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23:29–35 Who has woe? Who has sorrow?
Who has strife? Who has complaining?
Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?
Those who tarry long over wine;
those who go to try mixed wine.
Do not look at wine when it is red,
when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly.
In the end it bites like a serpent
and stings like an adder.
Your eyes will see strange things,
and your heart utter perverse things.
You will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea,
like one who lies on the top of a mast.
“They struck me,” you will say, “but I was not hurt;
they beat me, but I did not feel it.
When shall I awake?
I must have another drink.”

23:19–21 Hear, my son, and be wise,
and direct your heart in the way.
Be not among drunkards
or among gluttonous eaters of meat,
for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,
and slumber will clothe them with rags.

29:3 He who loves wisdom makes his father glad,
but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.

21:17 Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man;
he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

19:23 The fear of the LORD leads to life,
and whoever has it rests satisfied;
he will not be visited by harm.

25:16 If you have found honey, eat only enough for you,
lest you have your fill of it and vomit it.

30:8–9 Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for me,
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