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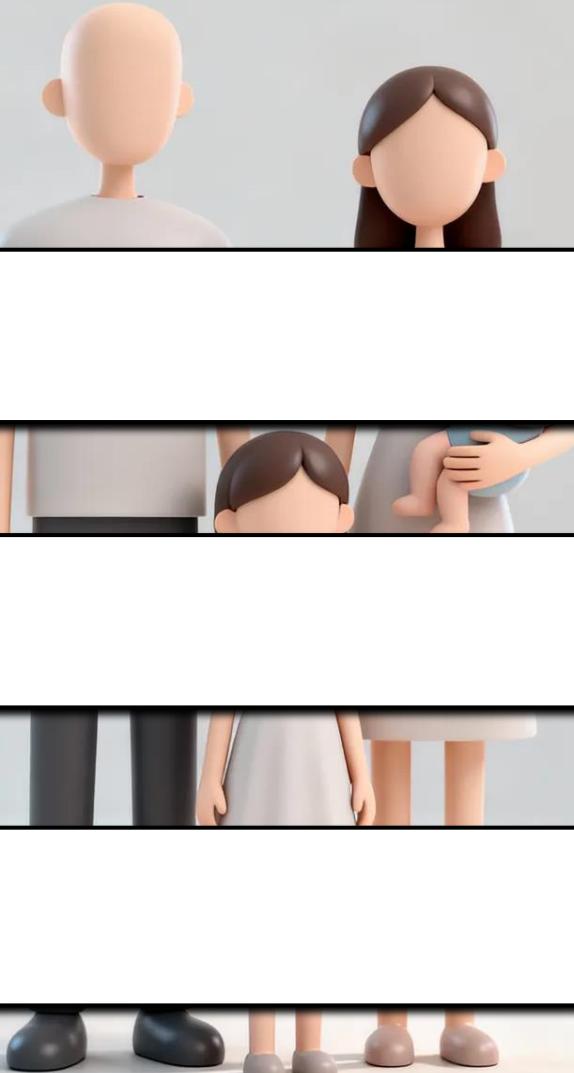
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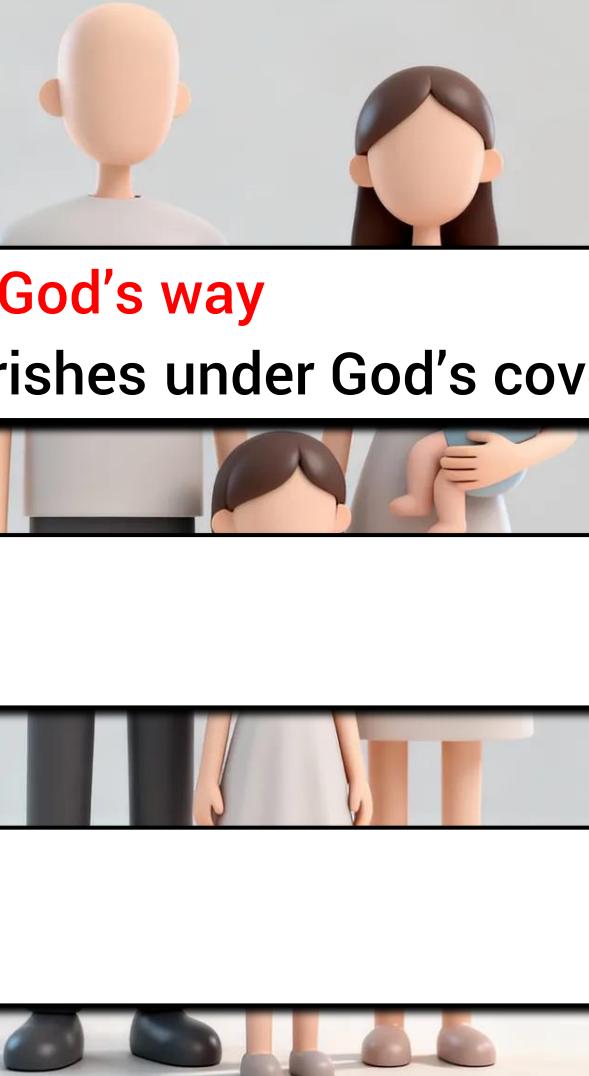
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- 1 My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart.
- 2 If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying.
- 3 Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart.
- 4 Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.
- 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
- 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

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7 Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

8 Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.

