

PROVERBS

	<p>Prologue to Wise Living</p> <p><i>"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." (1:7)</i></p> <p>CHAPTERS 1-9</p>	<p>Principles for Wise Living</p> <p><i>"The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor comes humility." (15:33)</i></p> <p>CHAPTERS 10:1-31:9</p>	<p>Personification of Wise Living</p> <p><i>"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised." (31:30)</i></p> <p>CHAPTER 31:10-31</p>
Emphasis	Wisdom especially for youth	Wisdom for all	
Framework	Subjects and statements . . .	People and problems . . .	Counseling and correction
Style	A book filled with short statements that declare a profound truth providing wisdom for life		
Christ in Proverbs	Wisdom is incarnate in Christ "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (1 Cor. 1:24, 30; Col. 2:3)		

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10 NUGGETS OF WISDOM FROM PROVERBS:

1. Dealing with Negative Influences — (1:10)
2. Benefits of Living Right — (4:18-19)
3. Parable of the Ant & Diligence — (6:6-11)
4. Blessing of Living by God's Word — (13:13)
5. The Influence of Friends — (13:20)
6. The Danger of Pride — (16:18)
7. The Sin of Gossip — (16:27-28)
8. The Necessity of Joy — (18:22)
9. The Foolishness of Alcohol — (20:1 / 23:19-21)
10. God and His Word — (30:5)

PEOPLE & PROBLEMS: Rather than (1) avoiding them, (2) distracting ourselves from them, or (3) hopelessly surrendering to them, Proverbs' practical wisdom can help us (4) work through them to a productive & rewarding resolution.

