

Wisdom

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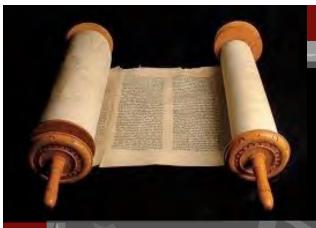
Value and Path of Wisdom

Key Verse

"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" (3:5-6).

Kingdom Statement

Submission to God's rule is the foundation of living with wisdom (1:7; 9:10; cf. Ps 111:10).



Summary Statement

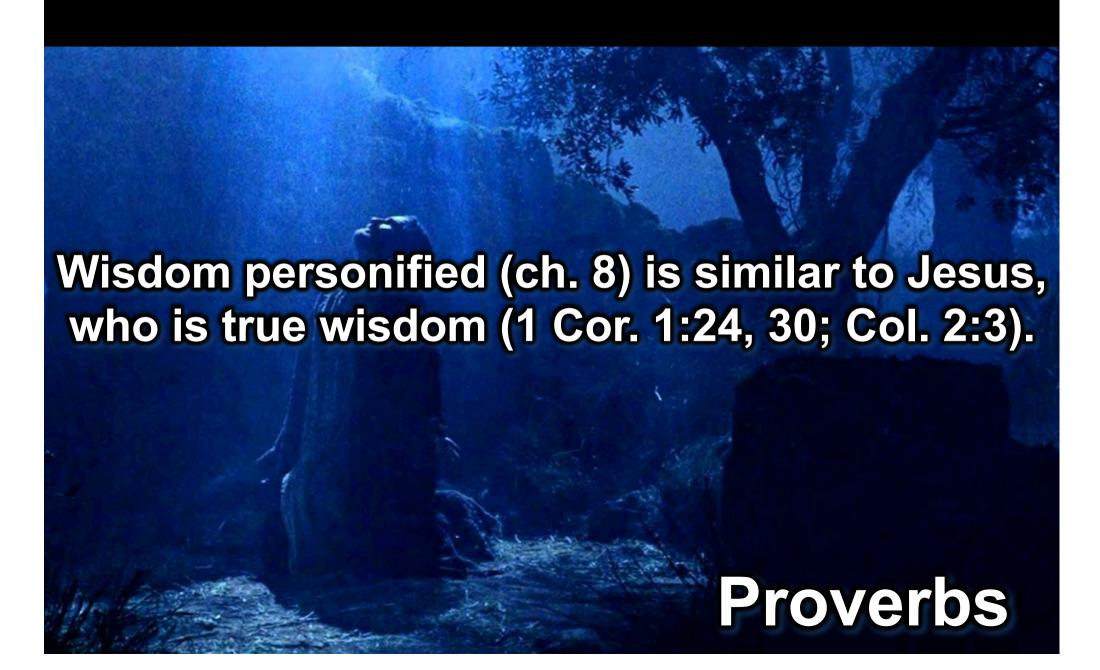
The proverbs of Solomon and various sages are quoted in order to instruct youth in the value of wisdom over folly that they may live obediently before God in every area of life.

The covenant of marriage is not sacred to harlots (2:17), nor is any covenant regarded by fools who despise wisdom. **Proverbs**

Redemption

Wisdom saves the redeemed from wicked men (2:12) and from the adulteress (2:16)—a wisdom founded on the fear of the LORD (1:7).

Messiah



Proverbs

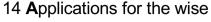
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ca. 950-700 BC

Proverbs

- 1 **U**sefulness of God's wisdom
- 2 Nature of strange women
- 3 Discipline results in wisdom
- 4 Exhortation to get wisdom
- 5 Results of sinful lust
- 6 Sluggard, ant, strange women
- 7 **T**emptation by strange women
- 8 Appeal to God's wisdom
- 9 Necessity of God's wisdom
- 10 Diligence compared to slothfulness
- 11 Instructions for the righteous
- 12 Nature of the righteous
- 13 Good understanding produces favor



15 New use of tongue

16 **D**estruction of the proud

17 Unity of good friends

18 Safety through God's wisdom

19 Instruction on personal priorities

20 Nobility of trusting God

21 Governor of men's hearts



22 Good reputation in life

23 Offense of loving riches

24 Description of evil men

25 Solomon's proverbs on humility

26 Ways of the fool

27 Illusion of man's wisdom

28 Senselessness of denying sin

29 Delights of godly wisdom

30 Oracles given by Agur

31 Marks of virtuous woman

Barry Huddleston, The Acrostic Summarized Bible (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992)



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Key Word of Proverbs:

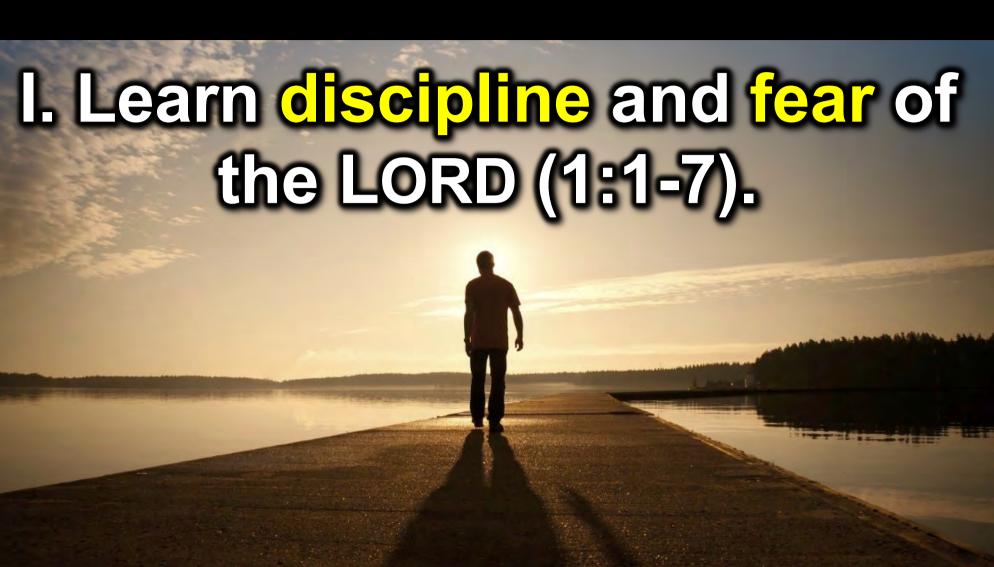


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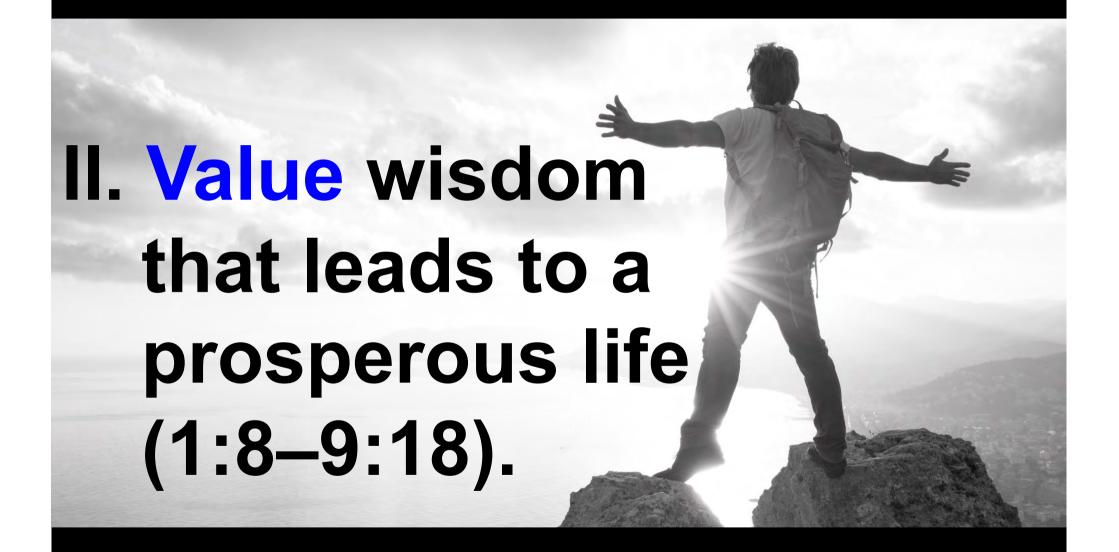
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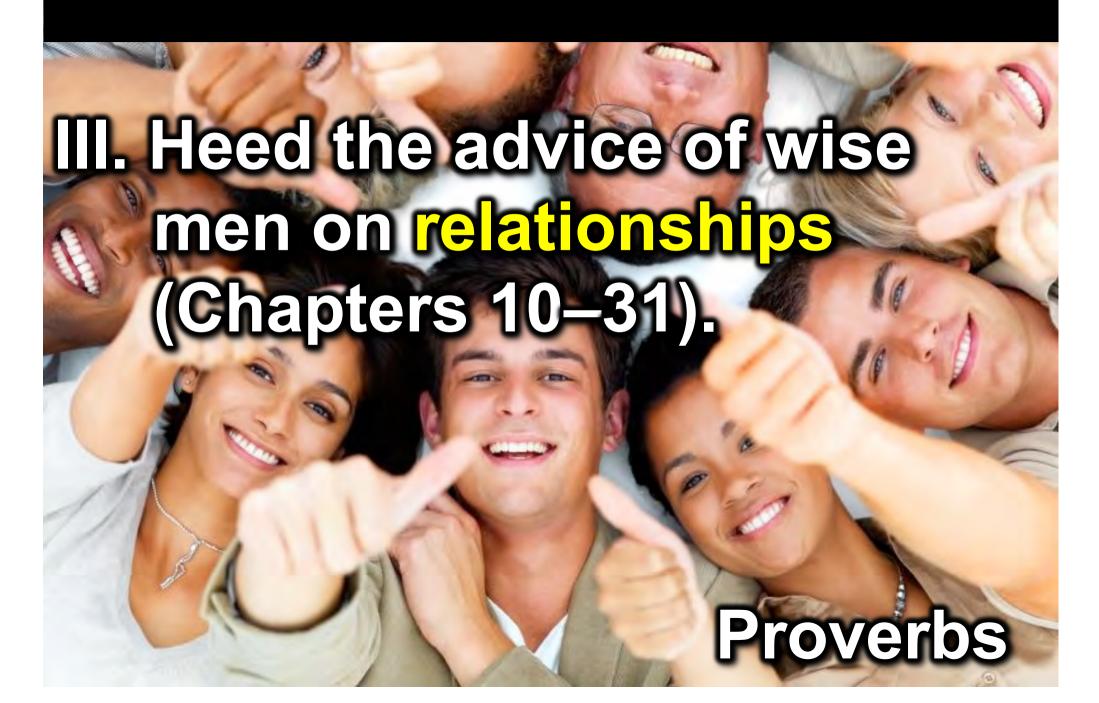
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Main Idea

Fear God by heeding his proverbs on the value and path of wisdom.

Applications

- Teach youth (& children) proverbs
- Memorize proverbs to promote wise living
- Read ONE chapter from Proverbs every day





Didactic Wisdom – Proverbs

"The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful" (Prov. 12:5)

Proverbs guide us in challenges we face:

- How to get along with people
- How to make the right choices in personal and business affairs
- How to win God's favor and avoid disaster
- Proverbs concern all areas of life no matter how great or small

Michael V. Fox, *Proverbs 1-9 The Anchor Bible* (New York, Doubleday, 2000) 7.

Jeffrey Arthurs, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
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"Proverbs are high points of human insight. To use a literary term, a proverb is a moment of epiphany (insight, revelation)."

Leland Ryken, How to Read the Bible as Literature (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984), 124

Proverbs are a universal literary form

Chinese: "Talk does not cook rice."

Sumerian: "A donkey eats its own bedding."

Spanish: "He who knows little soon repeats it."

French: "All are not hunters who blow the horn."

English: "Call a man a thief and he will steal."

Nigerian: "A single partridge flying through the bush leaves no path."

Modern American: "Time is money." "No pain, no gain." "Different strokes for different folks."

"The essence of a proverbial saying is that it is based on observations of how things are in the world. It is a flash of insight into the repeatable situations of life on the world, and its aphoristic form not only represents insight but compels it Naturally, in the context of firm belief in God, the proverb comes to express insight into the way things are, or should be, in the world ordered by God and a challenge to behavior that God will reward."

Norman Perrin, The New Testament: An Introduction, 296.

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Ecclesiastes.....Vanity

"Wisdom can overcome life's vanities"

Song.....Love in Marriage

"Wisdom can maintain a godly marriage"

Proverbs 30:31 "Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD will be praised."

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Books

Proverbs.....Wisdom

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom."

all those who do His commandments..."

Psalm 111:10 "The fear of the LORD is the Walk beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have

Thru Psalms.....Worship

"Worship develops the fear of the LORD"

Job 42:2 "I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted."

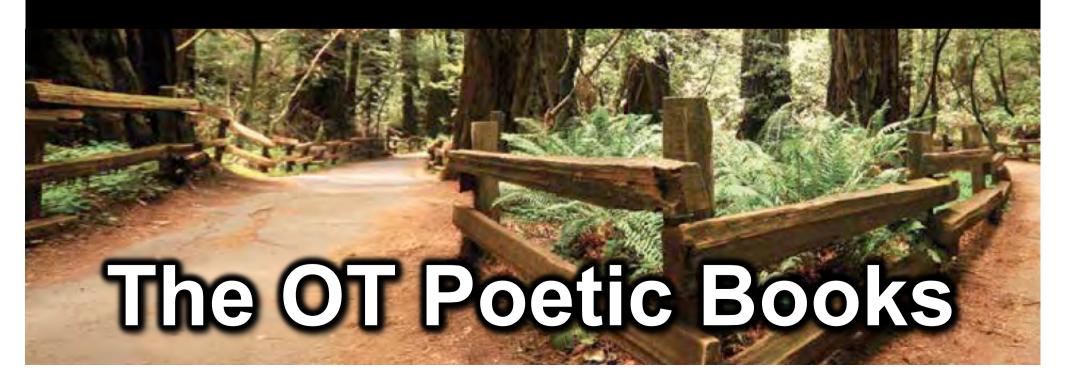
Job.....Sovereignty

"Seeing God's Sovereignty causes us to worship"

Proverbs 5:18 "Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your vouth."

Poetical

Source: Walk Thru the **Bible Ministries** Job: how to suffer Psalms: how to pray Proverbs: how to relate Song: how to love Ecclesiastes: how to live



Contrasts

PROVE

ECCLESIASTES

Challenges of life

Practical advice

How to live for God

Ideals

Several authors

Godly wisdom only

Positive

General

Present orientation

Black & white orientation

Wisdom praised

Meaning of life

Philosophical musings

Why to live for God

Reality

One man's testimony

Godly and worldly wisdom

Negative

Exceptions

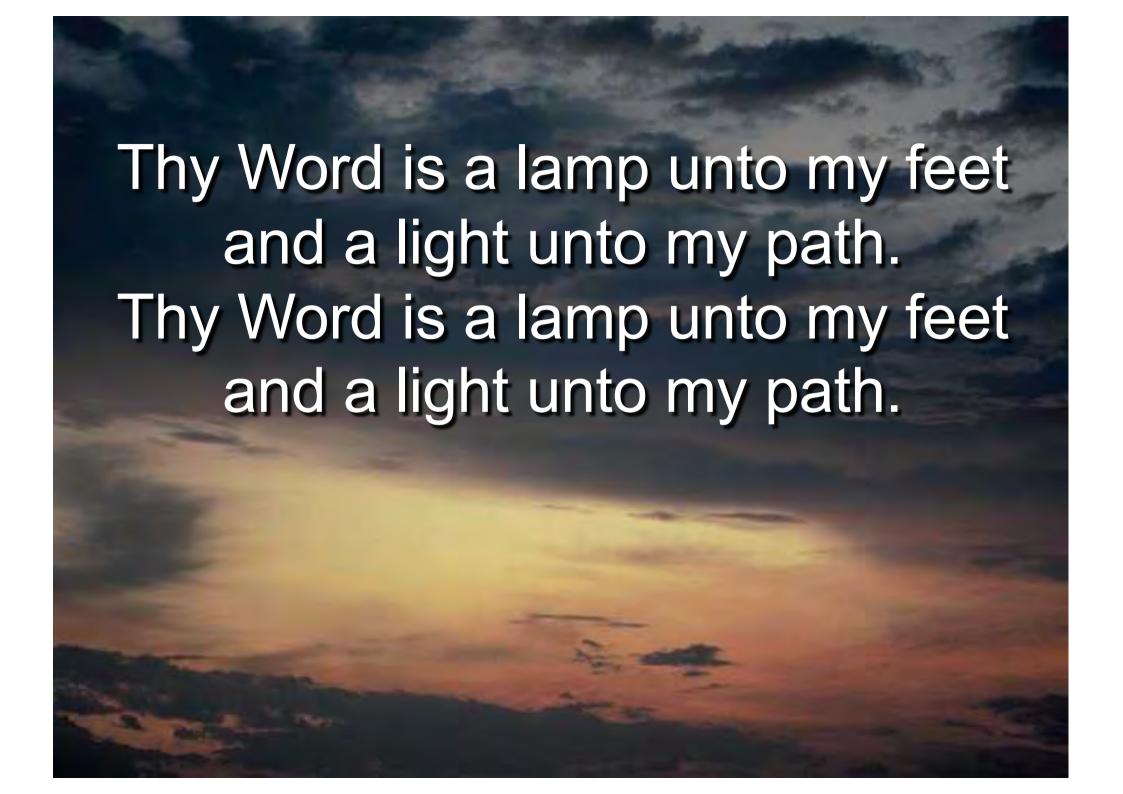
Eternal orientation

Gray areas

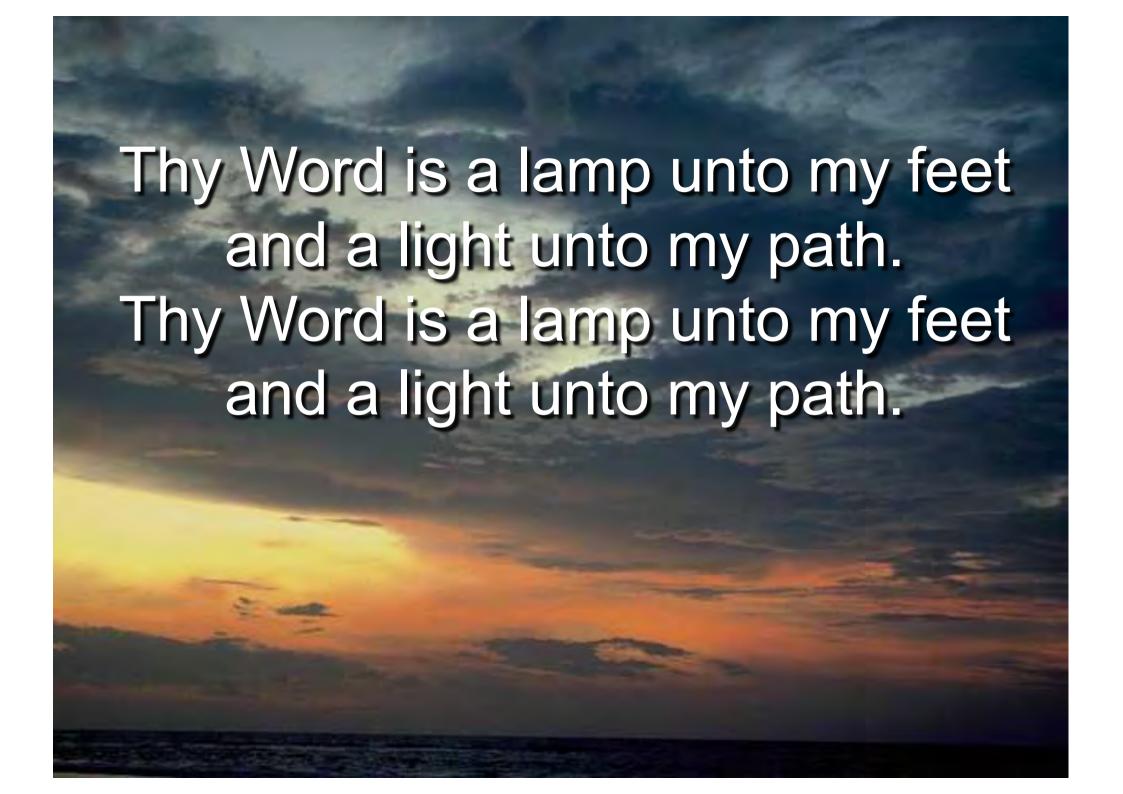
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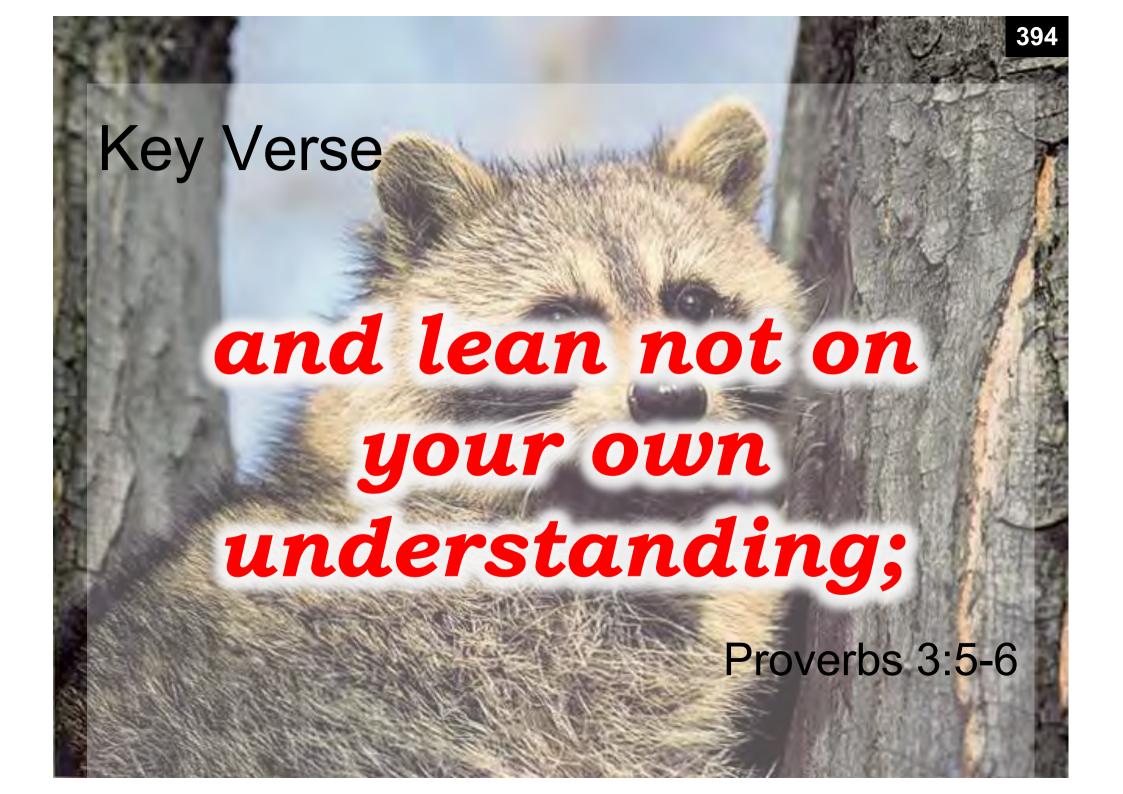
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.













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Proverbs 3:5-6



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Authorship

- External Evidence
 - 1 Kings 4:32

Solomon

- Internal Evidence
 - **-1:1; 10:1; 25:1**
 - -22:17-24:34
 - Chapter 30
 - Chapter 31

Solomon

- Wise Men
- Agur
- Lemuel, Unknown

Authorship

Multiple authorship
 (others: Psalms, 1 Samuel, portions of Deuteronomy, Joshua, etc.)

Recipients

- "my son" and "my sons"
 - A home setting, or
 - A school environment where students were called "sons" of their teachers
- However...

