

Proverbs

Book of the Month

1. General Information About the Book of the Month

Proverbs

- This Book is divided into three parts according to its Titles
 - Proverbs of Solomon (1-9)
 - Proverbs of Solomon – The wise (10-24)
 - Proverbs of Solomon - which men of Hezekiah copied (25-29)
 - Words of Agur (30)
 - Words of Lemuel (31)

(Agur and Lemuel were simply sages (wise/experienced person) about whom no other information is found)
- A Book of Practical Ethics
- Proverb – Is a Short, Concise, Obvious Saying, the life of which is the reverse of Comparison. They are wholly Unconnected.

Book of the Bible	Author	Old Testament or New Testament	Location	Number of Chapters
Proverbs	Solomon	Old Testament	Twentieth Book	31

2. About the Author

Solomon

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He had a consuming passion for Knowledge and Wisdom as a young man • Kings came from the ends of the earth to hear him • He became the literary prodigy of the age • Scientist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Ruler • Business Man with Vast enterprises • Poet • Moralist • Preacher |
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3. Audience

It is important to understand who the Book of the Bible is speaking to and some of their challenges.

Book of the Bible	Category	Audience	Description of the Audience	Message
Proverbs	Poetry/Wisdom	Christians	Counsel for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Men (1-10) • All Men (11-20) • Kings and Rulers (21-31) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaches that godliness is practical • Explains duty to God, to our neighbors, as parents and our obligations as citizens

4. Popular Bible Stories

Popular Bible stories and Characters in Proverbs

Book of the Bible	Bible Story	Location	Main Characters	Bible Story Summary

Proverbs	Counsel for the Young Men	Proverbs 1-10	Young Men	Description	Book
				Wise Up	Proverbs 1:7
				Walk Straight	Proverbs 2:20
				Directions	Proverbs 3:6
				Watch Your Step	Proverbs 4:26
				God's Black List	Proverbs 6:17-19
				A Bad Women	Proverbs 7: 15-27
				Riches	Proverbs 8:11
				More Fun	Proverbs 9:17-18
				Wanted! Silence	Proverbs 10:19
Proverbs	Counsel for All Men	Proverbs 11-20	Young Men	Description	Book
				False Economy	Proverbs 11:24
				Fools	Proverbs 12:15
				Lying	Proverbs 13:5
				Answers That Heal	Proverbs 15:1
				Clean Sin	Proverbs 16:2
				To Win Friends	Proverbs 18:24
				Drink Up	Proverbs 20:1
				He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him	Proverbs 20:7
				Proverbs	Counsel for Kings and Rulers
Self Control	Proverbs 21:23				
Reputation	Proverbs 22:1				
Soberness	Proverbs 23:31				
Counsel	Proverbs 24:6				
Women	Proverbs 25:24				
Gossip	Proverbs 26:20				
Tomorrow	Proverbs 27:1				
Understanding	Proverbs 28:16				
Bribes	Proverbs 29:4				
Security	Proverbs 30:5				

5. Practical Application

How to take the Bible message and use it in daily life situations and obtain a stronger relationship with God. These are spiritual vitamins that help to build a strong Christian life.

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- Thinking before speaking can change your life
- Speaking without thinking can bring destruction

Ships of Life and navigating troubled waters

Life Challenges	Reflections	Taking Stock	Going Forward
Hardship	Counsel for the Young Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World offered self help vs. Godly Advice for dealing with and avoiding crisis in life • The World generally attaches a price for self help and advice and God has paid the price and offers the advice freely 	<p>Seek Godly Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elders urge the young to spend their riches/life on wisdom rather than worldly items/riotous living and the reward will be an enriched life • Youth learn right from wrong and stay in the right path • Learn the lessons of the past generations
Headship	Counsel for Kings and Rulers	Leaders voices and effectiveness are being quieted by the World	<p>Pray that Godly Leaders give voice to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who cannot speak for themselves • For the rights of all those who are destitute • Speak up and judge fairly • Defend the rights of the poor and needy
Kinship	Counsel for All Men	When the World is in turmoil the strong family unit still can be a refuge	<p>As you review Proverbs weave the teaching of Proverbs into your life and relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love is more important than riches • Parents and children are bound to each other by a common identity • Bad relatives can ruin life • Faithful friends or relatives are a protection from trouble • A good wife is a gift from God
Leadership	Counsel for Kings and Rulers	<p>There can be challenges in dealing with authority in the World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian's Lifestyles can be questioned in how we deal with authority 	<p>The truly wise show respect for God and his standards in all life situations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study to expand your ability to apply Godly principles when dealings with authority • Let your approach express your Christian lifestyle
Relationship	Counsel for All Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship in the New Modern life has become loosely defined • Preservation of friendships have become more difficult and less personal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine what the Bible says about a friend • Examine what type of friend you are • Determine what you can do to be a better friend • How we relate to others serves as an indicator of our relationship with God

Stewardship	Counsel for All Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The World encourages stockpiling of riches The World's presents many opportunities to invest and increase your wealth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine why and how you give (service, talent and finances) Determine if giving extends to all areas of your life Only you can determine if you are giving freely of your wealth
Worship	Counsel for Kings and Rulers	We are living in a fast pace Show and Tell World Faith needs to be at work	Examine your life and faithfulness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living lives of faith can never be separated from lives of faithfulness Faith must be lived out in the day-to-day world where problems call for practical wisdom

6. Memory Scripture

Scriptures to hide in your heart as you continue your Christian journey. This is a spiritual vitamin that helps to build a strong Christian life.

