

## OUTLINE OF PROVERBS

CAUTION. These are study papers only. This material should not be considered as church doctrine or as the "officially accepted" or "standard" outline of the book of Proverbs.

This is merely background material with some kind of logical breakdown of the contents of the book of Proverbs. - - - - although it may not be the only one. But it does give you some guide by which you can study this book.

## OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

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#### Solomon's Proverbs

Notice, that the wisdom contained in Proverbs is not man's wisdom. It is GOD'S wisdom.

In I Kings 3, we read how Solomon asked God to grant him wisdom to govern Israel. "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee" (I Kings 3: 9, 12).

Later we read:

"And (God gave) Solomon wisdom and understanding EXCEEDING MUCH. . . And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men.

"And he spake THREE THOUSAND PROVERBS: and his songs were a thousand and five . . . and there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom" (I Kings 4:30-34).

Solomon compiled his proverbs on a book "And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon" (I Kings 11:41).

God caused the Book of Proverbs to be taken out of this "Acts of Solomon" and preserved it for us today. Read the whole of I Kings, the third chapter to see the infinite wisdom which God granted to Solomon. Other scriptures also assert to the great wisdom of Solomon. See IKings 5:9; 10:1, 23; 11:41.

This book of Proverbs falls under the section of "wisdom literature." The Old Testament is divided into the law, prophets, and writings. This was recognized in the community of Israel. "Then they said, Come and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the LAW shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the WISE; nor the word from the PROPHET." (Jeremiah 18:18).

It was then clearly recognized that the Old Testament was divided into three parts. And not only this but that a SPECIAL OFFICE and inspiration to fulfill that responsibility was required. The priest was given the authority from God to handle the law. The prophet was imbued with the inspiration to speak the direct word from God. Thirdly, THE WISE MAN was given a special inspiration to give counsel.

The Book of Proverbs falls into the last category.

### Division of the Book

Many different outlines may be made of the book of Proverbs. For convenience, we have divided the book into seven basic parts. Here are the divisions in their order:

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| 1. | 1:1           | Introduction                                    |
| 2. | 1:8 - 9:18    | General discourses and Wisdom personified       |
| 3. | 10:1 - 22:16  | First body of Proverbs                          |
| 4. | 22:17 - 24:34 | Second body of Proverbs                         |
| 5. | 25:1 - 29:27  | Third body of Proverbs copied out by Hezekiah.  |
| 6. | 30:1-33       | Prophecy of Agur                                |
| 7. | 31:1-31       | Prophecy of Lemuel which his mother taught him. |

### Construction of the Proverbs

The Proverbs are short pithy sayings. They generally take on one of four designs. Each type is carefully constructed to take advantage of sound educational teaching principles.

1. Synonymous --second clause REPEATS the thought of the first in different words. "The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous" (14:19).
2. Antithetic --second clause presents a CONTRAST to the first. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." (17:22).
3. Synthetic --the second thought FURTHER CONTINUES the thought of the first. "The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression" (19:11)
4. Comparative --the use of a metaphor or simile to make the ABSTRACT PRINCIPLE CONCRETE. "As vinegar is to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him" (10:26).

Notice, how Solomon used repetition, contrast, clarification, examples to teach. Understanding how the Proverbs are constructed, many times will answer some passages which seem to be obscure.

Subjects in Proverbs

For convenience, we have also divided the Book of Proverbs into twelve more or less definite categories. Not that this is the ONLY or even best way to divide them. But this is A way in which they can be arranged to emphasize one subject.

By putting ALL THE PROVERBS on a given subject together a powerful punch is created. When you read scripture after scripture about "diligence" for example, you really GET the point.

Here are the twelve categories:

1. Seek knowledge, understanding, wisdom.
2. Listen to reproof.
3. Seek wise counsel.
4. Pick your class of companions.
5. Overcome pride.
6. Always be diligent.
7. Be patient, discreet, temperate - - avoid quick anger.
8. Control your tongue.
9. Don't be a liar or flatterer.
10. The key to wealth and sound finances.
11. Sex and family relations.
12. Child rearing pointers.

