

# THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

THE INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM AND THE APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN ALL THAT WE THINK, SAY AND DO TO THE HONOR OF OUR  
LORD AND SAVOIR JESUS CHRIST

## Proverbs 1:1-7 & Introduction

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### THE WAY OF WISDOM

The instruction of wisdom and the application of knowledge to the glory of God,  
and all that we think, say, and do to the honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Wisdom, Knowledge, Discipleship, Maturity, Growth, Family, Life

#### Proverbs 1:1-7

The **proverbs** of **Solomon** the son of **David**, king of **Israel**:

**2** To **know** wisdom and instruction, to **perceive** the words of understanding, **3** To **receive** the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; **4** To **give** prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

**5** A **wise** man will **hear** and **increase** learning,  
and a man of **understanding** will **attain** wise counsel,

**6** To **understand** a **proverb** and an **enigma**, the words of the wise  
and their **riddles**. **7** The **fear** of the LORD is the beginning of **knowledge**,  
but **fools** **despise** wisdom and instruction.

The Life & The Times of The Man Solomon.  
The Son of Israel's King David – Solomon was Born to Bathsheba.  
2 Samuel 11-12

#### Proverbs 1:7a

The **fear** (Awe) of the LORD is the beginning of **knowledge**, (WISDOM)

## Solomon's Dad - King David's Word

### Psalms 1:1-6

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; **2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. **3** He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. **4** The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. **5** Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. **6** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## Introduction & Observations

With the passing of every decade, century or millennia since the writing of Proverbs, there has been no discovery that has proven one Proverb to be wrong or untrue.

“Solomon is one of the most prolific writers of not only the Old Testament scripture, but of all of humanity.

He wrote over 3000 proverbs in total.

The topics that he covers range from human reasoning to animal life to meteorology to astronomy to psychology, anthropology, oceanography and the most important, theology.”

### 1 Kings 4:29-30

And God **gave** Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. **30** Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt.

### 1 Kings 4:31b-34 NLT

**31b** His fame spread throughout all the surrounding nations. **32** He composed some 3,000 proverbs and wrote 1,005 songs. **33** He could speak with authority about all kinds of plants, from the great cedar of Lebanon to the tiny hyssop that grows from cracks in a wall. He could also speak about animals, birds, small creatures, and fish.

**34** And kings from every nation sent their ambassadors to listen to the wisdom of Solomon.

## All the While - It Was a God-Given Wisdom

His was Israel's most peaceful & prosperous King in history

**1 Kings 4:25**

And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each man under his vine and his fig tree,  
from Dan as far as Beersheba, **all the days of Solomon.**

Reigning Over Most of God's **Promised Land** to Abraham

**Genesis 15:18**

On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your **descendants** (offspring) I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates

A **Map of Israel** in his day shows the scope of his kingdom.

<https://maps.free-bible.com/geography/david-and-solomons-empire-map>

### The book of Ecclesiastes.

It's sad but important to note that Solomon failed to practice the great gift of wisdom that was given to him by God throughout his life. And in the book of Ecclesiastes, you read Solomons disillusionment and regret consumed his life. Ecclesiastes takes you to the end result of all things PLEASURE. The pursuits that a man's heart could desire and long for, but without God. Solomon writes how the getting of everything that this world has to offer results the ultimate depression, sadness, emptiness, regret and hopelessness

Look at The Tainted Circumstances  
That Labeled Solomon's Life.

Yet – be encouraged, all of you...

**2 Samuel 12:24**

Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he called his name **Solomon. Now the LORD loved him.**

Now The LORD loved Solomon (Jack, Michael, Amber...)

**1 Kings 3:5,10-12a**

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" -**10** The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. **11** Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, **12** behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart,

BUT HERE'S THE **GRAND SLAM** FOR ALL OF US

**2 Timothy 3:16**

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

The **GRAND SLAM** Theme of Proverbs Is Here;

**Proverbs 1:7**

The **fear** of the LORD is the beginning of **knowledge** -  
but **fools** **despise** **wisdom** and **instruction**.

**Proverbs 4:23**

**Keep your heart** with all diligence, **(WHY?)** For out of it spring **the issues of life**.

We learn best by **Listening** (observation) & **Experience** (reality)

**BY PARABLES AND BY PROVERBS**

"It's putting the cookies down low where  
the children can reach em."

