

Chapter 28

The impious fleeth, no man purfewing: but the iuft confident as a lyon, ſhal be without terrour.

Innocencie is without feare.

² For the finnes of the land the princes therof ſhal be manie: & for the wifedom of a man, & the knowlege of thoſe thinges that are faid, the life of the prince ſhal be longer.

General pietie of the people procureth Gods fauour.

³ A poore man calumniating the poore, is like a vehement ſhowre, wherby famine is gotten.

Neighbourlie compaffion.

⁴ They that forfake the lawe, praife the impious: they that kepe it, are ſet on fire againſt him.

Zeale of iuſtice.

⁵ Euil men thinke not on iudgement: but they that feeke after our Lord, marke al thinges.

Remember the day of iudgement.

⁶ Better is a poore man walking in his ſimplicite, then the rich in crooked wayes.

Honeſtie and pouertie.

⁷ He that kepeth the law is a wife ſonne, but he that feedeth gluttons, ſhameth his father.

No want nor waſte.

⁸ He that heapeth together riches by vfuries and ocker, gathereth them for him that is liberal to the poore.

Iuſt gaine in traffike.

⁹ He that turneth away his eares from hearing the law, his prayer ſhal be execrable.

Obedience to magiſtrates.

¹⁰ He that deceiueth the iuſt in a wicked way, ſhal fal into his deſtruction: and the ſimple ſhal poſſeſſe his goodes.

Geue counſel ſincerely.

¹¹ The rich man ſeemeth to himſelf wiſe: but the poore man being prudent ſhal ſearche him.

Humilitie in authoritie.

¹² In the exultation of the iuſt there is much glorie: when the impious reigne ruines of men.

Place the godlie in office.

¹³ He that hideth his wicked deedes, ſhal not be directed: but he that ſhal confeſſe, and ſhal forfake them, ſhal obtayne mercie.

Acknowledge thy faultes.

¹⁴ Bleſſed is the man, that is alwayes fearful: but he that is of an obſtinate mynde, ſhal fal into euil.

Feare to offend.

¹⁵ A roaring lyon, and hungrie beare, an impious prince ouer the poore people.

Clemencie in princes,

16 A prince lacking prudence, shal oppresse many by calumnie: but he that hateth auarice, his dayes shal be made long.	and prudent liberalitie.
17 A man that doth calumniat the blood of a foule, if he shal flee into a lake, no man abideth.	Reuenge bloodfied.
18 He that walketh simply shal be faued: he that goeth peruerse wayes, shal fal once.	Harmles life.
19 He that tilleth his ground, shal be filled with breads: but he that purfeweth idlneffe, shal be replenished with pouertie.	Diligent labour.
20 A faithful man shal be much prayfed: but he that hafteneth to be rich, shal not be innocent.	Iuft dealing.
21 He that knoweth a perfon in iudgement, doth not wel: this man euen for a morfel of bread forfaketh the truth.	Iuft iudgement.
22 A man, that hafteneth to be rich, and enuyeth others, is ignorant that pouertie shal come vpon him.	Moderate gaine.
23 He that rebuketh a man, shal afterward find fauour with him more then he, that by flatteries of tongue deceiueth.	Freindlie correction.
24 He that pilfereth anything from his father, and from his mother: & faith this is no finne, is the partaker of a mankiller.	To robbe parents is a greuous crime.
25 He that exalteth, and dilateth himfelfe, rayfeth brawles: but he that trufteth in our Lord, shal be healed.	Exalt not thyfelf.
26 He that hath confidence in his owne hart, is a foole: but who fo walketh wifely shal be faued.	Truft not thyne owne iudgement.
27 He that geueth to the poore, shal not lacke: he that despifeth him that asketh, shal fufteyne penurie.	Almes dedes.
28 When the impious shal rife, men shal be hid: when they shal perish, the iuft shal be multiplied.	Godlie magiftrates.