These twelve break down into three divisions. The first four subjects all deal with OUTSIDE INFLUENCE. Do you seek wisdom which comes from above? Do you listen to reproof and counsel? That is God and those in authority. Also, who are your friends? Whoever they are, they will influence you for bad or good.

In I Kings 12, we have the example of Jeroboam who listened to his companions, friends, or "the young men brought up with him." Solomon's son never got the point.

The next five categories deal with common problems we all face. Pride, laziness, uncontrolled anger, and tongue-flapping are perhaps the root of most sins. James said, if you can control the tongue you are strong enough to bridle the whole body. Lying and flattery are basic ingredients of human nature.

Thirdly, the last three categories deal with building the society. There are final instructions on what to avoid in riches and yet how to BE PROSPEROUS. How to find your life's occupation and get on the road to success. Who and when to marry and how to train the next generation.

Once you have the basis of instruction, have governed your body, have built a successful business without being enslaved to it -- the time has come to build a FAMILY. Solomon devotes more verses to SEX and marriage than to any other subject. Most of the introductory chapters deal with sex. The WHOLE BOOK is instruction to the young MAN (Prov. 1:4). In other words, God tells the man what to beware of in sex and what to expect in a wife (Prov. 31). However, the women can take this as instruction for themselves.

Finally, comes the section on developing THE NEXT GENERATION AND bringing up your children according to sound methods.

KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING, WISDOM

- 1:7 Fear for the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.  
1:1-3 Purpose of proverbs is to gain these qualities.  
1:20 Wisdom is everywhere to be found.  
2:3-6 Cry after knowledge. Seek it as silver. Then you will understand for God gives it and wisdom.  
3:13-20 Happy is that man who finds wisdom. It is better than riches.  
3:21-25 Keep wisdom and sound discretion.  
4:5-13 Get wisdom -- forget it not.  
8:1-36 Wisdom personified. Its tremendous benefits magnified.  
9:1-5 Wisdom cries to us to partake of her.  
9:10-12 Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.  
10:14 Wise men lay up knowledge.  
12:3 A man is commended according to his wisdom.  
13:14-15 The law of the wise is a fountain of life.  
14:6 Knowledge is easy to him who understands.  
14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way.  
14:33 Wisdom rests in the mind of him that has understanding.  
15:21 Folly is joy to him which is destitute of wisdom.  
15:24 The wise man has his mind on the above.  
16:16 Wisdom is better than gold.  
16:20 He who handles a matter wisely shall find good.  
16:21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent.  
16:22 Understanding is a well-spring of life.  
16:23 The heart of the wise teaches his mouth.  
19:8 He that gets wisdom loves his own soul.  
21:30 There is no wisdom or counsel against God.  
24:3-5 Whatever is built, is constructed through wisdom. Then it will stand.  
24:6 Through wise counsel make your plans.  
24:7 Wisdom is too high for a fool.  
25:2 Honor of kings is to search out a matter.  
28:5 Those who seek God understand all things.

LISTEN TO REPROOF

- 1:20-33 Wisdom is to be found everywhere. God exhorts us to turn at his reproofs. If we don't heed his warnings, he will not answer us in the day of calamity.  
3:24 God scorns scorers.  
8:33 Hear instruction and don't refuse it.

