



# A Proverbs Driven Life

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# PROVERBS

- ◆ Solomon (wrote many; compiled others); Agur & King Lemuel, Chapters 30 and 31 respectively.
- ◆ Part of Wisdom Literature (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes)
- ◆ 1:1-7 states clear purpose of Proverbs (Leader(s) and members should make this their personal prayer for entire study)

- ◆ 31 Chapters
- ◆ Ch. 1-9: The Call, Value, Blessings of the Way of Wisdom
- ◆ Ch. 10-22: 16 Proverbs of Solomon
- ◆ Ch. 22:17-24:34 Words/Sayings of the Wise
- ◆ Ch 25:1-29:27 More Proverbs of Solomon
- ◆ Ch. 30:1-33 Words of Agur
- ◆ Ch. 31:1-31 Words of King Lemuel

# KEY WORDS AND PHRASES

- Wisdom
- Wise
- Righteous/  
Righteousness
- Guidance
- Fear of the Lord
- Knowledge
- Understanding
- Instruction
- My son(s)
- Discipline
- Command/  
commandment
- Tongue
- Fool
- Evil
- Wicked
- Life

# PART ONE - FOUNDATION

Ch. 1 For A Life of Wisdom

Ch. 2 Thoughtful, Timely and True: The  
Marks of Wise Words

**TRUTH:** *A proverbs-driven life values wise living and wise  
speech as essential and inseparable.*

**READ:** Chapters 1 and 2, pgs. 13-39

- ◆ God is the only source of true wisdom!
- ◆ For the believer, speaking thoughtful words means we give thought to God and His Word before we speak.

# PART TWO - WORK

Ch. 3 - Of Ants and Sluggards: Work as a  
Divine Calling

Ch. 4 - Jacob Transformed: Integrity in the  
Marketplace

**TRUTH:** *A proverbs-driven life practices a faithful work ethic  
and faithful ethics at work.*

**READ:** Chapters 3 and 4, pgs. 43-75

- ◆ God calls us to a particular role, for a season or a lifetime, gives grace to perform that work well, with the purpose of displaying His glory.
- ◆ God cares deeply about our integrity and this should have a massive impact on how we live.

# PART THREE - WEALTH

Ch. 5: Biblical Prosperity: Seeking Wealth  
with the Right Heart

Ch. 6: Financial Stewardship: Using Wealth  
for the right Purposes

**TRUTH:** *A proverbs-driven life understands the place and purpose of material wealth.*

**READ:** Chapters 5 and 6, pgs. 79-109

- ◆ Money is not evil, but our love of it is.
- ◆ Honoring God with our wealth means that when we are enriched, God is first in our thoughts and holds first priority in our financial allocations.

# PART FOUR - FRIENDS

Ch. 7: Like Sam to Frodo: The Redemptive

Power of Godly Friendship

Ch. 8: Lot's Decline and Ruth's Example:

Reaching out in Wisdom

**TRUTH:** *A proverbs-driven life knows that friendship is intended to be redemptive.*

**READ:** Chapters 7 and 8, pg.s 113-134

- ◆ A proverbs-driven life is most ably lived in the company of godly friends. The Christian life is inescapably corporate!
- ◆ Believers are called to be salt and light in the world, but must evaluate friendships carefully and often.



# PART FIVE - MARRIAGE

Ch. 9: Noble Character: The Wise choice in a Spouse.

Ch. 10: Drink the Water, Flee the Fire: Marital Faithfulness

**TRUTH:** *A proverbs-driven life embraces marriage as the most significant of relationships and guards it jealously.*

**READ:** Chapters 9 and 10, pgs. 137-166

- ◆ Choosing a spouse wisely brings life-enhancing and God-honoring consequences.
- ◆ God despises the breaking of marriage vows because such behavior violates His perfect faithfulness.

# PART SIX - CHILDREN

Ch. 11: Born Foolish: A Child's Need for Discipline

Ch. 12: Still Sinners: A Parents Need for the Grace of God

**TRUTH:** *A proverbs-driven life accepts the calling to raise children as a task delegated and directed by God.*

**READ:** Chapters 11 and 12, pgs. 169-194

- ◆ Proverbs revealed motivation for discipline: for our children's sake, our neighbor's sake, our own sake, and God's glory.
- ◆ Parents lean on God's grace as they seek to discipline children in the same way God disciplines them.