10 Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

11 My child, don't reject the LORD 's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you.

12 For the LORD corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.



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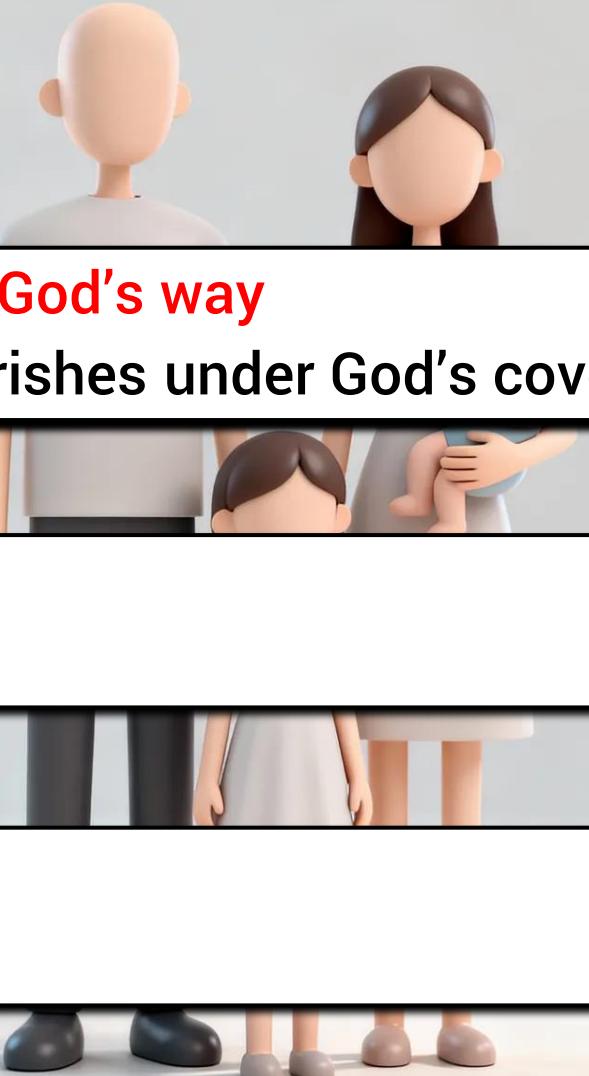
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2nd Corinthians 5:21

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21 My child, don't lose sight of common sense and discernment. Hang on to them,
22 for they will refresh your soul. They are like jewels on a necklace.

23 They keep you safe on your way, and your feet will not stumble.

24 You can go to bed without fear; you will lie down and sleep soundly.

25 You need not be afraid of sudden disaster or the destruction that comes upon the wicked,

26 for the LORD is your security. He will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.

27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them.

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29 Don't plot harm against your neighbor, for those who live nearby trust you.

30 Don't pick a fight without reason, when no one has done you harm.

31 Don't envy violent people or copy their ways.

32 Such wicked people are detestable to the LORD, but he offers his friendship to the godly.

33 The LORD curses the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the upright.

34 The LORD mocks the mockers but is gracious to the humble.

35 The wise inherit honor, but fools are put to shame!

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3 Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed. 4 The LORD has made everything for his own purposes, even the wicked for a day of disaster.

5 The LORD detests the proud; they will surely be punished. 6 Unfailing love and faithfulness make atonement for sin. By fearing the LORD, people avoid evil.

7 When people's lives please the LORD, even their enemies are at peace with them.

8 Better to have little, with godliness, than to be rich and dishonest.

9 We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.

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