

God Has Given The Guide to Wisdom in Proverbs

WOLBI: Proverbs Class-1

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WOLBI Proverbs Class Themes

- **Hour-1: God Has Given the Guide to Wisdom in Proverbs**
- Hour-2: UNDERSTANDING The Best Life Possible—Doing the **Will of God** for Life
- Hour-3: Don't **Waste Your Life** Like SOLOMON
- Hour-4: BEWARE—The **Ultimate Sin** is Pride
- Hour-5: MARRIAGE—The **Second Greatest Day** of Your Life
- Hour-6: CHOOSING—The **Un-intoxicated** Life of Wisdom
- Hour-7: Raising Kids Who **See Your Character** & Look for the **One God Says** is Best
- Hour-8: CULTIVATING—a **Godly Work Ethic**
- Hour-9: Avoiding Fools, Staying Focused & **REFUSING to Getting Lost in Electronica**
- Hour-10: UNLEASHING—The **Power** of Spoken **Words**

The Book of Proverbs is the 20th book of the 66 books of the Bible.

The Book of Proverbs has 31 chapters; 915 verses; the 513 key proverbs God wanted recorded of the 3,000 that Solomon spoke; and the entire book totals 15,028 words in English.

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The Book of
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The Principles of Wisdom

1 The principles of wisdom are to fear the Lord and to love His commandments.
 2 For wisdom is the beginning of the fear of the Lord: those who walk in the path of wisdom will love His commandments.
 3 The beginning of wisdom is to love the Lord: those who love Him will keep His commandments, and they will prosper.
 4 For wisdom is the fear of the Lord, and it is the knowledge of His glory.
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The Call of Wisdom

1 Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the open places.
 2 She calls to the simple and she says to the foolish, 'Listen to my voice, for I will speak to you wisdom, and I will not turn away from you.
 3 For I have bought wisdom and intelligence, and I have not been ashamed to buy them.
 4 Therefore I will sell them to you for little money, and I will give you wisdom and understanding.
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The Value of Wisdom

1 The profit of wisdom is better than any silver, and its increase is more than gold.
 2 For wisdom is better than silver, and its increase is more than gold.
 3 For wisdom is better than silver, and its increase is more than gold.
 4 For wisdom is better than silver, and its increase is more than gold.
 5 For wisdom is better than silver, and its increase is more than gold.
 6 For wisdom is better than silver, and its increase is more than gold.
 7 For wisdom is better than silver, and its increase is more than gold.
 8 For wisdom is better than silver, and its increase is more than gold.

Wisdom and Understanding

1 Wisdom is the beginning of understanding, and it is the foundation of knowledge.
 2 For wisdom is the beginning of understanding, and it is the foundation of knowledge.
 3 For wisdom is the beginning of understanding, and it is the foundation of knowledge.
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**My Revelation 1:3 prayer for each of
you through this week's course:**

**May God stir in you a
deep & abiding love for Jesus Christ,
that can ONLY be satisfied by time
spent daily with HIM in His Word.**

Jesus, Wisdom, & Seeing God

Proverbs 1:7, 1 Cor. 1:30,
James 3:17

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Paul revealed a wonderful truth about Christ. He said 1 Corinthians 1:30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God — that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. (NIV). Jesus becomes that wisdom as His brother James said James 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. (NIV). In the Proverbs we find the wisdom of Christ distilled in a very practical form.

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Saved @ age six
Called @ age nine
Read the Bible 100+ times
MSU, BJU, TMS, DTS
Pastor for 40+ years
Married for 35+ years
Raised 8 children
Served in 70+ countries

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Proverbs Class Work:

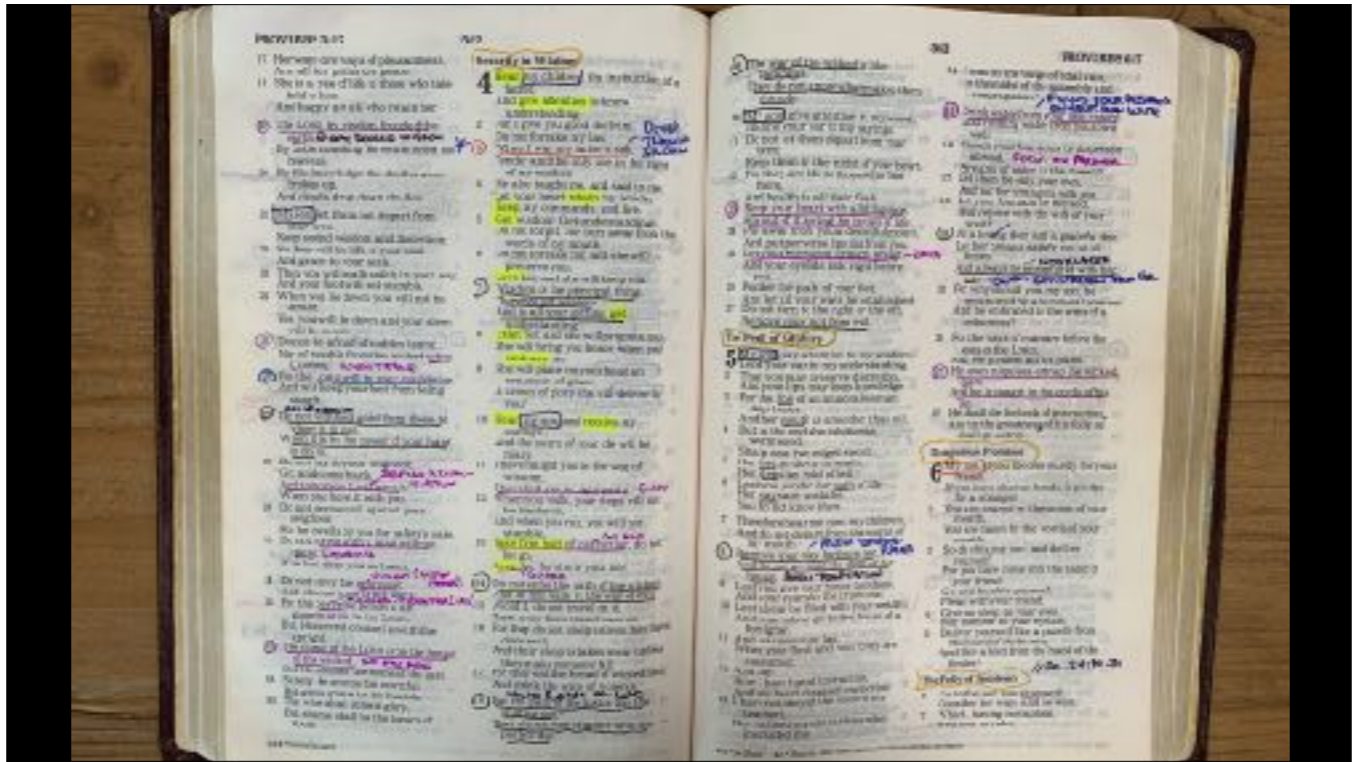
20 Points	1. Read the entire Book of Proverbs once.
50 Points	2. Do the 10 chapter "Proverbs Project"
10 Points	3. Learn the verses Proverbs 3:5-6
10 Points	4. Take two quizzes (over class notes)
<u>10 Points</u>	5. Take Final Exam (Outline & key chapters)
100 Points	

The Devotional Method Project

Our course project is picking ten chapters from Proverbs to spiritually digest, using a method called the **“Devotional Method of Bible Study”** that follows these steps after you read each chapter:

- Write down a **Title** for the Chapter;
- Write down a **Summary** for each of the lessons, truths, or doctrines that you find;
- **Write out a prayer from you to the Lord, asking Him:** to change you, to work in you, and impact your life by a personal application of the truths you found in that passage.

