1. Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh [and] intermeddleth with all wisdom.

2. A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

3. When the wicked cometh, [then] cometh also contention, and with ignorance reproach.

4. The words of a man's mouth [are] as deep waters, [and] the wells of wisdom [as] a flowing brook.

5. [It is] not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

6. A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

7. A fool's mouth [is] his destruction, and his lips [are] the snare of his soul.

8. The words of a talebearer [are] as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

9. He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

10. The name of the LORD [is] a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

11. The rich man's wealth [is] his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

12. Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour [is] humility.

13. He that answereth a matter before he heareth [it], it [is] folly and shame unto him.

14. The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

15. The heart of the prudent geteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh
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| 18:17 | "He finds a good [thing], and he is dividing [it]; and he comes to the first in contention of him. He is answering roughly."
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17. [He that is] first in his own cause [seemeth] just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

18. The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

19. A brother offended [is harder to be won] than a strong city: and [their] contentions [are] like the bars of a castle.

20. A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; [and] with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21. Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22. [Whoso] findeth a wife [findeth] a good [thing], and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23. The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.