- 9:7 He that reproves a scorner -- gets shame.  
 9:8 Reprove not a scorner.  
 9:9 Teach a righteous man and he will increase in knowledge.  
 13:13 Whoso despises correction shall be destroyed.  
 13:18 He that regards instruction shall be honored.  
 14:16 A wise son fears and departs from evil.  
 15:5 A fool despises his father's instruction.  
 15:10 Correction is grievous to him that forsakes the way.  
 15:12 A scorner loves not one who reproves.  
 15:31 The ear that hears reproof abides among the wise.  
 15:32 He who hates instruction, despises himself.  
 17:10 Reproof enters into the wise more than hundred stripes into a fool.  
 19:16 Whoever despises the commandment will die.  
 19:20 Hear counsel and receive instruction.  
 19:25 Reprove a scorner and the simple will be taught.  
 19:29 Stripes are prepared for those who will not listen.  
 21:11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise.  
 21:29 A wicked man hardens his face.  
 22:10 Cast out a scorner and the contentious will soon cease.  
 22:17-20 Hear the words of the wise and apply them.  
 23:12 Apply your mind to instruction.  
 23:19 Guide your mind in the way.  
 24:9 The scorner is an abomination to man.  
 25:12 As an ornament of fine gold is a wise reprover on an obedient ear.  
 26:12 There is no curse without cause.  
 26:11 A fool returns to his vomit.  
 27:5 Open rebuke is better than secret love.  
 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend.  
 28:5,23 He that rebukes a man, afterward shall find favor.  
 29:1 The person that hardens his neck at reproof will be suddenly cut off.

#### WISE COUNSEL

- 1:5 A wise man will attain to wise counsel.  
 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.  
 1:30 The world refuses to listen to the counsel of God.  
 3:5 Don't lean toward your own understanding.  
 3:6 Acknowledge God in all your doings.  
 4:26 Ponder the path of your feet.  
 5:1 Bow down your ear to understanding.  
 5:11 Those who do not listen to counsel -- will be sorry in end.  
 8:14 Counsel and wisdom belong to God.  
 8:32 Hearken to the ways of wisdom.  
 10:17 He that refuses reproof -- errs.  
 12:1 He that hates reproof is a fool.  
 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes.  
 14:12 The way that seems right ends in death.  
 14:15 The simple believe every word.  
 15:22 In the multitude of counsel -- purposes are established.  
 16:2 The way of a man is clean in his own eyes.  
 16:3 Commit your words to God -- be established.  
 16:9 Man devises; God is the one who directs.  
 16:25 The way that seems right ends in death.  
 19:2 He that is hasty misses his aim (original Hebrew).  
 19:20 Hear counsel so that you can be wise in your latter end.  
 19:21 The counsel of the Lord shall stand.

- 19:27 Cease to listen to advice that will cause you to err from the way of truth.  
 20:18 Every purpose is established by counsel.  
 20:24 How can a man understand his own ways.  
 21:1 God turns the king's hand as he sees fit.  
 21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes.  
 21:30 There is no wisdom or counsel which can be opposed to God.  
 24:6 In the multitude of counsel there is safety.  
 28:26 He that trusts in his own mind is a fool.

#### CLASS OF COMPANIONS

- 1:10-15 Don't be a companion of robbers.  
 2:11-16 Discretion will deliver you from following the evil.  
 4:14-19 Don't enter into the path of the wicked.  
 9:6 Forsake the foolish and you will live.  
 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise himself.  
 14:7 Go away from the presence of the foolish man when you see he does not have the words of wisdom.  
 17:7 A true friend will love at all times.  
 18:24 To have friends you must show yourself friendly -- a friend sticks closer than a brother.  
 22:24 Make no friendships with an angry man.  
 23:20 Be not among winebibbers and gluttons.  
 24:1 Don't desire to be with evil men.  
 24:21 Don't meddle with those that want to change things.  
 25:17 Withdraw your foot from your neighbors house.  
 27:17 Iron sharpens iron.  
 28:7 A companion of riotous men shames his father.  
 29:3 He who keeps company with harlots -- spends his substance.  
 29:24 If you are a partner to a thief -- you hate yourself.  
 3:31 Don't choose the way of the oppressor.

