

Proverbs

The Beginning of Wisdom

Proverbs 1

Introduction

What would you do for a million dollars?
What if I could offer you something more valuable than money – would you be interested?

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The Book of Proverbs was written to give wisdom and build character.
Proverbs are short witty sayings which contain a profound truth.
They leave the exceptions aside.

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Proverbs 10:27 – *“The fear of the Lord adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.”*

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Proverbs 16:7 – *“When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.”*

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Proverbs 22:6 – “Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

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I. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Proverbs 1:1-7

“What the alphabet is to reading, notes are to music and numerals to mathematics, the fear of the Lord is to understanding this book.” Bruce Waltke

This is God's wisdom.
It is written for the young and the simple.
It also has a word for the wise.
To fear the Lord is to honor him.
It is worshipful submission.

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II. There are two roads set before us.
Proverbs 1:8-19

They represent two worldviews.
The Way of Wisdom – Verses 8-9
To listen is more than just hearing.
It is to listen and obey.
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
The Way of Wisdom isn't flashy.
It will add beauty and honor and joy to your life.

The Way of Folly – Verses 10-19
It is the temptation to follow the crowd or run with the gang.
They promise things like quick riches or casual sex.
They make it look appealing.
You can be your own boss.
It will come back upon their heads.

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III. Consider the outcome of each way of life. Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom is available to all who will listen.
Wisdom speaks to every area of life.
The question it asks is “Is this wisdom or folly?”

There are two roads before us.
One leads to life. The other
leads to death. Verses 32-33
Which road will you choose?

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Conclusion

Listen to those who love you and
care about you.
Listen to the Scriptures and put
them into practice in your life.
Follow those who follow Christ.

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