"Listen, my child, when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction" (1:8)

This shows a family setting as primary

Occasion

 It is likely that King Hezekiah authorized the compilation of Solomon's proverbs (which were not in an existing collection) to be added to the book

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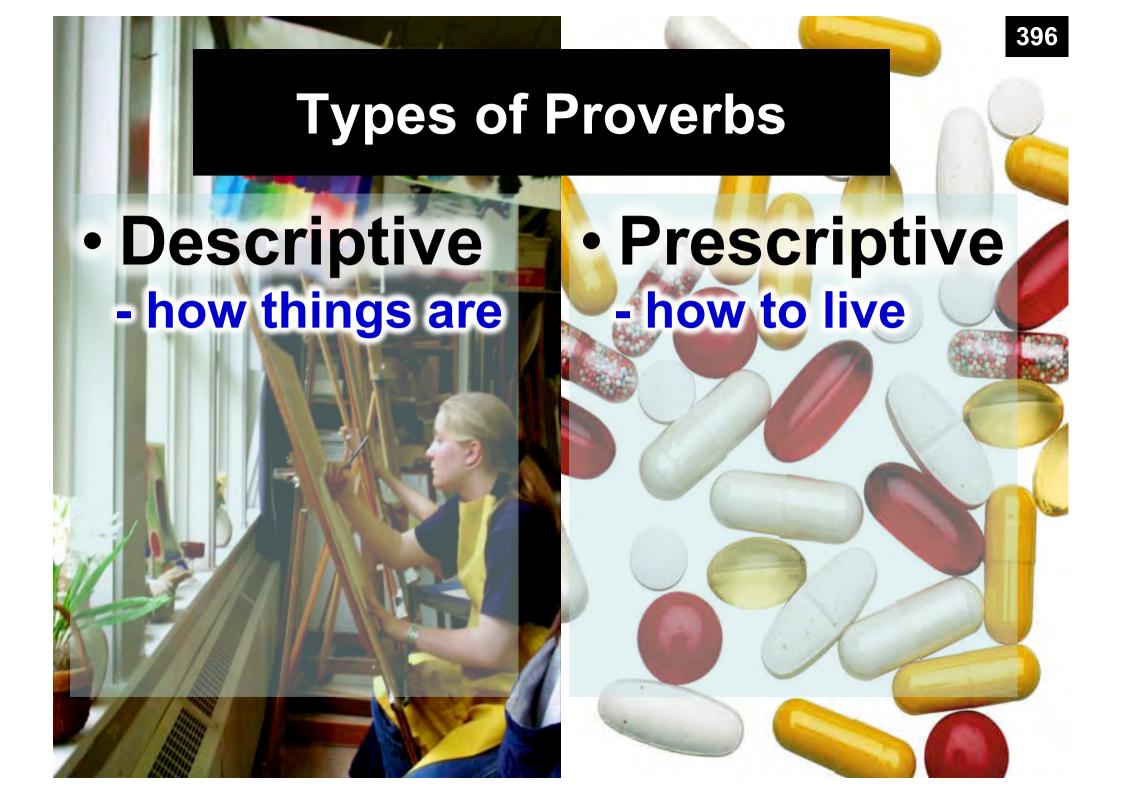
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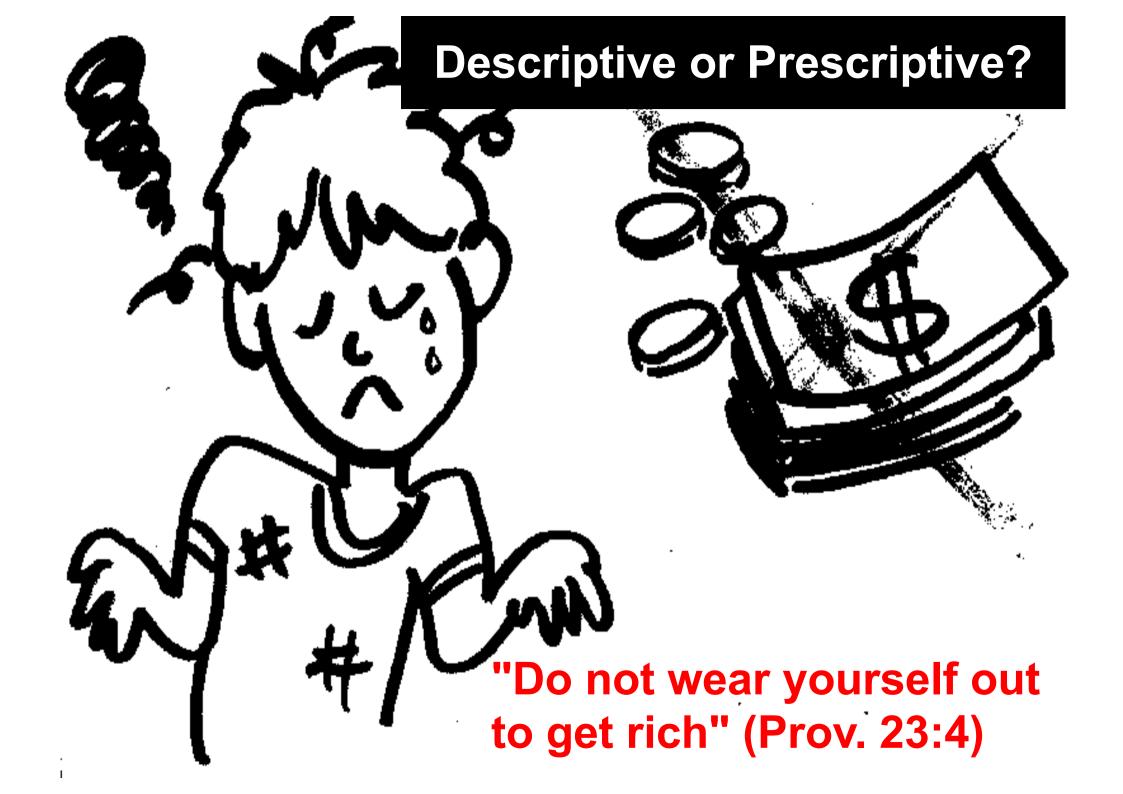


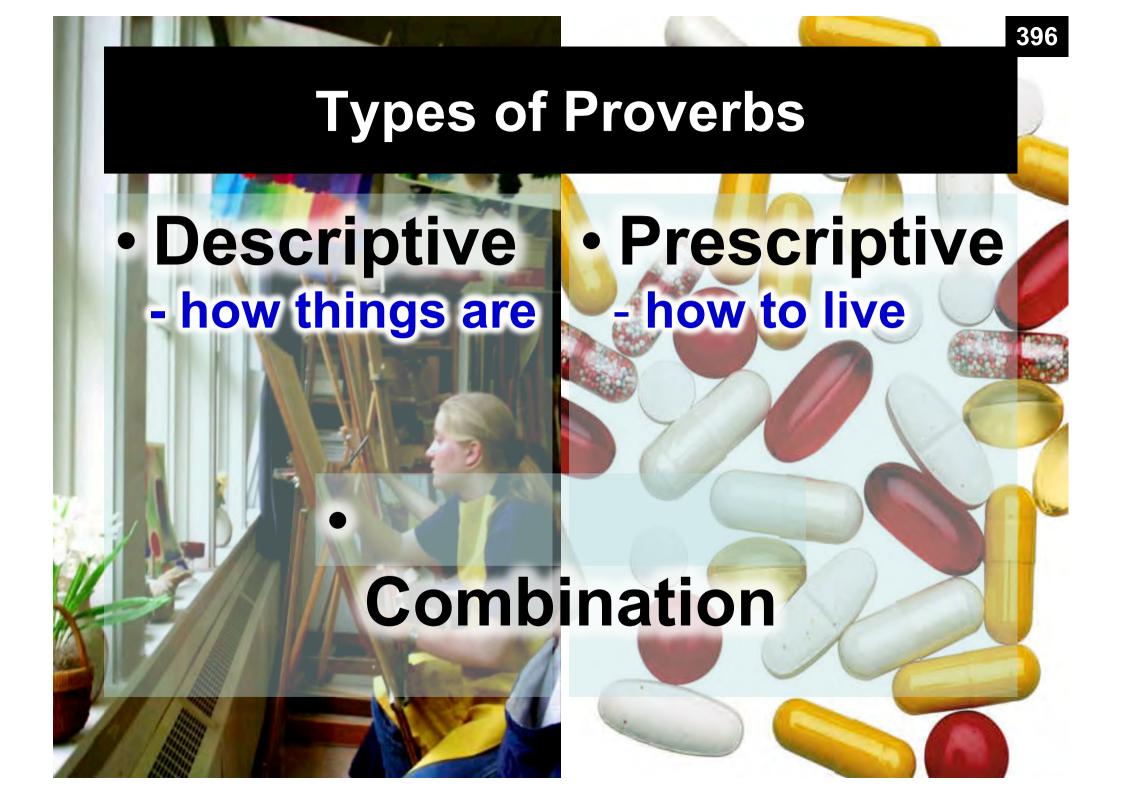
Descriptive...

"Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of his gifts falsely."

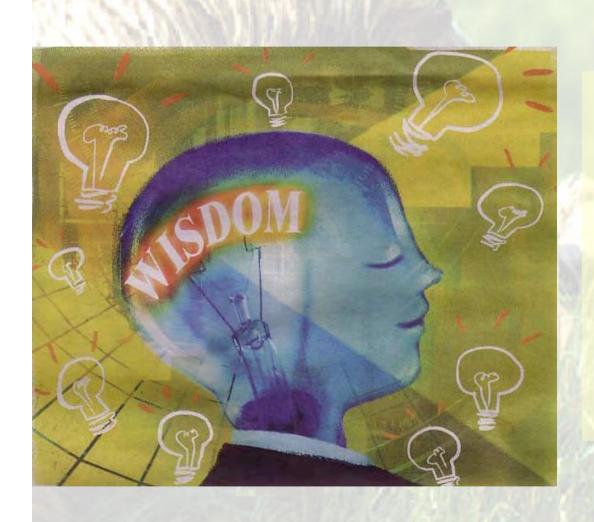
Proverbs 25:14







Prescriptive or Descriptive?



"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy."

Proverbs 27:6

Characteristics

- A. Emphasis: On life now
 - —little about the afterlife
- **B.** Multiple authorship
- C. Humor

"As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion" (Proverbs 11:22)



THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON

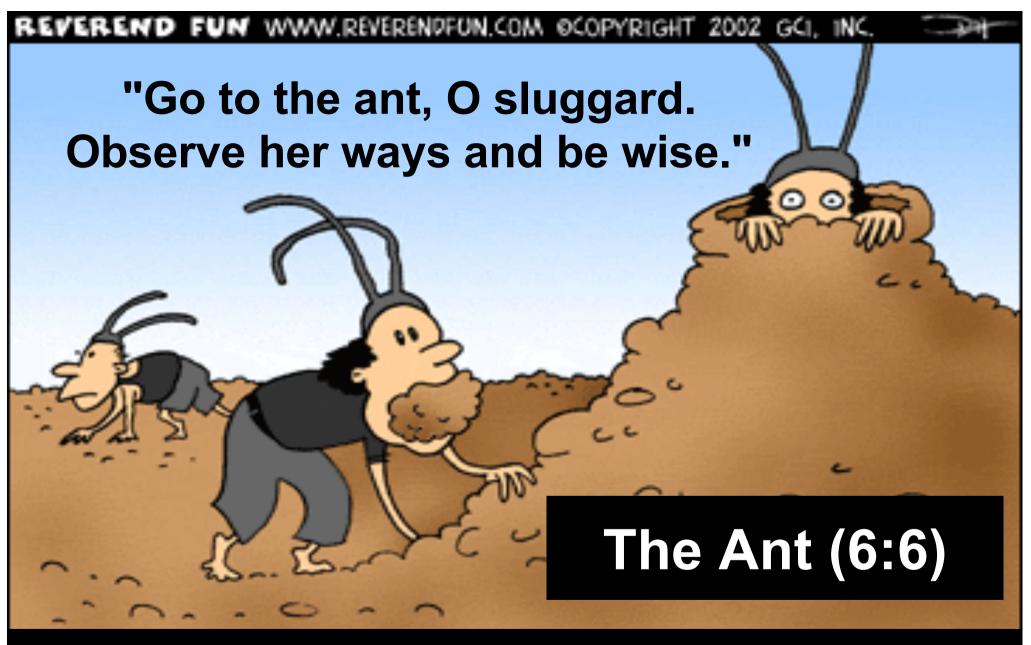
gotta pace myself.

Proverbs 6:6,9 I have been called a few names, but SLUGGARD.. seems kind of an insult.

The Sluggard

"The sluggard buries his hand in the dish and will not even bring it back to his mouth."

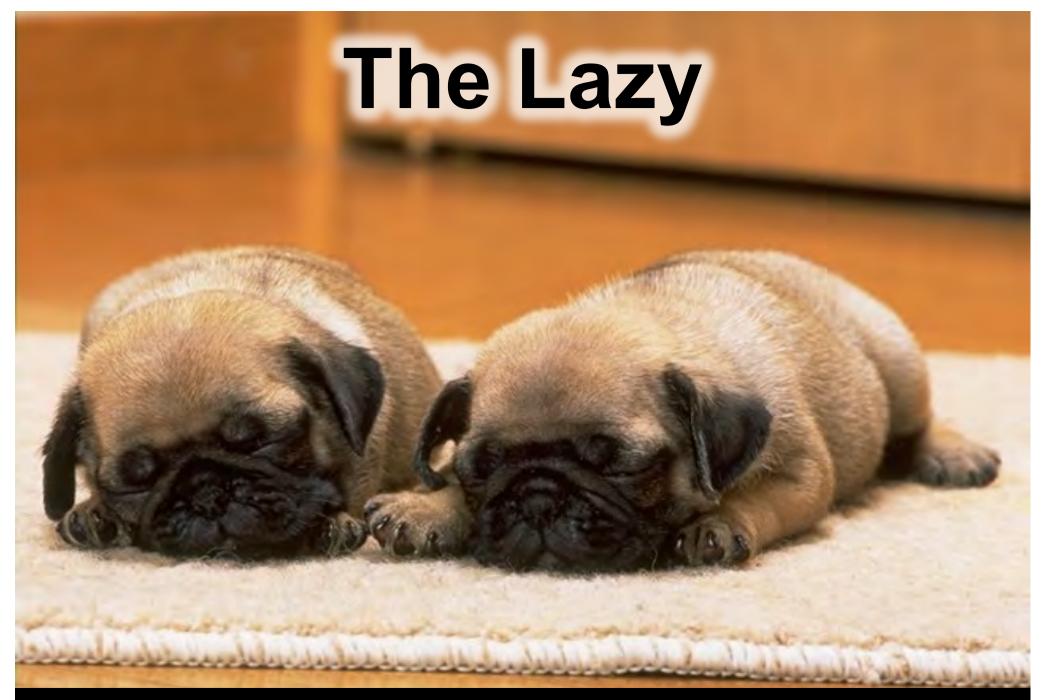
- Proverbs 19:24



After the Sluggard family considered the ways of the ants

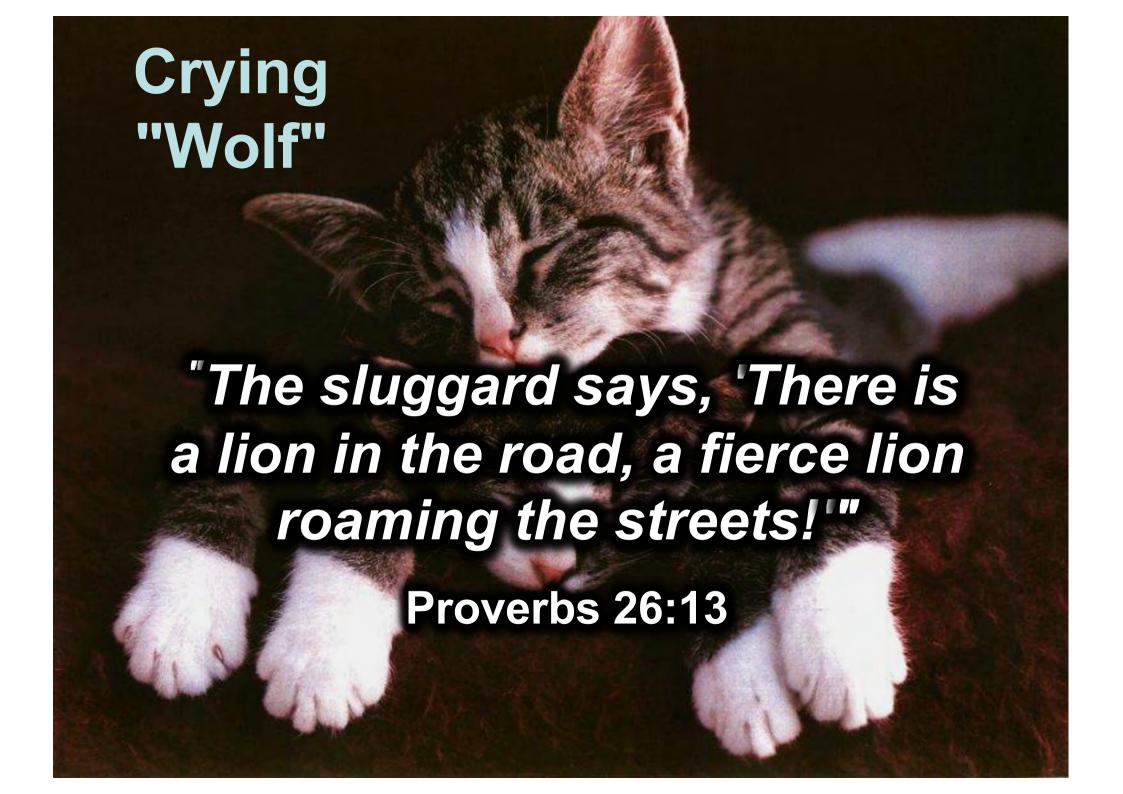
"They struck me, but I did not become ill; they beat me, but I did not know it. When shall I awake? I will seek another drink." (Proverbs 23:35)





"A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,' then your poverty will come as a robber..." Proverbs 24:33, 34a

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Specific & Universal Simultaneously



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The Main Characters in Proverbs

1. The Simple:

This person is not very smart and doesn't want to be.

2. The Fool:

This person is not smart either but thinks he or she is.

3. The Mocker:

This person is smart (humanly) but has no faith in God.

4. The Wise:

This person is discerning, integrating faith in God with life.

Covenant Worship

Interpretation

- This genre of Proverbs requires greater discernment in interpretation
- Are proverbs absolute, unconditional promises? In other words, are they principles with no exceptions?

- 1. Do not consider the proverbs as promises from God, but rather as general observations and principles that are usually valid but not always
 - e.g. Proverbs 22:6, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray"

(Prov. 22:6 NRS)



- 2. OT teaching must be understood in line with revelation given directly to the church (Acts and Epistles) in this dispensation.
 - a. Reiterated Statements
 - "Thou shalt not bear false witness against your neighbor" (Exodus 20:16)
 - "Stop lying to one another" (Ephesians 4:25)

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 - Proverbs 25:21, "If your enemy hungers, feed him," reappears in Romans 12:20

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 - c. Parallel Statements
 - Proverbs 6:24 and 1 Thessalonians 4:3

Parallel Statements

Proverbs 6:24

[Discipline] will keep you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of a promiscuous woman.

1 Thessalonians 4:3

God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin.

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 - d. If not a-c, should not be treated as commands but principles

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 - This aids memory!
- Indicative mood.
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- Poetry
 - This encourages us to use poetic devices.

Poetic Devices

- Repetition
- Alliteration
- Assonance
- Simile
- Metaphor
- Rhyme
- Compare and contrast
- Rhyme

Duane Garret, The New American Commentary: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & Song of Songs (Nashville, Broadman Press, 1993) 38.

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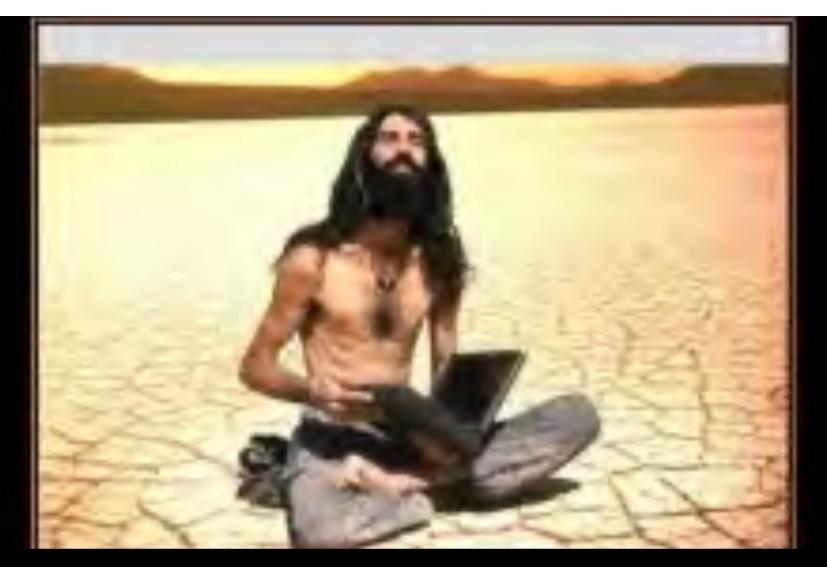












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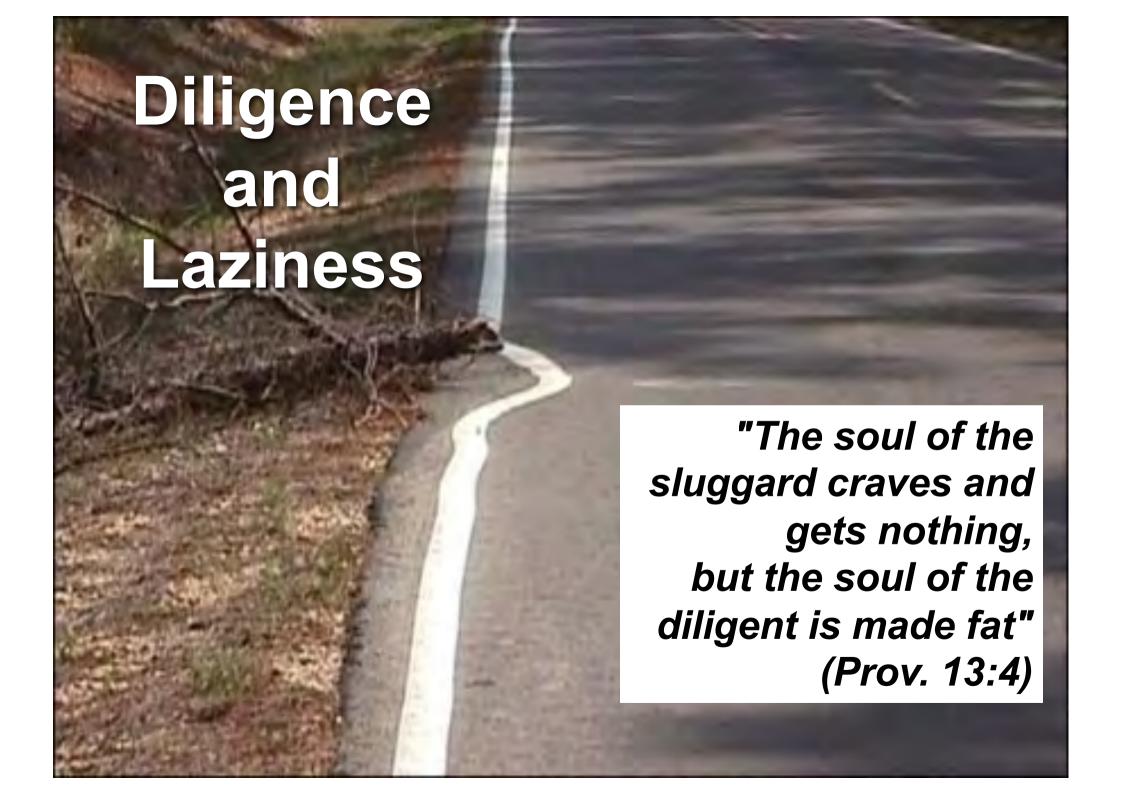


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The Way to Success

- Righteousness (10:7; 12:3)
- Hate what is false (13:5)
- Commit all work to God (16:3)
- Use words with restraint (17:27-28)
- Love wisdom (19:8)
- Humility and fear of the LORD (22:4)





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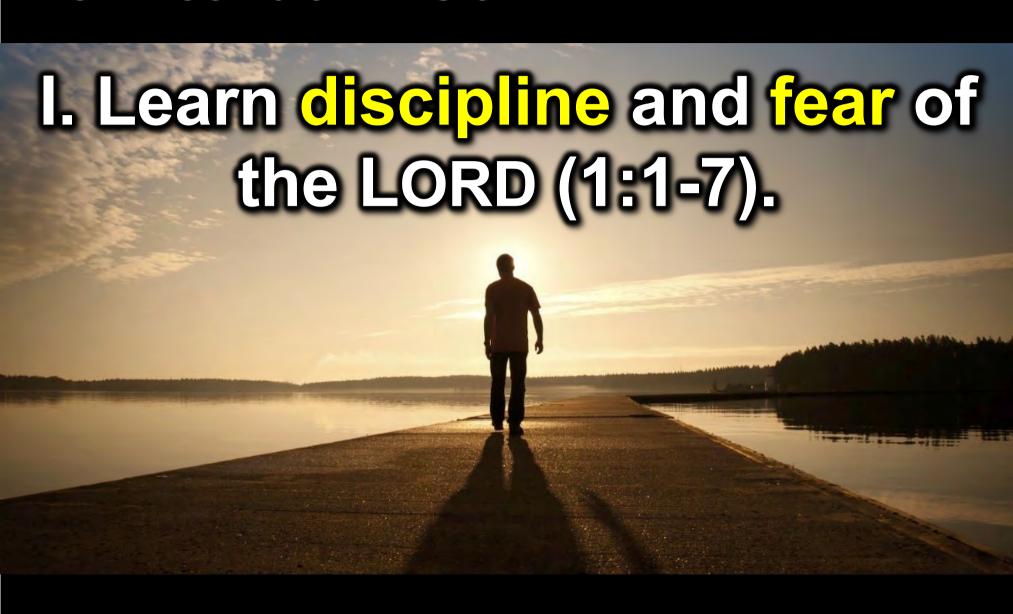
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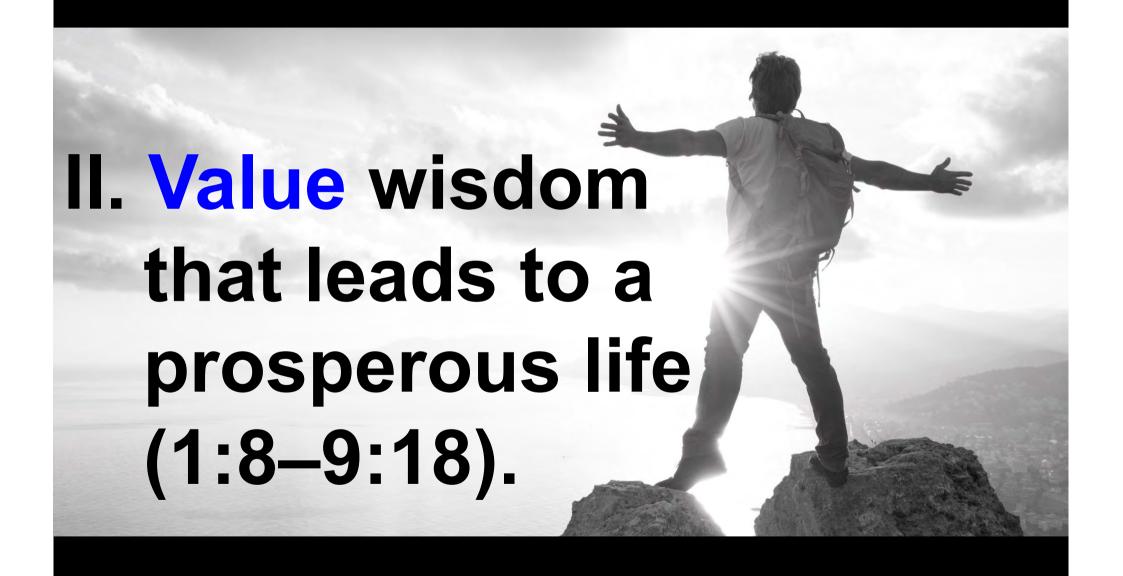
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How to be wise...



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gives honor to keep youth from the shame of foolishness (1:8-9).

preserves youth from disaster (1:10-33).