#### PRIDE

- 6:16 God hates a proud look.  
 11:2 When pride comes -- then comes a fall.  
 11:20 The forward are an abomination to God.  
 13:7 Some pretend to be rich because of pride. (Also 12:9)  
 13:10 Contention comes because of pride.  
 15:25 The Lord will destroy the house of the proud.  
 15:33 Before honor comes humility.  
 16:5 The proud are an abomination to God.  
 16:18 Pride goes before destruction.  
 16:19 To be of humble spirit is better than to be with proud.  
 18:1,2 The proud fool just prates his mind.  
 18:12 Before honor comes humility.  
 26:6 Most men proclaim their own goodness.  
 21:4 A high look is sin.  
 22:4 Riches and honor come when one is humble.  
 23:4 Cease from your own proud wisdom.  
 23:17 Be in the fear of the Lord all the day long.  
 25:6-7 Don't put yourself forth in the king's presence.  
 26:12 The one who is wise in his own conceit -- there is no help for him at all.  
 27:2 Let another man praise you and not your own lips.  
 28:25 The proud stir up strife.

1:6 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.  
 3:7 Don't be wise in your own eyes.  
 6:12-15 Characteristics of the proud.  
 8:13 Fear of the Lord is to hate PRIDE.  
 11:6 A scorner cannot find wisdom.  
 11:26 In the fear of the Lord is confidence.  
 19:27 The fear of the Lord is the fountain of life.  
 20:9 Who can say, "I have made myself clean."  
 20:29 Glory of young is strength - - of old the grey head.  
 21:2 Every way of man is right in his own eyes.  
 21:8 The way of man is forward and strange.  
 22:5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the proud.  
 29:23 A man's pride will bring him low.  
 30:9 A satisfied man becomes proud.  
 30:12 There is a generation - - proud in their own eyes - - but in reality very filthy. They have lofty eyelids.

#### DILIGENCE

6:6 Ant has no guide - - yet she produces.  
 6:7 The ant works without supervision.  
 6:8-11 A sluggard refuses to work - - ends up as a pauper.  
 8:34 Blessed is the man that is diligent in watching daily.  
 10:4 The hand of the diligent makes him rich.  
 10:5 He who gathers in summer - - he is wise son.  
 10:16 The diligent labor of the righteous tends toward life.  
 10:26 A sluggard is like vinegar to the teeth of one who sends him.  
 12:24 The hand of the diligent will bear rule.  
 12:28 A diligent man is a rare treasure.  
 13:4 A sluggard desires - - but he has nothing.  
 13:11 Quick-gotten wealth dissipates: Gathered slowly it lasts.  
 13:17 A faithful ambassador is health to the one who sends him.  
 14:4 Much increase comes by hard labor.  
 14:23 In all labor there is profit.  
 15:19 The way of the slothful is as a hedge of thorns.  
 16:26 He takes and labors - - all for himself.  
 17:2 A wise servant will rule over a foolish son.  
 18:9 The slothful individual is brother to a great waster.  
 19:15 The idle soul will suffer hunger.  
 19:24 The slothful man won't even feed himself.  
 20:4 A sluggard will not plow; he claims it is cold outside.  
 20:13 Love not sleep.  
 21:5 The thoughts of the diligent tend toward plenteousness.  
 21:17 He that loves pleasure will be a poor man.  
 21:25 A slothful man refuses to work.  
 22:13 The slothful man claims there is a lion in the streets.  
 22:29 A diligent man will stand before kings - - not obscure men.  
 23:5 Don't labor to be rich.  
 23:21 Drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.  
 24:27 Prepare your work outside - - then marry (Moffatt).  
 24:30 The field of the slothful is grown over with thorns.  
 25:13 A faithful messenger refreshes.  
 25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man is like a broken tooth.



- 26:6 Sending a message by a fool is like cutting the hand off.  
 26:13 Characteristics of a sluggard.  
 27:12 A prudent man foresees the evil.  
 27:23 Be diligent to know the state of your possessions.  
 28:19 The man who tills his land will have plenty to eat.  
 30:25 Ants have little strength - - but they prepare.  
 30:28 The spider spins in a king's palace.

