

# **SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE**

## The Book Of Proverbs

### Outline

#### **I. Introduction**

- A. The “Book of Proverbs” is called the “Book of Wisdom.”
- B. Wisdom defined/described.
- C. The word ‘Proverb’ defined/described.

#### **II. Chapter 1**

- A. The author of Proverbs – vs. 1
- B. The purpose of Proverbs – vs. 2-6
- C. Three types of people who are in desperate need of wisdom:  
(1) The simple      (2) The young      (3) The fool
- D. The beginning of wisdom. vs. 7
- E. The primary human resources of wisdom in a child’s life. – vs. 8-9
- F. Avoiding the enticement of sinners. – vs. 10-19
- G. The call of wisdom – vs. 20-23
- H. The rejection of wisdom and consequences – vs. 24-33

#### **III. Chapter 2**

- A. The effort expended to become wise. – vs. 1-4
- B. The results of the effort expended in verses 1-4. – vs. 5-9
- C. Wisdom delivers from wicked people. – vs. 10-22

#### **IV. Chapter 3**

- A. Keep wisdom in your heart and wisdom will keep you. – vs. 1-2
- B. Operating in mercy and truth is wisdom. – vs. 3-4
- C. True wisdom trusts God. – vs. 5-6
- D. Man’s spiritual and moral condition is connected to his physical health and material blessing. – vs. 7-10
- E. The wise receive correction. – vs. 11-12
- F. The value of wisdom. – vs. 13-18
- G. Wisdom in Creation. – vs. 19-20
- H. The inward vitality and outward beauty of wisdom – vs. 21-22
- I. Wisdom produces confidence. – vs. 23-26
- J. Some “do not’s” of wisdom. – vs. 27-31
- K. The blessing of the wise contrasted with the curse of the wicked. – vs. 32-35

#### **V. Chapter 4**

- A. Wise parents instruct their children in wisdom. – vs. 1-4
- B. Place wisdom and understanding at the top of your list! – vs. 5-7
- C. Wisdom will promote and honor you. – vs. 8-9
- D. Guard wisdom as your very own life! – vs. 10-13
- E. The path of the wicked leads to ruin, but the path of the wise (just) prospers. – vs. 14-19
- F. Pay attention and give heed to wisdom continually. – vs. 20-23
- G. Keep your mouth and feet from evil, keep focused on what is right! – vs. 24-27

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#### **VI. Chapter 5**

- A. Wisdom gives discretion; good sense. – vs. **1-2**
- B. Wisdom warns against fornication and adultery. – vs. **3-20**
- C. Sin binds wicked people to its power and consequences. – vs. **21-23**

#### **VII. Chapter 6**

- A. Becoming surety for a friend is unwise. – vs. **1-5**
- B. Wisdom cries out to the sluggard! – vs. **6-11**
- C. Wisdom warns of the behavior of wicked people and the consequences. – vs. **12-15**
- D. Seven things the Lord hates. – vs. **16-19**
- E. Wisdom delivers the young man from the immoral woman. – vs. **20-29**
- F. The adulterer is compared to a thief. – vs. **30-35**

#### **VIII. Chapter 7**

- A. Wisdom delivers from the immoral woman. – vs. **1-5**
- B. The seductive ways of the immoral woman and adulterer. – vs. **6-21**
- C. Her deception destroys lives. – vs. **22-27**

#### **IX. Chapter 8**

- A. Wisdom calls out to men/women in strategic places. – vs. **1-4**
- B. Wisdom speaks of excellent things. – vs. **5-9**
- C. Wisdom is more valuable than material wealth. – vs. **10-12**
- D. The fear of the Lord defined/described. – vs. **13**
- E. Successful leaders rule by wisdom. – vs. **14-16**
- F. Those who love wisdom will prosper. – vs. **17-21**
- G. The wisdom of God is eternal! – vs. **22-31**
- H. Blessed are those who seek and obey wisdom's instruction. – vs. **32-36**

#### **X. Chapter 9**

- A. Wisdom has prepared a great feast for those who will accept the invitation. – vs. **1-2**
- B. Wisdom invites all, especially the simple. – vs. **3-6**
- C. Scorners and the wicked generally reject wisdom's invitation. – vs. **7**
- D. The wise person welcomes the correction and instruction of wisdom. – vs. **8-9**
- E. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. – vs. **10**
- F. Wisdom brings longevity to those who possess her. – vs. **11-12**
- G. An immoral woman is a foolish woman. – vs. **13-18**

#### **XI. Chapter 10**

- A. The wise son is contrasted with the foolish son. – vs. **1**
- B. The godly is contrasted with the wicked. – vs. **2-3**
- C. The hand of the diligent is rewarded. – vs. **4-5**
- D. The mouth of the righteous is contrasted with the mouth of the wicked. – vs. **6-32**