Wisdom helps maintain moral behavior (Prov 2).

helps us relate with God and man (Prov 3).

Wisdom provides a gracious life (4:1-9).

preserves youth from trouble (4:10-19).

Wisdom produces healthy young people (4:20-27).

Wisdom helps avoid sexual sin (Prov 5).

Wisdom preserves from poverty (6:1-11).

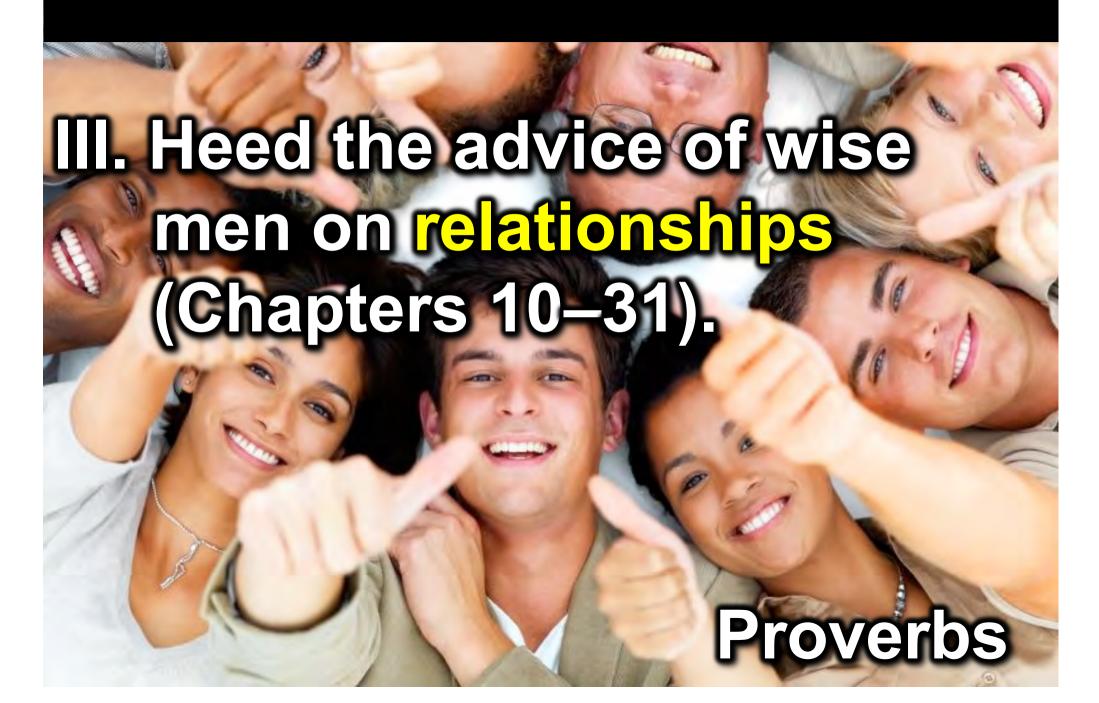
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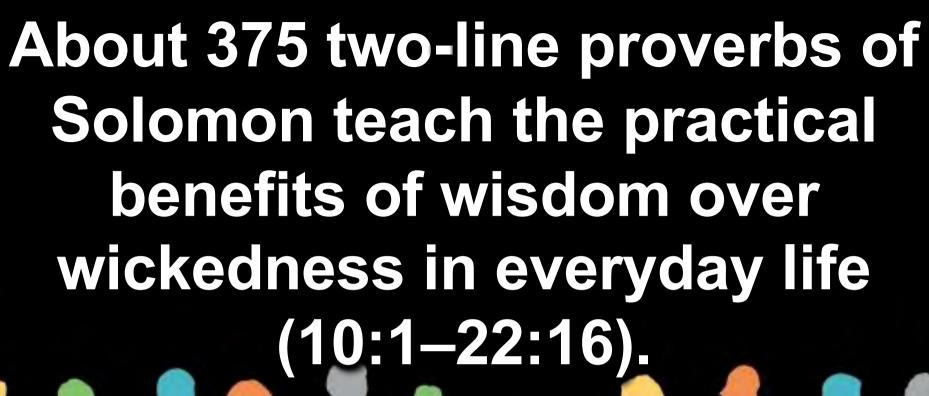
preserves youth from sexual immorality (6:20–7:27).

has valuable virtues, rewards and was used in creation (Prov 8).

is valuable compared to the claims of foolishness (Prov 9).

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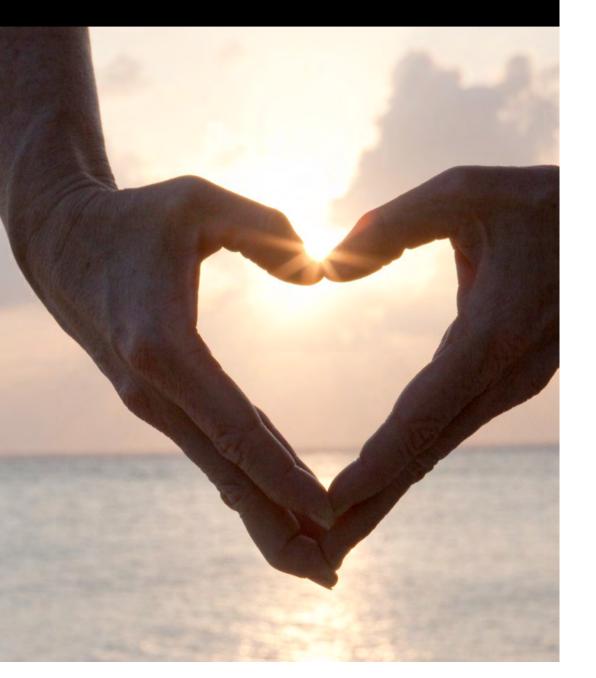




Longer sayings of wise men admonish practical wisdom in many areas (22:17–24:34).

The final collection of Solomon's proverbs by Hezekiah's scribes 250 years later guide social relationships and various activities (Prov 25-29).

Sayings of Agur to Ithiel and Ucal show insights from nature and social relationships (Prov 30).



The unknown Lemuel's mother prepares him for kingship by advising him to avoid the excesses of women and wine, and to protect the rights of the underprivileged (31:1-9).

Wisdom

An acrostic and anonymous poem of a noble wife exhorts young women to be godly and diligent and exhorts young husbands to praise these qualities in their wives (31:10-31).

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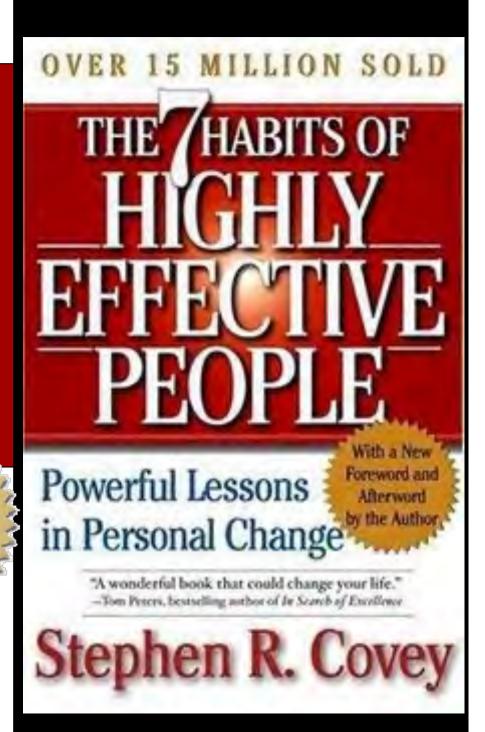
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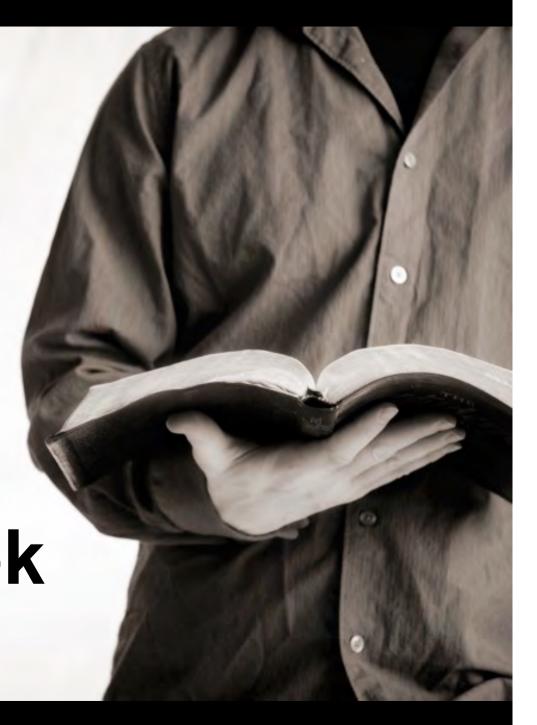
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Through
Scripture

The Bible:
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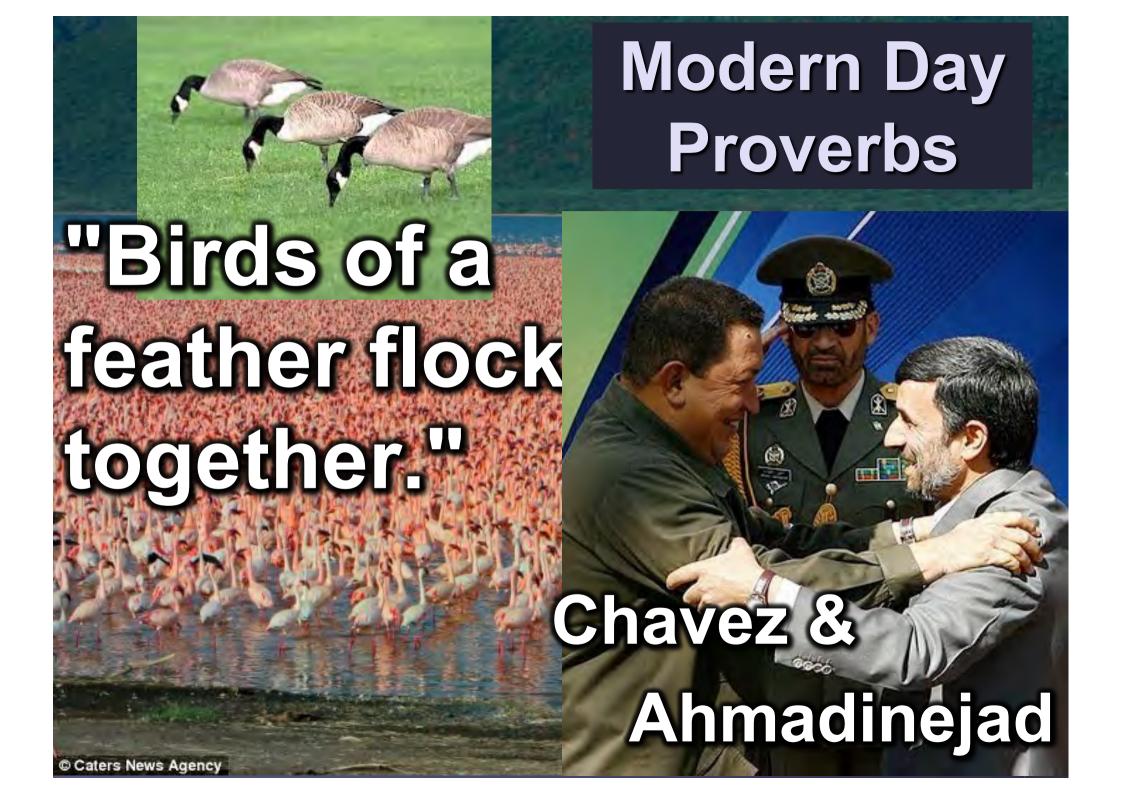


Modern Day Proverbs

"Penny-wise but pound foolish!"







JUST DO IT.

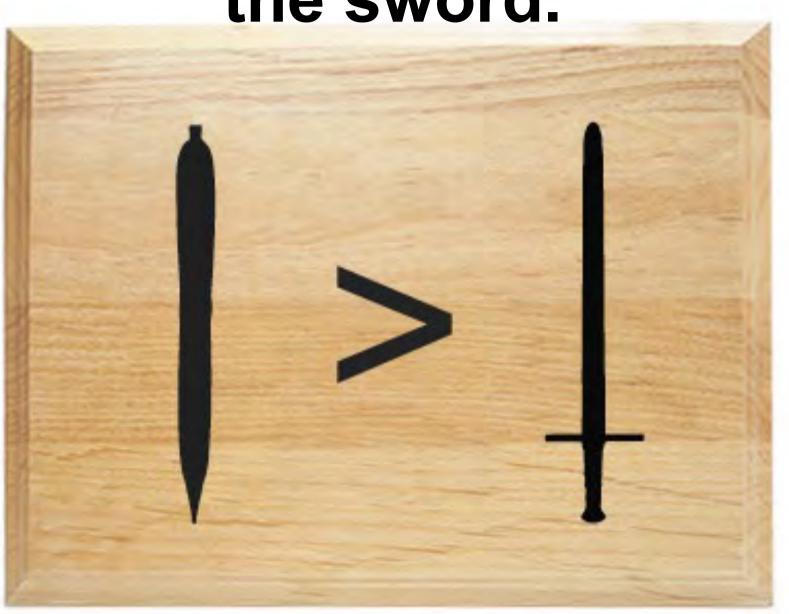


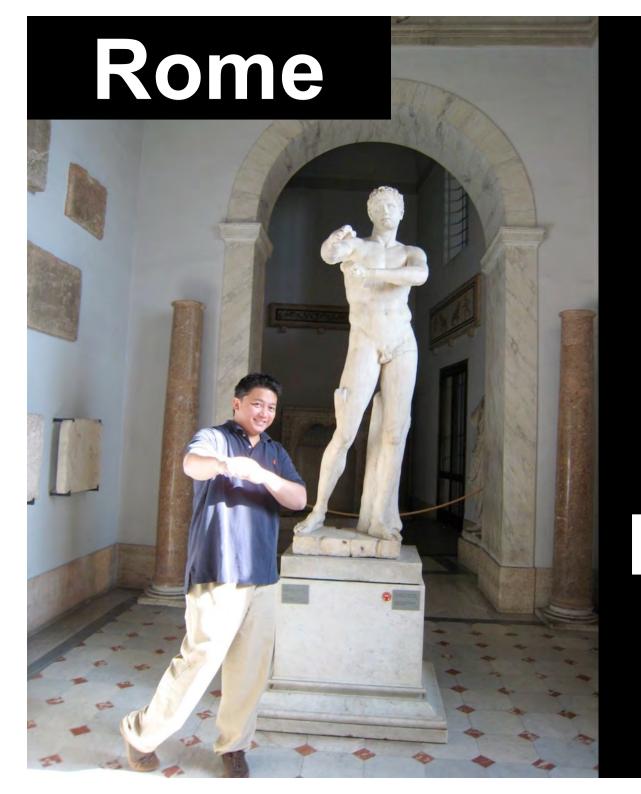
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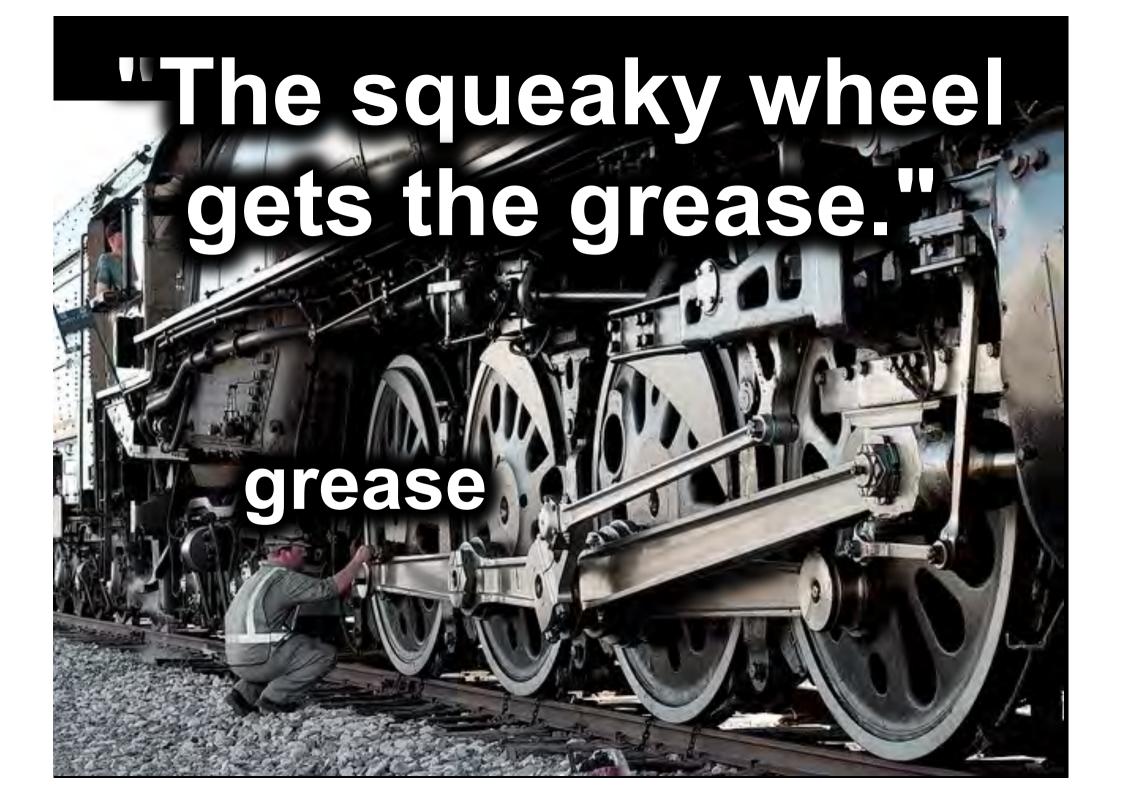


"The pen is mightier than the sword."





"When in Rome, do as the Romans."



"No man is an island."







"A picture is worth a thousand words."





"There's no such thing as a free lunch."

"There's no place like home."







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Title of the Book

- "Proverb" "to be like" or "compared with"
- A proverb is a statement which makes a comparison or describes a common experience.
- Latin title: a proverb is a "word that stands for" many words (i.e., combined into one short saying).

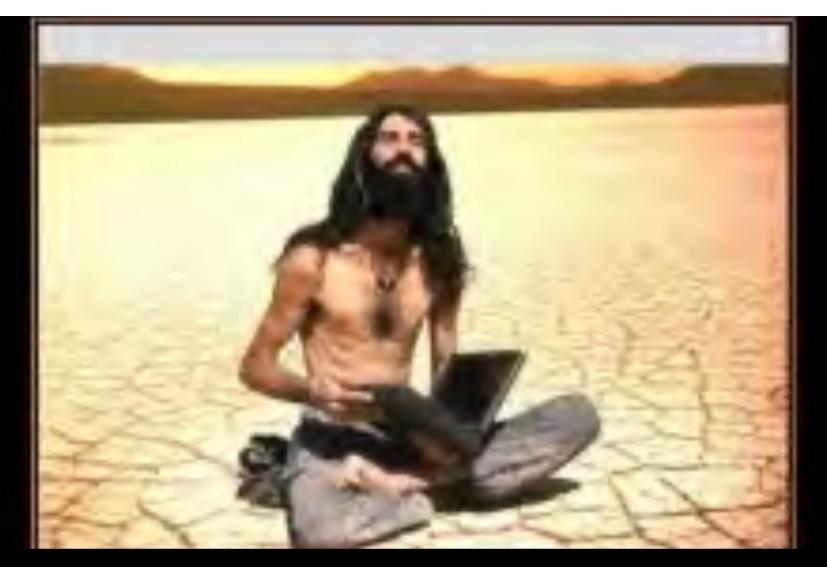












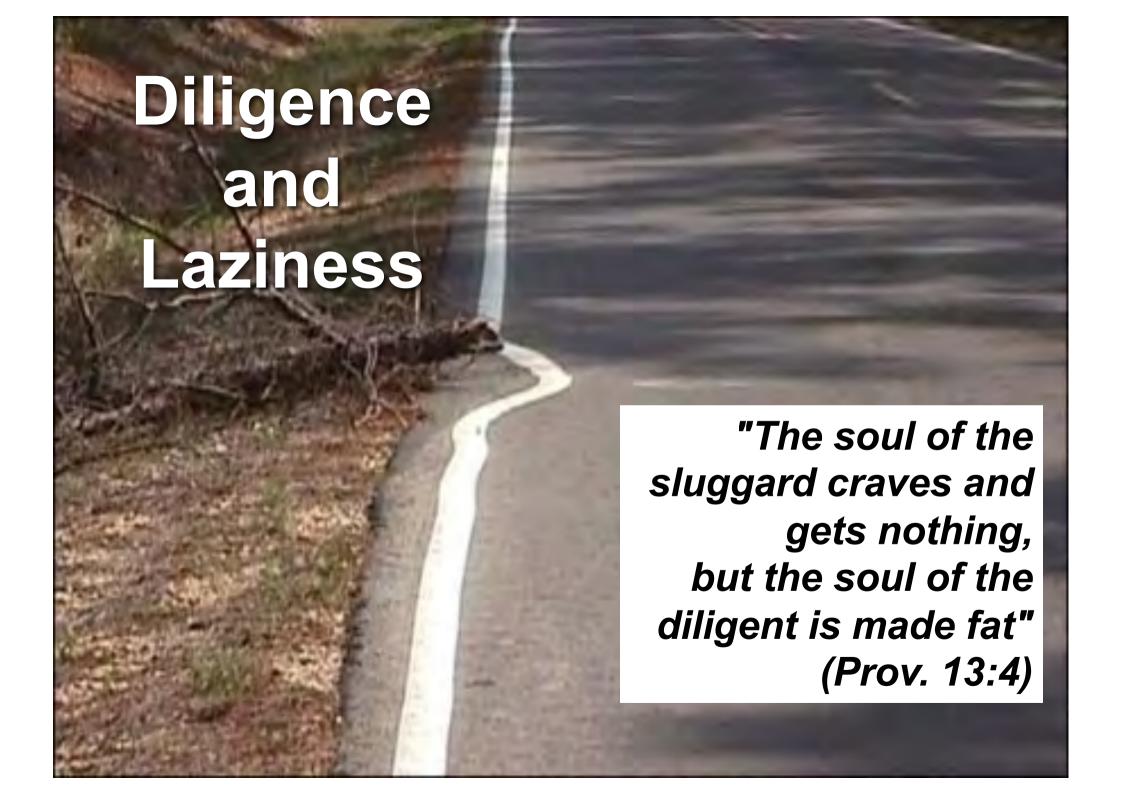
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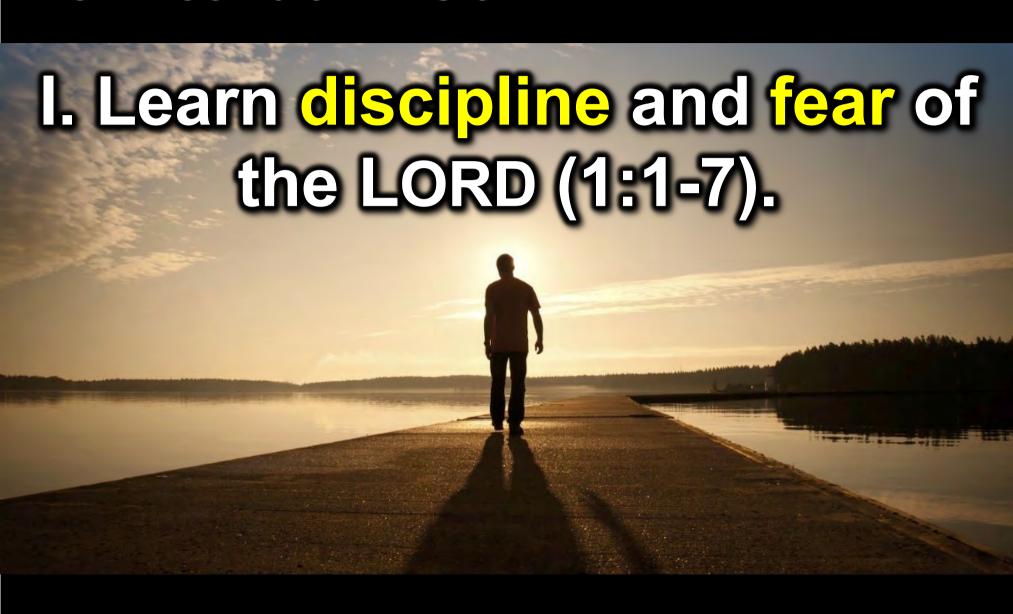