There are 12 major methods for studying the Bible: devotional method, thematic study, topical study, word study, book study, biographical study, exegetical study, and so on



Proper Biblical Interpretation: Context is VITAL

The first cannon or law of textual interpretation is:

What did God mean when He spoke to the original recipients of that portion of Scripture?

That is the **PRIMARY** interpretation. Thus the Historical Context, and the Geographical Context, plus the Scriptural Context is vital. When combined with the Grammatical Context, you have proper Biblical Hermeneutics or Interpretation.



SACRED GEOGRAPHY:

"Everything Happened Somewhere"

The Old Testament Chronologically Arranged

Books:	Historical	Poetical	Prophetic
	GENESIS <i>Beginnings</i>	JOB	
LEVITICUS <i>Worship</i>	EXODUS <i>Redemption</i>		
DEUTERONOMY <i>Review</i>	NUMBERS <i>Wanderings</i>		
	JOSHUA <i>Success</i>		To Nineveh: JONAH
RUTH <i>Faith & Love</i>	JUDGES <i>Failure</i>		To Israel: AMOS HOSEA JOEL
	1 SAMUEL <i>Preparation</i>	PSALMS <i>(David)</i>	To Edom: OBADIAH
	2 SAMUEL <i>Establishment</i>	PROVERBS ECCLESIASTES SONG OF SOL.	To Judah: ISAIAH MICAH NAHUM HABAKKUK ZEPHANIAH JEREMIAH
1-2 CHRON. <i>God's Evaluation</i>	1 KINGS <i>Division</i>	LAMENTATIONS	
	2 KINGS <i>Loss</i>		
70 Years of Captivity			
ESTHER <i>Faith & Courage</i>	EZRA <i>Temple</i>		EZEKIEL DANIEL
	NEHEMIAH <i>Wall</i>		HAGGAI ZECHARIAH MALACHI

SACRED HISTORY:

"Everything Happened Sometime"



TIMELINE

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*All dates are approximate

- I. God's Wisdom Written Down (1:1–7)
 - A. God's Purpose in Wisdom (1:1–6)
 - B. God's Theme for Wisdom (1:7)
- II. God's Wisdom for the Young (1:8–9:18)
- III. God's Wisdom for Everyone (10:1–29:27)
 - A. Through Solomon (10:1–22:16)
 - B. Through Wise Men (22:17–24:34)
 - C. Through Solomon Collected by Hezekiah (25:1–29:27)
 - D. Through Agur (30:1–33)
 - E. Through Lemuel (31:1–31)

Outline: Proverbs

One of the greatest aids in following God's Will would be to spend the three minutes a day it takes to read a chapter of Proverbs for each day's date.

Today is May 11, so to read Proverbs 11.

The Implications of Divine Inspiration

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The very first step in studying any part of God's Word is to reaffirm the implications of inspiration.

Many believers either do not fully understand, or they don't fully remember the truths of this Divine Book we have called the Bible.

God Himself engineered this book.

From Genesis to Revelation there is the very same degree of purity of Divine Truth.

The first choice we need to make if we are ever going to love, serve, follow, and know the Lord fully: is to hold the same very high view of the Scriptures that Jesus held.

The following is what Jesus believed, held to, and taught during His earthly ministry.

God Speaks in the Books of Wisdom

God Himself gave us every word of the
Wisdom Books through His servants the
Prophets and others.

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Its not like the Wisdom Books are a first try, somewhat lacking in the authentic doctrinal ring of Paul, the Gospels or any other portion of God's Word.

God is as perfectly revealed, flawlessly speaking, and doctrinally to be heeded in the poetry and wisdom of those books from Job through the Song of Solomon, as He is in Romans or the Gospel by John.

The same Author wrote Genesis through Revelation.

The same Spirit breathed it out.

The same God is revealed from verse to verse.

The same Almighty, Wise God is speaking in every verse, chapter, and book.

He speaks clearly. He speaks consistently.

He agrees with Himself from cover-to-cover.

All Scripture is profitable for doctrine.

All Scripture is profitable for reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness.

If you want to understand the cosmic battles raging this moment, as well as the purposes of suffering and disasters read the Book of Job.