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#### **XII. Chapter 11**

- A.** Integrity guides the upright and delights in the Lord. – vs. **1-3**
- B.** Righteousness delivers but wickedness devastates. – vs. **4-11**
- C.** The wise does not gossip. – vs. **12-13**
- D.** In the multitude of counselors there is safety. – vs. **14**
- E.** Wisdom warns against surety. – vs. **15**
- F.** A wise woman is contrasted with the one without discretion. – vs. **16,22**
- G.** The merciful is contrasted with the carnal. – vs. **17**
- H.** The wicked is contrasted with the righteousness. – vs. **18-21,23,31**
- I.** Generosity brings blessing and prosperity. – vs. **24-26**
- J.** Seek good, not mischief. – vs. **27**
- K.** Place righteousness over riches. – vs. **28**
- L.** The wise rule over the foolish. – vs. **29**
- M.** He that win souls is wise. – vs. **30**

#### **XIII. Chapter 12**

- A.** The wise love instruction and knowledge but the stupid hates correction. – vs. **1,15**
- B.** The good man obtains favor from the Lord, the wicked is condemned. – vs. **2,8,22**
- C.** There is no stability or security in the life of the wicked. – vs. **3,7,19**
- D.** A virtuous woman honors her husband. – vs. **4**
- E.** The thoughts and words of the righteous are right, but that of the wicked is deceit. – vs. **5,17,20**
- F.** The words of the wicked are a trap, the words of the upright deliver. – vs. **6,13,21**
- G.** It is better to be unknown with means than to pretend to be of high position without means. – vs. **9**
- H.** Even the mercies of the wicked are cruel. – vs. **10**
- I.** Diligence in good deeds and good words is rewarded. – vs. **11,14**
- J.** The wicked desires the increase of devices, the righteous flourish by righteousness. – vs. **12**
- K.** The fool does not restrain his anger or feelings, but the prudent exercise self-control. – vs. **16,23**
- L.** The words of the wise produce health. – vs. **18**
- M.** The diligent man in contrasted with the slothful man. – vs. **24,27**
- N.** An encouraging word can lift the sad and depressed heart. – vs. **25**
- O.** Even though the righteous is better than the wicked, the appearances of the wicked can seduce. – vs. **26**
- P.** The path of the righteousness leads to life, not death. – vs. **28**

#### **XIV. Chapter 13**

- A.** Rejection of wisdom instruction brings poverty, shame, and destruction: those who regard wisdom's instruction are rewarded and honored. – vs. **1,10,13,18**
- B.** Guard your mouth. – vs. **2,3**
- C.** Evil pursues, overthrows, and brings the sinner to shame: the righteous hate what is false, is protected by doing right and rewarded with good. – vs. **5,6,21**
- D.** Wisdom on the appearance and acquisition of wealth. – vs. **7,8,11,22**
- E.** The injustice done to the poor. – vs. **23**
- F.** Proper discipline of a child. – vs. **24**

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#### **XV. Chapter 14**

- A.** Wisdom and righteousness builds: but weakness and folly destroys. – vs. **1,11,32, 34**
- B.** The fear of the Lord is marked by uprightness, departing from evil, confidence and preservation. – vs. **2,16,26,27**
- C.** The process of productiveness is not always a neat and clean one. – vs. **4,23**
- D.** The simple contrasted with the prudent. – vs. **15,18**
- E.** The treatment of the poor. – vs. **19,20,31**
- F.** The quick-tempered person. – vs. **17,29**

#### **XVI. Chapter 15**

- A.** Wisdom in communication. – vs. **1,2,4,7,23,28**
- B.** The fool and scorner rejects instruction and correction. – vs. **5,10,12,31,32**
- C.** Better choices. – vs. **16,17**
- D.** God sees all. – vs. **3,11**
- E.** God hears the prayer of the righteous. – vs. **8,29**
- F.** Greed breeds trouble. – vs. **27**
- G.** The fear of the Lord leads to wisdom; humility leads to honor. – vs. **33**

#### **XVII. Chapter 16**

- A.** The heart of the wise. – vs. **1-3,21,22**
- B.** Better choices. – vs. **8,16,19,32**
- C.** Wisdom concerning godly leadership and authority. – vs. **10,12,13,14,15**
- D.** The destruction of pride. – vs. **5,18**

#### **XVIII. Chapter 17**

- A.** A better choice. – vs. **1**
- B.** Warning against bribery. – vs. **8,23**
- C.** Fools resist correction. – vs. **10**
- D.** Avoid the fool and the folly. – vs. **12**
- E.** Mistreating the just and approving the wicked. – vs. **13,15,26**
- F.** It is unwise to become surety for a friend. – vs. **18**
- G.** Our emotional state impacts our physical being. – vs. **22**
- H.** Much talking is unwise. – vs. **27,28**

#### **XIX. Chapter 18**

- A.** Fools value expression their own opinions, then getting understanding. – vs. **2**
- B.** The fools mouth calls for punishment and destruction. – vs. **6,7**
- C.** Gossip wounds! – vs. **8**
- D.** True security compared to false security. – vs. **10,11**
- E.** Hear it all before you speak at all. – vs. **13**
- F.** Wait for the cross examination. – vs. **17**
- G.** Words are carriers of power to prosper and to live. – vs. **20,21**
- H.** How to have friends! – vs. **24**

