

# Proverbs

## Introduction

What They Are	Divisions	Themes
<p>What they are not - not promises or guaranteed outcomes - express general truth BUT there can be exceptions due to unpredictable behavior of fallen man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “mashal” = comparisons, similar, parallel</li> <li>- Figure of speech using comparisons to present observations or instructions</li> <li>- Timeless truths in the form of simple illustrations that expose a fundamental reality of life</li> <li>- Practical, easy to memorize, applicable to real life situation</li> <li>- Divine guidelines and wise observations</li> <li>- By studying them and applying them we contemplate the mind of God - His character, attributes, works, and blessings</li> <li>- Short instructions for living an effective life on earth</li> <li>- All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge expressed in the Proverbs, they are hidden in the life of Christ (Col 2:3)</li> </ul>	<p>Purpose - 1:1-7</p> <p>Proverbs to Youth - 1:8-9:18</p> <p>Proverbs of Solomon - 10:1-24:32</p> <p>Proverbs of Solomon (Hezekiah’s men transcribed) - 25:1-29:27</p> <p>Words of Agur - 30:1-33</p> <p>Lemuel (Solomon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- wisdom for leaders (31:1-9)</li> <li>- Virtuous wife (31:10-31)</li> </ul>	<p>Fear of the Lord (1:7; 9:10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- viewing God with the respect that He deserves</li> <li>- Living our lives in light of what we know about Him</li> <li>- Holding Him in the highest estimation</li> <li>- Depending on Him with humble trust</li> </ul> <p>2 kinds of fear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- that God will hurt me - selfish</li> <li>- I will hurt Him - founded in love producing holiness of character and righteousness of conduct (Ez 6:9-10)</li> </ul> <p>Wisdom versus folly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- wisdom - knowledge, understanding (applying the knowledge), instruction, discretion, obedience all built on the fear of the Lord</li> <li>- Folly = all the opposite of wisdom</li> </ul>

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Chapter 1	Chapter 2-3	Chapter 4-5
<p>1-7 - purpose - to live rightly in the world</p> <p>8-19 - precaution for spending time with sinners (throwing your lot in with them)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- don't consent to sinners enticing you</li> <li>- Keep your feet from their path</li> <li>- Sinners set up traps for themselves</li> <li>- Those who gain wealth by violence               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it will take the life of their possessors</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Wisdom Warns (20-33)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- calamity and dread that will come to those who spurn wisdom</li> <li>- They did not choose the fear of the Lord</li> <li>- They will eat of the fruit of their own ways (Gal 5:16-24)</li> <li>- He who listens to me will live securely and be at ease from the dread of evil</li> </ul>	<p>Security of Wisdom - chapter 2</p> <p>1-5 - Discover the knowledge of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- passionate desire of our lives</li> </ul> <p>6-15 - discernment helps to steer us away for the evil ones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God speaks through the revelation of His Word (He 1:1-2; II Pe 1:20-21)</li> <li>- Upright - true believers (7-8)</li> <li>- Truth protects us (God's Word Ps 119:11; 97-104)</li> </ul> <p>16-22 - stay away from the strange woman (adulteress; harlot)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- irreversible nature of continuing sin (habitual sin)</li> <li>- Physical death (cut off, uprooted)</li> <li>- Spiritual death - cut off from God's kingdom</li> </ul> <p>Chapter 3 - Rewards of Wisdom</p> <p>1-4 - rooted in sound teaching</p> <p>5-6 - rest in God (trust)</p> <p>7-10 - healing for those who obey</p> <p>11-18 - chastening brings profound benefits to the believer</p> <p>19-26 - wisdom will keep us walking securely and not stumble</p> <p>27-35 - Righteous living God will bless</p>	<p>Father's Instructions - chapter 4</p> <p>1-9 - acquire wisdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- acquire wisdom - striving</li> <li>- Understanding is wisdom applied to life</li> <li>- Adornment of your life</li> </ul> <p>10-19 - stay away from the evil ones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- don't enter the path of the wicked</li> <li>- Stay on the righteous bright path</li> </ul> <p>20-27 - pay attention to my words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- follow the path that God has put you on</li> <li>- Don't deviate</li> </ul> <p>Chapter 5 - Immorality</p> <p>1-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- seduction begins with deceptive flattery</li> <li>- Wormwood = suffering</li> <li>- Sword = death</li> <li>- She is headed for destruction - doesn't know it, doesn't care</li> </ul> <p>7-14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- high price is paid for adultery</li> <li>- Slavery, disease, death (Dt 22:22)</li> </ul> <p>15-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- refreshment only in the marriage relationship</li> <li>- God watches all that we do - Gal 6:6-10; II Pe 3:9</li> </ul>