If you want to see the answers to an unending life of joy and peace, and understand the place of depression, grief, rejection, and hopelessness read the Book of Psalms.

If you want to see the best life possible on Earth, how to make wise choices that invite God's blessing, read the Book of Proverbs.

If you want to understand the emptiness of pride, selfishness, materialism, sensuality, and addictions read the Book of Ecclesiastes.

If you want to see love as God displays it to us, and we are to find in marriage, read the Book of Song of Solomon.

All of this and so much more is found in the Wisdom Books that God wrote.

Wise Living is How God Describes His Will for Us in Proverbs

God is the source of true wisdom.
James 3:15-17

God is the source of true wisdom.

God is reflected in a person's life to the extent that they exhibit the wisdom that He produces.

God gives us a sure fire way to see if we are wise, and those around us are wise by measurable and illustrated means.

The Book of Proverbs is God's Word about wisdom lived out in every day life.

A wise person grows in wisdom, they learn, they are correctable.

On the other hand a foolish person decreases in wisdom, flees from correction, and reflects their foolishness in the character, they relationships, and in their words.

God explains to those who are wise, that you can understand what a person really is like by taking enough time to analyze them from three perspectives.

God says watch and measure people in three ways: watch for reflections of their internal, spiritual character, observe their relationships, and listen to their words.

Those three will reveal what that person is really like.

God says that His wisdom shows up in a person's desire to know and follow the character qualities that God has declared.

God says that His wisdom shows up in a person's desire to know and follow the relational guidelines that He has laid down.

God says that His wisdom shows up as either present or absent in the words that always flow from our heart's abundance.

Proverbs Details

- Title
- Author and Date

Title: The title in the Hebrew Bible is “The Proverbs of Solomon” (1:1), as also in the Greek Septuagint (LXX). Proverbs pulls together the most important 513 of the over 3,000 proverbs pondered by Solomon (1 Kin. 4:32; Eccl. 12:9), along with some proverbs of others whom Solomon likely influenced.

The word “proverb” means “to be like,” thus Proverbs is a book of comparisons between common, concrete images and life’s most profound truths. Proverbs are simple, moral statements (or illustrations) that highlight and teach fundamental realities about life.

Solomon sought God’s wisdom (2 Chr. 1:8–12) and offered “pithy sayings” designed to make men contemplate 1) the fear of God and 2) living by His wisdom (1:7; 9:10). The sum of this wisdom is personified in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 1:30).

Author and Date: The phrase “Proverbs of Solomon” is more a title than an absolute statement of authorship (1:1). While King Solomon, who ruled Israel from 971–931 BC and was granted great wisdom by God (see 1 Kin. 4:29–34), is the author of the didactic section (chaps. 1–9) and the proverbs of 10:1–22:16, he is likely only the compiler of the “sayings of the wise” in 22:17–24:34, which are of an uncertain date before Solomon’s reign. The collection in chaps. 25–29 was originally composed by Solomon (25:1) but copied and included later by Judah’s king Hezekiah (ca. 715–686 BC.). Chapter 30 reflects the words of Agur and chap. 31 the words of Lemuel, who perhaps was Solomon. Proverbs was not assembled in its final form until Hezekiah’s day or after. Solomon authored his proverbs before his heart was turned away from God (1 Kin. 11:1–11), since the book reveals a godly perspective and is addressed to the “naive” and “young” who need to learn the fear of God. Solomon also wrote Psalms 72 and 127, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

Proverbs Details

- Background and Setting
- Historical and Theological Themes

Background and Setting: In 4:1–4, Solomon connected 3 generations as he entrusted to his son Rehoboam what he learned at the feet of David and Bathsheba. Proverbs contains the principles and applications of Scripture which the godly characters of the Bible illustrate in their lives.

