

Series "Route 66" **"Proverbs"** **Book-20**

Psalms – A walk before God! (The Devotional life.)

Proverbs – A walk before men! (The Daily life.)

Our English word - "proverb" is made up of two Latin words: pro (instead of) and verba (words). So, a proverb is a sentence that is given "instead of many words"; it is a short statement that summarizes a wise principle. **"A short statement based on long experience"**

The Hebrew word - translated "proverb" means "a comparison."

Interpreting The Book of Proverbs: The basic requirement for understanding and applying these proverbs is:

1. The Fear of the Lord: (Prov. 1:7)
2. Willingness to obey: (Prov. 3:5-6; John 7:17).
3. Proverbs contains generalizations about life and not promises for us to claim, although there are some great promises found in the Book of Proverbs:

The Author – Written mostly by Solomon. In Prov. 1:1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: 10:1, and 25:1, we are told that Solomon wrote most of the proverbs in this book.

1 Kings 4:32 He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. These were undoubtedly recorded in the official records.

Only 800 of his 3000 are included in this book.

When Written – Written by 931 B.C. Prov. 25-29 were collected by Hezekiah about 230 years later (715-686 B.C.)

Where it was Written – Put together primarily during his reign as king of Israel (Jerusalem).

Purpose – “To teach us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. To truly see God is to be in awe and to trust Him in humility.”

1. To impart moral discernment and discretion: Prov. 1:2,3-5
2. To develop mental clarity and perception Prov 1:2,6

Wisdom – “Skill” Instruction – “discipline”

Theme – Proverbs – Wisdom, which is “the right use of knowledge

Proverbs often mentions 3 classes of people who desperately need wisdom:

1. The fool
2. The simple
3. The scorner

Key Words – “Wisdom” 52X

Proverbs outlines for us the character of the wise:

- Wise listen to instruction (1:5)
- Wise obey what they hear (10:8)
- Wise store up what they learn (10:14)
- Wise win others to the Lord (11:30)
- Wise flee from sin (14:16)
- Wise watch their tongue (16:23)
- Wise are diligent in their daily work (10:5)

Key Chapter – Prov 31

Key Passage – • Prov 1:5-7

- Prov 3:5-6

Outline –

1. Prov. 1:1-19 Introduction
2. Prov. 1:20-9:18 Wisdom’s Calls and Folly’s Calls
3. Prov. 10-15 Wisdom’s Contrasts
4. Prov. 16-31 Wisdom’s Counsels

1. Prov. 1:1-19 Introduction

The Usefulness of Proverbs:

- Prov 1:1-7

The Enticement of Sinners:

- Prov 1:8-19

2. Prov. 1:20-9:18 Wisdom's Calls and Folly's Calls

Prov 2-4 Wisdom's Path—Righteousness and safety:

Trusting God: • Prov 3:5-8

Trusting God With Resources: • Prov 3:9-10

Trusting God In Discipline: • Prov 3:11-12

Trusting God In The Future: • Prov 4:10-18

Prov 5 Folly's First Call—Condemnation: Beware of Immorality!

- Prov 5:7-17

Prov 6 Folly's Second Call—Poverty

- Prov 6:9-11
- Prov 6:24-35 Beware of Immorality!

Prov 7 Folly's Third Call—Death: Beware of Harlots!

- Prov 7:24-26

Prov 8 Wisdom's Second Call—To Wealth:

- Prov 8:18-21

Prov 9 Wisdom's Third Call—To Life:

- Prov 9:7-11

3. Prov. 10-15 Wisdom's Contrasts:

Lazy Verses Diligent: • Prov 10:4-5

The Tongue: • Prov 10:18-21

Beauty Isn't Everything: • Prov 11:22

• Prov 12:1

The Tongue: • Prov 12:18

• Prov 12:25

• Prov 13:3

Wealth: Prov 13:11

Child Rearing: Prov 13:24

Wise Woman: Prov 14:1

Labor: Prov 14:23

The Tongue: Prov 15:1-2

Priceless Peace: Prov 15:16-17

4. Prov. 16-31 Wisdom's Counsels:

The Tongue: • Prov 17:14

• Prov 17:27-28

Seeking The Truth: • Prov 18:1

The Tongue: • Prov 18:6-8

• Prov 18:17

• Prov 19:1

Child Rearing: • Prov 19:18

Lazy: • Prov 19:24

The Bargainer: • Prov 20:14

Cooperation With God: • Prov 21:31

Child Rearing: • Prov 22:6

• Prov 23:13

Alcohol: • Prov 23:35

Laziness: • Prov 24:33-34

Faithfulness: • Prov 25:13-14

Contentious Woman: • Prov 25:24

Fools and Wisdom: • Prov 26:7-11

The Lazy: • Prov 26:13-16

Meddlers: • Prov 26:17

Right Thing, Wrong Way: • Prov 27:14

Contentious Woman: • Prov 27:15-16

Guilty Conscience: • Prov 28:1

• Prov 28:17

Child Rearing: • Prov 29:15

Anger: • Prov 29:22

The Wise: • Prov 30:24-28

Description of a Worthy Woman: • Prov 31:10-31

Application: