

# The Book of Proverbs

## Chapter Links

[Proverbs HTML chapter links](#)

[Proverbs PDF chapter links](#)

[Proverbs WPD chapter links \(these will open up on your computer in Word Perfect\)](#)

[Chapter Summaries and Links](#)

[Chapters and Stage of Completeness](#)

Is there any book written by any man about wisdom and about doing right which comes to mind which is known and revered by even one-hundredth of those who know and revere this book of Proverbs?

Updated August 20, 2022 There were quite a number of bad links which were fixed.

Chapters covered so far: Proverbs 1–9 (and the introduction to the first 9 chapters) only. The study, so far, is 4772 pages.

What follows are [LINKS](#) to the various chapters of Proverbs, each of which is a document of 100 or more pages. Also included in this document are [Chapter Summaries](#) of those chapters so far exegeted, as well as a [chart](#) of all the completed chapters. The examination of each chapter is so lengthy as to preclude gathering them up into one document.

The exegesis of these books will not put before you a bunch of brand new doctrines which are different from those already delivered by orthodox Christianity; that is, a study of this book is not going to upend your doctrinal foundation, or get you interested in joining some cult of some sort; these questions have doctrinal answers and fit in very well with the essential doctrines that we have learned and have believed in (see the [Doctrinal Statement](#)).

As an aside, even though I have attended Berachah Church for over 40 years, these are not my notes re-worked from R. B. Thieme, Jr.'s excellent notes. On most chapters, I refer back to my old notes from that class to make certain that I did not leave anything out (when such notes exist); but R. B. Thieme, Jr. did not cover most of the material included here (at least, not during the time that his lessons were recorded and distributed). And, as always, the bulk of this study is original, with view toward contemporary events. There are a great many things in these chapters that Bob did not cover. However, the theology is essentially the same.

[Return to the Top of the Page](#)

There should no longer be any problems with the graphics or the Hebrew characters in any of the HTML documents listed below.

<a href="#">Proverbs 1–9 Introduction (html)</a>		Proverbs 10–31 Introduction (html)	
<a href="#">Proverbs 01 (html)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 02 (html)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 03 (html)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 04 (html)</a>
<a href="#">Proverbs 05 (html)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 06 (html)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 07 (html)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 08 (html)</a>
<a href="#">Proverbs 09 (html)</a>	Proverbs 10 (html)	Proverbs 11 (html)	Proverbs 12 (html)
Proverbs 13 (html)	Proverbs 14 (html)	Proverbs 15 (html)	Proverbs 16 (html)
Proverbs 17 (html)	Proverbs 18 (html)	Proverbs 19 (html)	Proverbs 20 (html)
Proverbs 21 (html)	Proverbs 22 (html)	Proverbs 23 (html)	Proverbs 24 (html)
Proverbs 25 (html)	Proverbs 26 (html)	Proverbs 27 (html)	Proverbs 28 (html)
Proverbs 29 (html)	Proverbs 30 (html)	Proverbs 31 (html)	

A possible problem with the following pdf files is, they are quite large and they may not display on computers with limited memory (a typical chapter will be 200–300 pages long). If that is the case, then you should be able to right-click the link, choose save as, and put the file on your hard drive and open it there using [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#). That will give you a complete view of the graphics and the Hebrew characters. However, since WordPerfect now properly prints out Hebrew words (reading from right to left), HTML files also properly display the Hebrew characters, but the PDF files read left to right. In older documents, I placed each letter where it belonged by typesetting, and WP and PDF would display properly (but this would not transfer to HTML documents). For most people, this does not mean anything, but I did have one person who noticed the problem in the PDF documents.

<a href="#">Proverbs 1–9 Introduction (pdf)</a>		Proverbs 10–31 Introduction (html)	
<a href="#">Proverbs 01 (pdf)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 02 (pdf)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 03 (pdf)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 04 (pdf)</a>
<a href="#">Proverbs 05 (pdf)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 06 (pdf)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 07 (pdf)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 08 (pdf)</a>
<a href="#">Proverbs 09 (pdf)</a>	Proverbs 10 (pdf)	Proverbs 11 (pdf)	Proverbs 12 (pdf)
Proverbs 13 (pdf)	Proverbs 14 (pdf)	Proverbs 15 (pdf)	Proverbs 16 (pdf)
Proverbs 17 (pdf)	Proverbs 18 (pdf)	Proverbs 19 (pdf)	Proverbs 20 (pdf)
Proverbs 21 (pdf)	Proverbs 22 (pdf)	Proverbs 23 (pdf)	Proverbs 24 (pdf)
Proverbs 25 (pdf)	Proverbs 26 (pdf)	Proverbs 27 (pdf)	Proverbs 28 (pdf)

<a href="#">Proverbs 1–9 Introduction (pdf)</a>		Proverbs 10–31 Introduction (html)	
Proverbs 29 (pdf)	Proverbs 30 (pdf)	Proverbs 31 (pdf)	

The following documents will open up on your computer, either into WordPerfect or into Word (although the formatting might be a little funky in Word).

<a href="#">Proverbs 1–9 Introduction (wpd)</a>		Proverbs 10–31 Introduction (html)	
<a href="#">Proverbs 01 (wpd)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 02 (wpd)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 03 (wpd)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 04 (wpd)</a>
<a href="#">Proverbs 05 (wpd)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 06 (wpd)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 07 (wpd)</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 08 (wpd)</a>
<a href="#">Proverbs 09 (wpd)</a>	Proverbs 10 (wpd)	Proverbs 11 (wpd)	Proverbs 12 (wpd)
Proverbs 13 (wpd)	Proverbs 14 (wpd)	Proverbs 15 (wpd)	Proverbs 16 (wpd)
Proverbs 17 (wpd)	Proverbs 18 (wpd)	Proverbs 19 (wpd)	Proverbs 20 (wpd)
Proverbs 21 (wpd)	Proverbs 22 (wpd)	Proverbs 23 (wpd)	Proverbs 24 (wpd)
Proverbs 25 (wpd)	Proverbs 26 (wpd)	Proverbs 27 (wpd)	Proverbs 28 (wpd)
Proverbs 29 (wpd)	Proverbs 30 (wpd)	Proverbs 31 (wpd)	

Now and again, I have seen that I have made some mistakes in spelling as well as in the morphology (I took the information from Owen, but changed it whenever there was a mistake in his work). If you discover mistakes, then I would want to know what they are so that I could change them and update the documents. I enjoy studying the Word of God, but I so hate to proofread.

For most chapters, the original wpd (WordPerfect document) is also available online. Just go to <http://kukis.org/Proverbs/>, right click, and choose save as. These documents will open in WordPerfect and sometimes in Word (although that is a dicey proposition). Each document (chapter) is typically around 100–300 pages.

<a href="#">Proverbs HTML chapter links</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs PDF chapter links</a>
<a href="#">Proverbs WPD chapter links (these will open up on your computer in Word Perfect)</a>	
<a href="#">Chapter Summaries and Links</a>	<a href="#">Chapters and Stage of Completeness</a>

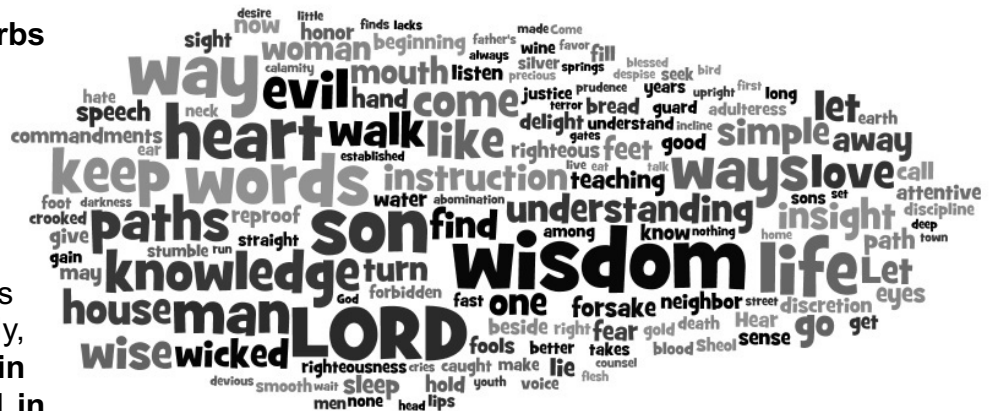
[Return to the Top of the Page](#)

## Brief Chapter Synopses

**Proverbs 1–9 Introduction A Father’s Advice to His Son: Become Wise** ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)).

### Word Cloud for Proverbs 1–9 (ESV)

Although there is a lot of material from other commentators, there is also material in this introduction which is unique to this study, including **Jesus Christ in Proverbs 1–9** and **God in Proverbs 1–9**.



This document includes discussion of the vocabulary of Prov. 1–9, quite a number of outlines of these first 9 chapters (some simple and some quite complex), an overview of the format found in these 9 chapters along with some treatment of the translations used and why they are classified as they are, and the authorship specifically of these first 9 chapters.

Also included: 2 original translations of these first 9 chapters.

Even though I am not completely happy with my organization of this material, dividing up the introduction to this section of Proverbs from the rest of Proverbs is the correct thing to do. 71 pages.

**Proverbs 1 Choosing God’s Wisdom or Rejecting It** ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)).

**On Wisdom:**

Paul E. Larsen: *When a man knows the right and does the right he is a wise man. It is the wedding of knowing and doing-it is the junction of the good and the true.*<sup>1</sup>

Warren Wiersbe: *It isn't enough simply to be educated and have knowledge, as important as education is. We also need wisdom, which is the ability to use knowledge. Wise men and women have the competence to grasp the meaning of a situation and understand what to do and how to do it in the right way at the right time...The pages of history are filled with the names of brilliant and gifted people who were smart enough to become rich and famous but not wise enough to make a successful and satisfying life. Before his death, one of the world's richest men said that he would have given all his wealth to make one of his six marriages succeed. It's one thing to make a living, but quite something else to make a life.*<sup>2</sup>

John C. Maxwell: *A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them.*<sup>3</sup>

Isaac Asimov: *The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.*<sup>4</sup>

Frank Zappa: *Information is not knowledge. Knowledge is not wisdom.*<sup>5</sup>

### **On the Book of Proverbs:**

Kukis: *Is there any book written by any man about wisdom and about doing right which comes to mind which is known and revered by even one-hundredth of those who know and revere this book of Proverbs?*

Albert Barnes: *The writer's purpose [of the book of Proverbs] is to educate. He is writing what might be called an ethical handbook for the young, though not for the young only. Of all books in the Old Testament, this is the one which we may think of as most distinctively educational.*<sup>6</sup>

E. Johnson: *[This] is a collection of proverbs. Condensed wisdom. Landmarks in the field of experience. Beacons of warning from dangerous shores. Objects of interest in life's travel.*<sup>7</sup>

Although the study of this particular chapter is quite extensive, I may have gotten somewhat carried away with some of the internal doctrines, borrowing liberally from Precept Austin for all the occurrences of this or that word in the book of Proverbs.

I may also have gotten carried away with quotes from various commentators. There are over 500 footnotes in this chapter, and most of them are quotations from others.

---

<sup>1</sup> From <http://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/dcc/view.cgi?bk=19&ch=1> accessed November 1, 2014. He cites Paul E. Larsen, *Wise Up and Live*, p. 4.

<sup>2</sup> From <http://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/dcc/view.cgi?bk=19&ch=1> accessed November 1, 2014. He cites Wiersbe, pp. 10-11, 12.

<sup>3</sup> From [http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/topics/topic\\_wisdom.html](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/topics/topic_wisdom.html) accessed October 31, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> From <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/wisdom> accessed October 31, 2014.

<sup>5</sup> From <http://www.metrolyrics.com/packard-goose-lyrics-frank-zappa.html> accessed November 6, 2014.

<sup>6</sup> Albert Barnes, *Barnes' Notes on the Old Testament*; from e-Sword, Prov. 1:2.

<sup>7</sup> *The Pulpit Commentary*; 1880-1919; by Joseph S. Exell, Henry Donald Maurice Spence-Jones, courtesy of e-sword, Prov. 1:1.

It should be easy to see why R. B. Thieme, Jr. spent in excess of 30 hours teaching this one chapter of Proverbs. Not only does this lay the foundation for the book of Proverbs, this is the essential pamphlet of the spiritual life in Israel and the Christian life for us today.

One of the important discussions in this book is canonicity—when was it developed, how were books added, when did we understand what it meant for Scriptures to be inspired, etc. There are a lot of misunderstandings about these things which misunderstandings can be dispelled with some simple logic. For instance, some people believe that some person or some influential group decided what would be in the Bible and what would not be; and that they chose these things according to some set of doctrines which they already held. Not only is this belief not historical, it is also illogical.

[illegible]

I probably got carried away with including quotations from outside sources. A lot of people had a lot of good things to say about Prov. 1.

At some point in time, perhaps a quarter of this material will be transferred over into an introduction to the book of Proverbs. 308 pages.



**Proverbs 2 The Path of Righteousness versus the Ways of Evil** ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)).

Dr. Thomas Constable: *[Proverbs 2] emphasizes moral stability as a fruit of wisdom.*<sup>8</sup>

Warren Wiersbe: *Obtaining spiritual wisdom isn't a once-a-week hobby, it is the daily discipline of a lifetime. But in this age of microwave ovens, fast foods, digests, and numerous 'made easy' books, many people are out of the habit of daily investing time and energy in digging deep into Scripture and learning wisdom from the Lord. Thanks to television, their attention span is brief; thanks to religious entertainment that passes for worship, their spiritual appetite is feeble and spiritual knowledge isn't 'pleasant to [their] soul' (Proverbs 2:10). It's no wonder fewer and fewer people 'take time to be holy' and more and more people fall prey to the enemies that lurk along the way.*<sup>9</sup>

From Calvary Chapel: *Isn't it amazing the time we spend watching movies or television shows, the amount of time we watch sporting events, the amount of time we are on the Internet or Facebook or one of those social media sites, the amount of time we spend texting people and that list can go on-and-on! And yet, when it comes to God's Word, "I just don't have the time" we say! Solomon is telling us that you can't afford not to be in God's Word! And I am not talking about a casual reading of God's Word, but digging deep and mining out the silver nuggets that are in there!*<sup>10</sup>

Kukis: When it comes to mining for silver as an analogy to seeking out Bible doctrine,... You do not just wander over a piece of land and collect whatever bits of silver ore that might be laying there upon the surface—you dig deep and wide and you go back to places where you have mined before and you mine some more. Mining is ambitious and thorough, as your study of the Word of God ought to be.

I had far too many quotations in Proverbs 1 and over 500 footnotes. This time, I made a conscious attempt to have as few as possible, but without cheating the reader of the information found in this chapter (there are only 160 footnotes in Prov. 2). My intention is

that each chapter exegeted from the Bible stand on its own as a separate literary unit. That is, all that you need to understand in any chapter is what is found in the exegesis of it. Therefore, there are some overlapping doctrines in Prov. 1 and 2.

Prov. 2 is a discourse from father to son. The father extols the virtues of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, and gives some of



<sup>8</sup> From <http://www.studylight.org/commentaries/dcc/view.cgi?bk=19&ch=2> accessed November 30, 2014.

<sup>9</sup> From [Google Books](#), The Wiersbe Bible Commentary: Old Testament by Warren W. Wiersbe (p. 1062).

<sup>10</sup> From <http://www.ccmanitowoc.org/> Prov. 2:1–5 accessed December 1, 2014.

the results of having a heart filled with understanding: [wisdom with come into the heart and understanding be pleasant to the soul](#). A man with wisdom and understanding will know how to avoid evil and how to avoid the wrong woman. In the end, those who are upright and have integrity will inhabit the earth, while the wicked will be uprooted from it.

The doctrines studied in this chapter: the Doctrine of the Heart, the Fear of the LORD, the Doctrine of Evil, the Doctrine of Adultery, the Doctrine of Flattery, the Palestinian Covenant, and the Baptism of Fire.

Applications in this chapter involve Alexis de Tocqueville, the day that your child asked you 50 questions, why banks and Walmart are not evil, the so-called 99%, the Ferguson riots and Jonathan Gruber.

We study and discuss how wisdom is not a function of I.Q., storing up Bible doctrine in your heart, the importance of Bible doctrine, the joy of Bible doctrine, the problems of cults, King David and how he raised most of his sons poorly, and even ask the question *is the Bible racist?* 163 pages.



### **Proverbs 3 The Benefits of Wisdom** ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)).

David continues teaching his son in Proverbs 3. This chapter could be summed up as the application of wisdom of life and its many benefits; contrasted with the lives of those who reject the wisdom of God.

**Proverbs 3:6** (graphic) from [Unveiledwife.com](http://Unveiledwife.com); accessed February 12, 2015.

This chapter is filled with memorable passages—your favorite verse of some of your favorite verses may be found in this chapter; here are a few (and these are not the only ones):

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.](#) (ESV; capitalized)



Proverbs 3:13–18 | Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding,

for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold.

She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

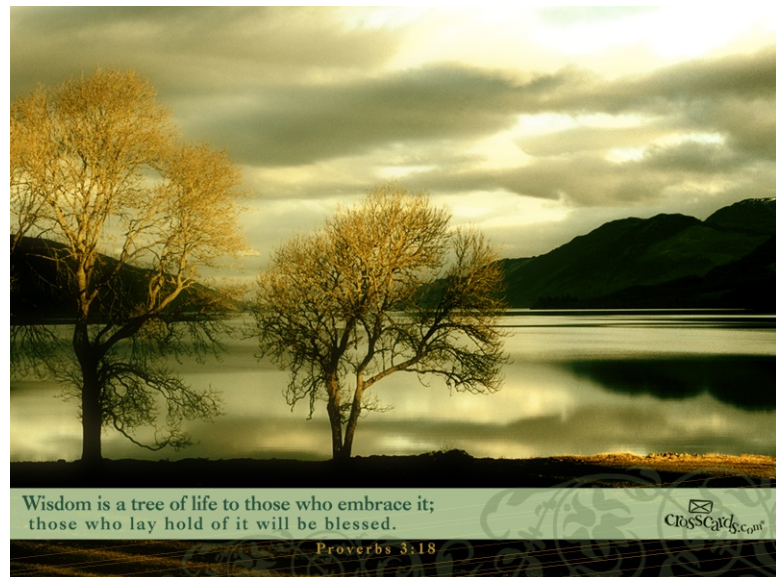
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed. (ESV; capitalized)

Gary North: *Adherence to God's laws brings visible, external benefits. These benefits are long life and plenty.*<sup>11</sup>

Larsen: *In the final analysis all government, all economics, all currency and banking, all institutions and all marriages, all relationships between people, are fundamentally governed by trust. Without trust, society deteriorates into paranoia, the feeling that everybody is out to get you.*<sup>12</sup>

There is a great emphasis in this chapter about the physical and mental health benefits of knowing and applying God's knowledge to life. This will be discussed because this has both been overblown by some, and, by others, disregarded.

One of the mysteries of this chapter is the mention of the *Tree of Life*. We can understand what the Tree of Life was back in Genesis and even what it means in Revelation; but what does it mean here, in the middle of a *wisdom book*? What is the relationship? This will be explained (as far as I know, this has not been correctly explained before).



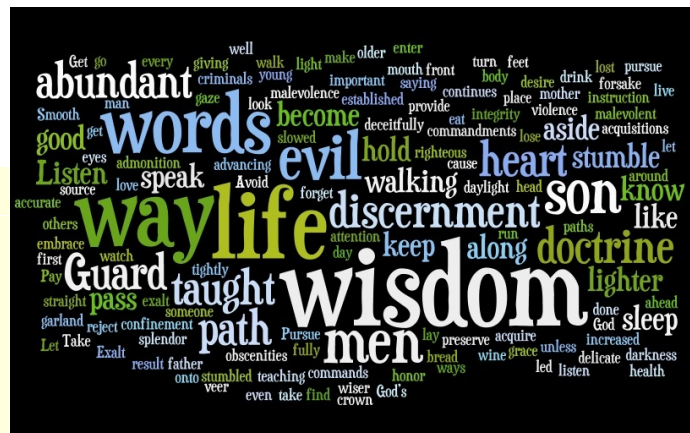
**Proverbs 3:18** (graphic) from [media.salemwebnetwork.com](http://media.salemwebnetwork.com); accessed February 12, 2015. This verse reads: **Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace it; those who lay hold of it will be blessed.**

<sup>11</sup> From <http://www.garynorth.com/WisdomAndDominion.pdf> (chapter 6) accessed February 3, 2015.

<sup>12</sup> From <http://www.studyight.org/commentaries/dcc/view.cgi?bk=19&ch=3> accessed February 3, 2015. He is quoting Larsen, p. 12.

In this chapter, we will study the doctrines of Operation Z; Human Viewpoint versus Divine Viewpoint; the Old Testament Spiritual Life; Divine Discipline; and Envy (I don't think this particular doctrine is found on any other doctrinal site). 238 pages.

**Robert Dean:** *Does it take a village to raise a child? This misguided notion insists that training children must be a joint effort of schools, families, and government organizations.*



<sup>14</sup> Judith Martin, *Miss Manners' Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behavior*; ©1982; Warner Books; p. 49.

*Proverbs 4 places the teaching of good judgment and clear thinking solely on the shoulders of parents.*<sup>15</sup>

This is a very unusual chapter in Scripture, as God is not named in this chapter. You can see this when you examine the Word Cloud for the translation of this chapter. However, it is still a part of the Word of God; and divine inspiration is clearly a part of Proverbs 4. This would suggest that this chapter deals mainly with the laws of divine establishment. This is true; but it also deals with the spiritual life as well.

Black Americans used to be a powerful spiritual force in America; and now they are a drag on American society. What happened? How does Proverbs 4 help to explain what happened?

We study how evil and sin become a part of our nature as we sin more often or commit acts of evil more often (evil may include acts of sin and acts of human good). This is presented in parallel to eating and drinking, and how the food becomes an actual part of us (just as Bible doctrine; or acts of sin and evil become a part of us).

Topics discussed: teaching your children; the necessity of discipline; the use of the word *heart* in Proverbs (and the rest of the Bible); gays and gay marriage; taxing sin; the variety of gifts of the body of Christ; Proverbs 4 and Operation Z; the concepts of evil and sin; the consistency of the Bible with heart science;

Doctrines covered: Crowns; Scriptural Promise for a Long Life; Crime and Punishment; God and Light; the Spiritual Life in the Age of Israel; Darkness; Walking, Running; Sins of the Tongue; Sin. 219 pages.

**Proverbs 5**  
**The Wrong**  
**Woman/The**  
**Right Woman**  
([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#))  
([WPD](#)).

David talks about one of his favorite subjects in this chapter of **Proverbs: women** — in particular, the



---

<sup>15</sup> From [Dean Bible Ministries](#); accessed March 1, 2015.



right woman for any man (and, in this case, it is the right woman for Solomon, his very young son). One of the things which is fascinating is, David had 10 wives and 10 mistresses; Solomon had 1000 wives and mistresses; and yet David is teaching his son about the importance of one wife, of one relationship, of one love. This is the boundary given by God for personal and sexual love. The reason that this is fascinating is, most people like to justify themselves. Most people like to point to things that they have done and say, "You may think that I got it wrong, but what I was doing was a-okay." But David does not do this. Solomon, in recording this information, does not do this. Both men, David by his teaching and Solomon by his recording of this information, testify to God's plan for men and women, which is not the plan which they followed. At no time in any of their writings does either man try to justify their own mistakes. Solomon never writes, *a man with one wife is blessed and a man with two is double-blessed*. David never says, *you know, in this line, we men of Judah have the sexual vigor of 20 men, so we need to have many women at our beck and call*.

Much of this chapter can be taken as allegorical, which only one or two commentators have done. Furthermore, from the earliest times, a significant portion of the chapter has been incorrectly interpreted. A correct interpretation will be given, along with a complete argument as to why the previous explanation was wrong and why the explanation found here is correct.

Doctrines covered: Wormwood; Flattery; Lusts of the Soul; Sheol; the Cosmic System; Sexual Love in Marriage; and the Sin unto Death.

Important topics covered: Islam and Multiple Wives; The Cost of Sexual Immorality; Children being raised without fathers; Marriage and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Divine Institution; the Omniscience of God; and a Metaphorical Approach to Proverbs 5.

This is one of the most common sense and applicable chapters of the Bible. 196 pages.

## **Proverbs 6 Laziness, Adultery and Things Which God Hates ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)).**

John Ortberg: *Sloth is the failure to do what needs to be done when it needs to be done - like the kamikaze pilot who flew seventeen missions.*<sup>16</sup>

Jon Foreman: *Greed, envy, sloth, pride and gluttony: these are not vices anymore. No, these are marketing tools. Lust is our way of life. Envy is just a nudge towards another sale. Even in our relationships we consume each other, each of us looking for what we can get out of the other. Our appetites are often satisfied at the expense of those around us. In a dog-eat-dog world we lose part of our humanity.*<sup>17</sup>

---

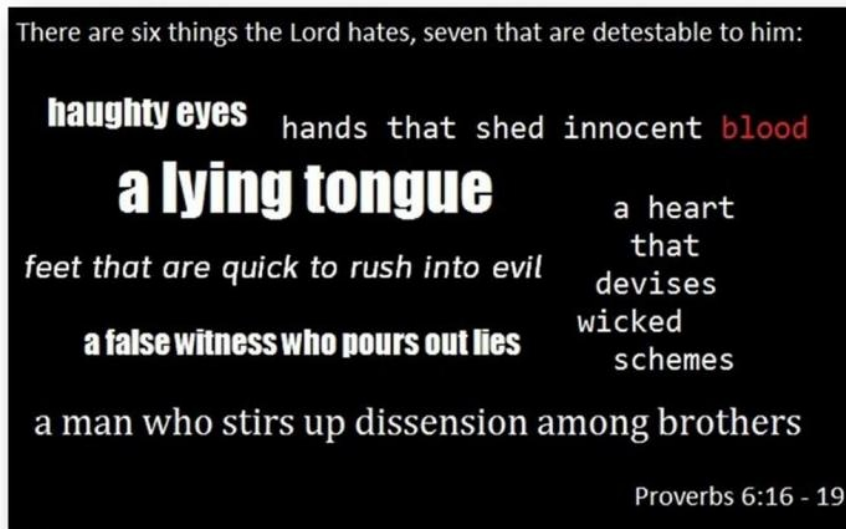
<sup>16</sup> From <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/sloth.html> accessed September 29, 2015.

<sup>17</sup> From <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/sloth> accessed September 29, 2015.

Ronald Reagan (I think this was in response to his taking naps during his presidency): *I've heard that hard work never killed anyone, but I say why take the chance?*<sup>18</sup>

Judge Roy Moore: *When we forget God, we lose the only true basis for morality and ethics, and we are cast upon the shifting sands of moral relativism in which anything goes, including lying, cheating and stealing.*<sup>19</sup>

Gary North: *The predictability and impartiality of biblical law are to undergird the social order. All those who break the law are subject to its penalties. This points to the final judgment. God does not "grade on a curve." Paul wrote: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).*<sup>20</sup>



Unlike the previous chapters of Proverbs, Prov. 6 covers a wide range of topics, although one can certainly see a relationship between each topic going into the next. (1) In life, we all accumulate debt; we all are under a variety of obligations. David tells Solomon<sup>21</sup> to honor his obligations; what he says binds him to

that thing. (2) David then speaks about the importance of hard work, and talks about the ant and his industriousness (obviously, David did not own a house cat as a pet). (3) The man who does not work hard is covered in the next section, *the worthless man*. (4) Obviously God does not care for laziness; but the things which He hates are then listed. (5) An oft-time repeated refrain of Proverbs is for the hearer/reader to pay attention to the doctrinal teaching of his parents and keep that in his soul at all times. Knowing Bible doctrine and **divine establishment** principles, (6) keeps a man from getting involved with the wrong women and (7) keeps a man from committing adultery.

As an aside, the reference work on ants was fascinating to me.

---

<sup>18</sup> From <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/sloth> accessed September 29, 2015.

<sup>19</sup> From <http://www.christianquotes.info/quotes-by-topic/quotes-about-immorality/> accessed September 29, 2015.

<sup>20</sup> From <http://www.garynorth.com/WisdomAndDominion.pdf> accessed September 26, 2015.

<sup>21</sup> As in the previous chapters, I have assumed that this is what David taught Solomon as a very young man; and Solomon reproduced these notes at a later time.



There is a marked difference between the way a father relates to his son and how a mother does. This difference explains why so many children raised without a father grow up to be little thugs (and sometimes, lifetime thugs). Hidden in this study is how mothers and fathers raise their children differently; and what a single mother must do in order to keep that from happening.

If you teach your children properly, then they will respect hard work and they will be willing to work hard. They will avoid premarital sex and intoxicants. As a result, most children of believers grow up to be materially successful. A portion of this study is devoted to living the spiritual life in a material world.

Although I draw upon a great many sources and include a great deal of commentary within this document, there is nearly always be information unique to this commentary. One thing which I have not read elsewhere is the spiritual application of surety (the first 5 verses of this chapter).<sup>22</sup> However, there is an application. Surety foreshadows where we should place our own faith.

Doctrines covered in Proverbs 6: The Doctrines of Work, Evil, Pride, Murder, Lying, and Adultery. Also, The Western Work Ethic; Living the Spiritual Life in a Material World.

Important studies in this chapter: The importance of living up to your word and to the agreements which you sign; the importance of working.

There are a great many applications of this chapter to modern life, including the concept of evil and an example of someone who embodies evil. Modern examples of arrogance and sowing discord *among brothers* are given. Also, a great (ane relevant) Peanuts cartoon. 287 pages.

## **Proverbs 7 Seduced by the Adulterous Woman** ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)).

Proverbs 7 concentrates on the subject of adultery, and what the author of this chapter (probably King David) personally observed. He is teaching Bible doctrine and divine establishment principles to his sons, so that they will not make the same mistakes.

### **Quotations:**

J. Vernon McGee: *This young man is taking a walk down the wrong street.*<sup>23</sup>

Henry Scougal: *Youth is a time of life wherein we have too much pride to be governed by others, and too little wisdom to govern ourselves.*<sup>24</sup>

---

<sup>22</sup> After writing this, I found one author who alluded to it. [James Nisbet](#); accessed October 1, 2015.

<sup>23</sup> From [https://archive.org/stream/20-Proverbs/20-PROVERBS\\_djvu.txt](https://archive.org/stream/20-Proverbs/20-PROVERBS_djvu.txt) accessed October 20, 2015 (slightly edited).

<sup>24</sup> From [http://www.preceptaustin.org/proverbs\\_71-27\\_commentary.htm](http://www.preceptaustin.org/proverbs_71-27_commentary.htm) accessed October 24, 2015.

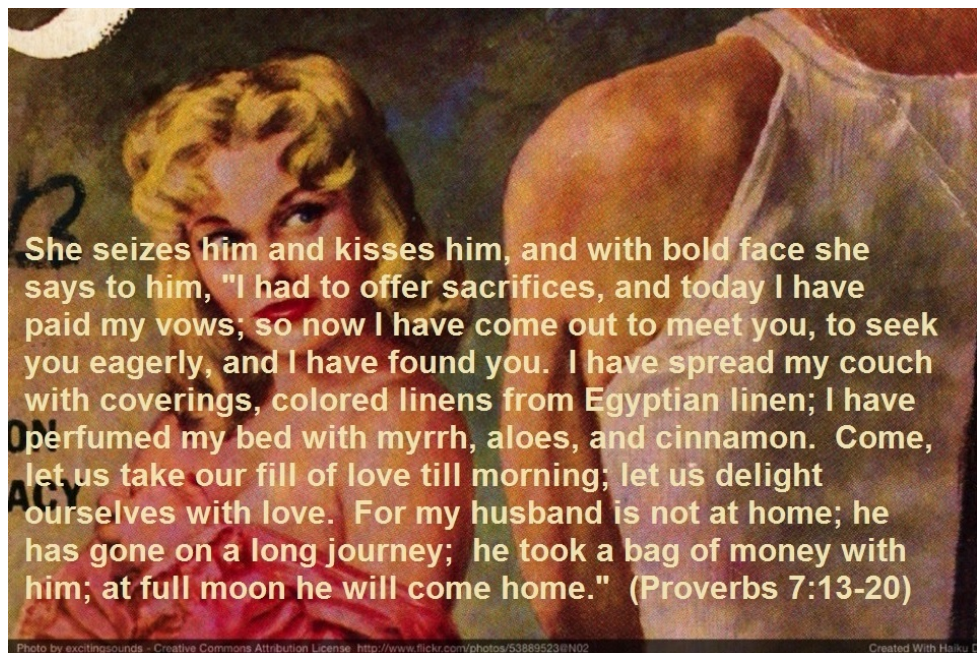
Julian Lennon: *Dad could talk about peace and love out loud to the world, but he could never show it to the people who supposedly meant the most to him: his wife and son. How can you talk about peace and love and have a family in bits and pieces - no communication, adultery, divorce? You can't do it, not if you're being true and honest with yourself.*<sup>25</sup>

Besides the topic of adultery, there seems to be a parallel narrative occurring under the surface—the lure and flattery from the adulterous woman, is much like the lure and flatter of false doctrine, human viewpoint, and cosmic thinking. The parallels are remarkable.

Included in this study is a new look at the **Edification Complex Structure**, having both a man-ward and a God-ward view; the **Doctrine of Adultery**; a Parallel Interpretation of Proverbs 7; and

a very important new doctrine: *Why didn't God just give us a simple list of what to do and what not to do?*

Like all previous studies, there will be up-to-date applications to the events of today, so that you can take the doctrine from the Bible and apply it to what we observe every day. 191 pages.



---

## Proverbs 8 ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)). Wisdom Calls Out

Prov. 8 is offered up in contrast to Prov. 7. In Prov. 7, we had the temptation of the immoral adulteress, calling out to the young man in the night; but in Prov. 8, we have Lady Wisdom calling to all believers from the most public places. We are warned as to the dangers of hooking up with the married woman (who represents false doctrine and human

---

<sup>25</sup> From <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/adultery.html> accessed October 25, 2015.

viewpoint thinking) in Prov. 7; we are encouraged to take advantage of the wisdom of God, which is offered to us in Prov. 8 (however, we do not acquire wisdom overnight).

We studied a variety of doctrines in this chapter, including The Wisdom of God; 2 Doctrines of Evil; Grace Apparatus for Perception; Fear of the Lord; the Concept of Divine Institutions; the Fifth Divine Institution (Human government); the Royal Family Honor Code; the Trinity in the Old Testament; the Omniscience of God; the Water Cycle and the Bible; and the Dual Authorship of the Scriptures.

There are several very important topics discussed in detail in this exegetical study: the Dual Authorship of Scriptures (and what that applies); the great availability of Bible doctrine in this day and age (and how it is being rejected, even in the United States); and how the Bible accurately refers to scientific phenomenon from time to time.

For believers who do not really understand the importance of reaching maturity so that quality divine good can be produced, an excellent illustration is given to explain why this is of the utmost importance.

We saw many applications of the principles found in this chapter to modern politics (specifically, the dishonest language of President Obama); and the importance of Bible doctrine to the founding fathers. 340 pages.

**Lady Wisdom by Adam Howie** (apparently a photo of something that he created); from [Red Bubble](#); accessed November 26, 2015. He [sells](#) this image to hang on the wall, to decorate the back of a laptop, or as a throw pillow.<sup>26</sup>



## **Proverbs 9** ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)). **The Banquets of Lady Wisdom and Madam Folly**

Chapter 9 presents the final arguments of both Lady Wisdom and Mistress Folly, and completes the first section of the book of Proverbs.

### **Confused Human Viewpoint:**

---

<sup>26</sup> This is the closest thing that I have to an advertisement in any of my work. I have no personal or professional relationship to the artist.



