15 For the fruit of noble struggles is a glorious one; and unfailing is the root of understanding.  

16 But the children of adulterers will remain without issue, and the progeny of an unlawful bed will disappear.  

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