

Proverbs 13:16-20 · The Governing Of A Soul

a man of self restraint ¹⁶ Every prudent man acts with knowledge, — The reason he is controlled is his knowledge of scripture
"spreads out"
a fool says "there is no God" But a fool displays folly. — Rather than knowledge he lives a life of no self-control

one untrustworthy...
unfaithful
mutinous ¹⁷ A wicked messenger falls into adversity,
But a faithful envoy brings healing. because he brings good news.

people reject discipline
because they see no need
to change. ¹⁸ Poverty and shame will come to him
poverty: virtues that are not formed
shame: vices that are not restricted
who neglects discipline,

But he who regards reproof will be honored.

Because sacrifice
is needed for attainment ¹⁹ Desire realized is sweet to the soul,
But it is an abomination to fools to turn away from evil.

Fools despise the idea of
saying no in order to
attain. ²⁰ He who walks with wise men will be wise,
But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Your standards also
will control who your
associates are...