- Dr. J. Vernon McGee

**What Is a Proverb?**

It is a concise, to the point, way of communicating truth / wisdom  
by making the truth / wisdom mentally tangible or graphically real.  
(presenting truth / wisdom - practically)

## What is Wisdom?

It is the proper use and application of knowledge.  
Using what you have learned (knowledge) & experienced (discipline)  
to make good life decisions.

## When is wisdom to be Used?

There are **31** Proverbs – **1** for each day of the month

### Colossians 4:5

**Walk** in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

Walk      grk: pe'ri'pa'te'o:  
to behave or conduct yourself toward life, living, to walk forward to the  
finish. to live in a way that occupies the day (implying day by day, every  
day unto the end of life)

7 times Jesus says to all...

**“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says**

**Walk in wisdom**

**Wisdom is Teaching by Discipline, Not by Punishment.**

In our nation today, as a culture, we have forsaken the wisdom of (teaching by discipline) and have (defaulted to punishment by ignorance) One of the tragic results of that is the complete and total failure of what a family is and how it works which has led to the unraveling of our society. Because we have adopted the wisdom of the world, we have forsaken God's instructions.

For example; why do we have overcrowding in our prisons today? The answer is that we have adopted punishment over discipline. If a father instructed his child by discipline, according to the Scriptures, that child would grow up, understanding his or her proper place in the world and how to flourish in the world, no matter the condition that the world may be in. When that fails to happen, we substitute discipline with punishment. In doing so, we have failed to properly discipline, instruct, and educate our children in how to be a God honoring witnesses with their lives.”

**Isaiah 55:3a**

Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live;

**Proverbs 3:12**

For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

**Proverbs 22:6**

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

**Ephesians 6:4**

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

**Colossians 3:21**

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

**Hebrews 12:7**

If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

**Proverbs 19:18**

Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction.

**Proverbs 1:2-7**

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**5** A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

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Wisdom Is Yours Now for The Asking;  
In the hour of decision. In times coping.  
In times of need. In times of trouble.  
In times of Pain. In times of Prosperity.

In times of poverty. In times of attack.  
In times of Grief. In times of Death  
And always, In times of Living Out Your Life

Wisdom appears **37** times in the Book of Proverbs.

## Where can wisdom be found?

### Job 28:12

“But where can wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?  
**13** Man does not know its value, nor is it found in the land of the living. **14** The deep says, “It is not in me”; and the sea says, ‘It is not with me.’ **15** It cannot be purchased for gold, nor can silver be weighed for its price.

## In Christ (The Logos) and In Christ (The Logos) Alone

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-19 NLT

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. **19** As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard (frustrate) the intelligence of the intelligent.”

### Romans 1:22

Professing to be wise, they became **fools**  
(grk: mo'rai'no – to become tasteless, bland, without effect, worthless)

### 1 Corinthians 1:20-25

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. **22** For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; **23** but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, **24** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

## How do we get wisdom for ourselves?

## Here is The Recipe;

- 1) **Taste** = You must be **willing to apply** what you hear.
- 2) **Ask** = You **must ask God for** wisdom to live wise.

**Proverbs 22:17**

**Incline** your ear and hear **the words of the wise**, and **apply** your heart **to my knowledge**.

## The Origin of Wisdom is From God

**James 1:5**

If any of you lacks **wisdom**, **let him ASK of God**, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, **and it will be GIVEN to him**.

**Ecclesiastes 12:9**

And moreover, because the Preacher was **wise**, he still taught the people **knowledge**; yes, he **pondered** and **sought out** and **set in order** many **proverbs**.

**Psalms 90:12**

So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

## Standing, Praying The Proverbs of Blessing Over Our Souls

As we stand with hands raised – we commit ourselves to living out these truths to the glory of God our Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

**John 15:7-8**

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

**Numbers 6:24-26**

“The LORD bless you (us) and keep you (us); **25** The LORD make His face shine upon you (us), and be gracious unto you (us); **26** The LORD lift up His countenance upon you (us), and give you (us) peace.” ’

*End of Study*

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