

Proverbs are sayings taken from everyday life intended to serve as practical guidelines for successful living. <sup>1</sup>

Day 154 – Proverbs 1-3 •

Wisdom is the use of knowledge in a practical and successful way. Wisdom is God-given, not the result of mere human effort or ability. (Proverbs 2:6-7) <sup>1</sup>

What is the purpose of Proverbs, per 1:2-4?

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Day 155 – Proverbs 4-6 •

List six things the LORD hates, per Proverbs 6:16-19:

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Day 156 – Proverbs 7-9 •

Proverbs 7 warns against the adulteress – the gullible victim follows her as an ox goes to the slaughter.

Wisdom is personified in Proverbs 8.

Proverbs 9 summarizes the teachings of the first eight chapters, as both wisdom and folly invite men to a banquet to partake of their benefits. <sup>1</sup>

How old is wisdom (Proverbs 8:22-31)?

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Day 157 – Proverbs 10-12 • The central portion (chapters 10-22) contains 375 of Solomon's proverbs. These proverbs are general principles and guidelines that may have exceptions. Any exception is not a problem of inerrancy, but a matter of the nature of proverbs. They are true as general rules. <sup>1</sup>

What truth is taught in Proverbs 11:13 (see also 20:19)?

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Day 158 – Proverbs 13-15 •

Two principles are each taught three or four times in Proverbs 11-15. List these principles.

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(11:14, 12:15, 13:10, 15:22)

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(14:29, 15:1, 15:18)

Day 159 – Proverbs 16-18 • The following principles are mentioned two or three times in Proverbs 12-19. List these principles.

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\_\_\_\_\_ (12:4, 18:22, 19:14)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (17:17, 18:24)

Day 160 – Proverbs 19-21 •

Who is not wise, also having sorrow and contentions per Proverbs 20:1 and 23:29-35?

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Day 161 – Proverbs 22-24 •

The reader of Proverbs is cautioned four times (6:1, 11:15, 17:18, 22:26) against becoming liable for the financial obligations of another. Surety is another word for being a cosigner, one responsible for a debt should the borrower default. If someone asks you to cosign a loan for them, you should not do it unless you have the means and the desire to repay the loan on their behalf one day. Two other verses (20:16, 27:13) advise one to take some collateral if you become surety for a stranger.

What does Proverbs 22:1 mean?

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Day 162 – Proverbs 25-27 •

Proverbs 25-29 contain proverbs of Solomon, arranged by an editorial committee set up by King Hezekiah. <sup>1</sup>

God conceals some things in His government of the universe, but kings need to investigate fully in order to make right decisions. <sup>1</sup> (Proverbs 25:2)

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, as iron sharpens iron. (Proverbs 17:6 and 17:17) A loyal friend can encourage one to do right, and may identify character flaws needing attention.

What should you do if your enemy is hungry, per Proverbs 25:21-22, and why?

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Day 163 – Proverbs 28-29 • Fill in the blanks.

An arrogant man stirs up \_\_\_\_\_. (28:25)

A fool always loses his \_\_\_\_\_. (29:11)

A child who gets his own way brings \_\_\_\_\_ to his mother. (29:15)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Day 164 – Proverbs 30-31; Psalm 127 • The author of chapter 30 was Agur, whom the early rabbis and church fathers identified as Solomon; however, there is no factual basis for this suggestion. <sup>1</sup>

Proverbs 31:10-31 contains a description of the worthy woman.

List three of the ten things the capable wife of Proverbs 31 does:

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Day 165 – Song of Solomon • Song of Solomon is the historical record of the romance of Solomon with a Shulammitte woman. The rightful place of physical love, within marriage only, is clearly exhibited and honored. Over the course of his life, Solomon did not demonstrate the best example of marital devotion, for he had many wives and concubines. The experiences recorded in this book may reflect the only (or virtually the only) pure romance he had. <sup>1</sup>

Fill in the blanks (Song of Solomon 4:1-4).

On their wedding night, Solomon extols the beauties of his bride.

- Your eyes are like \_\_\_\_\_
- Your hair is like \_\_\_\_\_  
(her hair was long and flowing, like a flock of goats that blend together as they make their way down a mountainside) <sup>1</sup>
- Your teeth are like \_\_\_\_\_  
(she had perfectly regular, white teeth, and none were missing) <sup>1</sup>
- Your lips are like \_\_\_\_\_
- Your mouth is \_\_\_\_\_
- Your temples are like \_\_\_\_\_  
(ruby colored) <sup>1</sup>
- Your neck is like \_\_\_\_\_

References

<sup>1</sup> *Ryrie Study Bible*, Moody Press, 1995, pp. 969-1015, 1032-1043.