#### QUICK ANGER AND PATIENCE

- 12:16 A fool's wrath is quickly known.  
 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick.  
 13:19 The desire accomplished is sweet.  
 14:17 He who is soon angry deals foolishly.  
 14:29 He who is slow to wrath is of great understanding.  
 15:18 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty and he who rules his spirit than the mighty.  
 17:13 Don't recompense evil for evil.  
 17:19 Leave off contention.  
 18:13 He who answers a matter before he hears it - - it is shame to him.  
 19:11 It is a man's glory to pass over a transgression.  
 20:5 Everyone who is hasty lacks.  
 10:19 A man of great wealth must suffer punishment.  
 24:17 Rejoice not when your enemy falls.  
 25:8 Don't be hasty to strive.  
 29:22 An angry man stirs up strife.

#### DISCRETION AND TEMPERANCE

- 1:4 Proverbs give discretion to young man.  
 2:10 When knowledge is heeded - - discretion preserves us.  
 3:21-23 Keep discretion - - then you do not stumble.  
 4:26 Ponder the path of your feet.  
 13:11 Wealth won in haste, vanishes.  
 16:20 He who handles a matter wisely finds good.  
 18:17 He who is first in cause seems right.  
 19:2 He who is hasty misses his mark.  
 20:5 Everyone who is hasty wants.  
 20:21 All inheritance quickly gotten fades away.  
 22:3 A prudent man foresees the evil.  
 25:2 Honor of kings is to search out a matter.  
 25:16 Eat only so much honey as is sufficient.  
 25:17 Withdraw your foot from your neighbor's house.  
 25:27 Don't eat too much honey.  
 25:28 He who has no rule over his spirit is like broken city.  
 29:18 No vision - - people perish.  
 30:8 Have only what is necessary.

4:24 Put away from yourself perverse lips.  
 5:2 Lips should keep knowledge.  
 10:6 Mouth of wicked is covered by violence. Prating fools fall.  
 10:11 Mouth of the righteous is a well of life.  
 10:18 He who utters a slander is a fool.  
 10:13 A man of understanding has a wise tongue.  
 10:19 In a multitude of words there is sin.  
 10:20 A just tongue is as silver.  
 10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many.  
 10:31 The mouth of the merciful and just brings forth wisdom.  
 10:32 Lips of a righteous person know what is acceptable.  
 11:9 A hypocrite destroys his neighbor with his mouth.  
 11:12 A man who speaks against his neighbor is void of understanding.  
 11:13 A talebearer reveals secrets.  
 12:13 The wicked is noised by the transgression of his lips.  
 12:18 Some speak like the piercing of a sword.  
 12:23 Fools blurt out knowledge.  
 12:25 A good word makes a glad heart.  
 13:3 He who keeps his tongue keeps his life.  
 14:3 Lips of the wise preserve them.  
 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath.  
 15:2 The mouth of fools pours out foolishness.  
 15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life.  
 15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge.  
 15:23 A word spoken on good season - - how good it is.  
 15:26 Words of the pure are pleasant words.  
 15:28 The righteous study how to answer.  
 16:24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb.  
 16:27 A whisperer separates chief friends.  
 17:9 He who repeats a matter, separates chief friends.  
 17:27 He who has knowledge spares his words.  
 17:28 Even when a fool is silent - - others think he is wise.  
 18:6 A fool's mouth is his destruction.  
 18:8 Words of a talebearer are as wounds.  
 18:19 Death and life are in the power of the tongue.  
 20:15 Lips of knowledge are as a precious jewel.  
 21:23 He who keeps his tongue - - keeps his body from trouble.  
 20:19 A talebearer tries to reveal secrets.  
 23:7 As a man thinks - - so is he.  
 25:9 Don't be a talebearer.  
 25:11 A word fitly spoken is as apples of gold.  
 25:15 A soft tongue breaks the bone.  
 25:23 An angry countenance drives away a backbiting tongue.  
 26:4 Answer not a fool according to his folly.  
 26:21 A contentious man kindles up strife.  
 26:22 Effects of the words of a talebearer.  
 29:11 A fool utters all of his mind.  
 29:20 Any man who is hasty in his words - - there is no hope for him.

#### LYING AND FLATTERY

6:17-19 God hates a liar and a false witness.  
 10:10 He that winks with the eye causes sorrow.  
 12:17 A false witness is deceitful.

