

Proverbs 23

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



1 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider well who is before thee; **2** and put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite. **3** Be not desirous of his dainties; for they are deceitful food.

4 Weary not thyself to become rich; cease from thine own intelligence: **5** wilt thou set thine eyes upon it, it is gone; for indeed it maketh itself wings and it flieth away as an eagle towards the heavens.

6 Eat thou not the food of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainties. **7** For as he thinketh in his soul, so is he. Eat and drink! will he say unto thee; but his heart is not with thee. **8** Thy morsel which thou hast eaten must thou vomit up, and thou wilt have wasted thy sweet words.

9 Speak not in the ears of a foolish man, for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

10 Remove not the ancient landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless: **11** for their redeemer is mighty; he will plead their cause against thee.

12 Apply thy heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge. **13** Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die: **14** thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from Sheol. **15** My son, if thy heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine; **16** and my reins shall exult, when thy lips speak right things.

17 Let not thy heart envy sinners, but be thou in the fear of Jehovah all the day; **18** for surely there is a result, and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

19 Thou, my son, hear and be wise, and direct thy heart in the way. **20** Be not among winebibbers, among riotous eaters of flesh. **21** For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness clotheth with rags. **22** Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. **23** Buy the truth, and sell it not; wisdom, and instruction, and intelligence. **24** The father of a righteous man shall greatly rejoice, and he that begetteth a wise son shall have joy of him: **25** let thy father and thy mother have joy, and let her that bore thee rejoice. **26** My son, give me thy heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. **27** For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. **28** She also lieth in wait as a robber, and increaseth the treacherous among men.

29 Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who contentions? Who complaining? Who wounds without cause? Who redness of eyes? **30** --They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to try mixed wine. **31** Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it sparkleth in the cup, and goeth down smoothly: **32** at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. **33** Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thy heart shall speak froward things; **34** and thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, and as he that lieth down upon the top of a mast: **35** --"They have smitten me, and I am not sore; they have beaten me, and I knew it not. When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again."