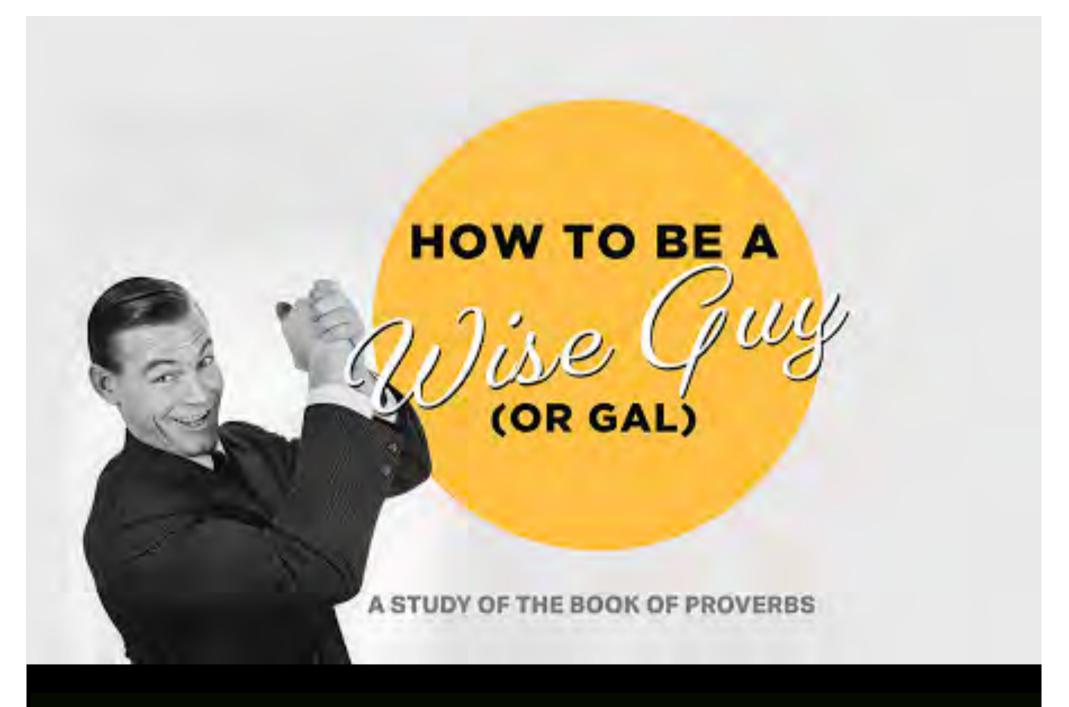
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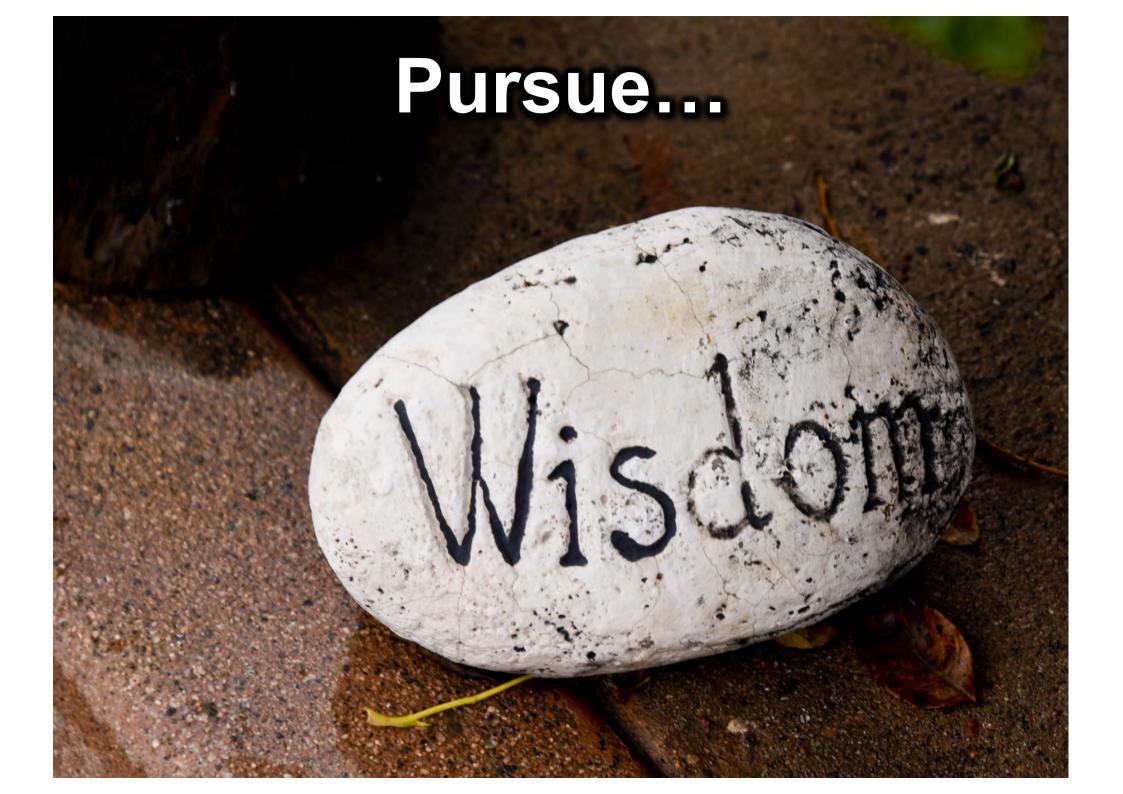
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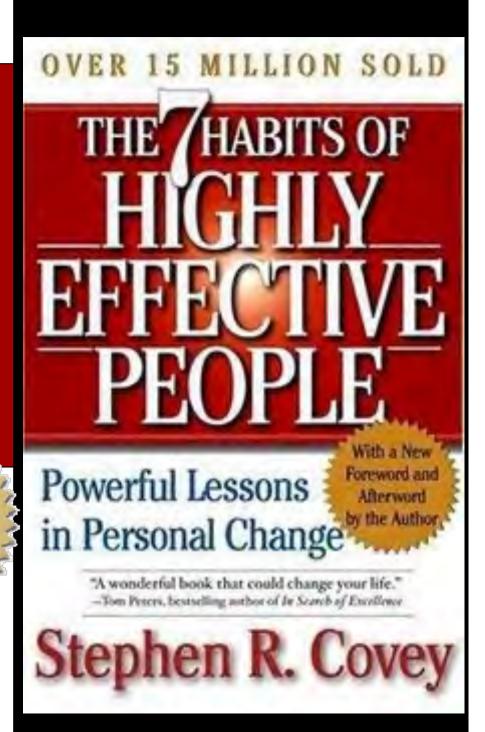
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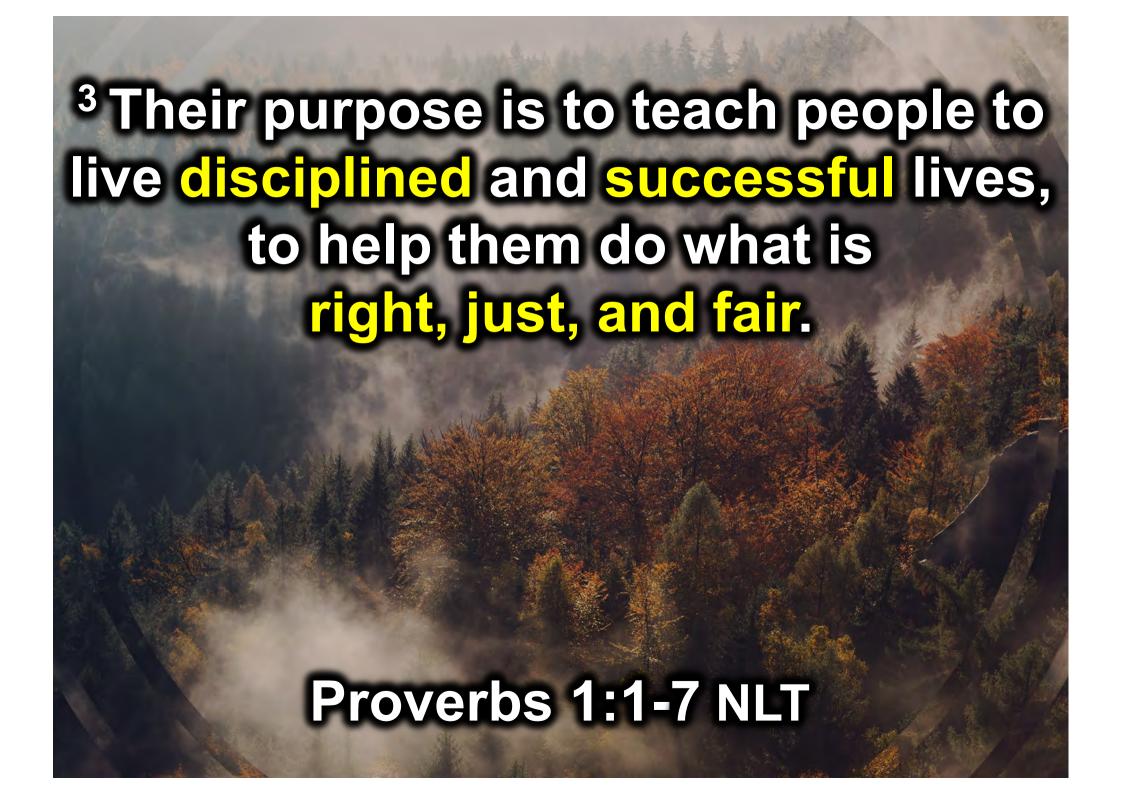
3 ways...

I. Study Proverbs to do what is right (1:1-4).



¹ These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. ² Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise.

Proverbs 1:1-7 NLT





Famous Proverbs:

- · Slow and steady wins the race.
- · Necessity is the mother of invention.
- · Rome was not built in a day.
- · Union is strength.
- More haste, less speed.
- · Every cloud has a silver lining.
- · Look before you leap.
- Don't count your chickens before they have hatched.
- · Pride goes before a fall.
- · Face is the index of the mind.
- · A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- · A crying child gets milk.
- · Well begun is half done.

Famous Proverbs:

Actions speak louder than words

All good things must come to an end

All that glitters is not gold

Better safe than sorry

Between the devil and the deep blue sea

Charity begins at home

Children and fools speak the truth

Early bird catches the worm

Early to bcd, early to rise

Easier said than done

Every cloud has a silver lining

Finder's keepers, loser's weepers

First come, first served



3 ways...

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II. Apply Proverbs to gain skill in living (5-6).



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Proverbs 1:1-7 NLT

"The essence of a proverbial saying is that it is based on observations of how things are in the world. It is a flash of insight into the repeatable situations of life on the world, and its aphoristic form not only represents insight but compels it Naturally, in the context of firm belief in God, the proverb comes to express insight into the way things are, or should be, in the world ordered by God and a challenge to behavior that God will reward."

Norman Perrin, The New Testament: An Introduction, 296.



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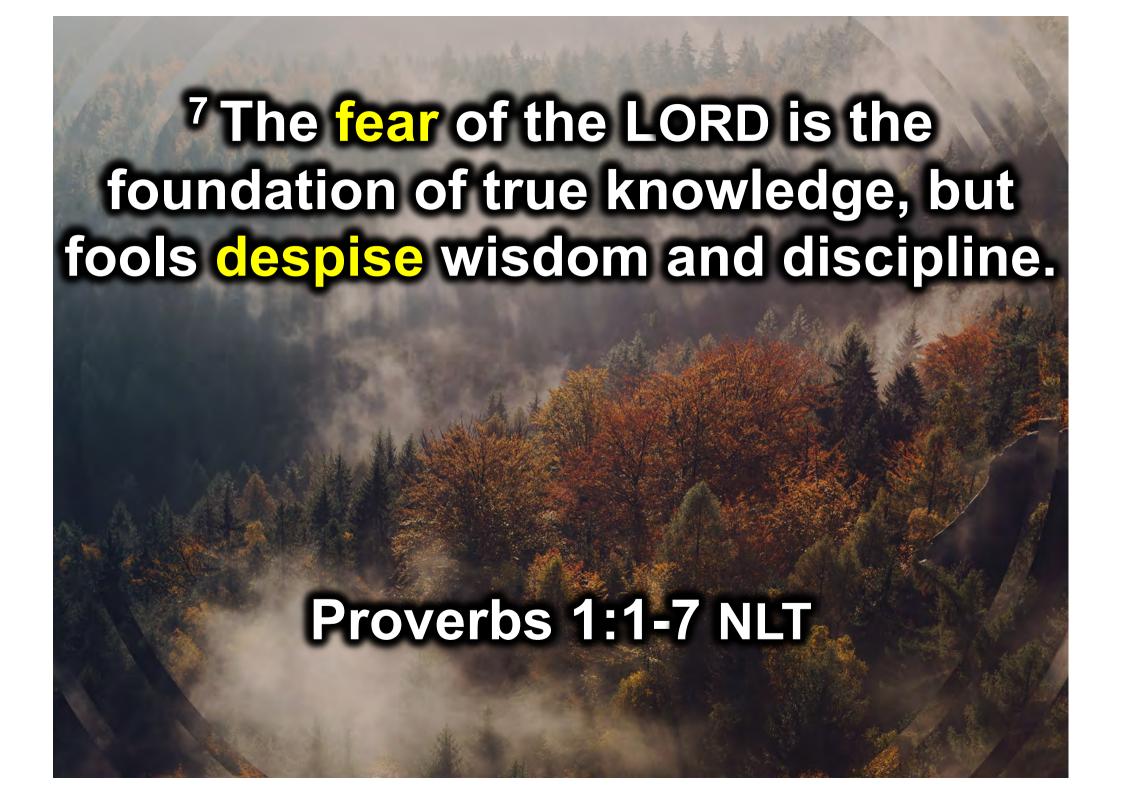
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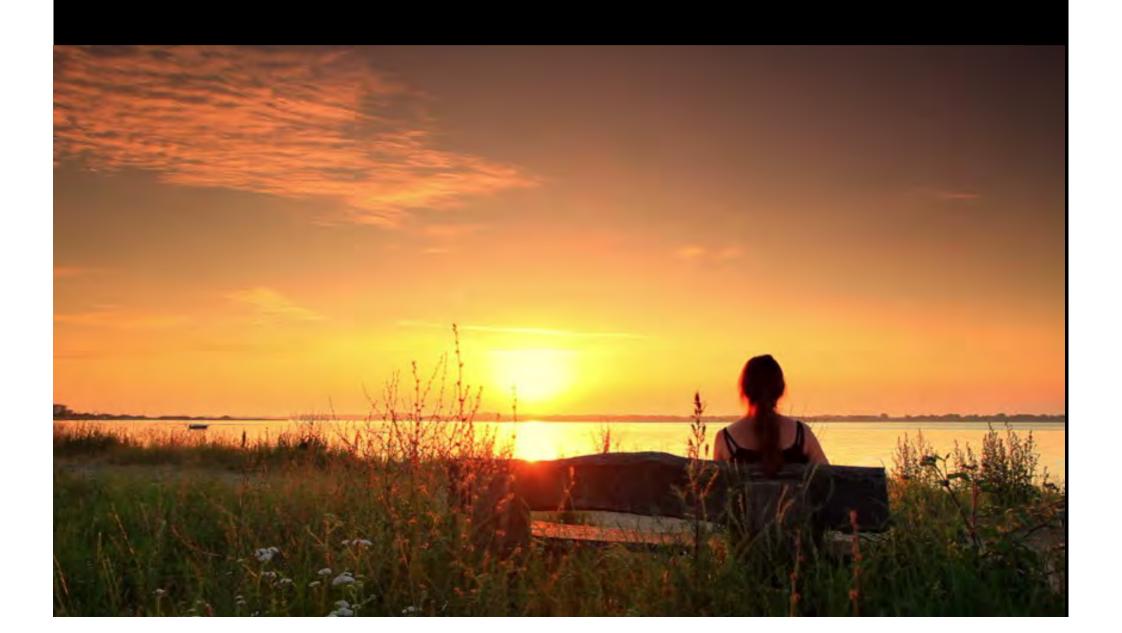




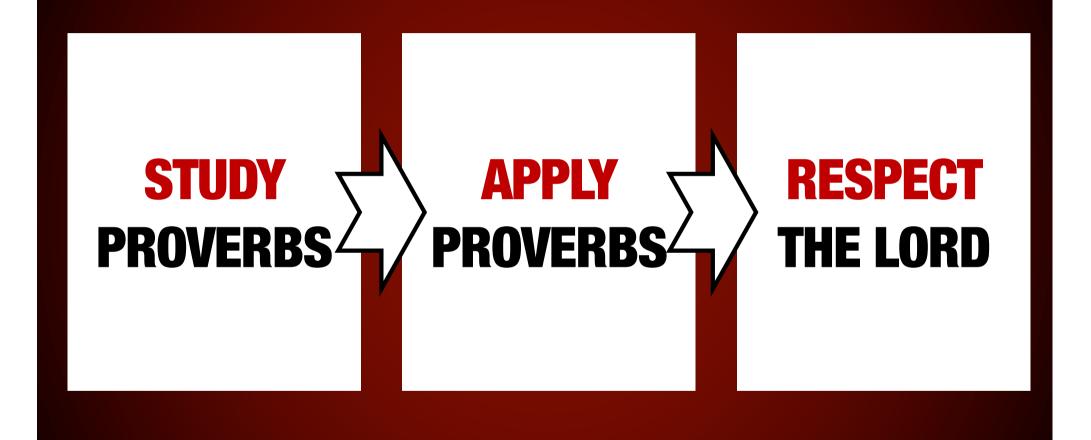


"Proverbs are high points of human insight. To use a literary term, a proverb is a moment of epiphany (insight, revelation)."

Leland Ryken, How to Read the Bible as Literature (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984), 124

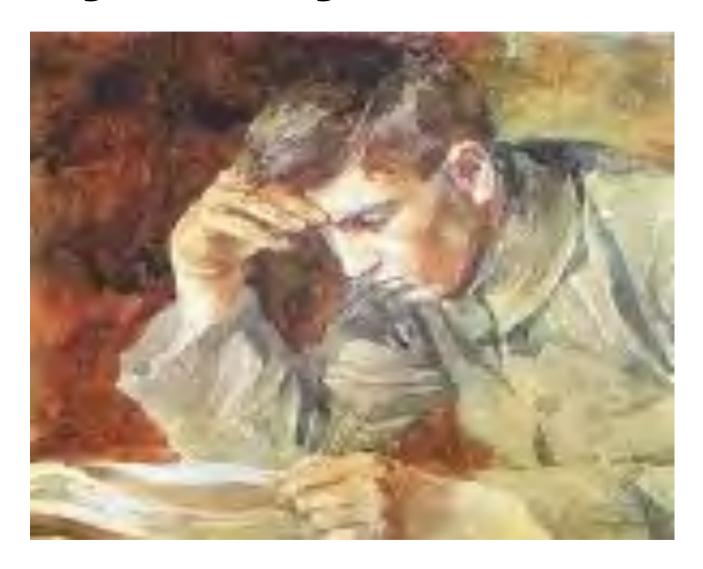


Main Idea of Proverbs 1:1-7



Applications

- Teach youth (& children) proverbs
- Memorize proverbs to promote wise living
- Read ONE chapter from Proverbs every day



Check out 1:1-7

Proverbs give wisdom, discipline & insights (1:1-2)

¹These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. ² Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise.

Proverbs guide us to do what is right (1:3)

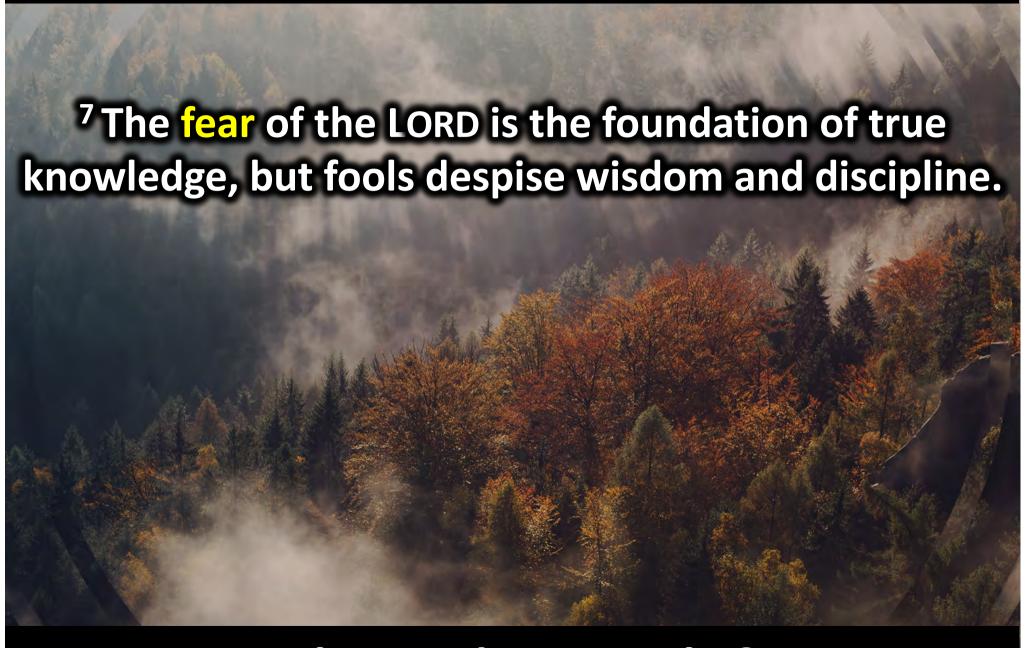
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Proverbs give insight throughout life (1:4-6)

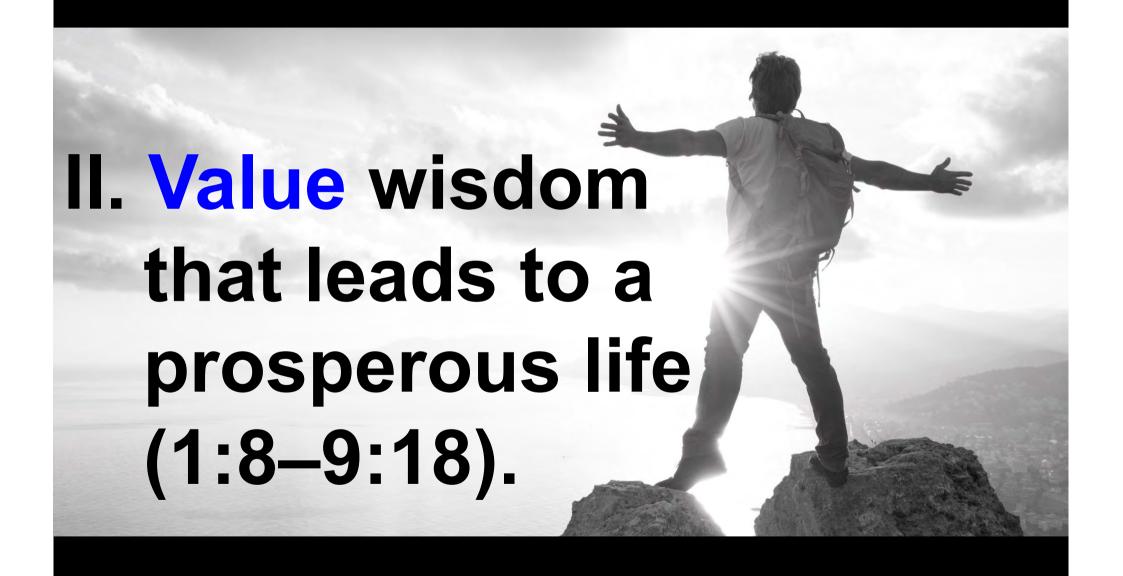
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Proverbs teach us to fear God (1:7)



How to be wise...



Wisdom

gives honor to keep youth from the shame of foolishness (1:8-9).

Wisdom

preserves youth from disaster (1:10-33).

Proverbs 2

Wisdom helps maintain moral behavior (Prov 2).

Proverbs - Value and Path of Wisdom

Solomon			Wise Men (Anonymous)	Solomon	Wise Men (Agur, Lemuel, Anonymous)		
1:1–22:16			22:17–24:34	Ch. 25–29	Ch. 30–31		
13 sayings 375 two-line			36 sayings	±100 two- line	3 sayings		
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Pro- logue	Principles of Wisdom				Epilogue		

ca. 950-700 BC

Proverbs 2:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,

Proverbs 2:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. ⁹ Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.

Proverbs 2:10-11 (NIV)

¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. ¹¹ Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

Proverbs 2:21 (NIV)

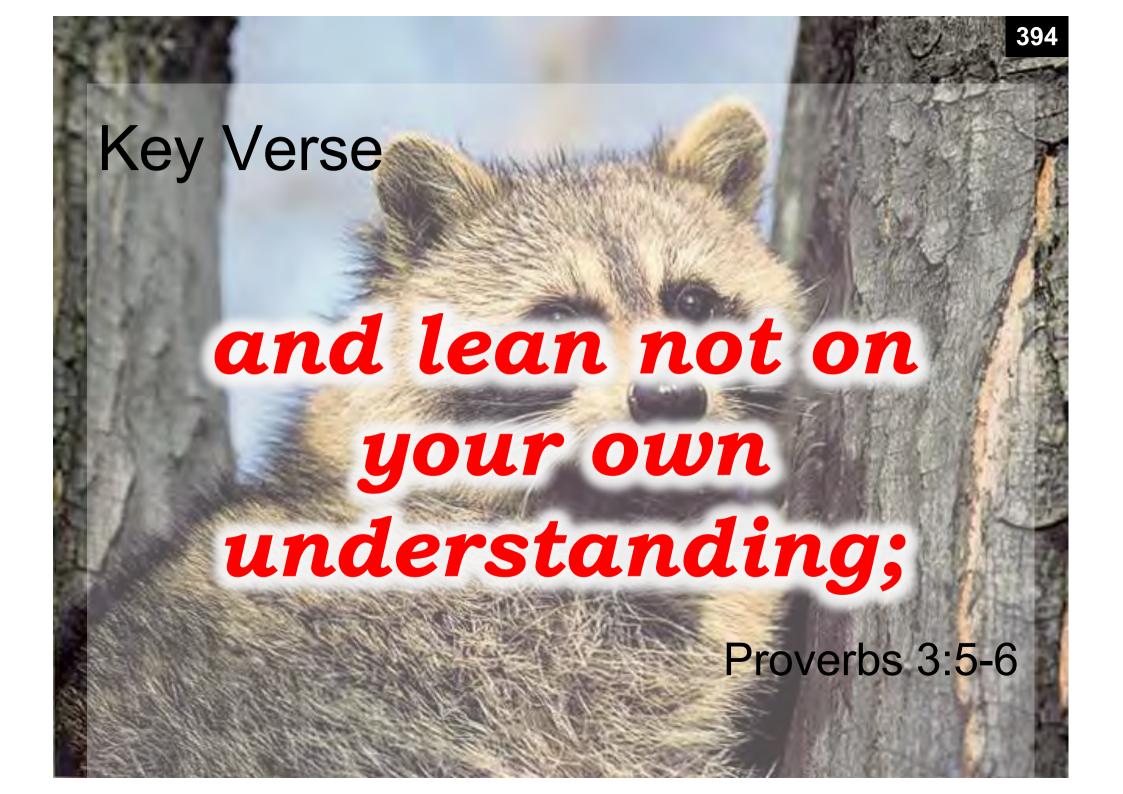
For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it

Proverbs 3

Wisdom

helps us relate with God and man (Prov 3).







Key Verse

in all your ways acknowledge him

Proverbs 3:5-6



Key Verse

and he
will make
your paths
straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Proverbs 3:32 (NIV)

³² For the Lord detests the perverse but takes the upright into his confidence.

Prov 3:34 (NLT) The Lord mocks the mockers but is gracious to the humble.

Proverbs 4

Wisdom provides a gracious life (4:1-9).

Wisdom

preserves youth from trouble (4:10-19).

Wisdom produces healthy young people (4:20-27).

