# PROVERBS

The Way of Wisdom

#### Introduction

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Does having wisdom guarantee a life lived by wisdom?

1 Kings 3:1-15, 11:1-4

### Life Lessons from Solomon

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From the Failure of Solomon we learn two important lessons:

- 1. We should expect to be put to the test in those areas where we seem the strongest.
- 2. Knowing the right thing to do is not enough.

#### What is a Proverb?



- From the Hebrew word *mashai*, it means to be like, or a comparison.
- Proverbs are brief, concrete, and pithy statements that summarize practical truths relating to everyday life.

## Theme and Purpose

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Our Goal in this study is to discover why the proverbs are beneficial tools for teaching and learning.

Proverbs 4:7 & Proverbs 1:1-6

## 2 Timothy 3:16-17



All scripture is profitable in 4 ways:

- Reproof (what's not right)
- Correction (How to get right)
- Instruction in righteousness (how to stay right)

#### 7 Pillars of Wisdom

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Wisdom means exhibiting God's character in the many practical affairs of life.

Proverbs 9:1 reveals that the book of proverbs uses various terminology to describe wisdom for us.

- 1. Instruction
- 2. Understanding
- 3. Prudence
- 4. Knowledge



- 5. Discretion
- 6. Learning
- 7. Counsel

## Why study the book?

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There are four important reasons to study the book:

1.) The book of proverbs is a book concerned with the personal development and assessment of godly character.

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2.) The book of proverbs will not allow Christians to linger in the land of the theoretical.

3.) Proverbs is concerned with the process of right thinking as with the product of it.

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4.) To book of proverbs is a key to obtaining guidance.

## Final Thought of the Wise



The Important thing isn't how long you live but how you live, not the length but the depth.