

Chapter 14

A wife woman buildeth her houle: the vnwife wil with her handes deftroi that alfo which is built.	Frugal induftrie.
² He that walketh in the right way, & feareth God is defpifed of him, that goeth an infamous way.	Feare of God.
³ In the mouth of a foole the rod of pride: but the lippes of the wife keepe them.	Guard of the tongue.
⁴ Where oxen are not, the ftal is emptie: but where much corne is, there is the oxes ftrengh manifet.	Diligent labores.
⁵ A faithful witneffe wil not lie: but a deceitful witneffe vttereth a lie.	Truth in al fpeech.
⁶ A fcorner feeketh wifdom and findeth it not: the doctrine of the prudent is eafie.	Seke wifdom modeftly.
⁷ Goe againft a foolish man, and he knoweth not the lippes of prudence.	Fellowfhip with the wife.
⁸ The wifdom of a difcrete man is to vnderftand his way: and the imprudence of fooles erreth.	Knowlege of ourfelues.
⁹ A foole wil laugh at finne, & among the iuft grace fhall abide.	Deteftation of finne.
¹⁰ The hart that knoweth the bitternes of his foule, in his ioy fhall not the ftranger be mingled.	Internal comfort.
¹¹ The houle of the impious fhall be rafed: the tabernacles of the iuft fhall fpring.	Contempt of this world.
¹² ♪ There is a way, which feemeth to a man iuft: but the later endes therof lead to death.	The Catholique faith.
¹³ Laughter fhall be mingled with forow, and mourning occupieth the later endes of ioy.	Spiritual ioy.
¹⁴ A foole fhall be replenifhed with his wayes, and the good man fhall be aboue him.	Reward of workes.
¹⁵ The innocent beleueth euerie word: the difcrete man confidereth his fteppes.	Beleue not al reportes.
¹⁶ A wife man feareth and declineth from euil: the foole leapeth ouer and is confident.	Mature confideration.
¹⁷ The impatient man fhall worke folie: and the fubtel man is odious.	Patience.
¹⁸ The childish man fhall poffeffe folie, and the prudent fhall expect knowlege.	Defire of folide knowlege.

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	19 The euil shal lie downe before the good, and the impious before the gates of the iuft.	Pietie fhall be revvarded.
	20 The poore shal be odious euen to his neighbour: but the freindes of the rich be manie.	Compaffion of the poore.
	21 He that defpifeth his neighbour, finneth: but he that hath pitie on the poore, shal be bleffed.	Almes dedes.
	22 They erre that worke euil: mercie and truth prepare good thinges.	Mercie and ver- itie.
	23 In euerie worke there shal be abundance: but where manie wordes are, there is oftentimes pouertie.	Good dedes with few wordes.
	24 The crowne of the wife, their riches: the follie of fooles, imprudence.	Right vfe of riches.
versipellis or turnecoate	25 A faithful witnes deliuereth foules: and the diffembler vttereth lyes.	True testimonie as v. 5.
	26 In the feare of our Lord is confidence of ftrengh, and to his children there shal be hope.	Feare to offend God preuenteth punifhment.
	27 The feare of our Lord a fountaine of life, that he may decline from the ruine of death.	
	28 In the multitude of people the dignitie of the king: and in fewnes of people the ignominie of the prince.	Procure loue and fidelitie in fubiectes.
	29 He that is patient, is gouerned with much wifdom: but he that is impatient, exalteth his follie.	Patience.
	30 ♪ Health of hart, the life of the flesh: enuie, the putrefaction of the bones.	Sincere inten- tion.
	31 He that doth calumniate the needie, vpbraideth his maker: but he honoreth him, that hath pitie on the poore.	Compaffion.
	32 The impious shal be expelled in his malice: but the iuft hopeth in his death.	Confidence in iuftice.
	33 In the hart of the prudent refteth wifdom, & it shal instruct al the vnlearned.	Instruction of the ignorant.
	34 Iuftice aduanceth a nation: but finne maketh peoples miserable.	Publique iuftice.
	35 A feruant that vnderftandeth is acceptable to the king: he that is vnprofitable shal fufteyne his anger.	Induftrie in eu- erie man.

ANNOTATIONS

12 A vvay vvwhich femeth iuft.) If anie Iewes, Turkes, or Heretikes lead a moral good life in this world, it femeth both to	VVithout true faith none can be faued.
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themfelues, and to other rude people, that they are in a right way of faluation, but their error in faith leadeth them to eternal damnation.

30 Health of the hart.) As foundnes of the hart conferueth the reft of the fame bodie in life, fo a pure intention often excufeth from mortal finne, as in errours committed of probable, not of groffe, nor affected ignorance. But fecrete enuie in the hart infecteth and putrifieth mans actions, and deftroyeth the workes that femed good: which can no more endure ftrict examination in the day of iudgement, then a rotten cloth can abide washing.

Sincere intention excufeth fome errors.

*S. Greg. li. 5.
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