

Proverbs 16

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The Reply of the Tongue Is from the LORD

- 1**The preparations of the heart are man's, But 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 every things for His own purpose, Yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5**Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; My hand upon it! he shall not be unpunished.
- 6**By mercy and truth iniquity is expiated; 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 with injustice.
- 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 trespasseth not in judgment.
- 11**A just balance and scales 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! Yea, to get understanding is 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 a haughty spirit before a fall.

- 19 Better it is to be of a lowly spirit with the humble, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- 20 He that giveth heed unto the word shall find good; And whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.
- 21 The wise in heart is called a man of discernment; And the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
- 22 Understanding is a fountain of life unto him that hath it; But folly is the chastisement of fools.
- 23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, And addeth learning to his lips.
- 24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
- 25 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death.
- 26 The hunger of the labouring man laboreth for him; For his mouth compelleth 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 familiar friends.
- 29 A man of violence enticeth his neighbour, And leadeth him into a way that is not good.
- 30 He shutteth his eyes, it is to devise froward things; He that biteth his lips bringeth evil to pass.
- 31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, It is 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.