



Introduction to Proverbs

Read the story of Solomon receiving his unparalleled wisdom in 2 Chronicles 1: 8-13.

Proverbs is:

Counsel, not commands.

Principles, not promises.

Directives, not imperatives.

Proverbs is filled with wisdom. Much of the book contrasts the ways of the wise versus the ways of the foolish. These principles can influence every area of our daily life: motherhood, marriage, work, ministry, friendship, etc.

Consider reading one chapter of Proverbs per day (or week) as we study the book together. Since there are 31 chapters, one way is to read the chapter that goes with the date. For instance, on August 5, you can read chapter 5. If you miss a day, just move on to the next day, don't let this be one more thing on your to-do list but a way to gain the Lord's wisdom in your journey of life.

Before you read over the following verses about wisdom, pray and ask the Lord to give you His wisdom in your life. Ask Him to show you which verse is for you, today.

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5

The wise woman builds her house,
But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.

Proverbs 14:1

Listen to counsel and accept discipline,
That you may be wise the rest of your days.

Proverbs 19:20

¹³How blessed is the man who finds wisdom
And the man who gains understanding.

¹⁴For her profit is better than the profit of silver
And her gain better than fine gold.

¹⁵She is more precious than jewels;
And nothing you desire compares with her.

Proverbs 3:13 – 15

Wisdom is with aged men,
With long life is understanding. With Him are wisdom and might;
To Him belong counsel and understanding.

Job 12:12

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

O LORD, who may abide in Your tent?
Who may dwell on Your holy hill?
He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness,
And speaks truth in his heart.

Psalms 15:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
And his tongue speaks justice.

Psalms 37:30

Do not forsake wisdom, and she will guard you;
Love her, and she will watch over you.
The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom;
And with all your acquiring, get understanding.

Proverbs 4: 6-7

¹³Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and lie against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. ¹⁸And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:13-18

Don't forget to print your memory verse printable and read it aloud every day. You'll have it memorized in no time. We pray the Lord gives your great wisdom as you join us in this journey through Proverbs.