Proverbs 5

Wisdom helps avoid sexual sin (Prov 5).

Proverbs 5:1-23 NIV

¹ My son, pay attention to my wisdom, turn your ear to my words of insight, ² that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge. ³ For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil;

⁴ but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. ⁵ Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. ⁶ She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths wander aimlessly, but she does not know it.

⁷ Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say. ⁸ Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, ⁹ lest you lose your honor to others and your dignity to one who is cruel, 10 lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich the house of another.

¹¹ At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. 12 You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! 13 I would not obey my teachers or turn my ear to my instructors.

¹⁴ And I was soon in serious trouble in the assembly of God's people." 15 Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. ¹⁶ Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares?

17 Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers.

18 May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.

¹⁹ A loving doe, a graceful deer— may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be intoxicated with her love.

²⁰ Why, my son, be intoxicated with another man's wife? Why embrace the bosom of a wayward woman? ²¹ For your ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all your paths. ²² The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them; the cords of their sins hold them fast.

²³ For lack of discipline they will die, led astray by their own great folly.

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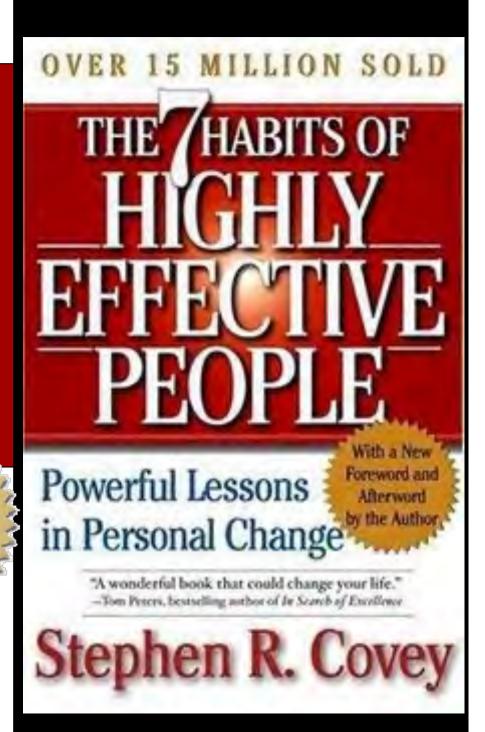
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Proverb Lessons
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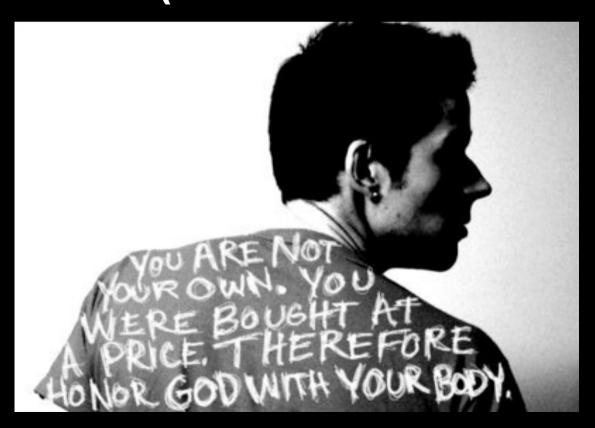
-King Solomon, bestselling author of *The Proverbs of Solomon*

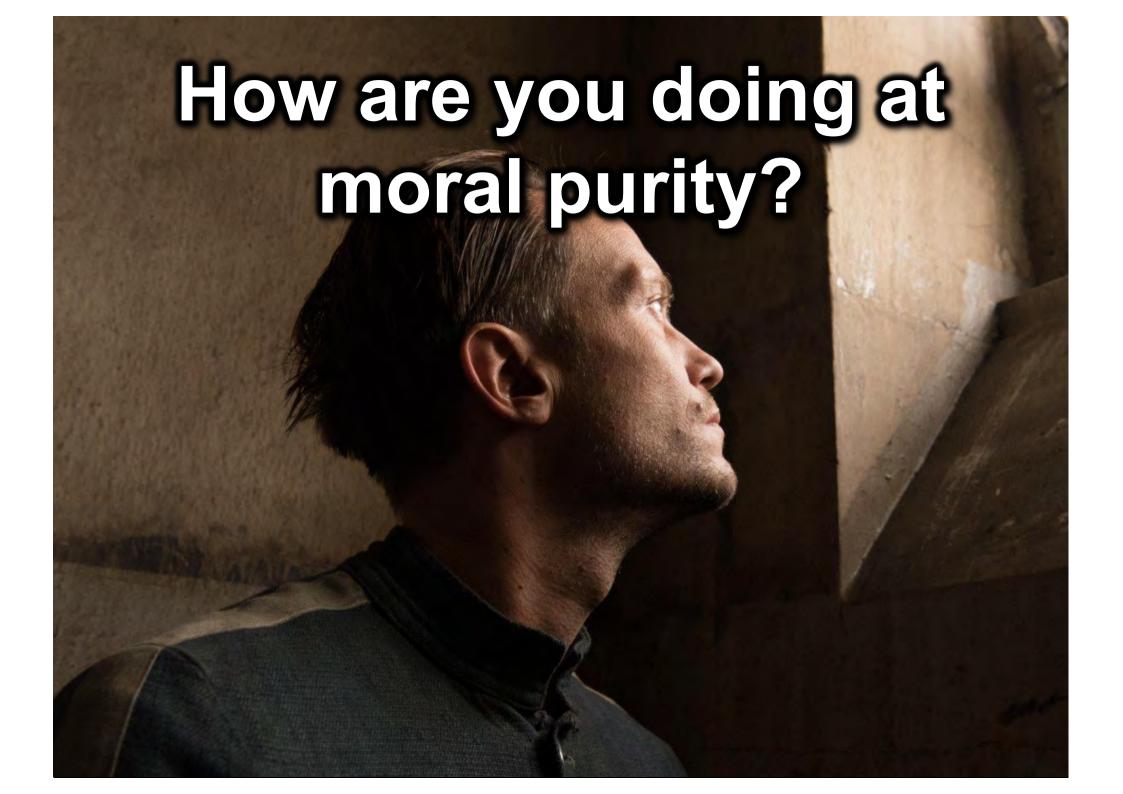
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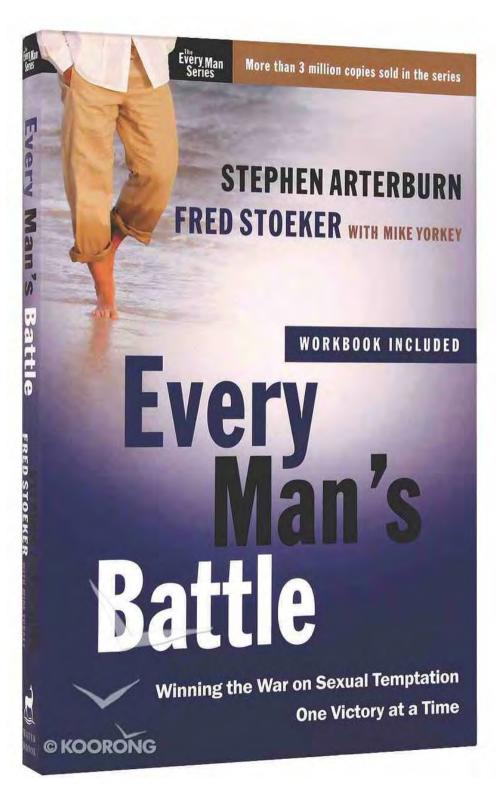


"My son, pay attention to my wisdom; listen carefully to my wise counsel.

²Then you will show discernment, and your lips will express what you've learned" (Proverbs 5:1-2 NLT).







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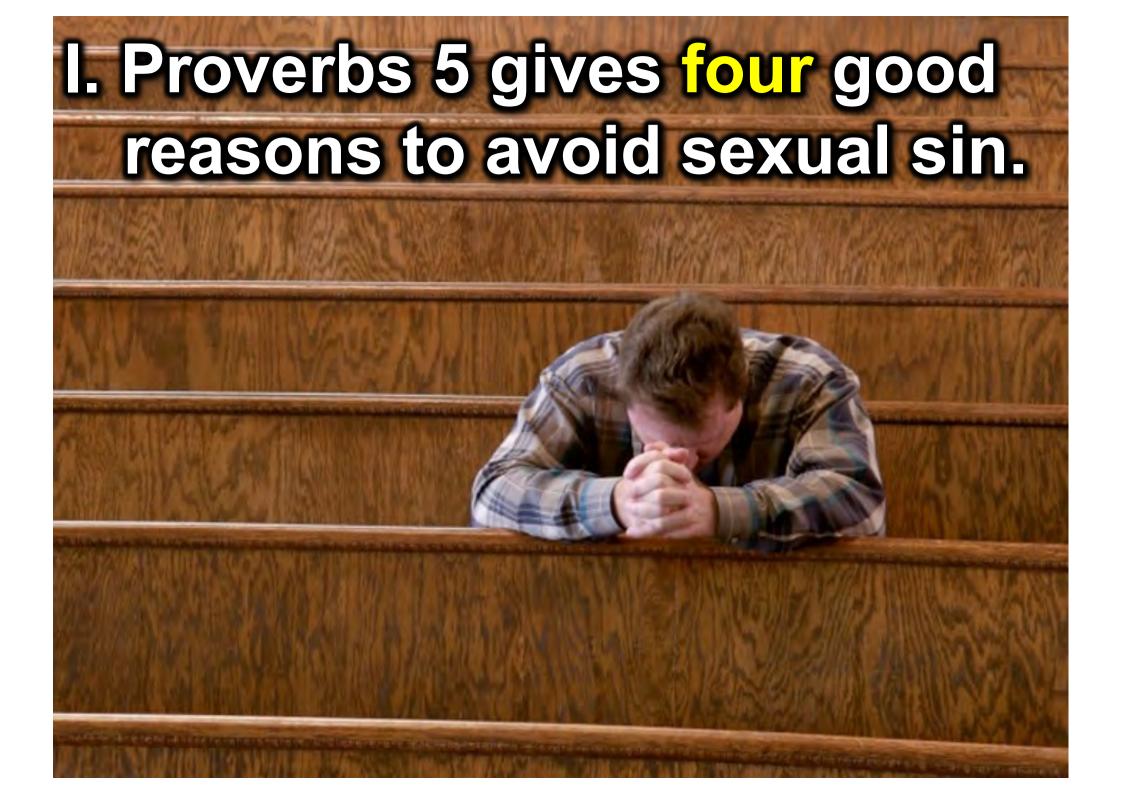
Learn from Solomon?



Why should we avoid sexual sin?



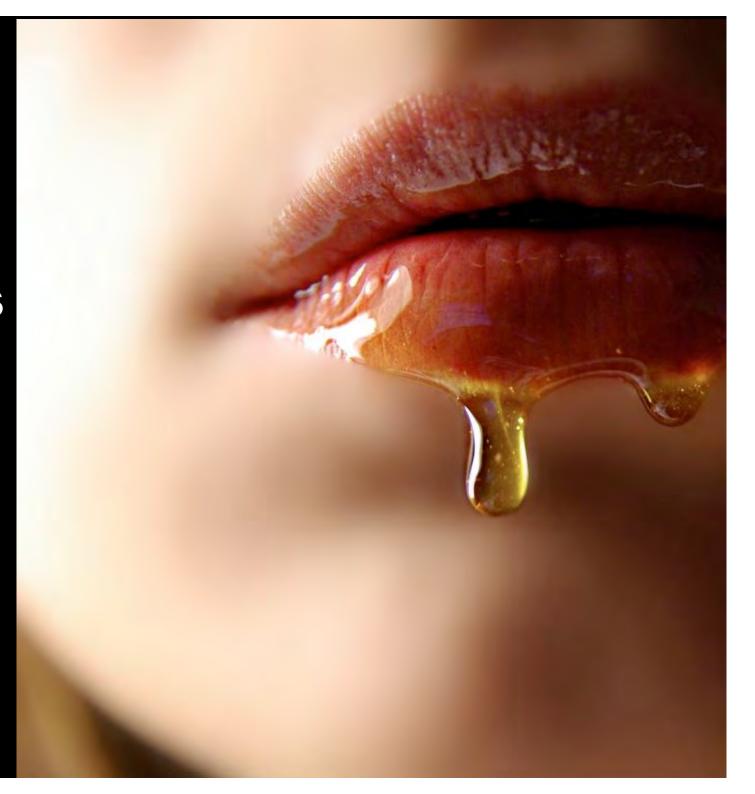
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1. Sexual sin is enjoyable in the short run but bitter in the end (3-6).



"For the lips of an immoral woman are as sweet as honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil" (5:3 NLT).



"But in the end she is as bitter as poison, as dangerous as a double-edged sword. ⁵Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave" (5:4-5 NLT).



"For she cares nothing about the path to life. She staggers down a crooked trail and doesn't realize it" (5:6 NLT).



2. Avoid sexual sin to escape its physical, financial, and emotional woes (7-14).

"So now, my sons, listen to me.

Never stray from what I am about to say:

Stay away from her!

Don't go near the door of her house!"

(5:7-8 NLT).





"Strangers will consume your wealth, and someone else will enjoy the fruit of your labor" (5:10 NLT).



"In the end you will groan in anguish when disease consumes your body. ¹²You will say, "How I hated discipline! If only I had not ignored all the warnings! ¹³Oh, why didn't I listen to my teachers? Why didn't I pay attention to my instructors?

¹⁴I have come to the brink of utter ruin, and now I must face public disgrace" (5:11-14 NLT).

Harvey Weinstein indicted on many sexual assault charges



3. Sex with one partner in marriage is the most enjoyable experience (5:15-20).

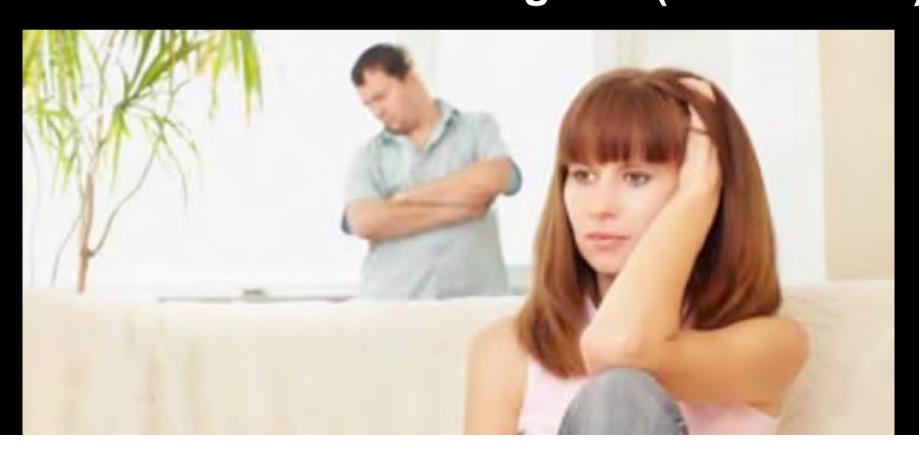


"Drink water from your own well—share your love only with your wife.

16Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone?

17You should reserve it for yourselves.

Never share it with strangers" (5:15-17 NLT).



"Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

19She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love.

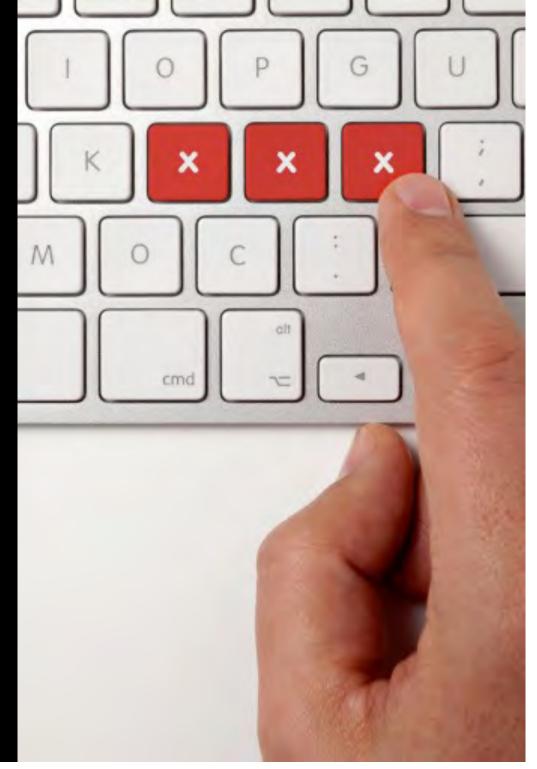
²⁰Why be captivated, my son, by an immoral woman, or fondle the breasts of a promiscuous woman?"

(5:18-20 NLT).

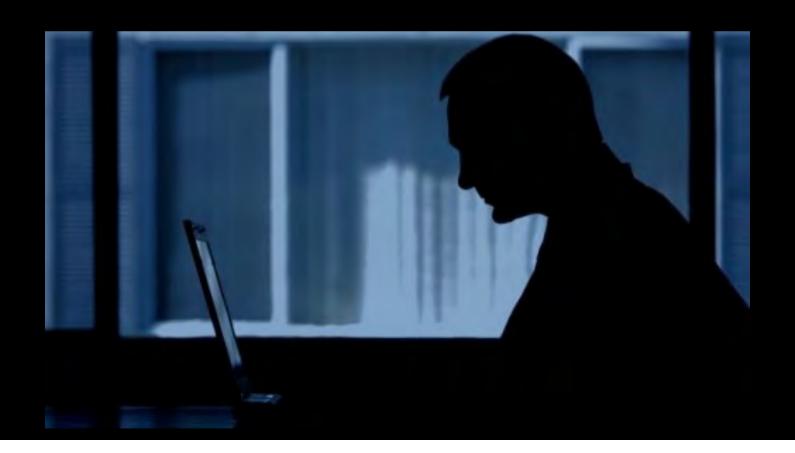
4. Avoid sexual sin because God calls it evil and will judge us for it (21-23).



"For the LORD sees clearly what a man does, examining every path he takes" (5:21 NLT).



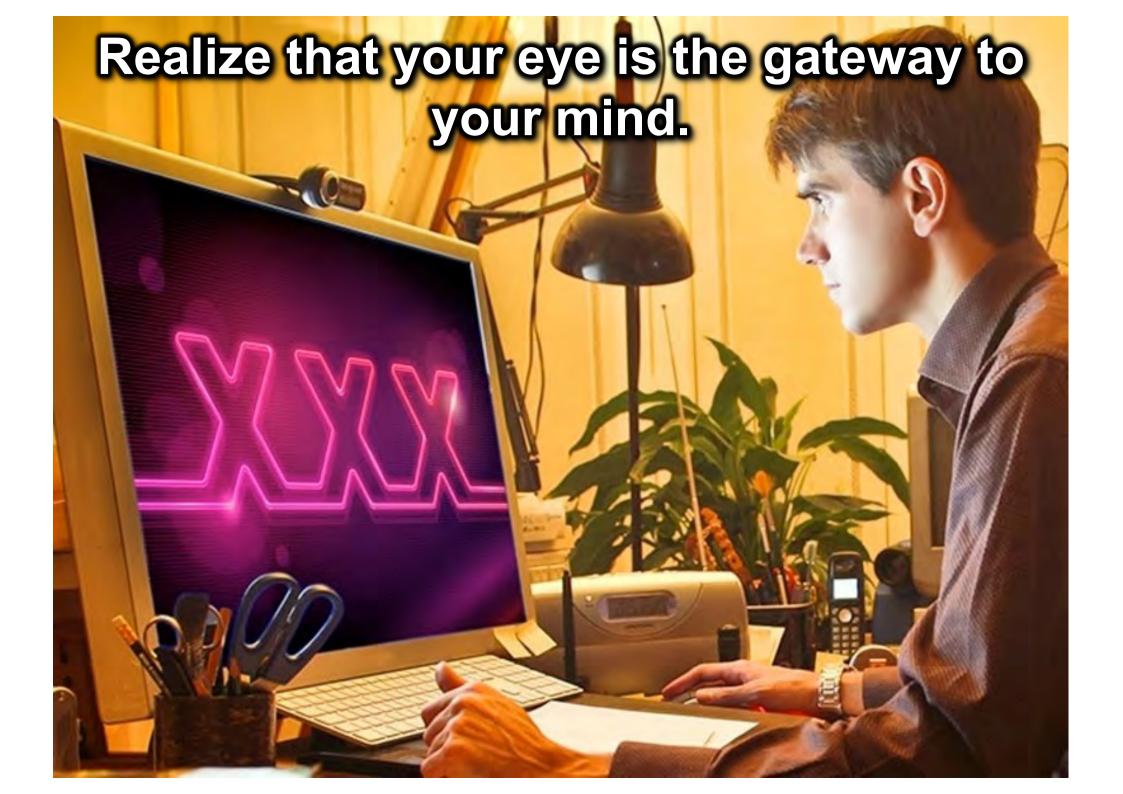
"An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him. ²³He will die for lack of self-control; he will be lost because of his great foolishness" (5:22-23 NLT).



II. Here are ideas to avoid the trap of sex sin.







WARNING! facebook may lead to adultery



"The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light" (Matthew 6:22).



Train your eye not to see things that stimulate lust.



Guard your hands from lust (Matt 5:30)

"And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell" (Matt 5:30 NIV).

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments" (Psalm 119:9-10).

Replace your sources of temptation with sources of purity.

Hug right.



Avoid the AWKWARD HUG



"What's the big deal? All men look at porn. It is perfectly normal. Well, most men look at porn. This is normal."



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"Flee [sexual] immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body" (1 Cor. 6:18).





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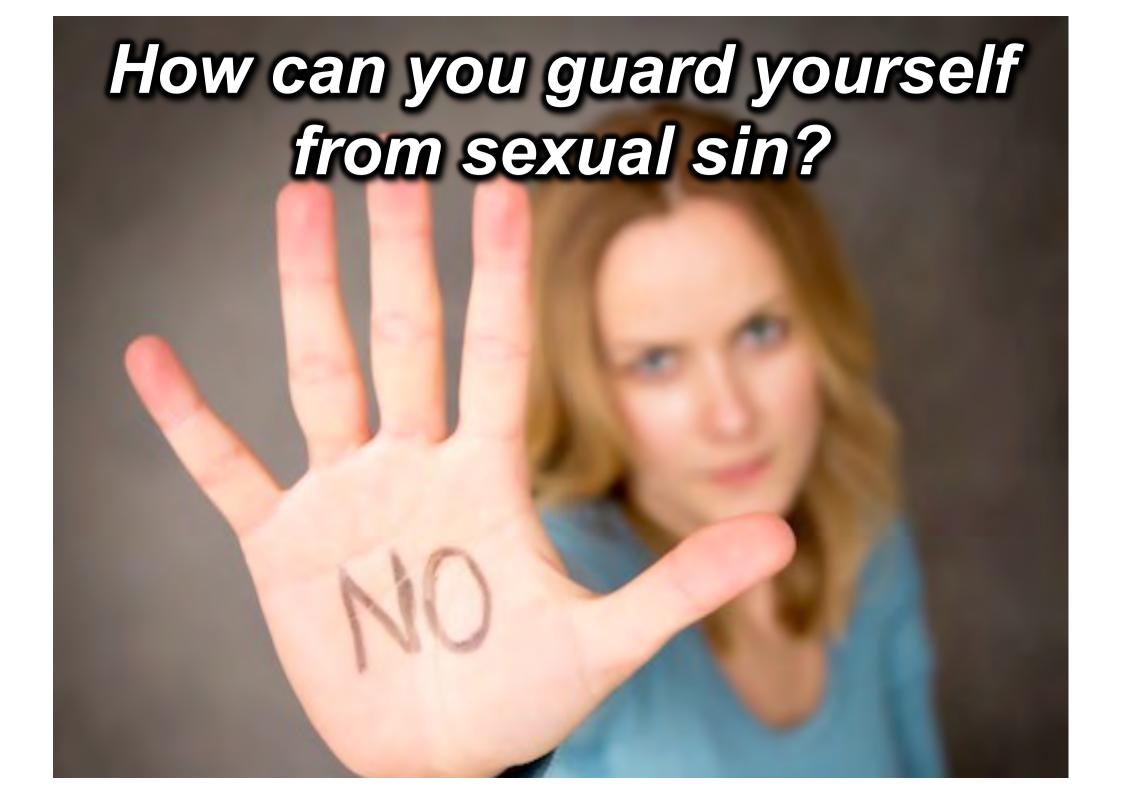






- 2. Do things you haven't done before
- 3. Be brutally honest with another person
- 4. "Clean house"
- 5. Block entry points
- 6. Get accountable to a man

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Main Idea of Proverbs 5:

Genuine wisdom will teach us many reasons to avoid sexual sin.

Main Points (Proverbs 5): Preserving yourself will...

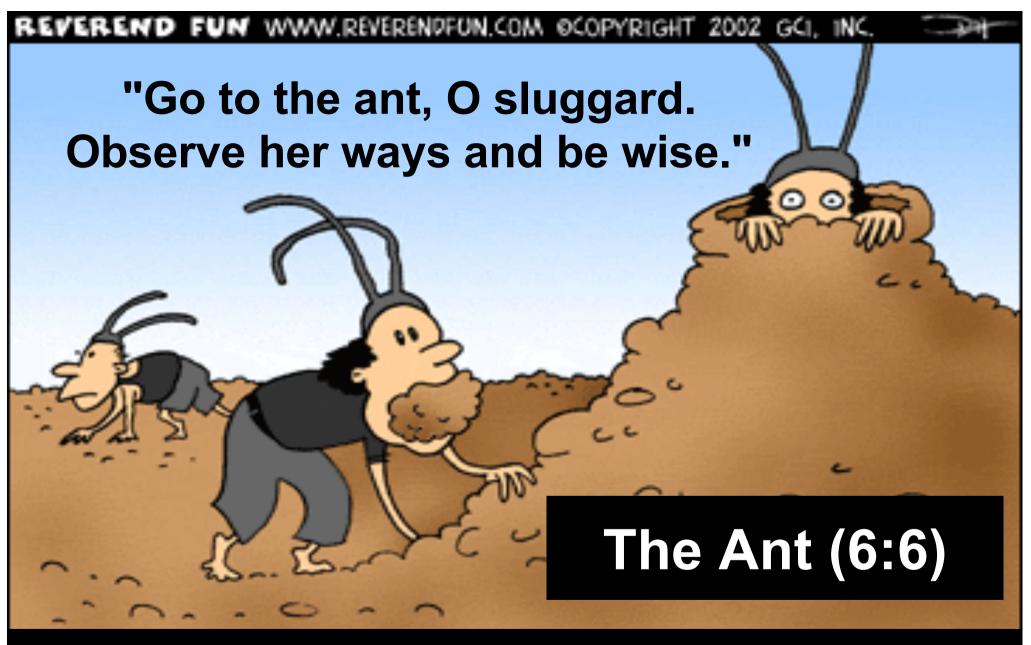
- Keep you from regret (3-6)
- Guard your body, money, emotions, and reputation (7-14)
- Help you enjoy sex in marriage (15-20)
- Enable you to account to God (21-23)

Questions

- Have you promised purity to God?
- Are you going down the path of the simpleton right now? How?
- What should you do about it?

