



LISTEN TO GOD'S WISDOM OR "KINGDOM EDUCATION"

Proverb 1
Adult Church School
June 14, 2020



Proverbs 1:1-4, 7, 8, 10, 20, 22, 32, 33

“In Praise of Wisdom”

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

- ²To know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;
³To receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness and justice and equity;
⁴To give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion:
⁵That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; and that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsels:
⁶To understand a proverb, and a figure, the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
- ⁷The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; *but* the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.
⁸My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

¹⁰My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

cont. Proverbs 1:32-33

“In Praise of Wisdom”

²⁰ Wisdom crieth aloud in the street; she uttereth her voice in the broad places;

²¹ She crieth in the chief place of concourse; at the entrance of the gates, In the city, she uttereth her words:

²² How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? And scoffers delight them in scoffing, and fools hate knowledge?

³² For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them, and the careless ease of fools shall destroy them.

³³ But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell securely, and shall be quiet without fear of evil.

How Do I Teach My Children to Live in 2020

News Headlines for June 15, 2020



Group Chat

How can the book of Proverbs help me to religiously educate my child?

How can I live out the covenant by reading this Book?

What is your favorite scripture found in Proverbs?



Reading and Understanding The Book of Proverbs

- The Books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes, are referred to as the *“Wisdom Literature”*. *Wisdom Literature, describes the way of life to be chosen by the believer.*
- The Book of **Proverbs** is a collection of advice and counsel intended to guide the reader’s practical and moral choices.
- The sayings touch on such varied subjects as interpersonal relationships, attitudes toward work and wealth, poverty, and child rearing.
- The focus of **Proverbs** is to think, speak, and live in the world according to the given, demanding mystery of **God the Creator**.
- The individual who does what is right and good can expect to be blessed, and the individual who does what is wrong or evil can expect disappointment and disaster.
- Proverbs 1:1 – serves as the title of the Book. It is believed that since Solomon, David’s son wrote some 300 proverbs, some of the ones located in the Book of Proverbs may belong to him.
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Topics Discussed in Proverbs

TOPIC	SCRIPTURE
Child Rearing	Prov. 10:1; 17:21; 25; 19:13; 26; 20:7; 23:2-25
Family Life	Prov. 18:22; 21:9; 19; 27:15-16; 31:30
Friendship	Prov. 18:24; 22:24-25; 25:17
Laziness	Prov. 12:27; 20:13; 26:14-15
Poverty and the Poor	Prov. 14:31; 17:5; 16; 18:23; 19:4; 7, 17, 21:13
Social Obligations	Prov. 22:24-25; 23:1-2; 25:6-7; 17; 27:6-10
Wealth	Prov. 10:22; 11:4; 13:11; 15:16; 16:16; 19:1; 22:1
Work	Prov. 10:4-5; 12:24; 13:4; 18:9

“Wisdom”

The Choice to Be Godly

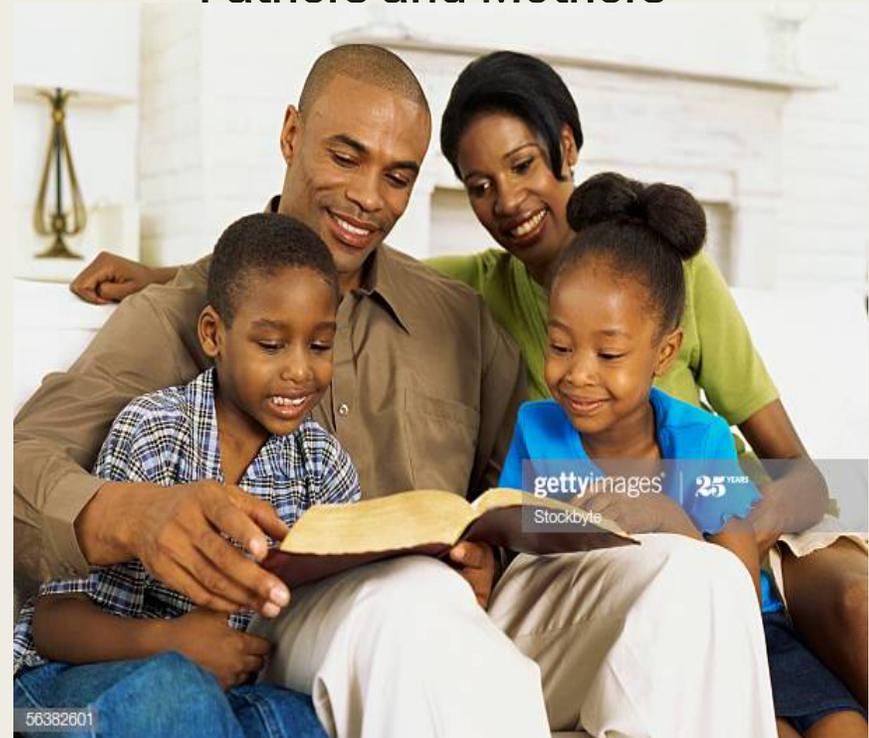
- The purpose of the book of **Proverbs** is to transmit the insights whereby a **youth (the simple)** might learn to **cope with life**.
- The “*simple*” could also refer to the “unlearned” yet who provided the opportunity are open to instruction and learning (Prov. 1:22).
- Their lack of “good sense” leads them to acquire only folly and its disastrous fruits (Prov. 14:18).



The Teachers

- **Sage/teacher** – whose goal is the same as the prophets:
- Did not only prepare their pupils for *personal success* but insured that . “**Righteousness, justice, and equity** were taught as the relational virtues which are the elements of *healthy communities*.”
- These virtues as taught by the **sage** and **prophets** made the community of the faithful hospitable to **God’s** holy presence.

Fathers and Mothers



Group Chat

Give examples of how the church can teach these virtues in the church and community.

Give examples of how parents can teach these virtues at home.

Church

Parents

The Students of Wisdom

Group 1- Simple Student

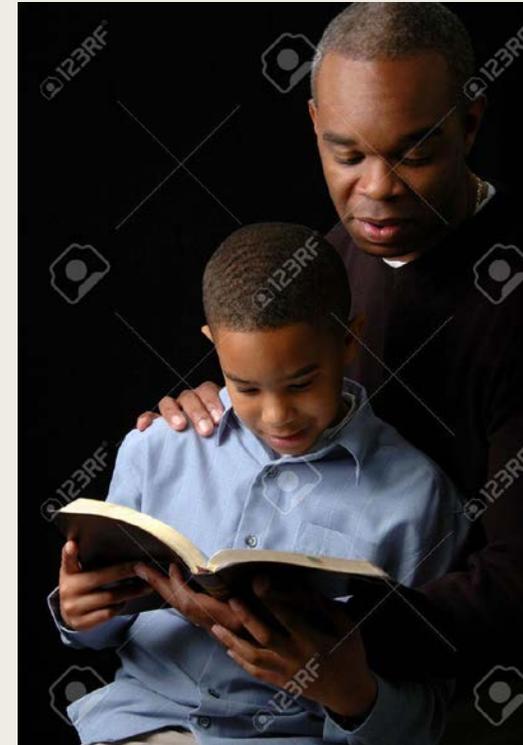
- These students of these wise teachers would have been **young**, *naïve, easily deceived* and *manipulated, lacking maturity*, at times succumbing to frivolous behavior and certainly not prepared to take on the responsibilities of career and family.

Group 2- Mature Student

- Provides the **mature student** an opportunity to add to his/her learning.
- The intelligent and already well-informed person through continued ***study of wisdom***, may acquire the knowledge and skill of “counsel” and thus receive from **God** steering, guidance, and direction for life and success in human endeavors (Prov.11:14). .

The Students of Wisdom

- The inclusion of accomplished **mature students** indicates that *wisdom* is not obtained once and for all but rather is to be *pursued*, *cultivated*, and *deepened* throughout the life cycle.
- **WISDOM IS NOT SIMPLY THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTELLECT BUT THE FIBER OF THE SOUL.**



Wisdom

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning
of wisdom; fools despise wisdom
and instruction.**

Proverbs 1:7

The true source of wisdom is God and only through this acknowledgment may one come to its possession. **NOT ONLY DOES WISDOM COME FROM GOD, BUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS WISDOM'S ULTIMATE AND CULMINATING GOAL.**

Why is It Important to Pursue Wisdom?

To Make Wise Dealings

To embody righteousness

To reach proper and “just” decisions

To promote Justice – deeds that promote the life and well being of creation and the people of the community.

How Do I Teach My Children to Live in 2020

- Get wisdom! Get understanding!
Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
- ⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;
Love her, and she will keep you.
- ⁷ Wisdom *is* the principal thing;
Therefore get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding

Proverbs 4:5-7.