

# Proverbs

## Introduction

| What They Are                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Divisions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Themes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <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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| <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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <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>                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Chapter 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- listens to his father (1)</li> <li>- Guard his mouth (3)</li> <li>- Guard the blameless (6)</li> <li>- Rejoicing (9)</li> <li>- Works hard (11)</li> <li>- Desire - will to go on - walk in the ways of God (12)</li> <li>- Fear of the commandments (13)</li> <li>- Good understanding (15)</li> <li>- Prudent = showing care and thought about the future - acting with knowledge (16)</li> <li>- Bring healing (17)</li> <li>- Walk with wise men (20)</li> <li>- Disciplines his children diligently (24)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- does not listen to rebuke (1)</li> <li>- Treachery = guilty of betrayal or deception (2)</li> <li>- Subversive = undermine power and authority (6)</li> <li>- Pretend = not honest, pretentious (7)</li> <li>- Insolence = rude, arrogant, lacks respect (10)</li> <li>- Hopelessness (12)</li> <li>- Despises the word (13)</li> <li>- Companion of fools (20)</li> <li>- Injustice (23)</li> <li>- Withholds the rod of discipline from their children (24)</li> </ul> |

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| <p>Chapter 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she builds her house (1)</li> <li>- Speak truth (3, 5)</li> <li>- Understanding about the ways of life (8)</li> <li>- Satisfaction (14)</li> <li>- Consider their steps (15)</li> <li>- Sensible (18)</li> <li>- Kindness and truth - devises good (22)</li> <li>- Labor diligently (23)</li> <li>- Strong confidence in the fear of the Lord (26)</li> <li>- Slow to anger (29)</li> <li>- Tranquil of heart (30) - peaceful - healthy mind (Phil 4:4-9)</li> <li>- Gracious to the needy (31)</li> <li>- Has hope in death (32)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she tears down her house with her own hands (1)</li> <li>- Deviousness (2)</li> <li>- Lies (5)</li> <li>- Mock sin = ridiculing impending judgment (9) - II Peter 3:3-9</li> <li>- Walks in a way that seems right to him (12) - Judges</li> <li>- Naive (15)</li> <li>- Arrogant and careless (16)</li> <li>- Quick tempered (17, 29) - Titus 1:5-9</li> <li>- Despising your neighbor (21)</li> <li>- Driven by passions - rottenness in their bones (12:4)</li> <li>- Oppresses the poor (31)</li> </ul> |
| <p>Chapter 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- gentle answers that bring peace (1)</li> <li>- Able to make knowledge acceptable (2)</li> <li>- Soothing tongue (4)</li> <li>- Spreads knowledge (7)</li> <li>- Joyful heart and a cheerful face (13, 15) - Gen 4:5-7</li> <li>- Apt answers = appropriate, suitable for the circumstances (23)</li> <li>- Ponders how to answer (28)</li> </ul> <p>God hears the prayers of the righteous (Jn 9:31) (29)</p>                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- speaks harshly and stirs up anger (1)</li> <li>- Perverse tongue that crushes the spirit (4)</li> <li>- Worships with wrong motivation (8) - I Sam 15; Mal 2:13-17</li> <li>- Forsakes the way of the Lord (10) - Jn 14:6</li> <li>- Feeds on folly (14)</li> <li>- Lazy (19)</li> <li>- Profits illicitly = forbidden by law, rules, customs (27)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                               |

