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2 Ill-gotten gains do not benefit, But righteousness rescues from death.

2 Ill-gotten gains do not profit, But righteousness delivers from death.

2 Nothing good comes from ill-gotten wealth, but righteousness delivers from death.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivers from death.

- 3 The LORD will not allow the righteous to hunger, But He will reject the craving of the wicked.
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- 3 The LORD won't cause the righteous to hunger, but he will reject what the wicked crave.
- 3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casts away the substance of the wicked.

(b) Laziness and diligence (10:4-5)

- 4 Poor is one who works with a lazy hand, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- 4 Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- 4 Lazy hands bring poverty, but hard-working hands lead to wealth.
- 4 He becomes poor that deals with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

- 5 He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely, *But* he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.
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- 5 Whoever harvests during summer acts wisely, but the son who sleeps during harvest is disgraceful.
- 5 He that gathers in summer is a wise son: but he that sleeps in harvest is a son that causes shame.

(c) Results of righteousness and wickedness (10:6-7)

- 6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
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- 6 Blessings come upon the head of the righteous, but the words of the wicked conceal violence.
- 6 Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

- 7 The mentioning of the righteous is a blessing, But the name of the wicked will rot.
- 7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot.
- 7 The reputation of the righteous leads to blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.
- 7 The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

(d) Integrity and foolishness (10:8-9)

- 8 The wise of heart will receive commands, But a babbling fool will come to ruin.
- 8 The wise of heart will receive commands, But a babbling fool will be ruined.
- 8 The wise person accepts commands, but the chattering fool will be brought down.
- 8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

- 9 One who walks in integrity walks securely, But one who perverts his ways will be found out.
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- 9 Whoever walks in integrity lives prudently, but whoever perverts his way of life will be exposed.
- 9 He that walks uprightly walks surely: but he that perverts his ways shall be known.

(e) Talking (10:10-14)

- 10 He who winks the eye causes trouble, And a babbling fool will come to ruin.
- 10 He who winks the eye causes trouble, And a babbling fool will be ruined.
- 10 Those who wink their eyes are trouble makers, and the mocking fool will be brought down.
- 10 He that winks with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

- 11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
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- 11 What the righteous say is a flowing fountain, but what the wicked say conceals violence.
- 11 The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

- 12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all offenses.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions.
- 12 Hatred awakens contention, but love covers all transgressions.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strifes: but love covers all sins.

- 13 On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found, But a rod is for the back of him who has no sense.
- 13 On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found, But a rod is for the back of him who lacks understanding.

13 Wisdom characterizes the speech of the discerning, but the rod is for the backs of those lacking discernment.

13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

14 Wise people store up knowledge, But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand.

14 Wise men store up knowledge, But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand.

14 Those who are wise store up knowledge, but when the fool speaks, destruction is near.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

(B) Contrast between the righteous and the unrighteous (10:15-32)

(a) Wealth and poverty (10:15-16)

15 The rich person's wealth is his fortress, The ruin of the poor is their poverty.

15 The rich man's wealth is his fortress, The ruin of the poor is their poverty.

15 The rich hide within the fortress that is their wealth, but the poor are dismayed due to their poverty.

15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

16 The wages of the righteous is life, The income of the wicked, punishment.

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16 Honorable wages lead to life; the salaries of the wicked, to retribution.

16 The labour of the righteous tends to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

(b) Reproof (10:17)

17 One who is *on* the path of life follows instruction, But one who ignores a rebuke goes astray.

17 He is *on* the path of life who heeds instruction, But he who ignores reproof goes astray.

17 Whoever heeds correction is on the pathway to life, but someone who ignores exhortation goes astray.

17 He is in the way of life that keeps instruction: but he that refuses reproof erreth.

(c) Talking (10:18-21)

18 One who conceals hatred *has* lying lips, And one who spreads slander is a fool.

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18 Whoever conceals hatred is a deceitful liar, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.

18 He that hides hatred with lying lips, and he that utters a slander, is a fool.

19 When there are many words, wrongdoing is unavoidable, But one who restrains his lips is wise.

19 When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

19 Transgression is at work where people talk too much, but anyone who holds his tongue is prudent.

19 In the multitude of words there wants not sin: but he that refrains his lips is wise.

20 The tongue of the righteous is *like* choice silver, The heart of the wicked is *worth* little.

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20 What the righteous person says is like precious silver; the thoughts of the wicked are compared to small things.

20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of understanding.

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21 What the righteous person says nourishes many, but fools die because they lack discerning hearts.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

(d) End results (10:22-30)

22 It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it.

22 It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it.

22 The blessing of the LORD establishes wealth, and difficulty does not accompany it.

22 The blessing of the LORD, it makes rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

23 Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool, And so *is* wisdom to a person of understanding.

23 Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool, And so *is* wisdom to a man of understanding.

23 Just as the fool considers wickedness his joy, so is wisdom to the discerning man.

23 It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

24 What the wicked fears will come upon him, But the desire of the righteous will be granted.

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24 What the wicked fears will come about, but the longing of the righteous will be granted.

24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more, But the righteous *has* an everlasting foundation.

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25 When the storm ends, the wicked vanish, but the righteous person is forever firm.

25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy one to those who send him.

26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy one to those who send him.

26 As vinegar is to the mouth and smoke to the eyes, so is the lazy person to those who send him.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

27 The fear of the LORD prolongs life, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

27 The fear of the LORD prolongs life, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

27 Fearing the LORD prolongs life, but the wicked will not live long.

27 The fear of the LORD prolongs days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous is gladness, But the expectation of the wicked perishes.

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28 What the righteous hope for brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked dies.

28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

29 The way of the LORD is a stronghold for the upright, But ruin to the workers of injustice.

29 The way of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright, But ruin to the workers of iniquity.

29 To the upright, the way of the LORD is a place of safety, but it's a place of ruin to those who practice evil.

29 The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous will never be shaken, But the wicked will not live in the land.
30 The righteous will never be shaken, But the wicked will not dwell in the land.
30 The righteous will never be overthrown, but the wicked will never inhabit the land.
30 The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

(e) Talking (10:31-32)

31 The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom, But the perverted tongue will be cut out.
31 The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom, But the perverted tongue will be cut out.
31 The words of the righteous overflow with wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut out.
31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked, what is perverted.
32 The lips of the righteous bring forth what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverted.
32 Righteous lips know what is prudent, but the words of the wicked are perverse.
32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaks frowardness.