

There are three things in which I take special delight – things that are beautiful to the Lord and people alike:

people who get along with each other,
neighbors who are friends,
and a married couple who are happy together.

Unless you learn what you can while you are young,
you will never be wise when you reach old age.

Sound judgment, good advice,
and gray hair go together so beautifully.

Wisdom, understanding, and sound counsel
are appropriate to the aged and the respected.

Elderly people wear the crown of long experience,
and they can boast of nothing finer than their fear of the Lord.

I will tell you the kinds of people that I feel fortunate to know:

someone who takes pride in his children,
a man fortunate enough to have an understanding wife,
a married couple who are well matched,
a person who never speaks sinfully,
someone fortunate enough to have a real friend
a person that people are happy to listen to,
and the really great one: someone who is wise.

But the greatest one of all is the person who fears the Lord.

The word of the Lord.