

## Proverbs: Insights to Live Life God's Way

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What is a **proverb**?

- It is a “a short popular saying, usually of unknown and ancient origin, that expresses effectively some commonplace truth or useful thought.”
- “Proverbs generally operate on the principle that consequences follow acts: you reap what you sow.”
- “A proverb is a short, concise sentence that conveys moral truth.”

Who is **Solomon**?

- Tenth son of **David**
- Second son to **Bathsheba**
- Third king of **Israel**
- Authored thousands of **proverbs** and **songs**
- Noted for **faults** and **greatness**
- Known for his **wealth**, **wisdom**, and **leadership skills**
- Built the Lord's **temple**

What is the difference between **knowledge** and **wisdom**?

Knowledge is “**knowing** the facts.”

Wisdom is “**applying** those facts to life.”

The book of Proverbs seeks to give wisdom to **young people** (1:1-9:18), **all people** (10:1-24:34), and **leaders** (25:1-31:31).

**Proverbs 1:7** – *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

What does it mean to “**fear the Lord**?” It's an entire life in love, reverence, worship, and obedience to God.

1. God refuses to play **hide-and-seek** with His people.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** – *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

2. God **disciplines** His children.

**Proverbs 3:11-12** – *My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his*

*reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.*

3. God calls His people to be **quick** to listen and **slow** to speak.

**Proverbs 10:19** – *When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.*

4. God shares that **safety** is found in the counsel of many people.

**Proverbs 11:14** – *Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.*

5. God cautions His people about what **seems** right to man.

**Proverbs 14:12** – *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.*

6. God reveals the dangers of **pride**.

**Proverbs 16:18** – *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

7. God discloses a tool that the enemy uses to **separate** close friends.

**Proverbs 16:28** – *A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.*

8. God expects His people to **work**.

**Proverbs 20:13** – *Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread.*

9. God teaches the importance of **stewardship**.

**Proverbs 21:20** – *Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.*

10. God conveys how life is **fragile** and **uncertain**.

**Proverbs 27:1** – *Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.*

11. God calls His **shepherds** to be involved in the lives of His **sheep**.

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