

PROVERBS - OVERVIEW

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Description: The word Proverb means “to rule or govern”; Proverbs should rule and govern our lives, teaching people how to live godly lives from one generation to the next. It tells us what pleases God and what God hates. It is God’s Instruction Manual to put us on the right path of living.

Key Verse: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.” Proverbs 1:7

Definitions:

Wisdom – “Hokmah” Skillful Living
Jesus (Proverbs 8)

Understanding – Knowledge of God
Proverbs 9:10

Humility – Dependence on God;
respect for others; teachable

Righteousness – A relationship between
A real man and God

“To fear the LORD” - to hate evil, pride,
arrogance, evil behavior,
and perverse speech. (8:13)

PROVERBS 11

Proverbs 11 identifies at least 12 important characteristics

- Vs 1-11 **Reaching In** - Building a solid Foundation

Be Humble
Be Honest
Have Integrity
Be Righteous

- Vs 12-18 **Reaching Out**
to the Community

Be Understanding
Be Trustworthy
Be Wary
Be Kind-hearted

- Vs 19-31 **Reaching Up**
to God

Ask Forgiveness
Be Generous
Be Fruitful
Trust God

Let these 12 characteristics help you be a Man of God, in an evil and fallen world by..... *Simply desire to please God !*

ACTION ITEMS

- Read Proverbs and the WORD of God daily.
- Create a passion for wisdom in your life.
- Ask God for wisdom – James 1:5
- Memorize Scripture – This is your only offensive weapon. - Ephesians 6:17
- Be a role model to all
- Let your words honor God
- Pray for your enemy
- Love at all times
- Help your children grow from:
 - foolishness to **wisdom**.
 - selfishness to **generosity**.
 - the knowledge of God to a **passion for God**.
- Share the Secret to Life
The Greatest Commandment
Matthew 22:37-38
- Share the Secret to Eternal Life
John 3:16
- Pray for our nation.

Leave a Legacy !

NEW TESTAMENT VERSES TO MEMORIZE

The Secret to Eternal Life

“For God so loved the world that he gave
His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him
shall not perish,
but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

The Secret to Life on Earth.

“Love the LORD your God
with all your heart and
with all your soul
and with all your mind.

This is the first and greatest commandment.
And the second
is like it:
Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 22:37-39

Ask for Wisdom

“If any of you lacks wisdom,
he should ask God, who gives generously to
all without finding fault,
and it will be given to him.”

James 1:5

PROVERBS VERSES TO MEMORIZE

“The fear of the LORD
is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One
is understanding.”

Proverbs 9:10

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of understanding.”

Proverbs 9:6

“He who trusts in himself is a fool,
but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.”

Proverbs 28:26

“Righteousness exalts a nation
But sin is a disgrace
to any people.”

Proverbs 4:34

**“Building Godly Men, Men of
Character, Men of Integrity,
One Day at a Time”**

PROVERBS MEN “Seeking Wisdom, Trusting God”

Proverbs 11 The Character of a Real Man

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- **Be Kindhearted**
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- **Trust God**

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