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1 ¶ When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee:

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2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite.

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3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat.

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4 ¶ Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

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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.

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6 ¶ Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

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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.

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8 The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

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9 ¶ Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

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10 ¶ Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

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11 For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

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12 ¶ Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

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13 Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

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14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

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15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

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16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

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17 ¶ Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

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18 For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

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19 ¶ Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

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20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

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21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

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22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

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23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

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24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him.

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25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

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26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

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27 For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit.

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28 She also lieth in wait as *for* a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

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29 ¶ Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

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30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

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31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.

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32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

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33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

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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.

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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.