

**A Don't forget (1-4)**

- 3** My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my  
commandments,  
**2** for length of days and years of life  
and peace they will add to you.  
**3** Let not steadfast love and faithfulness  
forsake you;  
bind them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
**4** So you will find favor and good success  
in the sight of God and man.

**B Trust in the LORD (5-8)**

- 5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own  
understanding.  
**6** In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.  
**7** Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.  
**8** It will be healing to your flesh  
and refreshment to your bones.

**C Honor God (9-10)**

- 9** Honor the LORD with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your  
produce;  
**10** then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

**D Accept discipline (11-12)**

- 11** My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline  
or be weary of his reproof,  
**12** for the LORD reproves him whom he loves,  
as a father the son in whom he delights.