

**A FATHER'S GIFT**  
**Lessons from Proverbs**  
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**CHAPTER:**

**1. Abundant Life: Introduction to Proverbs**

*Key Principle: The "fear of the Lord" is the first step on the path to abundant life.*

**2. Wealth**

*Key Principle: God honors those who honor Him with their wealth.*

**3. Friends and Neighbors**

*Key Principle: We become like the people with whom we spend most of our time.*

**4. Words**

*Key Principle: Speak only the F.A.C.T.S. - Let your words be:  
Few, Apt, Calm, True, and Sweet.*

**5. Sexual Purity**

*Key Principle: Sexual sin destroys the soul, but sexual purity is a spring of life.*

**6. Work**

*Key Principle: All lawful employments honor the Lord and dignify man.  
No job, done diligently and for the genuine service of God and  
others will go unnoticed.  
Success is faithfully doing to completion whatever God has  
called me to do.*

**7. Self-Control**

*Key Principle: Self-control is the grace of inner-strength, enabling us to do, say  
and think that which pleases God. Our spirit must rule over our  
body.*

**8. Guidance**

*Key Principle: The Lord guides us by the principles revealed in His Word, by the  
provision or withholding of resources, by the counsel of others,  
and by the sanctified desires of our hearts.*

**9. Pride**

*Key Principle: Self-praise, whether spoken or unspoken, stinks.*

**10. Health**

*Key Principle: Godly living is good for the body and soul.*

**11. Kindness and Mercy**

*Key Principle: Kindness is a genuine desire for the wellbeing of others, expressed in our words and actions.*

**12. Justice and Equity**

*Key Principle: Justice demands that we speak for the poor, the defenseless, and the oppressed.*

**13. Authority and Leadership**

*Key Principle: God places authorities over us in all areas of life, to protect and guide us. Respect all authority in government, family, employment and church.*

**14. Husband and Father**

*Key Principle: A wise man is a faithful companion to his wife and a diligent mentor to his children.*

**15. Wife and Mother**

*Key Principle: A wise woman builds her home, knowing it yields eternal blessings for herself and her family.*

**16. Wickedness and Evil**

*Key Principle: Those who do evil (any act or intention to harm another's person, property or name) will suffer evil.*

**17. The Future**

*Key Principle: Smile at the future - we do not know what it holds, but we know who holds it.*

**18. The Lord**

*Key Principle: God sees everything I do.*

**19. The End of the Path**

*Key Principle: Those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways find true abundance, both in this life and the life to come.*