



# Proverbs

## Background

- Proverbs is the third of five "wisdom" books. These books are the heart of the Old Testament.
- Solomon penned most of the Proverbs. Other contributors include Lemuel and Agur. They were likely compiled in their current form under the direction of King Hezekiah (25:1).
- Divided into thirty-one chapters, it is an excellent companion for daily devotions.

## Roadmap

1. **Preamble: The Purpose of the Book** (1:1-7)
2. **Prologue: A Plea to the Young** (1:8-9:18)
3. **Principles for Wise Living** (10:1-31:9)

**Note:** Proverbs are not universally true, they are generally true. They are not promises, they are probabilities.

Q: What happens if I walk in wisdom and I am not blessed?

A. See the books of Job and Ecclesiastes

4. **Epilogue: The Personification of Wise Living** (31:10-31)

**Note:** The Proverbs 31 woman is more than the ideal woman. She personifies the wise living taught in the book of Proverbs.

## Landmark

The theme of Proverbs is "Wisdom for Your Daily Walk." Proverbs is the Bible's "how-to" section. It gives counsel on everything from family, work, friendship, money, communication, and walking with God.

## Must See

- Christ is the "wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24). In Him are hid "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3).

## Takeaway

1. Wisdom and foolishness are throwing a banquet every day. Choose your banquet.
2. Wisdom is not knowledge acquired; it is knowledge applied.
3. Practice what you preach.