Proverbs 6

Wisdom preserves from poverty (6:1-11).



After the Sluggard family considered the ways of the ants

Wisdom

preserves from dissension (6:12-19).

Wisdom

preserves youth from sexual immorality (6:20–7:27).



Violent people

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Things God Hates (6:16-19)

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Those who judge unjustly



"The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; He who would destroy himself does it. Wounds and disgrace he will find, and his reproach will not be blotted out" (Prov. 6:32-33).

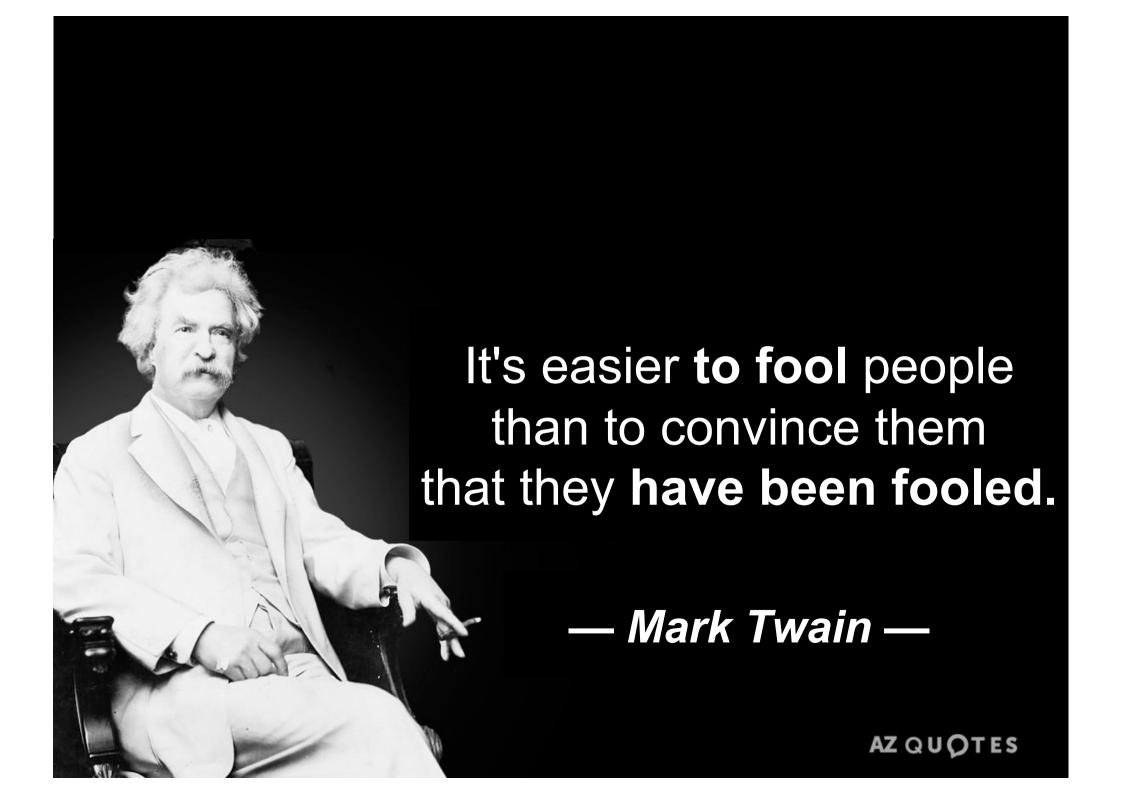


Proverbs 7

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool

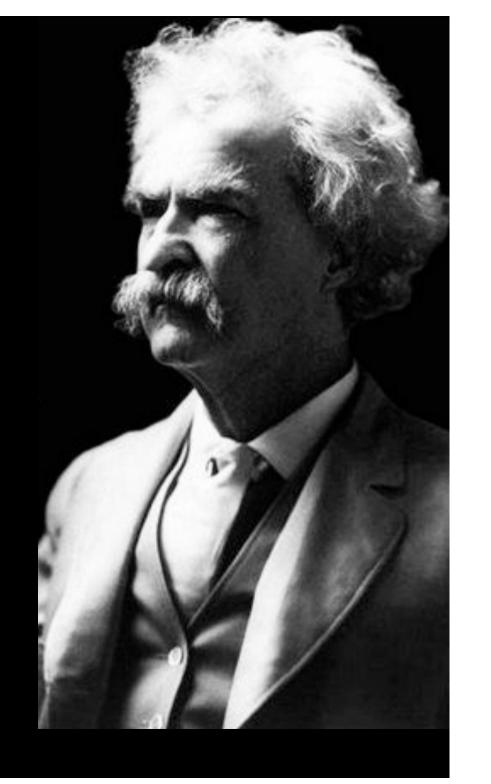
than to open it and remove all doubt.

— Mark Twain —



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"It is full of interest. It has noble poetry in it; and some clever fables; and some blooddrenched history; and some good morals; and a wealth of obscenity; and upwards of a thousand lies."



Proverbs 8

Wisdom

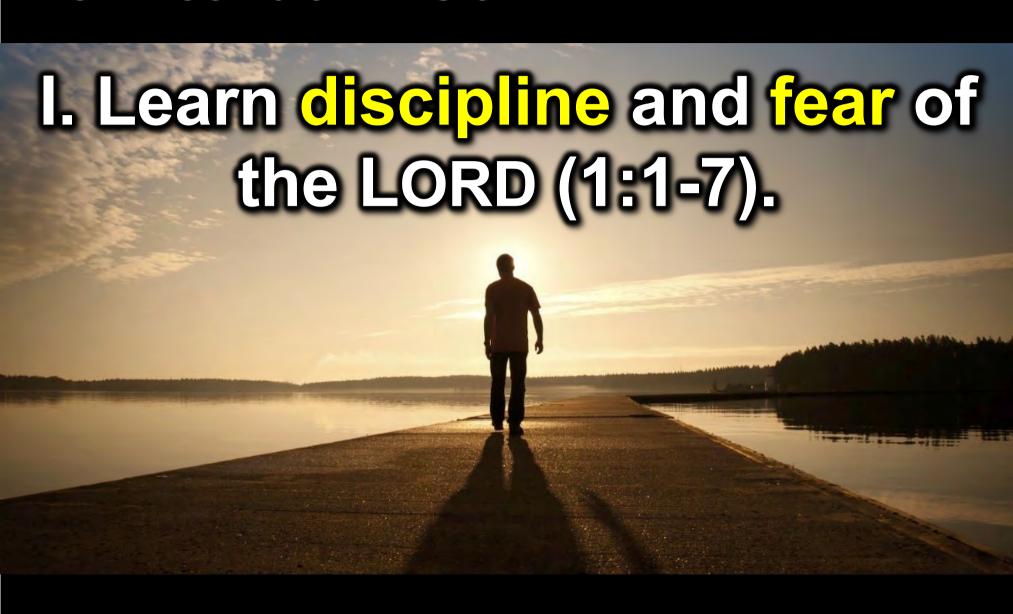
has valuable virtues, rewards and was used in creation (Prov 8).

Proverbs 9

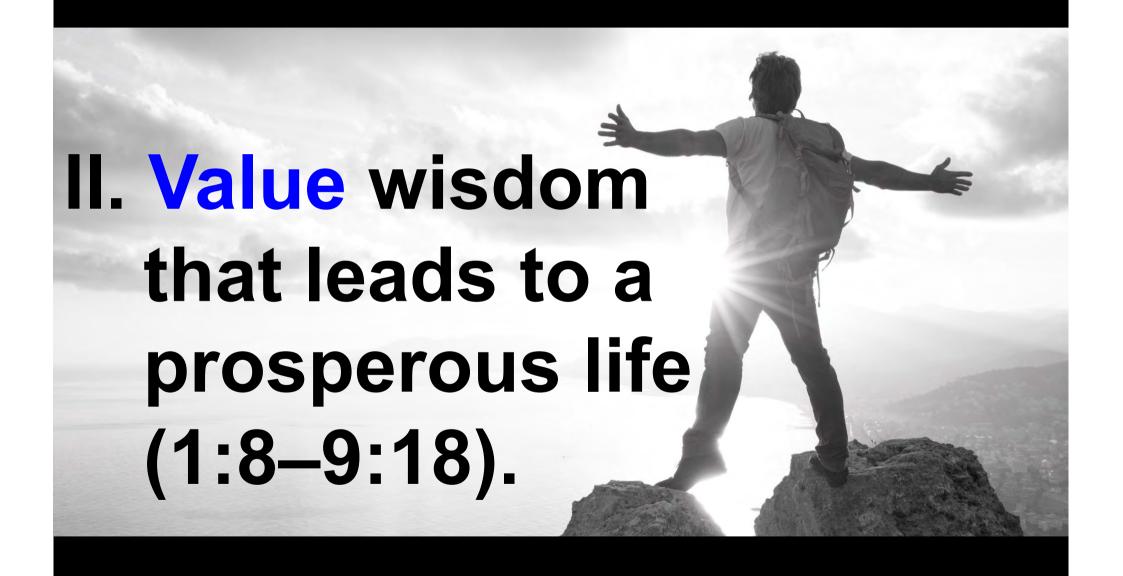
Wisdom

is valuable compared to the claims of foolishness (Prov 9).

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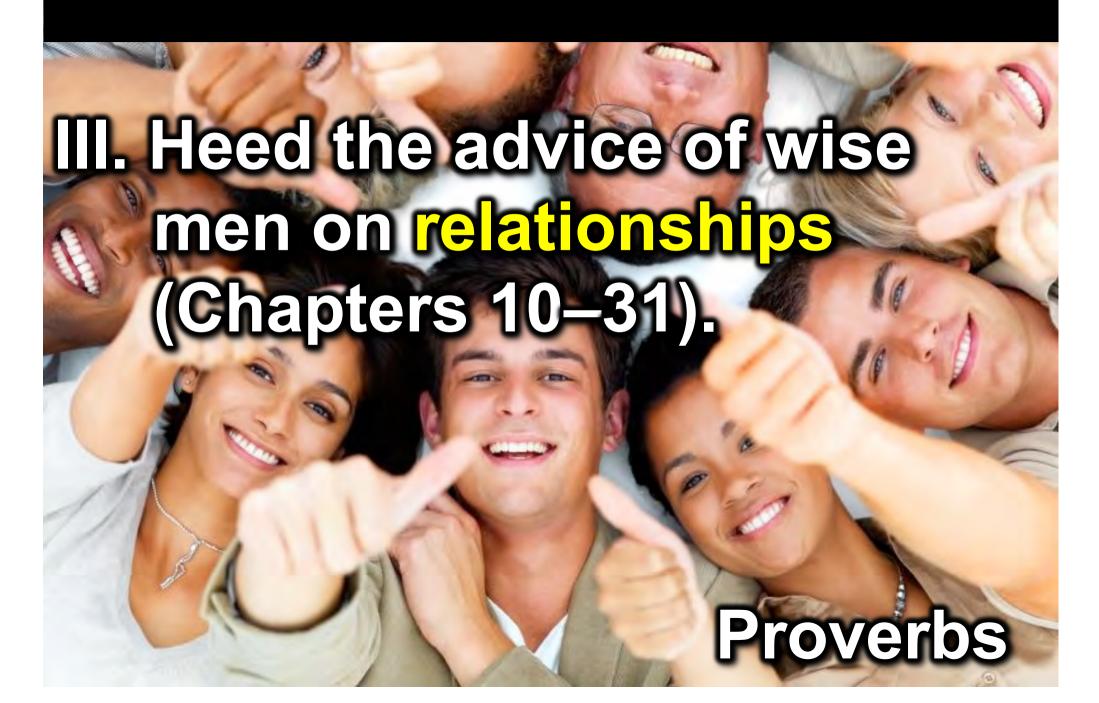


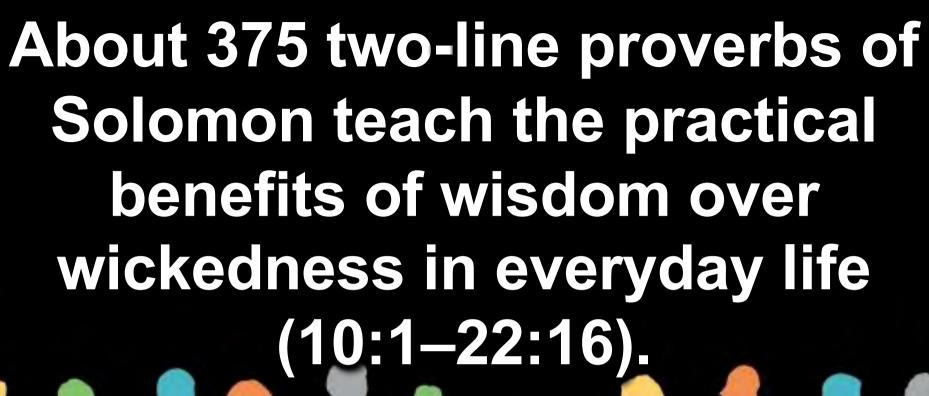
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Proverbs 10

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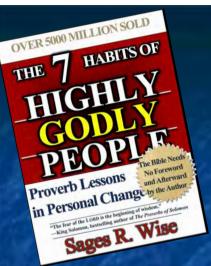






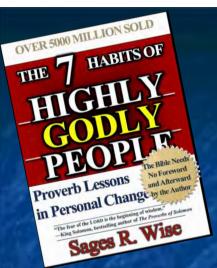
Proverbs 10:3, 6 (NIV)

- The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.
- 6 Blessings crown the head of the righteous, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.



Reputable

 We have happy memories of the godly, but the name of a wicked person rots away (Prov 10:7).

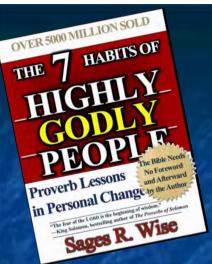


Encouraging

The words of the godly are a life-giving fountain; the words of the wicked conceal violent intentions (Prov 10:11).

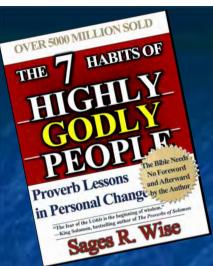
Proverbs 10:16, 25 (NIV)

16 The wages of the righteous is life, but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death. 25 When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever.



Hopeful

The hopes of the godly result in happiness, but the expectations of the wicked come to nothing (Prov 10:28).



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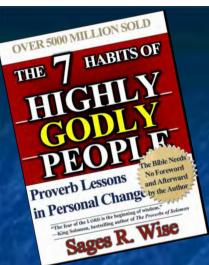
The godly are directed by honesty; the wicked fall beneath their load of sin (Prov 11:5).



Prov 11:16 (NKJV)
A GRACIOUS woman
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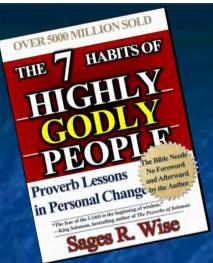


Prov 11:17 (NIV) Those who are kind benefit themselves, but the cruel bring ruin on themselves.



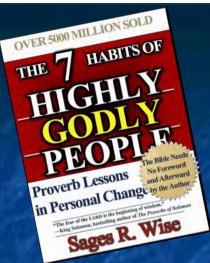
Stable

Evil people get rich for the moment, but the reward of the godly will last (Prov 11:18).



Family-Oriented

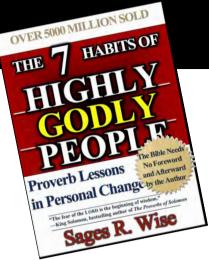
 Evil people will surely be punished, but the children of the godly will go free (Prov 11:21).



Hopeful

The godly can look forward to a reward, while the wicked can expect only judgment (Prov 11:23).

A Measure of Godliness













Don't ask

Marginal

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Family-Oriented _

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"As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion" (Proverbs 11:22)





HE'S GOT HIS HANDS FULL: Hugh Hefner poses with girlfriends (from left) Holly, Bridget and Kendra, during an interview at his Los Angeles mansion.

The bunny that keeps on going

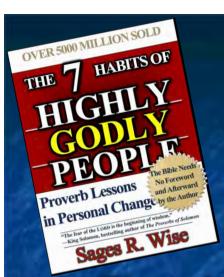
Hefner Had Three Rings of Gold

TODAY 28 Aug 06 On Hefner's 80th birthday

Hefner's One Ring of Gold

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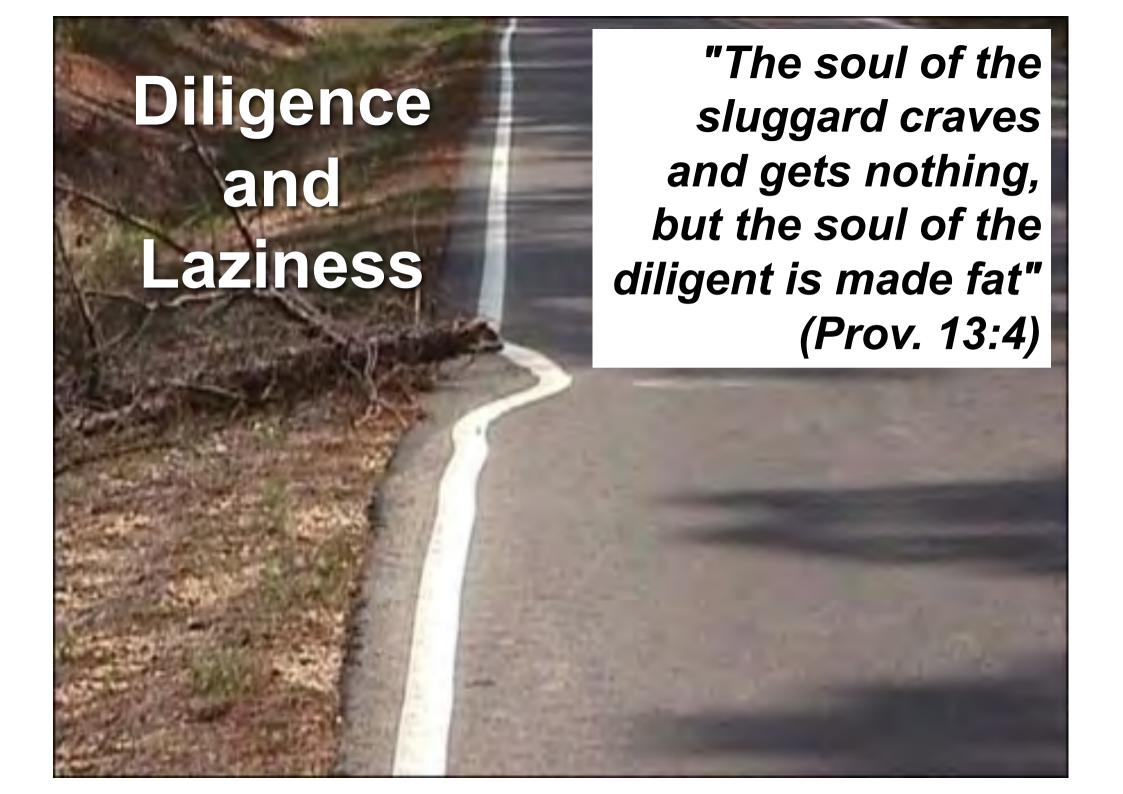


Just

fair, honest

The plans of the godly are just; the advice of the wicked is treacherous (Prov 12:5).

Prov 12:25 (NIV) Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a KIND WORD cheers it up.



Pro 14:21 (NIV) It is a sin to despise one's neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy."

Prov 15:1 (NIV) A GENTLE ANSWER turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Prov 15:4 (NIV) The **SOOTHING TONGUE** is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.



Prov 15:26 (NIV) The LORD detests the thoughts of the wicked, but GRACIOUS WORDS are pure in his sight.

Soothing or Perverse Tongue?



Prov 16:21 (NIV)

The wise in heart are called discerning, and GRACIOUS WORDS promote instruction.

Prov 16:24 (NIV)

GRACIOUS WORDS are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Mercy vs Grace vs Justice

MERCY: God <u>DOESN'T</u> give us what we <u>DO</u> deserve

GRACE: God gives us what

we DON'T deserve

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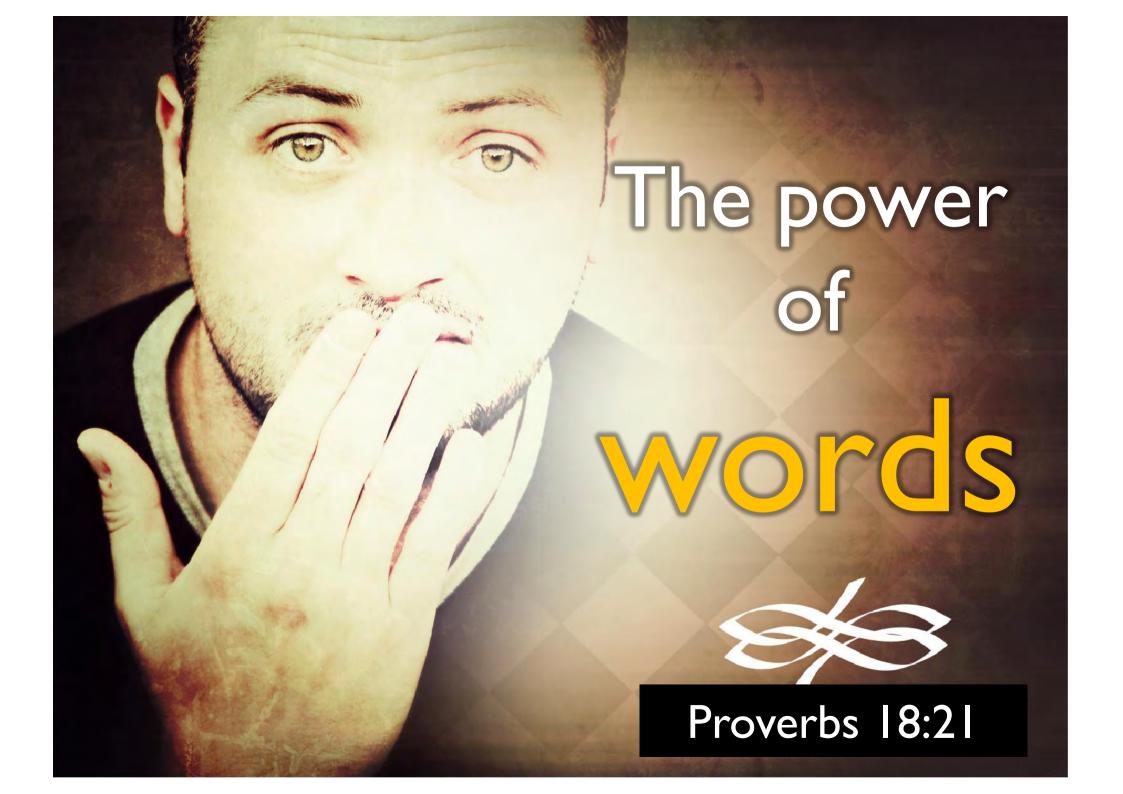
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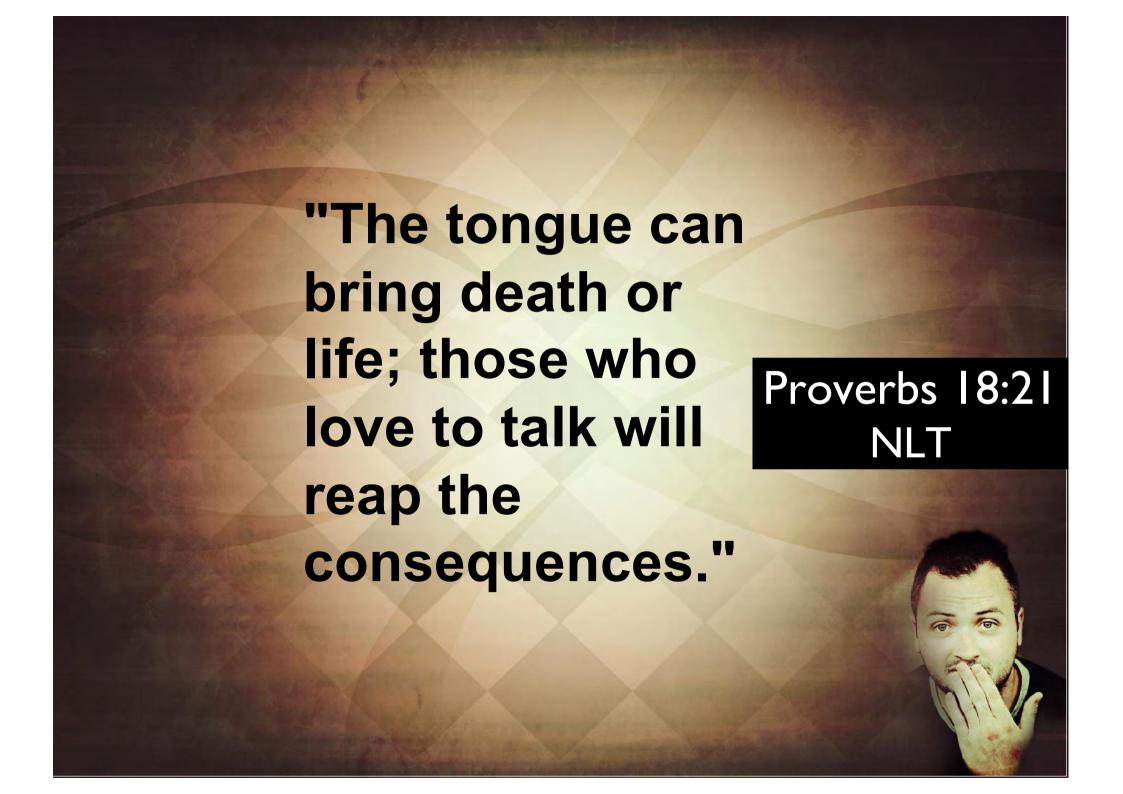
Rom 6:23 (NLT)
For the wages of sin is death,

but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Justice**

Grace

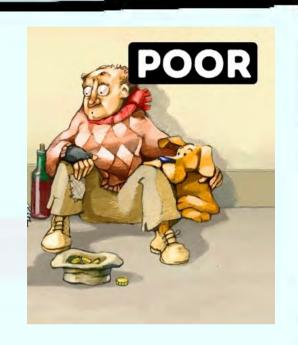
Mercy





Prov 19:17 (NLT) If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lordand he will repay you!

