

# The Holy Bible — KJV

Red Letter Edition

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## PROVERBS: Chapter 16

**16:1** The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

**16:2** All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

**16:3** Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

**16:4** The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

**16:5** Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

**16:6** By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

**16:7** When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

**16:8** Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

**16:9** A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

**16:10** A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

**16:11** A just weight and balance are the LORD's: all the weights of the bag are his work.

**16:12** It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

**16:13** Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

**16:14** The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

**16:15** In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.

**16:16** How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

**16:17** The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

**16:18** Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

**16:19** Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

**16:20** He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

**16:21** The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

**16:22** Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

**16:23** The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

**16:24** Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

**16:25** There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

**16:26** He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

**16:27** An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.

**16:28** A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

**16:29** A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.

**16:30** He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

**16:31** The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

**16:32** He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

**16:33** The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.

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