

Proverbs

#1- The Call Of Wisdom

Memory Verse - **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

Proverbs 1–3, Gen. 1:1, Exod. 19:16, 20:20, Prov. 11:30, 13:12, 15:4.

Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV) *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

The Author Solomon

Proverbs 1:1 (NKJV) *The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:*

1 Kings 4:31–32 *For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about. And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.*

2 Samuel 16:23 *And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.*

***Proverbs 25:1** *These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.*

What Is a Proverb

A proverb is a pithy sentence, concisely expressing some well-established truth susceptible of various illustrations and applications. The word is of Latin derivation, literally meaning *for a word, speech, or discourse*; that is, one expression for many. *Hebrew poetry*. Hebrew; maw-shawl' = means a "comparison." superiority in mental action; properly a pithy maxim, usually of a metaphorical nature; hence a simile (as an adage, poem, discourse): - byword. Many suppose it was used, because the form or matter of the proverb, or both, involved the idea of *comparison*. Most of the proverbs are in couplets or triplets, or some modifications of them, the members of which correspond in structure and length, as if arranged to be compared one with another. They illustrate the varieties of parallelism, a distinguishing feature of **Greek** παροιμία paroimia, and the **Latin** "proverbium."

The Beginning of Wisdom

Prov 1:7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Deu 4:5, 6 *"Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. "Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'*

Daniel 12:3–4 (NKJV) *Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."*

- He that knows little often repeats it.
- Wisdom and knowledge are different.
- "Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools because they have to say something."
- "Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life."
- Wisdom is knowing what to do next, skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it."

Brains, Brawn & Belongings.

Jer 9:23, 24 *Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.*

***Proverbs 1:2** *To know wisdom and instruction; To perceive the words of understanding;*

True Education

Prov 13:20 *He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.*

Proverbs 1:8–19 (NKJV) *My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent. If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait to shed blood; Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause; Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, And*

whole, like those who go down to the Pit; We shall find all kinds of precious possessions, We shall fill our houses with spoil; Cast in your lot among us, Let us all have one purse"— My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path; For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood. Surely, in vain the net is spread In the sight of any bird; But they lie in wait for their own blood, They lurk secretly for their own lives. So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners.

The Call of Wisdom

***Proverbs 1:20–21 (NKJV)** *Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares. She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words:*

Sin lurks secretly Proverbs 1:11 Truth calls openly

Proverbs 1:22–32 (NKJV) *“How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge. 23 Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. 24 Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke, 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. 28 “Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. 29 Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD, They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke. 31 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies. For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;*

The Benefit Of Wisdom

Proverbs 2:1–5 (NKJV) *My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.*

Proverbs 2:6–9 (NKJV) *For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path.*

Do Not Forget

Proverbs 3:7 *Be not wise in thine own eyes: Fear the LORD, and depart from evil.*

Proverbs 3:13–18 (NKJV) *Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.*

***Proverbs 3:19–20 (NKJV)** *The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens; By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.*

Romans 11:33–34 (NKJV) *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?”*