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| <p>Chapter 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- absolute trust in God's plans (1)</li> <li>- Committing our works to the Lord (3)</li> <li>- Keeps away from evil (6)</li> <li>- Ways are pleasing to the Lord (7)</li> <li>- Steps are directed by the Lord (9 - 1, 3)</li> <li>- Watches his ways = diligently looking and perceiving right from wrong (17)</li> <li>- Gives attention to the word (20)</li> <li>- Wise in heart (21)</li> <li>- Speaks healing to others (23-24)</li> <li>- Slow to anger (32) - doesn't take offense</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- motives are wrong (2) - I Sam 16:7; I Cor 4:4</li> <li>- Proud and haughty (18-19)</li> <li>- Walks in a way that he thinks is right (25)</li> <li>- Digs up evil (27)</li> <li>- Spread strife (28)</li> <li>- Man of violence (29)</li> <li>- Crafty - achieve their goal through deceptive methods (30)</li> </ul>                                                                                                         |
| <p>Chapter 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- heart that is tested by the Lord (3)</li> <li>- Excellent speech (7, 20, 27-28)</li> <li>- Loves at all times (17) - I John 4:7-8</li> <li>- Joyful heart (22)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- strife (1, 19)</li> <li>- Listens to wicked lips - lies (4)</li> <li>- Mocks the poor and rejoices at calamity (5)</li> <li>- Takes bribes = persuaded by money to act in someone's favor (8, 23)</li> <li>- Repeats things that are private (9)</li> <li>- Returns evil for good (13)</li> <li>- Justifies wrong and condemns what is right (15)</li> <li>- Crooked mind - doesn't stay on the straight path (20)</li> </ul> |
| <p>Chapter 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- run to the Lord as their strong tower (10)</li> <li>- Acquires knowledge (15)</li> <li>- Listens to both sides of the story (17)</li> <li>- Brings life with his tongue (21)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Separates himself from others (1)</li> <li>- Only interested in revealing his mind (2)</li> <li>- Shows partiality to the wicked (5)</li> <li>- Loves to expose secrets (6-8)</li> <li>- Slack in his work (9)</li> <li>- Offensive and contentious (19)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- better to be poor and walk in integrity (1)</li> <li>- Acquiring knowledge - don't be hurried - acting vs reacting (2)</li> <li>- Don't rage against the Lord (3)</li> <li>- Don't trust in wealth (4, 6, 7)</li> <li>- Speak truth (5, 9, 22, 28)</li> <li>- Seek after wisdom and understanding (8) - James 3:13-18</li> <li>- Slow to anger - discrete (11, 19)</li> <li>- Godly wife (13, 14 - Pr 31)</li> <li>- Don't be lazy (15, 24) - balanced life</li> <li>- Be careful in conduct (16)</li> <li>- Godly discipline (18, 29)</li> <li>- Listening to counsel (20, 25)</li> <li>- If God wills I will do this (21)</li> <li>- Kindness (22)</li> <li>- Fear the Lord (23)</li> <li>- Listen to words of knowledge (27)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stay away from alcohol (1)</li> <li>- Stay away from strife (3)</li> <li>- Live with understanding (5)</li> <li>- Trustworthy (6, 7, 14)</li> <li>- Justly (8-10, 17, 23)</li> <li>- Pure and right (11)</li> <li>- Diligence (13)</li> <li>- Don't be a gossip (19)</li> <li>- Don't be hurried in your actions (21)</li> <li>- Wait for the Lord (22, 24)</li> <li>- Allow the Lord to search our hearts and expose the evil (27)</li> <li>- Loyalty and truth (28)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- life should be led by God (1)</li> <li>- We need to do right more than we need to bring sacrifice (3) - I Sam 15</li> <li>- Upright conduct (8)</li> <li>- Always strive to receive knowledge (11)</li> <li>- Need to consider the house of the wicked (12)</li> <li>- Be concerned for the needy (13)</li> <li>- Don't wander away from understanding (16)</li> <li>- Don't love pleasure, wine, oil (17)</li> <li>- There can be no wisdom, understanding or counsel without the Lord (30)</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- desire a good name (1)</li> <li>- The prudent hides himself from evil (3)</li> <li>- Train our children in the way of righteousness (6)</li> <li>- Borrower becomes the lenders slave (7, 26-27)</li> <li>- Drive out the scoffer (10)</li> <li>- Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child (15)</li> <li>- Trust in the Lord (17-21)</li> <li>- Stay away from hot tempered men (24-25)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1-3 - think carefully about your actions (Daniel 1)</li> <li>- 4-5 - don't try to accumulate wealth</li> <li>- 6-8 - avoid those who are selfish and greedy - their desire is their own gain and they don't care about you</li> <li>- 9 - don't waste your time trying to reason with a fool</li> <li>- 10-12 - don't take advantage to those who are less fortunate - God will protect against you</li> <li>- 13-14 - importance of proper discipline for our children</li> <li>- 15-16 - children living what is right will bring joy to their parents</li> <li>- 17-21 - watch the company you keep - to spend time with drinkers and gluttons will lead to ruin</li> <li>- 22-23 - always be seeking truth in any matter that confronts you</li> <li>- 24-25 - pursue wisdom and righteousness with our lives</li> <li>- 26-28 - warnings of adultery</li> <li>- 29-35 - warnings against alcohol use</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1-2 - evil men's minds devise violence</li> <li>- 3-4 - wisdom, understanding, knowledge build our lives</li> <li>- 5-6 - wisdom brings strength and a multitude of counselors brings victory</li> <li>- 7-10 - the schemer devises foolishness and the sluggards strength is limited</li> <li>- 11-12 - God judges the intentions of the heart and will reward accordingly</li> <li>- 13-14 - wisdom is like honey to the soul - your future is secure</li> <li>- 15-16 - the wise may stumble but they get up and continue</li> <li>- 17-18 - don't rejoice when your enemy falls</li> <li>- 19-20 - don't fret about evildoers</li> <li>- 21-22 - fearing the Lord is the solid foundation to life</li> <li>- 23-27 - need to live rightly and wisely with our time</li> <li>- 28-29 - live truthfully and live in trust in God</li> <li>- 30-34 - don't live as a sluggard or one lacking sense</li> </ul> |

