

# PROVERBS #1

## Life's Instruction Manual

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*Pro. 1:1-7 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel. 2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; 4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. 5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: 6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

*Pro. 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding*

*1 Kings 3:5-14 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. 6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. 8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. 9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? 10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; 12 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. 13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. 14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.*

- Theme of proverbs could be stated as “The Christian Life Instruction Manual.”
- What is a Proverb? It is a truth that is vividly told and illustrated, in a simple statement, so that it is easy to remember and understand.

*Pro 25:25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.*

## PROVERBS SPEAKS OF 3 TYPES OF PEOPLE

- **The Wise-** one who learns God’s Word and applies it to his life
- **The Fool-** one who ignores and defies God’s word.
- **The Simple-** one who doesn’t know or understand God’s Word.

### 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF PROVERBS

a. \_\_\_\_\_

*Pro. 2:1-2 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding.*

**SOMEONE HAS SAID “WISDOM MEANS EXHIBITING GOD’S CHARACTER IN THE MANY PRACTICAL AFFAIRS OF LIFE.”**

b. \_\_\_\_\_

- Instruction is the discipline to receive correction.

*Pro. 4:13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life*

c. \_\_\_\_\_

- Understanding is the ability to grasp the truth, to really get it.

*Pro. 10:13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding*

d. \_\_\_\_\_

- Prudence is the ability to see the reason behind things.

*Pro. 8:12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions*

e. \_\_\_\_\_

- Knowledge is a starting point to wisdom, without it we will not be wise.

*Pro. 8:10-11 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. 11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it*

*Hos. 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:*

*1 Cor. 8:1b Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.*

f. \_\_\_\_\_

- Discretion is the ability to use wisdom to plan a course of action in a matter.

*Pro. 19:11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Proverbs

a. *Increased* \_\_\_\_\_

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning . . .

b. *Wise* \_\_\_\_\_

. . . and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

c. *Applied* \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Proverbs

5 *A wise man will hear, . . .*

7 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction*

a. *The wise will hear and* \_\_\_\_\_

b. *The foolish will despise and* \_\_\_\_\_

c. *The* \_\_\_\_\_ *is ours to make*