Book of the Bible	Location	Scripture
Proverbs	Proverbs 3:5-6	5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

7. Quick Reference

Study Guide to assist in the study of the Book of the Month
Anchoring your ship through reading God's Inspired Word

No.	Question	Answer	Location
1.	How are the Proverbs entitled?		
2.	Complete the sentence using Proverbs 1. "The beginning of knowledge" is _____.		
3.	What does Proverbs 4 and 3 say about wisdom?		
4.	What does Proverbs 5 compare the lips of a strange (loose women) women to?		
5.	How does Proverbs 5 refer to the "wife of thy youth"?		
6.	What does Proverbs 6 say concerning the ant?		
7.	According to Proverbs 6 what follows poverty and want?		
8.	The statement "A young man to the harlot" is compared to what in Proverbs 7?		
9.	What is the primary theme of Proverbs 8?		
10.	Per Proverbs 9 wisdom has how many pillars?		
11.	Complete the sentence.		

	Proverbs 9 says do not _____ the scornful.		
12.	Per Proverbs 10 what covers all sins?		
13.	Per Proverbs 10 what is the destruction of the poor?		
14.	Complete the sentence using Proverbs 11. "He that hateth suretyship is _____."		
15.	What does Proverbs 11 compare an intelligent women without beauty?		
16.	Complete the sentence using Proverbs 13. "The ransom of a man's life are his _____."		
17.	What does Proverbs 13 say about wealth gotten by vanity?		
18.	What does Proverbs 13 say about hope deferred?		
19.	What does Proverbs 13 say about He that spareth the rod?		
20.	What does Proverbs 14 say about the end that mirth?		
21.	What does Proverbs 14 say about the poor and the rich?		
22.	Per Proverb 15 what turneth away wrath?		
23.	Per Proverb 16 what has the Lord made the wicked for?		
24.	Per Proverb 16 what goeth before destruction?		
25.	Proverbs 6 declares that pleasant words are like what?		
26.	Complete the sentence using Proverbs 16. "He that is slow to anger is _____."		
27.	Complete the sentence using Proverbs 18 "The words of a tablebearer are as _____."		
28.	What does Proverbs 18 say about He who findeth a wife?		
29.	Complete the sentence using Proverbs 18 "The poor useth entreaties; but the rich answereth _____"		
30.	Complete the sentence using Proverbs 19 "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not they soul spare for his _____"		
31.	Per Proverbs 20 what are drivers weights and measures like to the Lord?		
32.	Complete the sentence using Proverbs 23 "Labor not to be _____."		
33.	What does Proverbs 23 say about eating the bread of a man with an evil eye?		
34.	What does Proverbs 23 say about buying the truth?		
35.	What does Proverbs 24 say about rejoicing when your enemy falls?		
36.	What does Proverbs 24 say about the principle of "I will do so to him as he hath done to me"?		
37.	Complete the sentence using Proverbs 25 "Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like _____"		
38.	What does Proverbs 25 say about withdrawing your foot from your neighbor's house?		

39.	Proverbs 25 compares He who singeth songs to a heavy heart to what?		
40.	Per Proverbs 25 what are you doing by offering water to drink to a thirsty enemy?		
41.	Per Proverbs 25 it is better to dwell were than to dwell with a brawling woman?		
42.	Per Proverbs 26 What does Proverbs compare a fool and his folly to?		
43.	Per Proverbs 27 what is considered better than open rebuke?		
44.	Per Proverbs 27 how will it be counted if a man blesses his neighbor early in the morning?		
45.	Per Proverbs 27 what is a contentious man compared to in Proverbs?		
46.	Complete the sentence using Proverbs 28 "The wicked flee when _____."		
47.	What does Proverbs 28 compare a poor man that oppreseth the poor?		
48.	Per Proverbs 29 the rod and reproof gives what?		
49.	Per Proverbs 29 what is said about a person who brings up his servant from childhood?		
50.	Per Proverbs 30 what were the four things that Agur son of Jakeh find too wonderful for him?		
51.	Using Proverbs 30 name four things that are little upon the earth but are exceedingly wise.		
52.	Who is Proverbs 31 devoted primarily to?		

Biblical Translation Used – New Kings James