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- 12:19 A liar lasts for only a moment.  
 12:20 Those who imagine evil are deceitful and liars.  
 12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord.  
 10:18 He that hides hatred with lying lips is a fool.  
 13:5 A righteous man hates lying lips.  
 16:29 A violent man entices his neighbor.  
 14:25 A deceitful witness speaks lies.  
 17:4 A liar gives ear to a naughty tongue.  
 17:7 It isn't good for a ruler to be a liar.  
 17:15 He that justifies the wicked is an abomination.  
 19:5 He that speaks lies will not escape.  
 19:9 He who speaks lies will perish.  
 20:14 It is naught, says the buyer.  
 21:6 Getting riches by lying is vanity.  
 21:28 A false witness will perish.  
 23:23 Buy the truth - - don't sell it.  
 24:24 He that calls the wicked righteous will be abhorred.  
 25:18 A man that bears false witness is like a sword.  
 26:18,19 A man who deceives his neighbor is like a man who spots arrows.  
 26:23-28 Don't believe the liar even when he speaks smoothly. A liar will one day be exposed before everyone.  
 27:14 He that flatters his friend - - it will be accounted as a curse to him.  
 28:13 He that hides sin by lying will not prosper.  
 29:5 A man that flatters his neighbor spreads a net before him.  
 29:12 A ruler shouldn't hearken to lies.  
 30:6 If you add to God's law, you will be found a liar.

#### WEALTH AND FINANCES

- 1:12,13 Don't become a thief to acquire money.  
 1:17,19 Those greedy of gain scheme up ways to rob their neighbor.  
 3:3-10 Give God what is his - - including firstfruits - - and your barns shall be filled with plenty.  
 3:27-30 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due.  
 6:1-5 Don't be surety for someone.  
 10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing.  
 10:3 God will not let the righteous suffer to famish.  
 10:15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city: poverty is the ruin of the poor.  
 10:32 God doesn't add sorrow to the blessings he gives.  
 11:4 Riches won't profit in the day of wrath.  
 11:15 Whoever is surety for a stranger will smart for it.  
 11:17 The merciful man does good to his own soul.  
 11:23-26 One gives and he increases. Another withholds and he ends in poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat.  
 11:28 He that trusts in riches will fall.  
 12:10 A righteous man is so kind, he even regards the life of his beast.  
 13:7 There are people who pretend to be rich and have nothing.  
 14:20 The poor is hated. The rich have many friends.  
 14:21 Happy is the man who is merciful on the poor.  
 14:31 The man who oppresses the poor reproaches God.

- 15:27 He who is greedy of gain, troubles his own house.  
 16:8 Better is a little with commandment-keeping than much substance and sin.  
 16:16 Much better to get wisdom than gold.  
 17:5 He who is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.  
 17:23 A wicked man gives gifts to pervert justice.  
 17:18 A man with no understanding becomes a surety.  
 18:11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city.  
 18:23 The poor uses entreaties.  
 19:4 Wealth makes many friends.  
 19:7 All the brethren of the poor hate him.  
 19:17 He that helps the poor gives to God and He will repay.  
 20:16 Surety for stranger? Take his garment.  
 20:25 The man who steals God's tithe creates a snare for himself.  
 21:10 A wicked man does not favor his neighbor.  
 21:13 Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, that man shall not be heard.  
 21:14 A gift in secret pacifies wrath.  
 22:9 He that has a bountiful eye will be blessed.  
 22:1 A good name is better than riches.  
 22:7 The borrower is slave to the lender.  
 22:16 He that oppresses the poor when God steps in shall have want.  
 22:26 Don't be surety for debt.  
 22:22 Don't rob the poor - - the Lord will plead his cause.  
 23:4-5 Labor not to be rich.  
 24:11,12 Don't forbear to deliver those in trouble.  
 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, feed him. For you will heap coals of fire on his head.  
 27:13 Take his garment who is surety for a stranger.  
 27:18 He that waits on his master shall be honoured.  
 27:25,24 Riches are a very temporary and passing thing.  
 28:6 Better to be poor and righteous than rich and a sinner.  
 28:8 He that gains wealth by unjust means will gather it unwittingly for him who will be liberal.  
 28:10 Don't cause the righteous to go astray, or you will fall into the same pit.  
 28:11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit.  
 28:20-23 A faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who seeks wealth and that unjustly will end in poverty.  
 28:27 He that gives to the poor will not lack.  
 29:7 The righteous consider the cause of the poor.  
 31:8-9 Plead the cause of the poor and needy.

