **17** Let

not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long. **18** For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off. **19** Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. **20** Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: **21** For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags. **22** Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. **23** Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. **24** The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him. **25** Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice. **26** My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. **27** For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit. **28** She also lieth in wait as *for* a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men. **29** Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? **30** They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. **31** Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. **32** At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. **33** Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. **34** Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. **35** They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

Proverbs 24:1-34 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. **2** For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief. **3** Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: **4** And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. **5** A wise man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. **6** For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety. **7** Wisdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate. **8** He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person. **9** The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men. **10** *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* small. **11** If thou forbear to deliver *them that are* drawn unto death, and *those that are* ready to be slain; **12** If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider *it?* and he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he know *it?* and shall *not* he render to *every* man according to his works? **13** My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste: **14** So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it,* then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off. **15** Lay not wait, O wicked *man,* against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place: **16** For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief. **17** Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: **18** Lest the LORD see *it,* and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him. **19** Fret not thyself because of evil *men,* neither be thou envious at the wicked; **20** For there shall be no reward to the evil *man;* the candle of the wicked shall be put out. **21** My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change: **22** For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both? **23** These *things* also *belong* to the wise. *It is* not good to have respect of persons in judgment. **24** He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him: **25** But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them. **26** *Every man* shall kiss *his* lips that giveth a right answer. **27** Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house. **28** Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips. **29** Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work. **30** I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; **31** And, lo, it was all grown over with

thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. **32** Then I saw, *and* considered *it* well: I looked upon *it, and* received instruction. **33** *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: **34** So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.