

## 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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