

# Scripture

## Proverbs 3:19-35 (NLT)

- 19** By wisdom the Lord founded the earth;  
by understanding he created the heavens.
- 20** By his knowledge the deep fountains of the  
earth burst forth, and the dew settles  
beneath the night sky.
- 21** My child, don't lose sight of common sense  
and discernment.  
Hang on to them,
- 22** for they will refresh your soul.  
They are like jewels on a necklace.

- 23** They keep you safe on your way,  
and your feet will not stumble.
- 24** You can go to bed without fear;  
you will lie down and sleep soundly.
- 25** You need not be afraid of sudden disaster  
or the destruction that comes upon the  
wicked,
- 26** for the Lord is your security.  
He will keep your foot from being caught  
in a trap.
- 27** Do not withhold good from those who deserve it  
when it's in your power to help them.
- 28** If you can help your neighbor now, don't say,  
"Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."

- 29** Don't plot harm against your neighbor,  
for those who live nearby trust you.
- 30** Don't pick a fight without reason,  
when no one has done you harm.
- 31** Don't envy violent people  
or copy their ways.
- 32** Such wicked people are detestable to the Lord,  
but he offers his friendship to the godly.
- 33** The Lord curses the house of the wicked,  
but he blesses the home of the upright.
- 34** The Lord mocks the mockers  
but is gracious to the humble.
- 35** The wise inherit honor,  
but fools are put to shame!