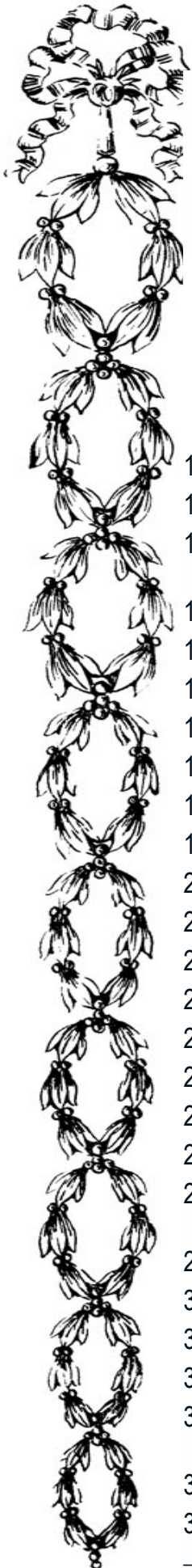


## Proverbs 3



- 1 My son, do not forget my teaching,/ But let your heart keep my commandments;
- 2 For length of days and years of life/ And peace they will add to you.
- 3 Do not let kindness and truth leave you;/ Bind them around your neck,/ Write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 So you will find favor and good repute/ In the sight of God and man.
- 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart/ And do not lean on your own understanding.
- 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,/ And He will make your paths straight.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;/ Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.
- 8 It will be healing to your body/ And refreshment to your bones.
- 9 Honor the LORD from your wealth/ And from the first of all your produce;
- 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty/ And your vats will overflow with new wine.
- 11 My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD/ Or loathe His reproof,
- 12 For whom the LORD loves He reproves,/ Even as a father *corrects* the son in whom he delights.
- 13 How blessed is the man who finds wisdom/ And the man who gains understanding.
- 14 For her profit is better than the profit of silver/ And her gain better than fine gold.
- 15 She is more precious than jewels;/ And nothing you desire compares with her.
- 16 Long life is in her right hand;/ In her left hand are riches and honor.
- 17 Her ways are pleasant ways/ And all her paths are peace.
- 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,/ And happy are all who hold her fast.
- 19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth,/ By understanding He established the heavens.
- 20 By His knowledge the deeps were broken up/ And the skies drip with dew.
- 21 My son, let them not vanish from your sight;/ Keep sound wisdom and discretion,
- 22 So they will be life to your soul/ And adornment to your neck.
- 23 Then you will walk in your way securely/ And your foot will not stumble.
- 24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid;/ When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
- 25 Do not be afraid of sudden fear/ Nor of the onslaught of the wicked when it comes;
- 26 For the LORD will be your confidence/ And will keep your foot from being caught.
- 27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,/ When it is in your power to do *it*.
- 28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back,/ And tomorrow I will give *it*,"/ When you have it with you.
- 29 Do not devise harm against your neighbor,/ While he lives securely beside you.
- 30 Do not contend with a man without cause,/ If he has done you no harm.
- 31 Do not envy a man of violence/ And do not choose any of his ways.
- 32 For the devious are an abomination to the LORD;/ But He is intimate with the upright.
- 33 The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,/ But He blesses the dwelling of the righteous.
- 34 Though He scoffs at the scoffers,/ Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.
- 35 The wise will inherit honor,/ But fools display dishonor.