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| Proper Conduct - 19-29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p>Similitudes = similar<br/>Instructions</p> <p>1-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- kings position of power puts great responsibility on his shoulders (2-3)</li> <li>- Self-seeking, prideful men will tend to take a place of honor that is not deserved (6-7)</li> </ul> <p>8-10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it is better to peacefully resolve issues with your neighbor than to fight them for your rights</li> </ul> <p>11-28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- speak a word in right circumstances (11)</li> <li>- Reprove those who listen (12)</li> <li>- Faithful messenger (13)</li> <li>- Don't boast (14)</li> <li>- Forbearance = patience (15) - soft tongue</li> <li>- Don't overdo (16)</li> <li>- Act properly in the circumstance (17-20)</li> <li>- Love your enemy (21-22)</li> <li>- No backbiting (23)</li> <li>- Don't give in to evil (26)</li> <li>- Self-controlled (27-28)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- honor is not fitting for a fool (1)</li> <li>- Don't be foolish (2-19)</li> <li>- Don't be a whisperer (gossip, meddler) (20)</li> <li>- Don't kindle strife (21)</li> <li>- Don't speak evil of others (23)</li> <li>- Don't store up anger and hatred in your heart - it will be made known to everyone at some point in time (24-28)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- don't boast about tomorrow (1)</li> <li>- Don't praise yourself (2)</li> <li>- Don't provoke a fool (3)</li> <li>- Jealousy is powerful (4)</li> <li>- Don't conceal your love (5)</li> <li>- Friendship is powerful - stand close to your brother (6-10)</li> <li>- A wise child is a blessing (11)</li> <li>- Flee from evil (12)</li> <li>- Words should not be flattering (14)</li> <li>- Iron sharpens iron - we are to sharpen each other (17)</li> <li>- What is in our heart is a reflection of who we are (19)</li> <li>- Man is not satisfied with stuff (eyes) (20)</li> <li>- Know well the condition of your flocks and pay attention to your herds (23)</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the righteous are bold (1)</li> <li>- Evil doesn't understand justice (5)</li> <li>- Those who seek the Lord understand all things (5)</li> <li>- Better to be poor and walk in integrity (6)</li> <li>- We need to walk in the law (9)</li> <li>- Blameless will inherit good (10)</li> <li>- Hate unjust gain (16)</li> <li>- Confess and forsake our sins (13)</li> <li>- To follow empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty (19)</li> <li>- We are not to show partiality (21)</li> <li>- Don't be driven by money that makes you transgress God's Word (21)</li> <li>- Don't be driven by greed (22)</li> <li>- Flattery has no value, reproof helps others and brings gratitude (23)</li> <li>- Entitlement causes us to devalue people - especially true when it is our parents (24)</li> <li>- Don't stir up strife (25)</li> <li>- Walk wisely (26)</li> <li>- Watch out for the poor (27)</li> <li>- Men don't desire to have an evil person over them (28)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the person who hardens their neck will be broken (1)</li> <li>- Love wisdom (3)</li> <li>- King gives stability to the land by justice (4)</li> <li>- Wise men will have controversy with a foolish man (8-9)</li> <li>- The upright are concerned about the blameless (10)</li> <li>- Wise men hold back their temper (11)</li> <li>- Wickedness comes from the top down (12)</li> <li>- A king who rules in truth will be established (14)</li> <li>- The rod of reproof gives wisdom, a son who is corrected will bring comfort to his parents (15, 17)</li> <li>- We need to have vision based on the law (18)</li> <li>- Lead by example (19)</li> <li>- Don't be hasty in your words (20)</li> <li>- Overindulgence will ultimately lead to dependance (21)</li> <li>- Humble in spirit (23)</li> <li>- Trust in the Lord, don't fear man (25)</li> <li>- Justice comes from the Lord (26)</li> <li>- I Peter 2:21-25</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2-4 - wisdom and understanding come from the Lord</li> <li>- 5-6 - Rest on every word that comes from God and do not add to them</li> <li>- 7-9 - 1) keep deception far from me; 2) provide his needs</li> <li>- 10 - don't slander people to their authorities</li> <li>- 11-14 - there is a "kind" of man - destructive - DON'T BE</li> <li>- 15-17 - the leech - give me, give me</li> <li>- 18-20 - adulterous woman - sins and then declares they haven't done anything wrong</li> <li>- 21-23 - the earth quakes at the sinfulness of men</li> <li>- 24-28 - small things that survive because of the instincts God gave them</li> <li>- 29-31 - showing wisdom, stateliness, elegance, power, dignity</li> <li>- 32-33 - cause and effect - anger withheld will produce strife</li> </ul> |

