7 True knowledge begins with reverence for the Always-Present One. But foolish peopled hate wisdom and self-control.

8 My child, listen to your father’s instruction. And, do not forget your mother’s teaching. 9 Why? Because that will make your life beautiful. It will be like a chain for your neck.

10 My child, sinners will try to lead you into sin. But don’t follow them. 11 They might say: “Come with us. Let us ambush and kill somebody! Let’s attack some innocent person just for fun. 12 Let’s swallow them alive, as death does. Let’s swallow them whole, as the grave does. 13 We will take all kinds of valuable things. We will fill our houses with whatever we steal. 14 Come, join us, and, whatever we steal, we will share with you!” 15 My child, don’t go along with them. Don’t do what they do. 16 They run to do evil. They are quick to kill. 17 It is useless to spread out a net right where the birds can see it! 18 These men are setting their own trap. They will only catch themselves! 19 So, all robbers will end up this way. Greed takes away the life of the robber.