Khalil Gibran: *Pain and foolishness lead to great bliss and complete knowledge, for Eternal Wisdom created nothing under the sun in vain.*<sup>27</sup>

Witold Gombrowicz, Polish author: *Foolishness is a twin sister of wisdom.*<sup>28</sup>

### **Foolishness:**

Mark Slouka, American novelist: *It's a race between your foolishness and your allotted days. Good luck.*<sup>29</sup>

Rumi: *You know the value of every article of merchandise, but if you don't know the value of your own soul, it's all foolishness.*<sup>30</sup>

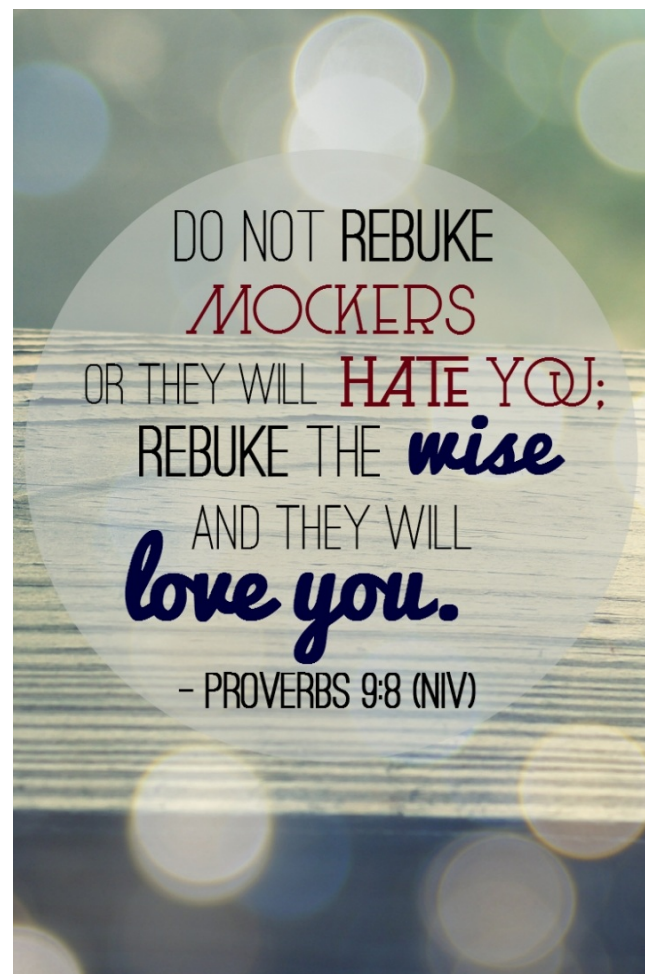
Sophocles: *Foolishness is indeed the sister of wickedness.*<sup>31</sup>

Interestingly enough, the first proverbs actually found in the book of Proverbs are found in this chapter. There are 3 proverbs of wisdom and 1 proverb of foolishness.

**Proverbs 9:8 (The NIV)** (a graphic); from [Wife Begins](#); accessed December 12, 2015. This is one of the 3 proverbs of wisdom.

Wisdom and Folly pursue the same categories of young men, but with very different intentions. Wisdom seeks to provide what is lacking, to repair the deficiency; whereas, Folly seeks to exploit that deficiency. Wisdom is there for the benefit of the young man; Folly is there to achieve her own ends. Wisdom looks to extend the life of those influenced by her; Folly seeks to end to lives of those who follow her.

There is certainly more going on than a morality play here. Mistress Folly represents human viewpoint and cosmic thinking; and she is always pursuing the souls of men. In this world, the key to life,



<sup>27</sup> From <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/foolishness.html> accessed December 3, 2015.

<sup>28</sup> From <http://www.inc.com/> accessed December 3, 2015.

<sup>29</sup> From <http://www.inc.com/> accessed December 3, 2015.

<sup>30</sup> From <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/foolishness.html> accessed December 3, 2015.

<sup>31</sup> From <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/foolishness.html> accessed December 3, 2015.

is what you think. Satan always wants your thinking to be opposed to God's. This cannot be over-emphasized this more. 161 pages.

## **Proverbs 10** ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)). **Righteousness versus Wickedness; Wisdom versus Folly**

Chapter 10 begins a whole new section in the book of Proverbs. We think of proverbs as pithy, self-contained sayings which illustrate fundamental truths (often establishment truths). This is what we find in Prov. 10, a chapter primarily of antithetical distichs.

Because of the nature of the proverb, it is much more difficult to organize Prov. 10 (although some sections of this chapter lend themselves to organization). There is no simple approach like, *this is the section on wisdom, this is the section on love, etc.* At no time did I come across a person who organized a chapter, and remarked, "Okay, I get it; that makes sense."

A word should be said about the concentrated study of the remainder of Proverbs: *don't*. I found this one chapter to be quite exhausting.<sup>32</sup> When it comes to the study of this material, you may want to limit yourself to a chapter at a time, or a particular topic, or, on occasion, a simple read through.

Furthermore, whereas, a pastor might reasonably teach Prov. 1–9 as a cohesive unit over a period of months or years; that same pastor would not serve his congregation well to cover the rest of Proverbs in a similar fashion. With the remainder of Proverbs, it is better taught a chapter at a time, or taught from the standpoint of a particular subject area.

Consider it a very rich food. It is wonderful in small doses, but it is not to be taken as the entire meal.

I have introduced two new summary tables in this chapter. Each half of each verse has a message. If there were 3 or more commentators which had something interesting to say about the verse, I gathered them into a table. When it was possible, I ended the table with a list of illustrations from Bullinger.

At the end of each verse—and proverbs really lend themselves to this approach—I have listed perhaps a half-dozen translations, some various commentators on the entire verse, and then complete the table with a list of some parallel verses (because there is generally a contrast of ideas in each proverb, parallel verses may speak to one half or the other of the proverb).

If you wanted information or inspiration on a particular proverb, these tables would be the place to go for a quick summary (they may also be accessed at the *Charts, Graphics and Short Doctrines* links).

---

<sup>32</sup> The book of Job is also like that for me.



