



Virtual Life Group Bible Study Notes

Series: The Book of Proverbs

Chapter One

Introduction ~ About the book of Proverbs

Date written: Approx 900 BC, During the reign of Solomon as king of Israel

Authors: King Solomon, Agur and Lemuel

Original Audience: The People of Israel

Theme of the book: God desires his people to be wise, but what does it truly mean to be wise? Throughout the book of Proverbs, we learn that wisdom goes beyond simply acquiring knowledge. Godly wisdom involves the ability to apply that knowledge in everyday life.

Proverb - A short saying that expresses a spiritual truth for practical everyday life.

Simple - This does not mean unintelligent; it refers to someone who is gullible and lacks the discernment to recognise dangers and pitfalls.

Prudence - Able to exercise wisdom in everyday speech and decision-making.

Knowledge - Having the facts

Wisdom - Applying the facts to everyday life

Parable - An everyday story that illustrates a spiritual meaning



1. What is the book of Proverbs all about? - Proverbs 1:1-6

A) How to navigate life in a crazy world

- Solomon desires to encourage and teach all generations to keep learning and applying wisdom to life. (1:2-4)
- No one has arrived, and we can all discover more wisdom in everyday life. (1:5)

2. Where to start with wisdom? - Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

B) It all starts with God (The Master of Wisdom)

Q: What does it mean to fear the Lord?

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- Moses (Exodus 3:1-22)
- Jesus (Matthew 10:28)
- Paul (Philippians 2:12)
- Solomon (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- Moses (Exodus 33:18-23)

3. You need the right people in your life - Proverbs 1:8-19



My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them.

If they say, "Come along with us; let's ambush some harmless soul; -v10-11

C) As Christians, we are called to love all people

D) Applying wisdom helps to determine who we associate with. - 1 Cor 15:33

4. Wisdom is not hard to find - Proverbs 1:20-33

Out in the open, wisdom calls aloud; she raises her voice in the public square, v20

E) The right path is closer than people think - Romans 1:20

Reflection/Questions

1. We live in a generation where information and knowledge are readily available at our fingertips. What are the benefits and challenges of this?
2. Reflect on occasions in your life where you were swayed by the influence of others to do something unwise? - See Pro 1:10-19
3. Discuss some of those lightbulb moments of wisdom that led you to embrace wisdom from God and seek his path? Pro 1:20-23)