#### SEX AND FAMILY RELATIONS

- 2:15-19 Wisdom instills in you the ability to avoid the strange woman. She has forsaken her instruction of youth. Her ways end in death. Anyone who goes into her, never returns out of it again.  
 5:3-10 The lips of a harlot are like oil. But her END is bitter. If you go her way, you end in death. Get away from her - - or strangers will be filled with your wealth.

- 6:23-7:27 Don't lust after the sensual beauty of a harlot. If you commit adultery, you will end in death one way or the other. Example of Solomon watching a typical young man caught in physical sex desire going to a harlot -- or to a married woman -- to appease it.
- 9:13-18 A fornicatress or adulteress is a foolish woman. Any man who is "simple" goes into her. Stolen sex may be real at the time -- but her "guests" end in hell.
- 11:16 A gracious woman retains honor.
- 11:22 A fair woman without discretion is like a jewel in a pig's nose.
- 12:4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband.
- 14:1 A wise woman builds her house.
- 15:17 Better a herb dinner with love than meat tainted by hatred.
- 18:22 Whoever finds a wife, finds a good thing.
- 19:13 The contentions of a wife are like a continual dropping.
- 19:14 A prudent wife is from God.
- 21:9 Better to dwell in the housetop than with brawling woman in a wide house.
- 21:19 Better to dwell in the wilderness than with an angry and contentious woman.
- 22:14 A strange woman is a deep pit.
- 23:27-28 A whore is a deep ditch.
- 25:24 Better to dwell in a housetop than with a brawling woman.
- 27:15,18 A contentious woman is like the dropping of rain.
- 29:3 He that keeps company with harlots wastes his wealth and his strength.
- 30:20 An adulterous woman wipes her mouth and claims innocence.
- 30:23 For an odious woman to be married disquiets the earth.
- 31:3 Don't give your strength to women.
- 31:10-31 This chapter gives the characteristics of a virtuous woman.

#### CHILD REARING

- 1;8,9 Children commanded to listen to instruction of parents.
- 3:11,12 A father who loves his children will correct them.
- 4:1 Children commended to listen to instruction of parents.
- 4:2-4 Parents should teach children God's Law.
- 13:1 A wise son hears his father's rebuke.
- 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance for his children.
- 13:24 If you spare the rod, you hate your child.
- 15:20 A wise son makes a glad father.
- 17:6 Grandchildren are a crown to the old man and the child glories his father.
- 17:21 He that begets a fool does it to his sorrow.
- 17:25 A foolish son is a grief to his father.
- 19:13 A foolish son is a calamity to his father.
- 19:18 Chasten your son while there is hope.
- 19:26 A son that wastes his father and chases way his mother causes shame and reproach.
- 20:11 A child is known by his doings.
- 20:20 Whoever curses his parents, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.
- 20:30 Stripes cleanse the inward parts of the belly.

- 22:6 Train up a child in the right way. When even he is old he will not depart from it.
- 22:15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child. The rod will drive it out.
- 23:13 Don't withhold correction from a child.
- 23:22,25 Listen to your parents and they shall have joy in you.
- 28:24 Whoever robs his parents is a companion to destroyers.
- 29:15 A child left to himself brings his mother to shame.
- 29:17 Correct your son and he will give you rest.
- 29:19 A slave will not be corrected by words; for though he understands he will not answer.
- 29:21 Bring even your slave up wisely from a child and he shall become your son.
- 30:17 The buzzards will pick out the eyes of the child who continually disobeys his parents.