

Proverbs – Be a Wise Guy for God

Purposes of Proverbs

Week 1

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. 1:7

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Class Topics

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Proverbs

What is a proverb?

Are proverbs always true?

Although interesting, why should we bother with proverbs?

Proverbs 1:1-3

Wisdom

chokmah

Skillfulness in dealing with the matters at hand so as to get the best results

Skillful mastery of life, Practical expertise that leads to a full and successful life

All civilized peoples of ancient Near East had wisdom traditions

Court Wisdom

2 Samuel 16:23

1 Kings 4:30

Folk Wisdom

Sayings that parents teach children to help them grow up

Proverbs 3:1-2

Proverbs includes many secular sayings that could fit into Poor Richard's Almanac

Proverbs 3:27

Proverbs also differentiates between human wisdom and God's true wisdom

Proverbs 3:5-8

Proverbs 14:12

Old Testament Book Organization

History

Torah, Pentateuch, Books of Moses: Genesis – Deuteronomy

Israel's History: Joshua – Esther

Wisdom Literature

Job – Song of Songs

Prophets

Major Prophets: Isaiah – Daniel

Minor Prophets: Hosea – Malachi

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Wisdom Literature

Job

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Psalms

How is God important to our everyday lives?

Proverbs

How can we make the most of this life?

Ecclesiastes

What is the meaning of life?

Song of Songs

What example in this life can give a glimpse into God's desired relationship with us?

Hebrew Poetry

English poetry is based on

A friend in need is a friend indeed

Hebrew poetry is based on

Rhythm - Certain number of accented syllables per line

Assonance - Deliberate repetition of same vowel sounds

Alliteration - Juxtaposition of words & syllables that begin with same consonants

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers ...

Hebrew poetry revolves around parallelism and intensification

Verses contain some form of parallelism

Second line intensifies meaning of first

Synonymous Parallelism

Proverbs 2:11

Antithetical Parallelism

Proverbs 10:1

Emblematic Parallelism

Proverbs 10:26

Synthetic Parallelism

Proverbs 3:6

Proverbs 15:3

Who Wrote Proverbs?

Proverbs 1:1 (1:1-9:18)

Proverbs 10:1 (10:1-22:16)

Proverbs 22:16 (22:17-24:22)

Proverbs 24:23 (24:23-34)

Proverbs 25:1 (25:1-29:27)

Proverbs 30:1 (30:1-33)

Proverbs 31:1 (31:1-9)

Proverbs 31:10 (31:10-31)

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Solomon

Who was Solomon?

1 Chronicles 29:23

Why was Solomon qualified to write these proverbs?

1 Kings 4:29-34

How did he get to be so wise?

1 Kings 3:4-12

What made him wise enough to know that he needed wisdom?

Proverbs 4:3-7

Did Solomon try to pass on his thirst for wisdom to his son?

Proverbs 4:10-13

Purpose and Theme

Read Proverbs 1:1-7

What 5 purposes are given for the book?

Proverbs 1:2a

Proverbs 1:2b

Proverbs 1:3

Proverbs 1:4-5

Proverbs 1:6

What is the theme of the book?

Proverbs 1:7

Are wisdom and knowledge essentially the same? Explain.

Proverbs 9:10

The Fear of the Lord

What is the Fear of the Lord?

Psalms 128:1

What are ways we can understand the Fear of the Lord?

Proverbs 2:1-5

How is the Fear of the Lord the beginning of knowledge and wisdom?

Proverbs 2:6-8

Knowing God's Will

What happens when we receive God's wisdom through a right relationship with Him?

Proverbs 2:9-10

Why should we try to find God's will in what we do?

Proverbs 16:3-4

Proverbs 3:5-8

Proverbs 20:24

Proverbial Quiz (page 4)

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Proverbial Quiz

1. Match the two Bible Proverb halves in each grouping:

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| 1. Pride goes before destruction, | a. and joy may end in grief. (14:13) |
| 2. A gentle answer turns away wrath, | b. but heartache crushes the spirit. (15:13) |
| 3. A happy heart makes the face cheerful, | c. a haughty spirit before a fall. (16:18) |
| 4. Even in laughter the heart may ache, | d. but a harsh word stirs up anger. (15:1) |
| 5. Make level paths for your feet | e. for it is the wellspring of life. (4:23) |
| 6. Above all else, guard your heart, | f. and take only ways that are firm. (4:26) |
| 7. Do not boast about tomorrow, | g. but in the end it leads to death. (16:25) |
| 8. There is a way that seems right to a man, | h. for you do not know what a day may bring forth. (27:1) |
| 9. A generous man will prosper; | i. ruthless men gain only wealth. (11:16) |
| 10. A kindhearted woman gains respect, but | j. a beautiful woman who shows no discretion. (11:22) |
| 11. A man's pride brings him low, but | k. he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. (11:25) |
| 12. Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is | l. a man of lowly spirit gains honor. (29:23) |
| 13. Give beer to those who are perishing, | m. is like a kiss on the lips. (24:26) |
| 14. Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves, | n. but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses. (28:27) |
| 15. An honest answer | o. wine to those who are in anguish. (31:6) |
| 16. He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, | p. for the rights of all who are destitute. (31:8) |

2. Fill in the blanks of these English proverbs:

A bird in the hand is worth _____
A penny saved is _____
A picture paints _____
All that glisters is _____
An apple a day keeps _____

An ounce of prevention
is worth _____
Better late than _____
Better safe than _____
Don't bite off more than _____

Don't look a gift horse in _____
Don't put all your eggs in _____
Don't rock the _____
Don't try to walk before you can _____
Every dark cloud has a _____

Good things come to those who _____
Hindsight is always _____
History _____ itself
If life deals you lemons, _____
Into every life a little _____ must fall

Laughter is the best _____
Let bygones be _____
Let sleeping _____ lie
Lightning never _____
in the same place

Look before you _____
Never judge a book by _____
Practice what you _____
Still waters run _____
The best things in life are _____

The more things change,
the more they _____
The pen is mightier than _____
Truth is stranger than _____
Waste not, _____

When the cat's away _____
Where there's smoke _____
You can't get blood out of a _____
You can't have your cake and _____
Youth is wasted on _____