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Sirach 8:1-9 (Prudence)

1. “Do not contend with a powerful man, lest you fall into his hands.
2. Do not quarrel with a rich man, lest his resources outweigh yours; for gold has ruined many, and has perverted the minds of kings,
3. Do not argue with a chatterer, nor heap wood on his fire.
4. Do not jest with an ill-bred person, lest your ancestors be disgraced.
5. Do not reproach a man who is turning away from sin; remember that we all deserve punishment.
6. Do not disdain a man when he is old, for some of us are growing old.
7. Do not rejoice over any one’s death; remember that we all must die.
8. Do not slight the discourse of the sages, but busy yourself with their maxims; because from them you will gain instruction and learn how to serve great men.
9. Do not disregard the discourse of the aged, for they themselves learned from their fathers; because from them you will gain understanding and learn how to give an answer in time of need.”

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