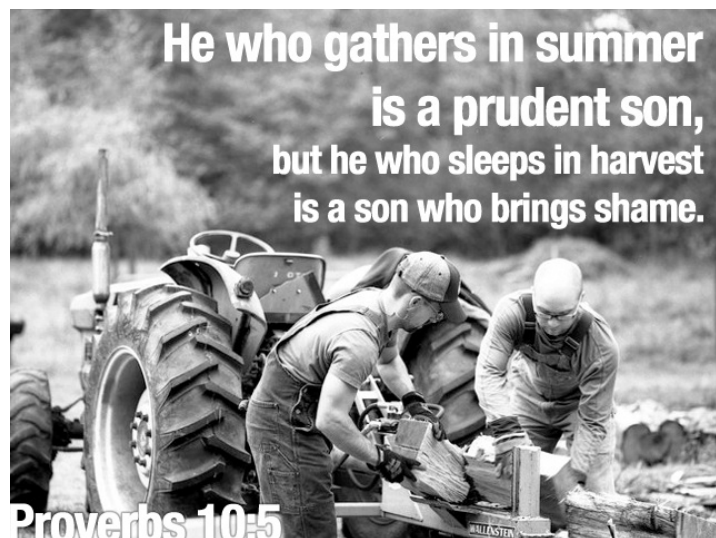
As in Prov. 1, I probably went overboard with the quotations of other commentators, registering over 800 footnotes. Someday, I will need to go back and weed some of these out and perhaps edit out as much as 100 pages. In any case, the idea is to provide as much relevant material as possible, so that you can read and understand each proverb.

There are a plethora of topics found in this chapter as well as doctrines from the Word of God. Topics found: Advising the Pastor-teacher about teaching this portion of Proverbs; Wealth (the complications of; and believer and unbeliever and wealth); Work, the Work Ethic; work and the believer; European Socialism; Laziness and Television; Personal Integrity; Gay Marriage and the Believer; Hatred; Love Covers all Sins; True Knowledge; Laying Up Knowledge; Material Wealth; the Proper Use of Wealth; Life Comes with Rules; Believers and Verbal Sins; the Blessing of God; Hostility Toward Wealth; Lengthen Lives, Shortened Lives; and Expectations of Life. Doctrines presented: Antithetical Parallelism; Wealth; Diligence and Prosperity; Redeeming the Time; the Variety of Spiritual Gifts; Wealth and Poverty; Authority; Sins of the Tongue; the Way of God; and the Problem Solving Devices. Quite obviously, there are far more topics and doctrines found in this chapter as compared to most.

There are four discussions in this study which are quite important: Gay Marriage and the Believer; Dealing with Sin in Your Home or Around the Church; the Varieties of Spiritual Gifts, and Life Comes with Rules. All of these discussions relate directly to your individual life and the things that you say and do when interfacing with friends, family members and business associates.

**Proverbs 10:5 (ESV) Graphic;** from [Mark My Les](#); accessed February 9, 2016.

Every attempt has been made to make this a self-contained unit where all the information you need to find on Prov. 10 are found in this document. 410 pages.



---

As is nearly always the case, both the list of **Doctrinal Terms** ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)) and the list of **Old Testament topics** which are covered ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#)) ([WPD](#)) are both updated and posted with each new chapter of Proverbs.

[Proverbs HTML chapter links](#)

[Proverbs PDF chapter links](#)

[Proverbs WPD chapter links \(these will open up on your computer in Word Perfect\)](#)

[Chapter Summaries and Links](#)

[Chapters and Stage of Completeness](#)

## Chapters and Stage of Completeness

There are some recently discovered commentaries which should be integrated into the Proverbs chapters. Most of them can be found in Prov. 3 and forward.

Chapter	Title	Completeness	Links	# of pages
<b>Proverbs 1–9 Intro</b>	<b>A Father's Advice to His Son: Become Wise</b>	Complete		71
<b>Proverbs 1</b>	<b>Choosing God's Wisdom or Rejecting It</b>	Several commentaries to consider still	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	311
<b>Proverbs 2</b>	<b>The Path of Righteousness versus the Ways of Evil</b>	Several commentaries to consider still	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	163
<b>Proverbs 3</b>	<b>The Benefits of Wisdom</b>	Complete?	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	238
<b>Proverbs 4</b>	<b>Embrace Wisdom and Do Not Follow the Wicked</b>	Complete	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	221
<b>Proverbs 5</b>	<b>The Wrong Woman/The Right Woman</b>	Complete	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	196
<b>Proverbs 6</b>	<b>Laziness, Adultery and Things Which God Hates</b>	Complete	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	289
<b>Proverbs 7</b>	<b>Seduced by the Adulterous Woman</b>	Complete	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	191
<b>Proverbs 8</b>	<b>Lady Wisdom Calls Out</b>	Complete	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	340
<b>Proverbs 9</b>	<b>The Banquets of Lady Wisdom and Madam Folly</b>	Complete	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	161
<b>Proverbs 1–9</b>	<b>A Father's Advice to His Son: Become Wise</b>	Nearly Complete		2181

Chapter	Title	Completeness	Links	# of pages
Proverbs 10	Righteousness versus Wickedness; Wisdom versus Folly	Complete	( <a href="#">HTML</a> ) ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">WPD</a> )	410
Proverbs 11				
Proverbs 12				
Proverbs 13				
Proverbs 14				
Proverbs 15				
Proverbs 16				
Proverbs 17				
Proverbs 18				
Proverbs 19				
Proverbs 20				
Proverbs 21				
Proverbs 22				
Proverbs 23				
Proverbs 24				
Proverbs 25				
Proverbs 26				
Proverbs 27				
Proverbs 28				
Proverbs 29				
Proverbs 30				
Proverbs 31				
Total Pages				4772

[Proverbs HTML chapter links](#)

[Proverbs PDF chapter links](#)

[Proverbs WPD chapter links \(these will open up on your computer in Word Perfect\)](#)

[Chapter Summaries and Links](#)

[Chapters and Stage of Completeness](#)

[Return to the Top of the Page](#)

[www.kukis.org](http://www.kukis.org)

[Exegesis](#)

[Doctrines](#)