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- A. Better choices. – vs. **1,22**
- B. Relationships with the poor. – vs. **4,7,17**
- C. Anger management. – vs. **11,19**
- D. The false witness. – vs. **5,9**
- E. The lazy person and hunger. – vs. **15,24**
- F. The discipline of children. – vs. **18**
- G. Dealing with scorners. – vs. **25,29**

#### **XXI. Chapter 20**

- A. The drinking of wine and strong drink. – vs. **1**
- B. Laziness leads to poverty. – vs. **4,13**
- C. Godly leadership, evil and the wicked. – vs. **8,26**
- D. Unjust business practice. – vs. **10,14,23**
- E. Sweet beginning, sour ending. – vs. **17**
- F. Get-rich-quick schemes. – vs. **21**
- G. Mercy and truth preserve godly leadership. – vs. **28**

#### **XXII. Chapter 21**

- A. God ultimately controls human affairs. – vs. **1**
- B. Doing what is right is better than sacrifices for doing wrong. – vs. **3,27**
- C. Seeking gain by dishonest means is a deadly trap. – vs. **6**
- D. The contentious woman. – vs. **9,19**
- E. Dealing with the scorner. – vs. **11**
- F. Ignoring the poor. – vs. **13**
- G. The love of pleasure. – vs. **17**
- H. No wisdom can succeed against the Lord. – vs. **30**

#### **XXIII. Chapter 22**

- A. The value of a good reputation. – vs. **1**
- B. The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord. – vs. **4**
- C. Child rearing. – vs. **6,15**
- D. The rich rule over the poor. – vs. **7,16,22-23**
- E. Generosity is blessed by God. – vs. **9**
- F. Getting rid of contention. – vs. **10**
- G. Lazy people are full of excuses. – vs. **13**
- H. God's word equips. – vs. **17-21**
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- A.** Control you appetite: beware of deceitful food. – vs. **1-3**
- B.** Don't make becoming rich your priority. – vs. **4-5**
- C.** Beware of moral food poisoning. – vs. **6-8**
- D.** Don't withhold correction from children. – vs. **13-14**
- E.** Warning against over-indulgence. – vs. **19-21**
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- A.** Do not envy or fret because of evil men. – vs. **1-2, 19-20**
- B.** Wisdom builds and make strong. – vs. **3-5**
- C.** Seek wise counsel. – vs. **6**
- D.** Wisdom is sweet to the soul. – vs. **13-14**
- E.** The just is rescued. – vs. **16**
- F.** Lessons from observing the lazy. – vs. **30-34**

#### **XXVI. Chapter 25**

- A.** Wise conduct before those in authority. – vs. **1-7**
- B.** Don't be eager to accuse or go to court lest your own reputation be ruined from gossip. – vs. **8-10**
- C.** People who raise expectation but don't deliver. – vs. **14**
- D.** Don't wear out your welcome. – vs. **17**
- E.** Confidence in an unfaithful man. – vs. **19**
- F.** Feeding your enemy. – vs. **21-22**
- G.** He who lacks self discipline. – vs. **28**

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- A.** The Fool – vs. **1-12**
- B.** The Sluggard – vs. **13-16**
- C.** The Makers – vs. **17-28**

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- A.** Boasting about the future. – vs. **1**
- B.** Avoid self-praise. – vs. **2**
- C.** Wrath, anger and envy. – vs. **3-4**
- D.** Rebuking a friend. – vs. **5-6**
- E.** The simple are punished. – vs. **12**
- F.** Timing is important. – vs. **14**
- G.** The drive of lust. – vs. **20**
- H.** The praise test. – vs. **21**
- I.** Separating the fool from his foolishness. – vs. **22**
- J.** Be diligent in business. – vs. **23-27**

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- A.** The wicked are paranoid. – vs. **1**
- B.** Oppression of the poor. – vs. **3,15**
- C.** Keeping the Word of God. – vs. **4,7,9**
- D.** The upright poor is better than the perverse rich. – vs. **6,11**
- E.** Giving to the poor. – vs. **27,8**
- F.** Concealing sin. – vs. **13**
- G.** Avoid get-rich-quick schemes. – vs. **19,20,22**

#### **XXX. Chapter 29**

- A.** Godly leadership. – vs. **2,4,12,14**
- B.** Flattery is a trap. – vs. **5**
- C.** Child rearing. – vs. **15,17,21**
- D.** The need for revelation. – vs. **18**
- E.** Uncontrolled anger results in many troubles. – vs. **22**
- F.** The fear of man. – vs. **25**

#### **XXXI. Chapter 30**

- A.** Reverence God's Word. – vs. **5-6**
- B.** The temptations of the poor and the rich. – vs. **7-9**
- C.** Four generations of people. – vs. **11-14**
- D.** Greed and dissatisfaction in the world. – vs. **15-16**
- E.** Wonder is a part of life. – vs. **18-19**
- F.** Things that cause trouble in life. – vs. **21-23**
- G.** Things that are little but very wise. – vs. **24-28**
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- A.** Wisdom for leaders. – vs. **1-9**
- B.** The wife of noble character. – vs. **10-31**