

# Proverbs

## 1 – Proverbs 1—The Beginning Of Wisdom

The Beginning of Wisdom – What do you know of Solomon? How “wise and disciplined” was he? What is “the fear of the Lord”? Why the frequent address “my son”? Why talk of wisdom as female? Why is wisdom personified?

## 2 – Proverbs 2-3—Benefits Of Wisdom

Benefits of Wisdom – Who is speaking “if you accept my words” (v.1)? What are crooked and straight paths? How do we “bind love and faithfulness around our neck” (3:3)? How is the Lord’s discipline a benefit to us?

## 3 – Proverbs 4—Wisdom Is Supreme

Wisdom is Supreme – How do we “get wisdom and understanding” (v.5, 7)? How is wisdom “supreme”? How do we let the words of wisdom out of our sight (v.21)? How do we “guard our heart” (v.23)?

## 4 – Proverbs 5—Warnings Against Adultery

Warnings against Adultery – How are these verses “wisdom” to a single person? How are they “wisdom” to a married person? How did Solomon apply these words to his own life?

## 5 – Proverbs 6—Warnings Against Folly

Warnings against Folly – What is the “wisdom” for those who have done wrong? What does the ant teach us? What are the 7 things detestable to God? What does it mean to be “reduced to a loaf of bread”(v.26)?

## 6 – Proverbs 7—Warnings Against Adulteress

Warnings against the Adulteress - Why so much warning against adultery? Why is it so hard to resist temptations? Which temptations are hardest for you?

## 7 – Proverbs 8—Wisdom’s Call

How does this chapter compare with Ch. 7? How was wisdom “the first of God’s works... from eternity” (v.22-23)? Why is it so much easier to seek the temptation of the adulterous rather than wisdom? What is the remedy for this?

## 8 – Proverbs 9—Invitations Of Wisdom And Folly

What does it mean “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (v.10)? How does wisdom continue? Compare the message of “Folly” with the message of wisdom in this chapter. What is the warning?

## 9 – Proverbs 10—Man Of Integrity

This is the beginning of a collection of 375 proverbs (10:1-22:16)! How can we meditate on them, when there are so many?

## 10 – Proverbs 11—The Righteous Man

How is the righteous man (woman) described? Note the helpfulness of the contrasts. Note the references to the 5th, 7th and 8th commandments – as well as the description of a beautiful woman (v.22!)

## 11 – Proverbs 12—Warning Against Evil

how can we “love discipline”? Note the importance of truth / Godly advice in these proverbs.

## 12 – Proverbs 13—Wise Son And Companions

Some of these speak of craving vs. being satisfied / others speak of “spiritual anorexia” (a serious physical condition – even more serious in the spiritual realm!)

## 13 – Proverbs 14—A Way That Seems Right

Jane Fryer writes: “Many people are wrong about astronomy – they think the universe revolves around them!” – How do these proverbs speak to this common sin?

## 14 – Proverbs 15—Eyes, Tongue, Heart

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) – How do these proverbs encourage us to use the parts of our body? Also note the references to building houses... or destroying them!

## 15 – Proverbs 16—Commit All To The Lord

Note the change in proverbs with Ch. 16-19 – rather than contrasts – these are “synthetic” – adding more information / expanding the first statement. Note how the focus is moved away from the person to focusing on “the fear of the Lord” – truly Godly living!

## 16 – Proverbs 17—The Lord Tests The Heart

Once words are out of our mouths we lose control over them – note how many proverbs Solomon writes about the effect of our words: juicy words, angry words, deceitful words, hateful words, etc.

## 17 – Proverbs 18—Words Of Mouth And Lips

What do these proverbs say about speaking and listening? About work and laziness? Compare v.22 with 8:35 – interesting, isn't it?

## 18 – Proverbs 19—The Lord's Purpose Prevails

What warnings do these proverbs give to the “fool”? What wise counsel to those who deal with anger and rage?

## 19 – Proverbs 20—Wait For The Lord

How can a person avoid strife? Note v. 10 and v.23 – why the repetition? How is Godly discipline a blessing?

## 20 – Proverbs 21—Justice Brings Joy

See v. 9 and 19 – (also husband?) Note how many proverbs assure us that the LORD is in control.

## 21 – Proverbs 22—Sayings Of The Wise

What is true wealth? What promise does v.6 give? What does it mean? Why the change in style v.17-21?

## 22 – Proverbs 23-24—By Wisdom A House Is Built

Why not “wear yourself out to get rich”? (v.4) Compare 23:13-14 with 22:6. Note also the wisdom to parents and children. How is your “house” being built?

## 23 – Proverbs 25-29—Hezekiah's Collection

With 25:6-7 see [Luke 14:7-14](#). With 25:21-22 see [Romans 12:20](#). Compare 26:15 with 19:24. How to prevent a quarrel – 26:17-28. Note the proverbs about a quarrelsome wife, 27:15 (again!) Note the proverbs on prayer and confession 28:9, 13.

## 24 – Proverbs 30—Sayings Of Agur

(Sounds like the book of Job!) What is the answer to v.4? ([John 3:13](#)) With v.6 see [Deuteronomy 4:2](#). With v.8 see [Matthew 6:11](#). Note: 2 things (v.7-9) and 4 things (“enough” v.15-16); see v.17 with the 4th commandment; 4 amazing things, v.18-19; 4 terrors, v.21-23; 4 small, powerful things, v.24-28; 4 stately things, v.29-31; and finally, “stirring up anger...”!

## 25 – Proverbs 31—Sayings Of King Lemuel

“his mother taught him” – warnings v.3-7; a pro-life Scripture v.8-9 (also 8th commandment); and v.10-31 is an acrostic poem (each line begins with the next letter of the alphabet) – note how she is the opposite of a “sluggard” and “adulteress” (warned against frequently in Proverbs) / the personification of “wisdom”!