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## Proverbs 31

| Verses 1-9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Proverbial Woman - Verses 10-31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p>The wise king</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- King Lemuel = Solomon</li> <li>- Don't give your strength to women (3) - Dt 17:17; I Kings 11:1-4</li> <li>- Don't set out to destroy kings (David as an example - I Sam 24:7-10; 26:6-12)</li> </ul> <p>Strong drink (4-7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- not for kings and rulers</li> <li>- Forget what is decreed</li> <li>- Pervert the rights of the afflicted</li> <li>- Strong drink is for . . . who is perishing, life is bitter and can't be changed</li> </ul> <p>Kings responsibility (8-9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- righteously judge and protect those who have no voice</li> <li>- Care for the afflicted and needy</li> </ul> | <p>10-12 - description of her marriage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she does exist - hard to find</li> <li>- Husband trusts in her - no jealousy, no concern about his valuables in her possession</li> <li>- Demonstrates loyalty to him and her thriftiness and business sense add wealth to the family</li> <li>- Complete trust</li> </ul> <p>13-24 - description of her behavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clothing her family (13)</li> <li>- Goes to great lengths to get good food for her family (14)</li> <li>- Rises while it is still night (15)</li> <li>- Resourceful and business minded (16)</li> <li>- Strong woman - can handle the heavy lifting (17)</li> <li>- Gain is good for the family - lamp doesn't go out - working at night (18-19)</li> <li>- Starts before dawn and goes until after sunset - she delights in this</li> <li>- Multiplied fruitfulness (20-24) - poor and needy, household, she benefits, husband, tradesmen benefit from her lifestyle</li> </ul> <p>25-27 - description of her character</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- strength and dignity characteristic of someone who fears the Lord</li> <li>- Displays divine wisdom</li> <li>- Beauty comes from within - not from outside</li> <li>- Confidence in the future</li> </ul> <p>28-29 - description of her family life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- greatly respected by her husband and children</li> <li>- She is a source of wisdom that produced godly children</li> </ul> <p>30-31 - description of her spiritual life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- charm and beauty</li> <li>- Fear of the Lord</li> </ul> |