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Chapter 6	Chapter 7	Chapter 8-9
<p>1-5 - Surety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- don't become responsible for someone else's debt</li> <li>- Give to people in need, lend without interest to a brother, don't be involved in usury</li> </ul> <p>6-11 - warning against laziness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- industrious, diligent, planning</li> <li>- Laziness - lack of self-control</li> </ul> <p>12-15 - staying away from the evil one</p> <p>16-19 - things the Lord hates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- haughty eyes</li> <li>- Lying tongue</li> <li>- Shedding innocent blood</li> <li>- Devising wicked plans</li> <li>- Feet that run to evil</li> <li>- A false witness</li> <li>- Someone who spreads strife</li> </ul> <p>20-35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- keep to your parents' teachings</li> <li>- Staying away from the adulteress</li> </ul>	<p>1-5 - keep your father's instructions</p> <p>6-23 - woman on the prowl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- looking for man lacking sense</li> <li>- Religious woman - seeks for an innocent life</li> <li>- Flirting with danger (II Tim 2:22)</li> </ul> <p>24-27 - she is destructive</p>	<p>8:1-11 - wisdom proclaims herself from the housetop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- understand prudence (thoughtful decision making)</li> <li>- understand wisdom - utters truth (I Cor 1:18-25)</li> <li>- Wisdom is all that is noble, right, true, and righteous</li> <li>- The most valuable thing we can have</li> </ul> <p>8:12-21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- fear of the Lord is to hate evil</li> <li>- Wisdom hates what God hates</li> <li>- God puts highest virtue on humility (submission to God)</li> <li>- Counsel, sound wisdom, understanding, and power are wisdom</li> </ul> <p>8:22-31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wisdom is part of God's character, God is love (I Jn 4:8), righteousness (Ro 3:21-22), faithfulness (Dt 7:9; I Pe 4:19)</li> <li>- His wisdom dwells in us (I Cor 1:24; Jn 1:1-3)</li> </ul> <p>8:32-36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- blessed to keep the ways of wisdom</li> <li>- Hate wisdom = love death</li> </ul> <p>9:1-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 pillars - completeness - plenty of room for everyone</li> <li>- Wine that is mixed - 1-8 parts - unmixed wine = strong drink</li> </ul> <p>9:7-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- don't waste your time trying to correct a fool</li> <li>- The wise will accept reproof and increase his learning</li> <li>- Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom</li> </ul> <p>9:13-18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- woman of folly - foolish - adulteress - harlot</li> <li>- Boisterous - noisy, cheerful (overly), rowdy, energetic, unruly - associated with taverns and drunkenness</li> <li>- Naive - knowing nothing - having no sense</li> </ul>

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The Upright and the Wicked - 10-18	
Righteous	Wicked
<p>Chapter 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God will care for the righteous (3) - Ps 37:16-22</li> <li>- Receive commands (8)</li> <li>- Walking in integrity brings security (9)</li> <li>- Mouth is a fountain of life (11)</li> <li>- Love covers transgressions (I Cor 13:4-7)</li> <li>- Wisdom is like a sport for a man of understanding (23)</li> <li>- The way of the Lord is a stronghold (27-29)</li> <li>- Righteous will never be shaken (30)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ill-gotten gains does not profit (2)</li> <li>- Sluggishness will lead to poverty (4-6)</li> <li>- The name of the wicked will rot (7)</li> <li>- The rod is for those who lack understanding (13)</li> <li>- The mouth of fools brings ruin (14) - James 1:26; 3:1-12; Pr 10:19</li> <li>- Spreading slander (18)</li> <li>- Fools die for lack of understanding (21) Hos 4:6</li> <li>- Laziness stings the person who sent them (26)</li> </ul>
<p>Chapter 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- humbleness in our walk with God (Micah 6:8) (2)</li> <li>- Integrity guides them (2)</li> <li>- Righteousness (4-6) - doing what is right in all circumstances</li> <li>- Speak with knowledge - kindness (9) uplifting</li> <li>- Careful with words and abundance of words (12)</li> <li>- Trustworthy - conceal a matter (13)</li> <li>- Abundance of counselors (14)</li> <li>- Hates being a guarantor (15)</li> <li>- Graciousness (16)</li> <li>- Merciful (17) - compassion, kindness, forgiving</li> <li>- Sows righteousness (18-19)</li> <li>- Generous (25)</li> <li>- Seeks favor (27)</li> <li>- Wins souls (30)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the wicked will be caught by their own greed (6)</li> <li>- Dishonesty (1)</li> <li>- Proud (to boil or run over) (2)</li> <li>- Crookedness (3)</li> <li>- Destroys his neighbor with his mouth (9)</li> <li>- Despises their neighbor (12)</li> <li>- Talebearer - peddler in scandal (13)</li> <li>- Don't seek guidance (14)</li> <li>- Seeking riches (16)</li> <li>- Cruelness (17)</li> <li>- Perverted and evil (20-21) - wrong, injurious, hurtful, disagreeable, displeasing</li> <li>- Seek evil (27)</li> <li>- Trusts in riches (28)</li> </ul>

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<p>Chapter 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- love discipline (1)</li> <li>- Firmly rooted (3)</li> <li>- Justness (5)</li> <li>- Great insight (8)</li> <li>- Cares about God's creatures (10)</li> <li>- Industrious - willing to work hard (11)</li> <li>- Listens to wise counsel (15)</li> <li>- Speaks truth (17)</li> <li>- Conceals knowledge - not quick to boast on what he knows (23)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- hates reproof (1)</li> <li>- Devises evil (2)</li> <li>- Deceitful (5) - lies</li> <li>- Lips cause transgressions (13)</li> <li>- He is right in his own eyes - justifies his sin (15)</li> <li>- Anger (16)</li> <li>- Speaks and acts rashly (18)</li> <li>- Love to hear themselves talk (23)</li> <li>- Anxiety (25)</li> </ul>
Chapter 13	