Historical and Theological Themes: Solomon came to the throne with great promise, privilege, and opportunity. God had granted his request for understanding (1 Kin. 3:9–12; 1 Chr. 1:10, 11), and his wisdom exceeded all others (1 Kin. 4:29–31). However, the shocking reality is that he failed to live out the truth that he knew and even taught his son Rehoboam (1 Kin. 11:1, 4, 6, 7–11), who subsequently rejected his father’s teaching (1 Kin. 12:6–11).

Proverbs contains a gold mine of biblical theology, reflecting themes of Scripture brought to the level of practical righteousness (1:3), by addressing man’s ethical choices, calling into question how he thinks, lives, and manages his daily life in light of divine truth. More specifically, Proverbs calls man to live as the Creator intended him to live when He made man (Ps. 90:1, 2, 12).

The Promise of God in Proverbs

The recurring promise of Proverbs is that the wise (who are the righteous who obey God), generally:

1. **The wise live longer** (9:11),
2. **The wise prosper** (2:20–22),
3. **The wise experience joy** (3:13–18),
4. **The wise experience the goodness of God temporally** (12:21).
5. **The fools suffer shame** (3:35) **and death** (10:21).

On the other hand...Psalm 73

On the other hand, it must be remembered that this general principle is balanced by the reality that the wicked sometimes prosper (Ps. 73:3, 12), though only temporarily (Ps. 73:17–19). Job illustrates that there are occasions when the godly wise are struck with disaster and suffering.

Proverbs: 915 Verses & 140+ Topics or Themes

There are over 140 different themes & topics covered by God in Proverbs.

These can be distilled down to three key areas God targets:

My Character, My Relationships & My Words.

Here are the topics:

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Theme

Wisdom 120

Evil 102

Speech 101

Foolishness 89

Righteousness 84

Poverty 51

Wealth 51

Discipline 48

Honesty and Dishonesty 46

Family: Children 41

Pride 41

Honor and Shame 34

Character 33

Conflict 33

Work 32

Education 31

Injustice 31

Justice 30

Anger 28

Death and Dying 27

Government, Politics and National Identity 26

Greed 26

Family: Parents 25

Blessing and Cursing 24

Laziness and Apathy 23

Slander 23

Friendship 22

Happiness 22

Money 22

Sin 21

Reverence 20

Humility 18

God: Providence 17

Giving 16

Judgment 16

Joy 15

Neighbors 15

Violence 15

Counseling 14

Family: Fathers 14

First, God's Will Revealed for **My Character**

1. God Wants to Make Me **Wise**, Not Foolish
2. God Wants to make Me **Teachable**, Not Stubborn.
3. God Wants to make Me **Righteous**, Not Wicked.
4. God Wants to make Me **Humble**, Not Proud.
5. God Wants to make Me **Self-controlled**, Not Rash.
6. God Wants to make Me **Forgiving**, Not Vindictive.

Secondly, God's Will Revealed for **My Relationships**

1. God's Will in **5 Areas** to our **Parents**.
2. God's Will in **5 Areas** to our **Wife**.
3. God's Will in **9 Areas** to our **Children**.
4. God's Will in **7 Areas** to our **Friends & Neighbors**.

Thirdly, God's Will for **My Words**

1. God wants me to understand the **Power of My Words**.
2. God wants me to know the **Limitations of My Words**.
3. God has a plan for the **Character of My Words**.
4. God desires I understand the **Source of My Words**.

First, God's Will Revealed for My Character

God Wants to Make Me Wise, Not Foolish so that
**Six Areas of My Life Point towards Him as
Lord:**

1. God wants me to **fear Him** (9:10; 14:16; 15:33);
2. God wants me to **trust Him** (3:5; 16:3,20);

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3. God wants me **thinking of Him** (3:6);
4. God wants me **choosing His way** (8:10-11;17:24);
5. God wants me **submitting to Him** (1:2-3; 3:11);

God's Will Revealed for My Character

6. God wants me **confessing my sins to Him** (28:13).

Conclusion: God wants me to know the benefits of His wisdom (2:20–22; 3:13–18; 9:11; 12:21; Job 28:17; Psalms 37:3; 91:10; 1 Peter 3:13).

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