Prov 19:22 (NKJV)
What is desired in a man is
LOVING-KINDNESS,
And a poor man is better
than a liar



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THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON

gotta pace myself.

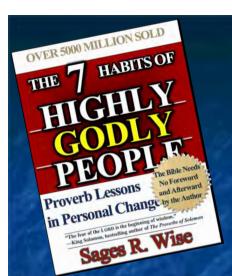
Proverbs 6:6,9 I have been called a few names, but SLUGGARD.. seems kind of an insult.

The Sluggard

"The sluggard buries his hand in the dish, and will not even bring it back to his mouth."

- Proverbs 19:24

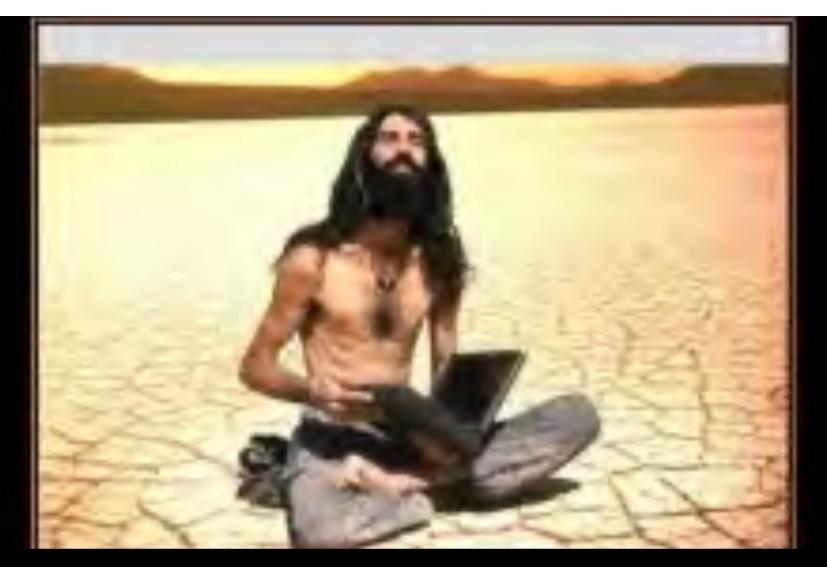
Prov 21:10 (NIV) The wicked crave evil; their neighbors get no mercy from them.



Just

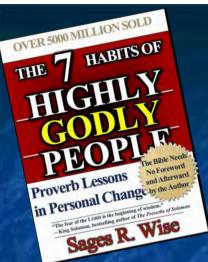
fair, honest

 Justice is a joy to the godly, but it terrifies evildoers (Prov 21:15).



Proverbs 21:19

"It is better to live alone in the desert than with a crabby, complaining wife." **Prov 21:21** (NLT) Whoever pursues righteousness and **UNFAILING LOVE** will find life, righteousness, and honor.



Generous

Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give! (Prov 21:26)!

Wisdom



Longer sayings of wise men admonish practical wisdom in many areas (22:17–24:34).

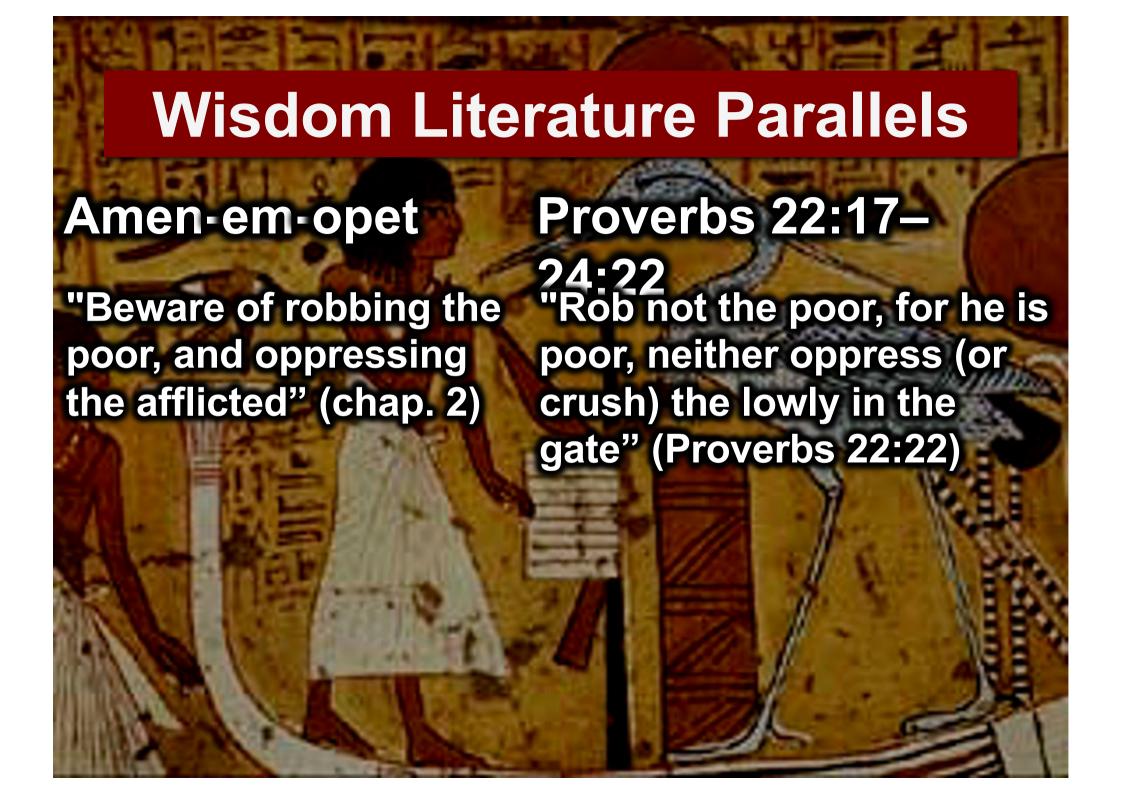
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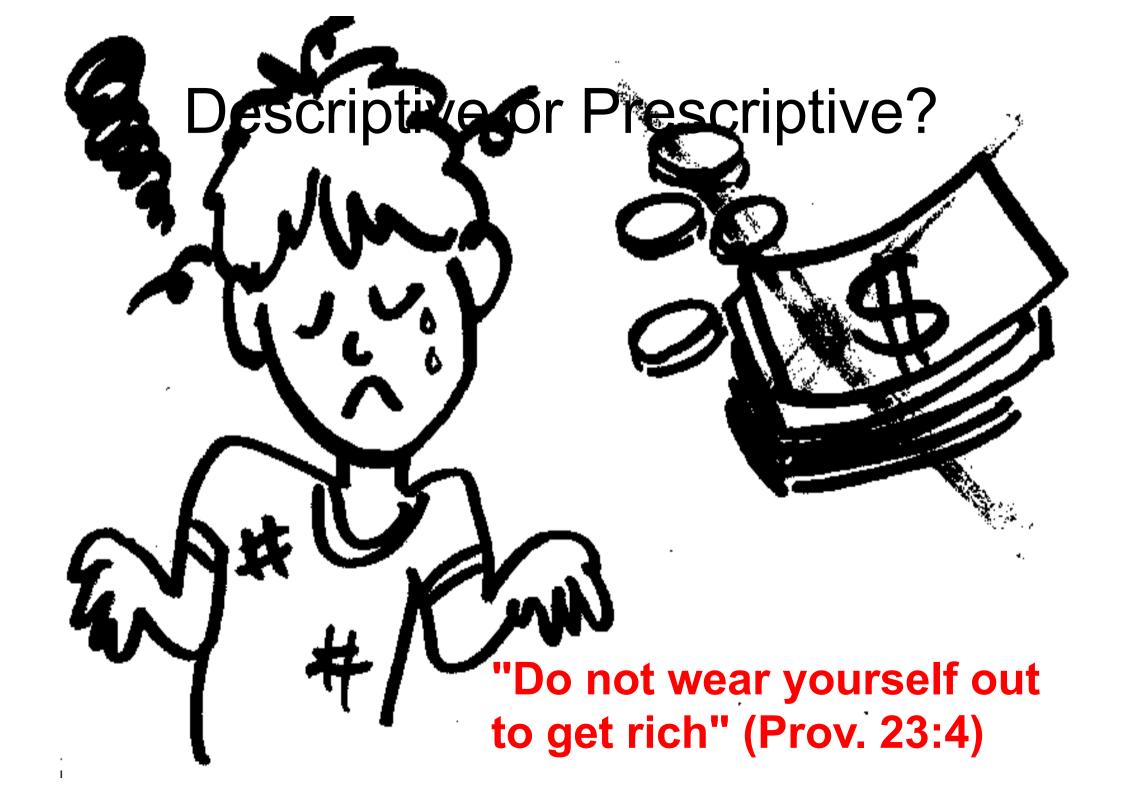
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"Give thine ear, and hear what I say, And apply thine heart to apprehend; It is good for thee to place them in thine heart, let them rest in the casket of thy belly; That they may act as a peg upon thy tongue" (chap. 1)

Proverbs 22:17-24:22

"Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, And apply thine heart to my doctrine; For it is pleasant if thou keep them in thy belly, that they may be established together upon thy lips" (Proverbs 22:17-18)

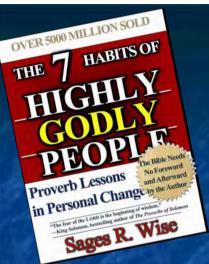




"They struck me, but I did not become ill; they beat me, but I did not know it. When shall I awake? I will seek another drink." (Proverbs 23:35)







Stable

The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again.

But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked (Prov 24:16).



"A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,' then your poverty will come as a robber..." Proverbs 24:33, 34a

Wisdom

The final collection of Solomon's proverbs by Hezekiah's scribes 250 years later guide social relationships and various activities (Prov 25-29).

Descriptive...

"Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of his gifts falsely."

Proverbs 25:14

ationships

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Proverbs 25:17 "Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house—too much of you, and he will hate you."



Proverbs 26:11

"Like a dog that returns to his vomit, so does a fool repeat his folly."

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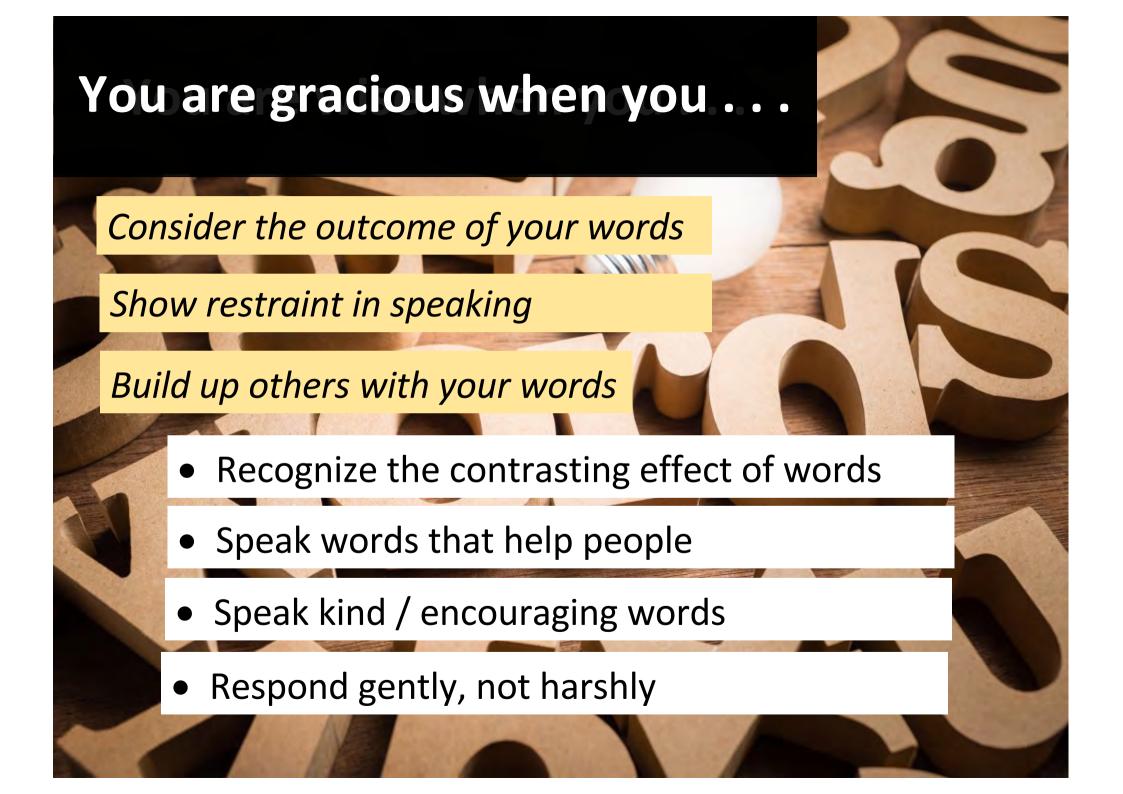
Proverb Lessons No Foreword in Personal Change by the Author

The Bible Needs and Afterward

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom."

-King Solomon, bestselling author of *The Proverbs of Solomon*

Purity Speech **Friends** Teachability Godliness Graciousness

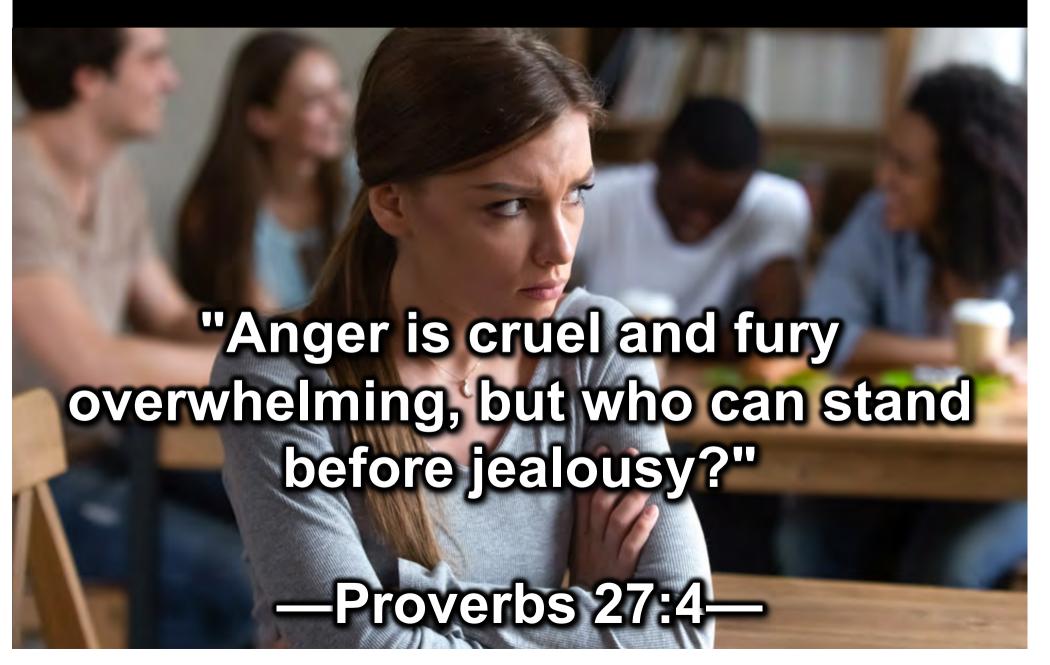


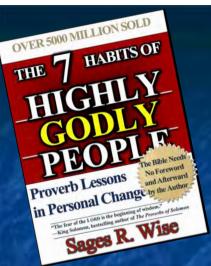
Prov 26:25 (NKJV/NLT)

When his voice is **GRACIOUS**, do not believe him, Their hearts are full of many evils.



Jealousy



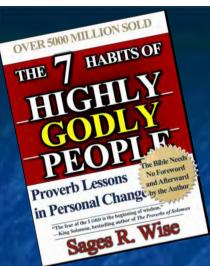


Reputable

When the godly succeed, everyone is glad. When the wicked take charge, people go into hiding (Prov 28:12).

Solomon		Wise Men (Anonymous)	Solomon	Wise Men (Agur, Lemuel, Anonymous)		
1:1–22:16		22:17–24:34	Ch. 25–29	Ch. 30–31		
13 sayings 375 two-line		36 sayings	±100 two- line	3 sayings		
Aims 1:1-7	Value of Wisdom 1:8–9:18 Contrasts & Godliness 10:1–22:16	Social & Miscellaneous	Social & Miscellaneous	Social & Nature Ch. 30	Ruling 31:1-9	Godly Wife 31:10-31
Pro- logue	Principles of Wisdom			Epilogue		

ca. 950-700 BC



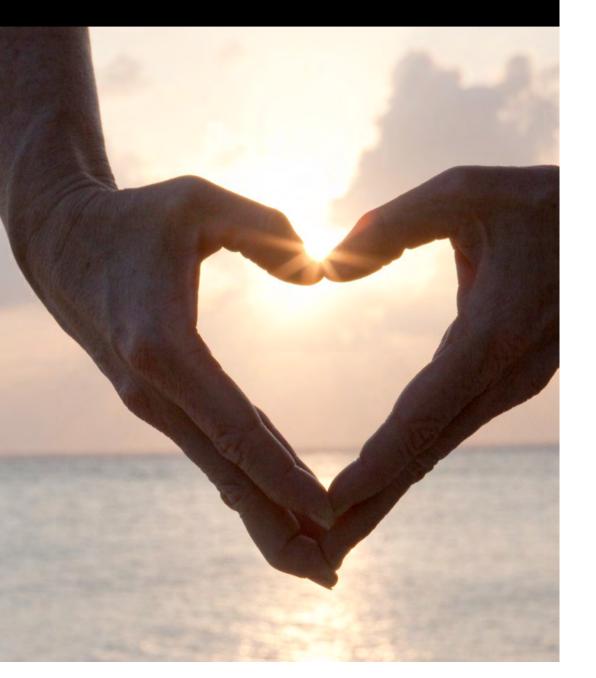
Generous

The godly care about the rights of the poor; the wicked don't care at all (Prov 29:7).

Proverbs 30

Wisdom

Sayings of Agur to Ithiel and Ucal show insights from nature and social relationships (Prov 30).



Proverbs 30:18-20 (NIV)

"There are three things that are too amazing for me, four that I do not understand:"

