

Chapter 18

	H e seeketh occasions that wil depart from a frend: he shal euer be subiect to reproch.	Conftant amitie.
	² A foole receiueth not the wordes of prudence: vnleffe thou fay thofe things which are in his hart.	Harken to good counfel.
	³ The impious when he shal come into the depth of finnes, contemneth: but ignominie and reproch folow him.	Speedie repentance.
a vvifeman	⁴ Deepe water wordes from the mouth of a man: and a ftream ouerflowing the fountaine of wifdom.	VVife difcourfe.
	⁵ To accept the perfon of the impious in iudgement is not good, that thou decline from the truth of iudgement.	Equitie.
	⁶ The lippes of a foole mingle him with ftrife: and his mouth prouoketh brawles.	Studie of peace.
	⁷ The mouth of a foole is his deftruction: and his lippes are the ruine of his foule.	Guard of the tongue.
	⁸ The wordes of the duble tongued, as it were fimple: and the fame come euen to the inner part of the bellie.	Auoid fecrete bate makers.
	Feare cafteth downe the flothful: and the foules of the effeminate shal be hungrie.	Fortitude.
	⁹ He that is foft and diffolute in his worke, is the brother of him that deftroyeth his owne workes.	Conftant labour.
	¹⁰ A moft ftrong towre, the name of our Lord: the iuft runneth to it, and shal be exalted.	Confidence in God.
	¹¹ The fubftance of the rich man a citie of his ftrength: and as a ftrong wal compaffing him about.	Spiritual riches.
	¹² Before he be broken, the hart of a man is exalted: and before he be glorified, it is humbled.	Humilitie.
	¹³ He that anfwereth before he heare, sheweth him felf to be a foole, and worthie of confufion.	Confideration in anfwering.
	¹⁴ The fpirit of a man vpholdeth his imbecilitie: but a fpirit that is eafie to be angrie who can fufteyne?	Quietnes of fpirite.
	¹⁵ A wife hart shal poffeffe knowlege: and the eare of the wife feeketh doctrine.	Defire to lerne.
	¹⁶ The gift of a man enlargeth his way, & maketh him roome before princes.	Almes dedes.

17 The iuft is firft accufer of himfelf: his frend commeth, and ſhal ſearch him.	Acknowleging of faultes.
18 Lotte ſuppreſſeth contradictions, and between the mightie alfo it determineth.	Vſe of lote to make agree-ment.
19 Brother that is holpen of brother, is as a ſtrong citie: and iudgements are as the barres of cities.	Fraternal concord.
20 Of the fruite of mans mouth his bellie ſhal be filled: and the offsprings of his lippes ſhal fil him.	Godlie inſtructions.
21 Death and life in the hand of the tongue: they that loue it, ſhal eate the fruites therof.	Right vſe of the tongue.
22 He that hath found a good wife, hath found a good thing, and hath receiued a pleaſure of our Lord.	A wiues vertue is her beſt dowrie.
23 The poore ſpeaketh with ſupplications, and the rich wil ſpeake roughly.	Meeknes.
24 A man amiable to ſocietie, ſhal be more frendlie, then a brother.	Amitie with affabilitie.