

# The Book of Sirach

## Chapters 1 – 3

All wisdom comes from God.

Love for God is the source of wisdom.

If you desire wisdom, keep the Lord's commandments,  
in private as well as in public.

Keep the commandment to honor your parents.

Respect for your father will atone for your sins.

Honor for your mother will gain you blessings.

Support your father in his old age.

Even if his mind should fail, show him kindness.

Do not despise him in your health and strength.

Be gentle in the way you live your life.

The greater you are, the more humbly you should behave.

Dear God, please help me always  
respect and honor my parents

## Chapters 4, 5

Water puts out a fire. Almsgiving makes up for sins.

Do not refuse to help a poor person.

Some people are all talk and no action.

Some people are lions at home, but sheep in society.

Do not give your heart to money.

Do not let passion rule your life.

Be quick to listen, but slow to speak.

Keep your temper under control.

Lord, please help me to be kind and sincere