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## Proverbs Is a Person

Lesson 1 • Book of Proverbs

In-Person Worship at 9:30 AM or 11:00 AM | Online Teaching at 9:30 AM and Online Service at 11:00 AM

Surrendering to **SUCCEED** Is One of Many Paradoxes Found in the Bible!

### Five Observations of the Book of Proverbs

#### 1. Proverbs Is 1 of 5 **WISDOM** Books in the Old Testament.

*Job; Psalms; Proverbs; Ecclesiastes; Song of Songs*

#### Two Suggestions for Getting a Grip on God's Wisdom

*Each day read 1 Proverb and/or 5 Psalms to go through these books in a month.*

#### 2. The Wisdom Books Reveal the **HEART** of a Life Surrendered to the LORD.

#### The Heart Is Like the **COMMAND** Center of Our Lives.

*Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 12:34; 7:20-23*

- Their **focus** is on covenant **LOYALTY** to the LORD from the heart.

*They tell us what happens when we **choose** to live in covenant loyalty to God and the **consequences** when we don't!*

- Their **poetry** reveals the **INNER** desires of the heart more than their outer deeds of the body.

- Their **goal** is to **"FEAR the LORD"** in all aspects of life.

*"To fear God is to stand in awe of His righteousness, majesty, and power and to trust Him by humbly depending on Him." – Bruce Wilkinson*

WISDOM BEGINS WITH FEARING THE LORD!		
Wisdom Book	We Fear the LORD When We...	Sample Passages
Job	KNOW Him	1:8-9; 2:3; 28:28
Psalms	PRAISE Him	22:23; 33:8; 40:3; 96:4; 111:10
Proverbs	TRUST Him	1:7; 3:7; 9:10; 15:33; 29:25
Ecclesiastes	OBEY Him	3:14; 8:12-13; 12:13
Song of Songs	LOVE Him	7:10; 8:6-7 *

\* Technically, the "fear of the LORD" is not used in the Song but the Apostle Paul reminds us that marital love pictures covenant love with the LORD.

### 3. Proverbs Teaches Us How to Become WISE.

#### What Is Wisdom?

*Skill in living life from God's perspective!*

#### How Can I Learn to Live Life from God's Perspective?

*Skill in living life from God's perspective comes from FEARING the LORD. 1:1-7; 9:10; 15:33*

### 4. Proverbs Are Short, Sharp Statements of TRUTH that Are Easily Passed On.

*Proverbs are not absolute PROMISES from God but God-given PRINCIPLES to **see** life from God's perspective, so we **live** life from God's perspective.*

*The God-given principles of Proverbs are easily PASSED ON to others, especially by parents and disciple makers!*

*Proverbs 1:1; 4:3-5; 2:1; 3:1; 4:1; 5:1; 6:1; 7:1, 24; 8:32*

### 5. Proverbs Remind Us that Wisdom Is Ultimately a PERSON.

Jesus *is* Wisdom. He *is* the Proverbs WRAPPED in flesh.

#### *The Gospel According to Proverbs*

- Jesus lived Proverbs FOR us.

*Luke 2:40, 52; 1Corinthians 1:30-31; Colossians 2:3*

*"The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and **BEHOLD, SOMETHING GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE.**" Matthew 12:42*

- Jesus lives Proverbs THROUGH us.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.  
Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil." Proverbs 3:5-7*

***Wisdom Is the Spirit-Empowered Skill to Live Like Christ for the Glory of God.***

*1Corinthians 1:23-25*

#### **GOOD NEWS: *Proverbs Is a Person!***

Jesus, the greater King than Solomon, can be your wisdom and salvation today as a free gift from His Heavenly Father! Repent of your foolishness and receive Him by faith as your risen King and then moment-by-moment rely on His Spirit to live a wise and surrendered life from a heart made new.