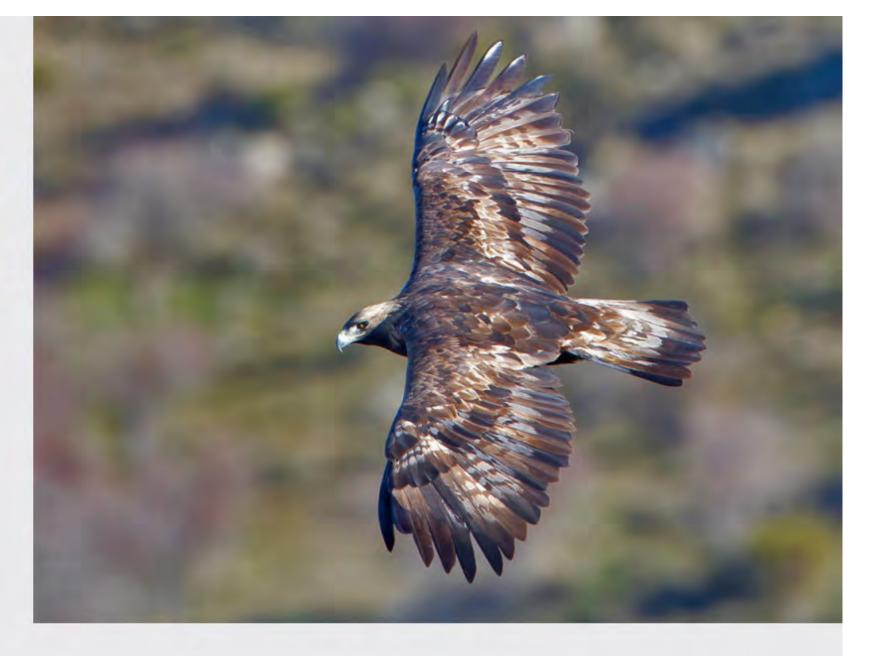












Four amazing mysterious things Proverbs 30:18-19





















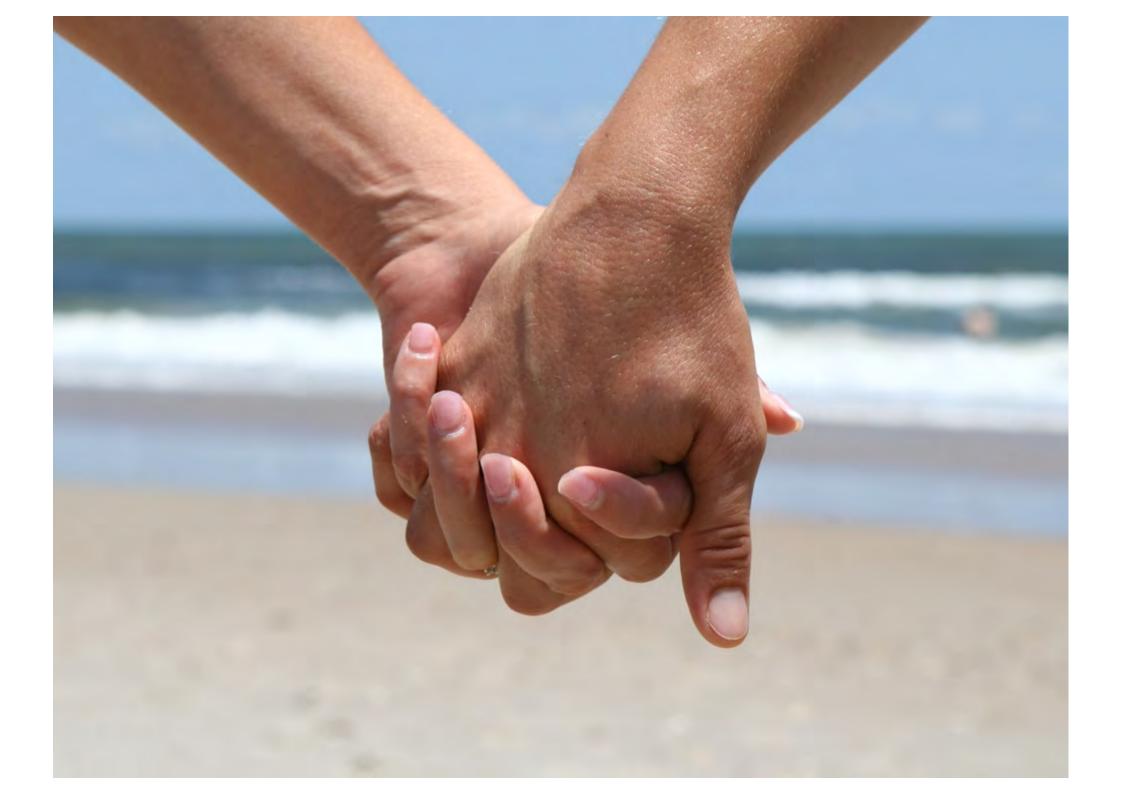


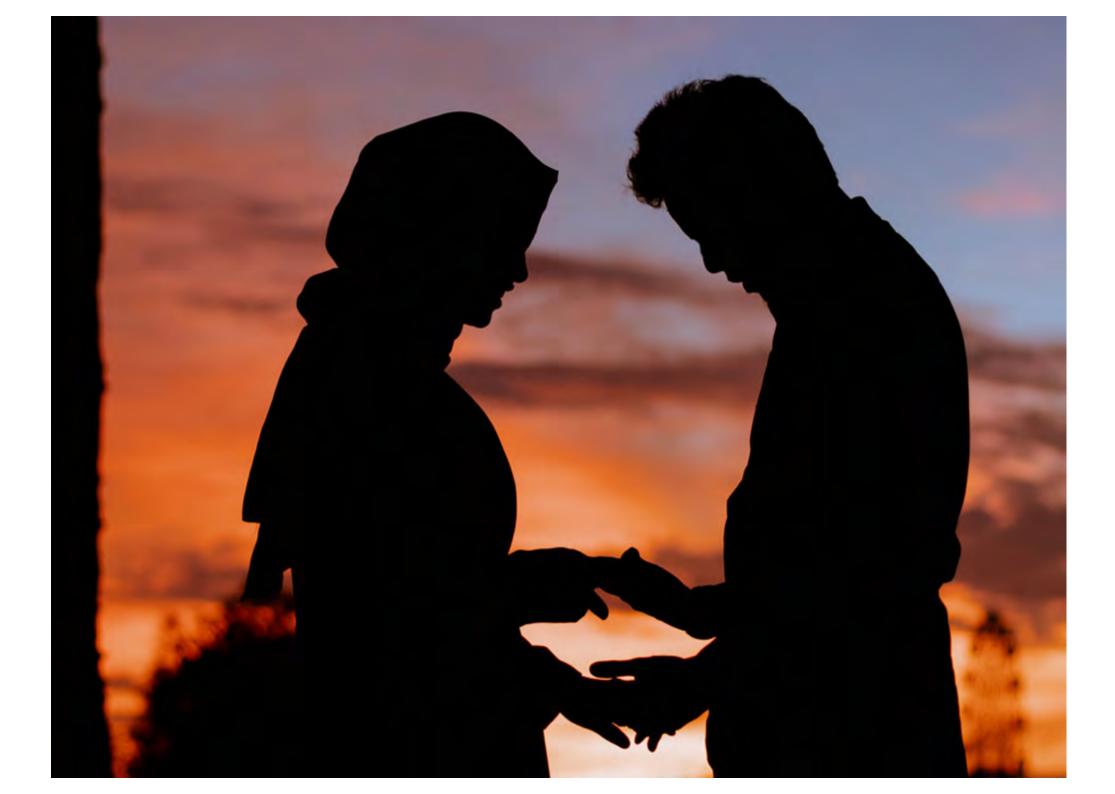


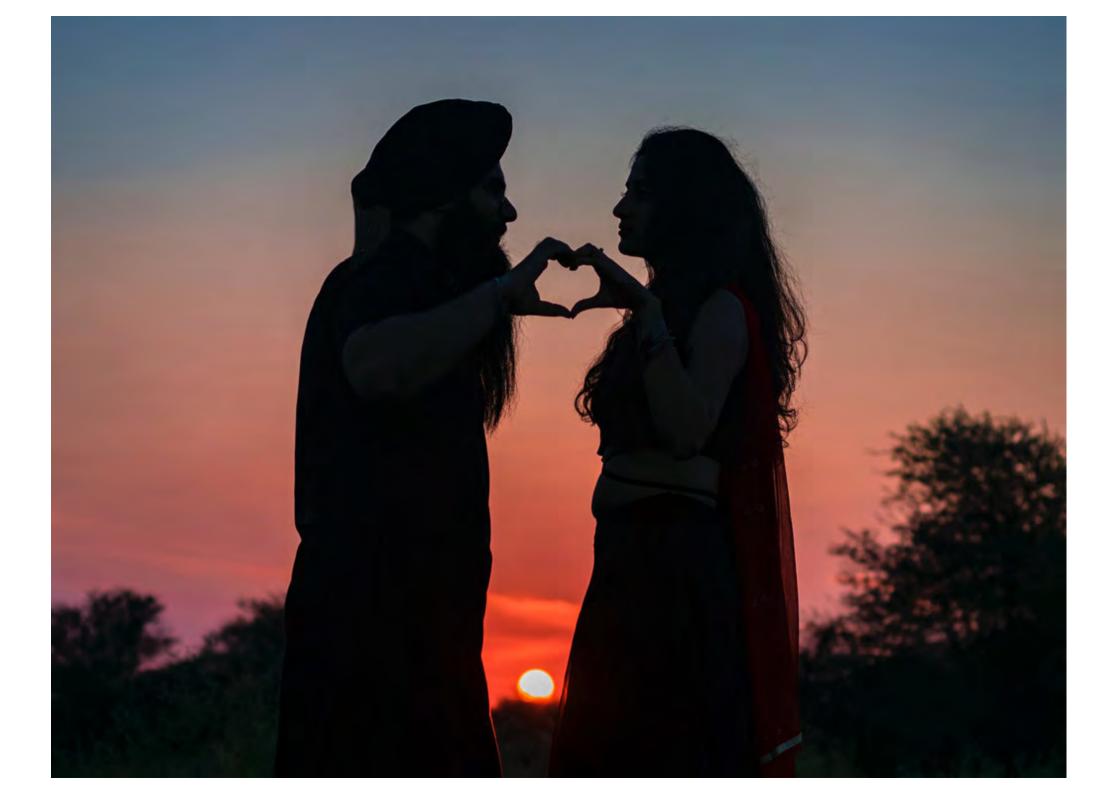














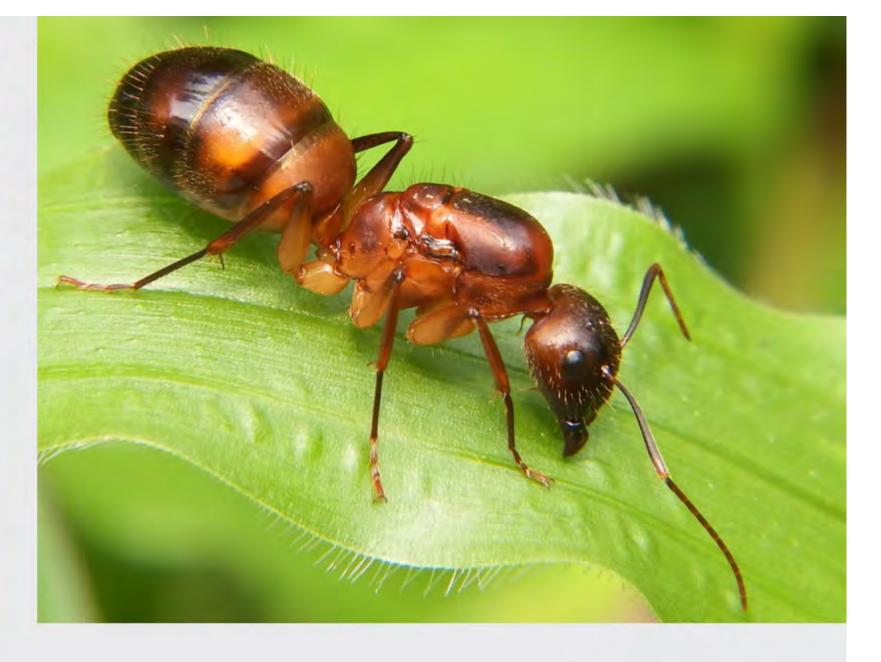
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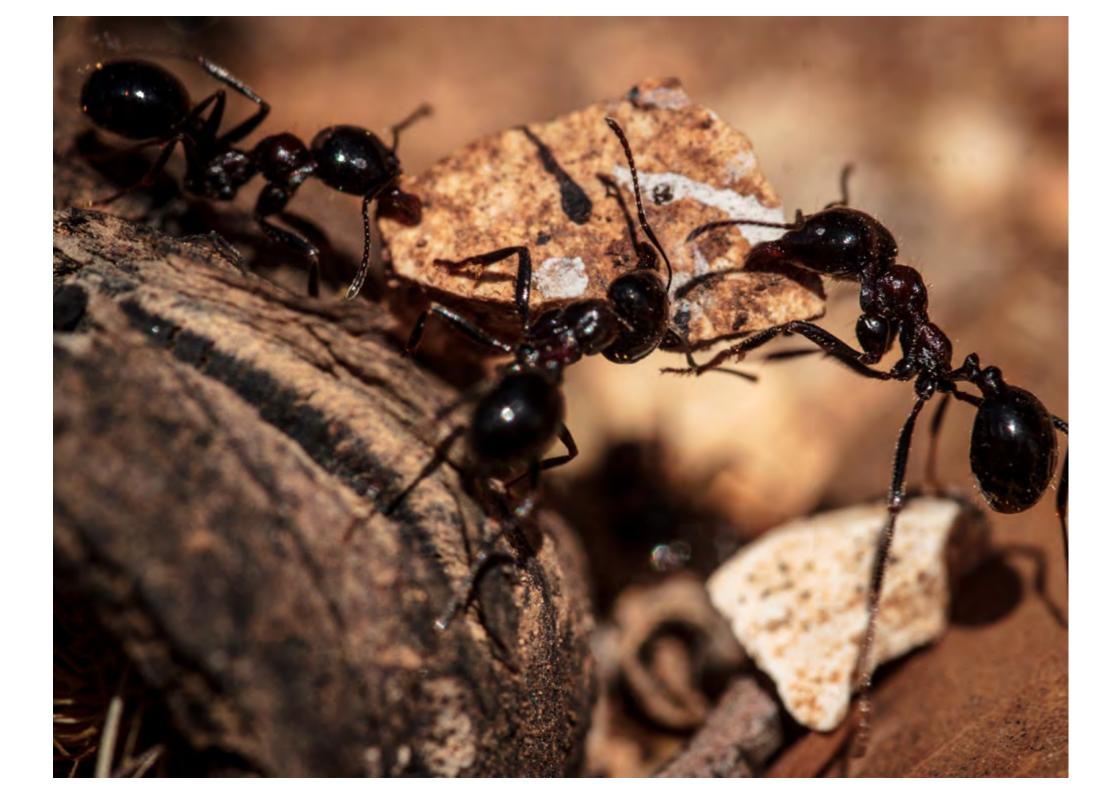


Four small wise creatures **Proverbs 30:24-28**

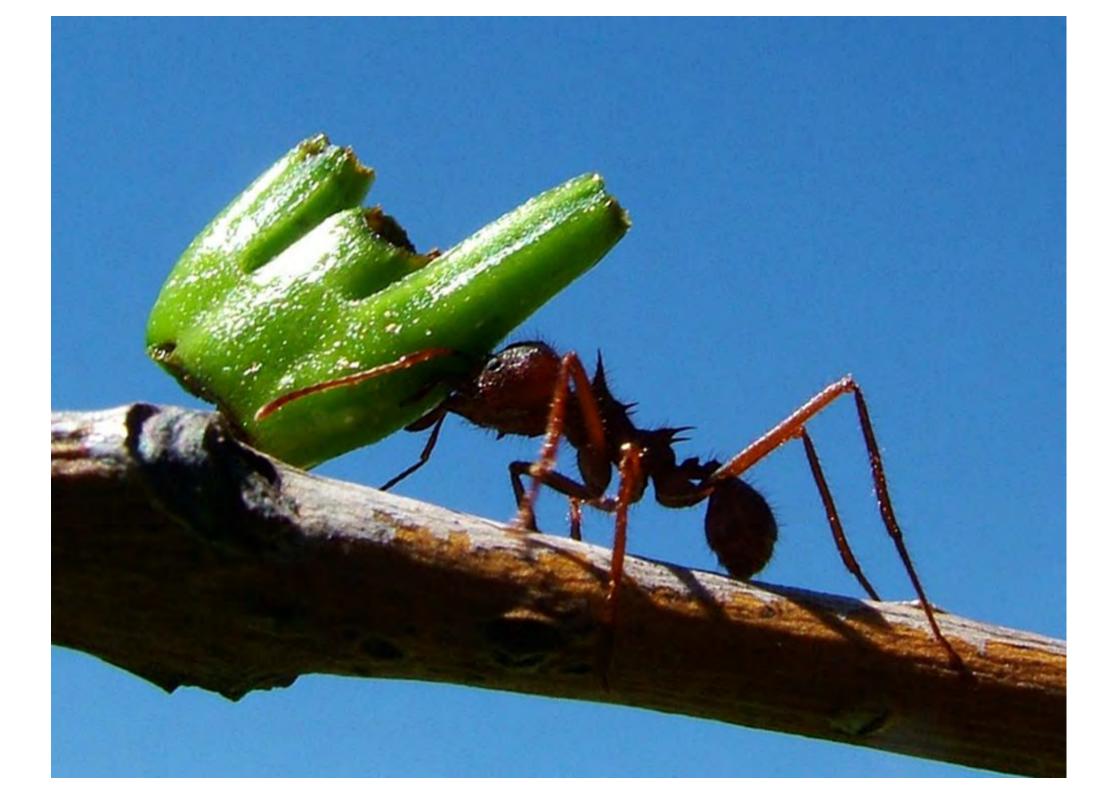


























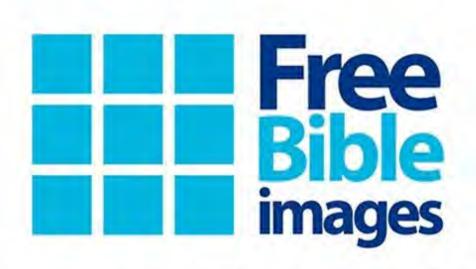












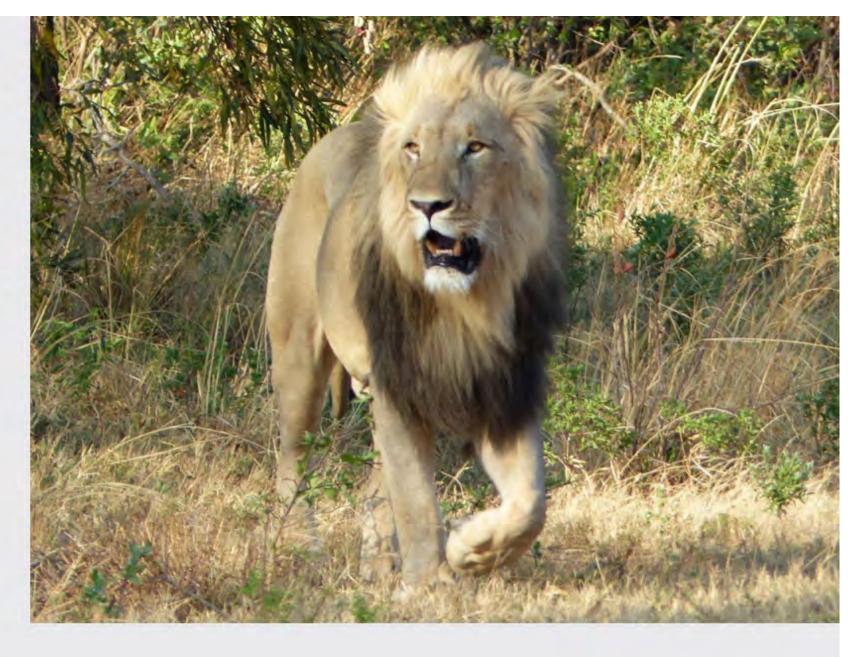
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Four creatures with stately stride Proverbs 30:29-31

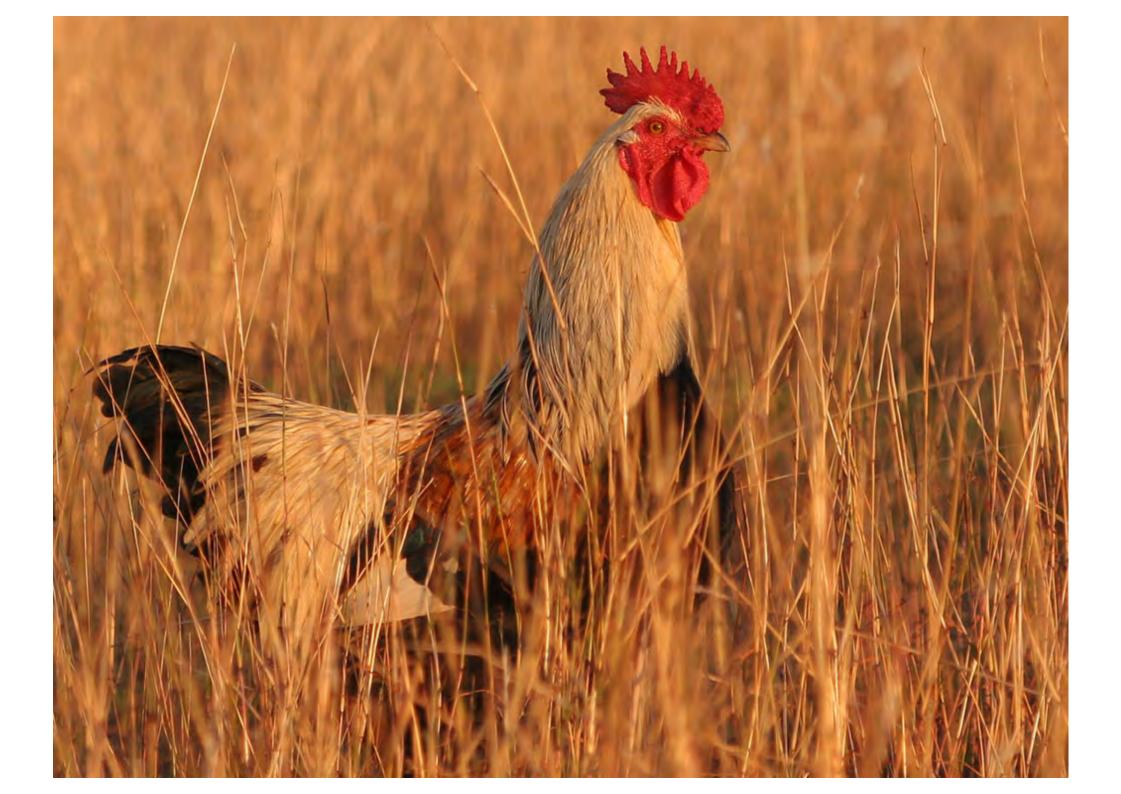


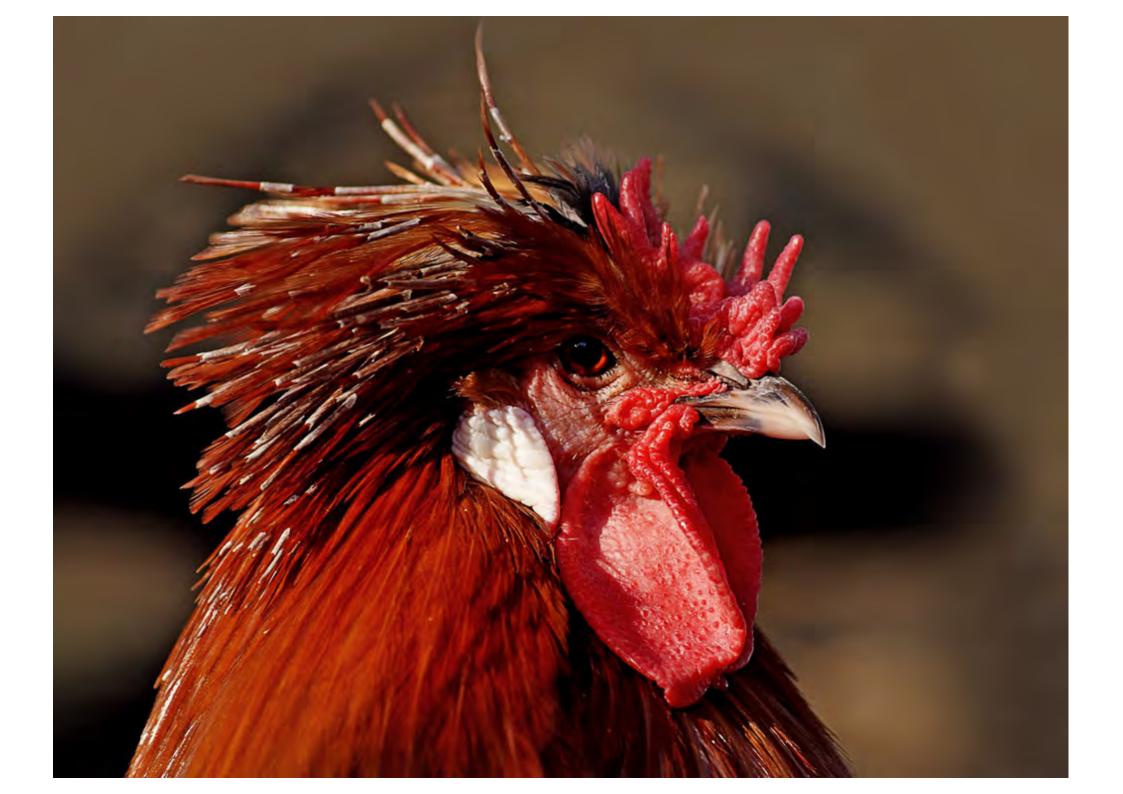




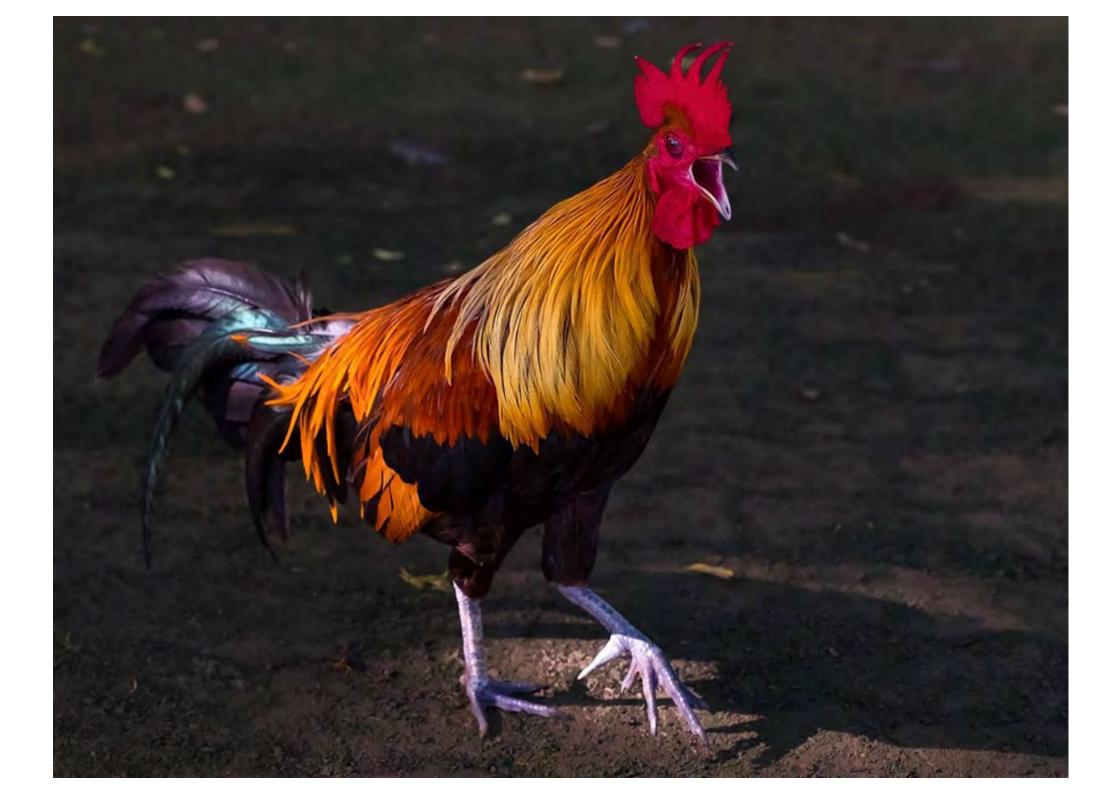


















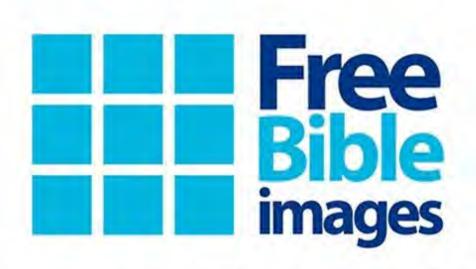












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Proverbs 31

Wisdom

The unknown Lemuel's mother prepares him for kingship by advising him to avoid the excesses of women and wine, and to protect the rights of the underprivileged (31:1-9).

Wisdom

An acrostic and anonymous poem of a noble wife exhorts young women to be godly and diligent and exhorts young husbands to praise these qualities in their wives (31:10-31).

Supermom



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Cook	25	\$50k	\$1.25 million
Counselor	9125 days	\$100/session	\$912,500
Maid	36	\$25k	\$900,000
Chauffer	25	\$30k	\$750,000



Supermom



Proverbs 31:10-31 NIV

¹⁰ A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

"noble" (NIV)

"excellent" (NASB95)

"virtuous and capable" (NLT)

The word for noble character is translated "capable" in Exodus 18:21

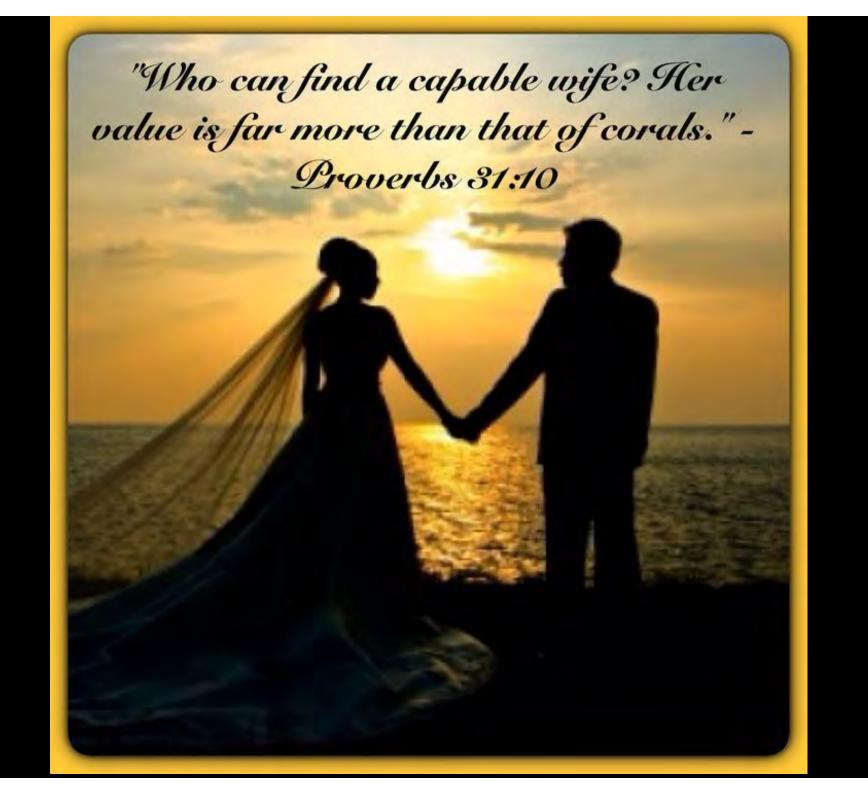
"But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes. Appoint them as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten" (Exod 18:21 NLT).

The same word is used in Proverbs 12:4

"An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who shames him is like rottenness in his bones" (NAU).

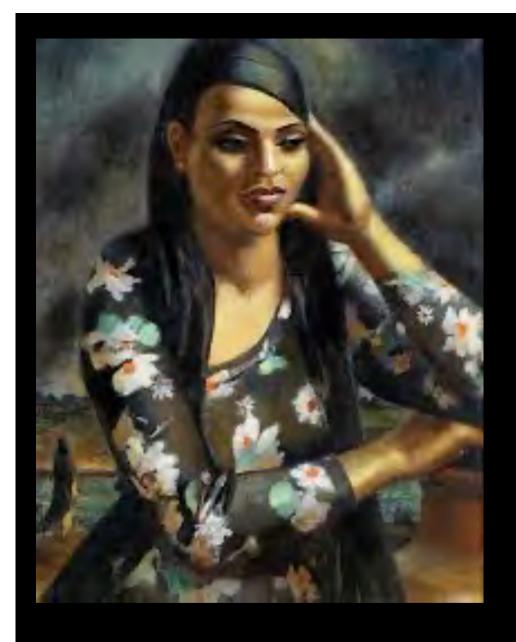
"A worthy wife is a crown for her husband, but a disgraceful woman is like cancer in his bones" (NLT).



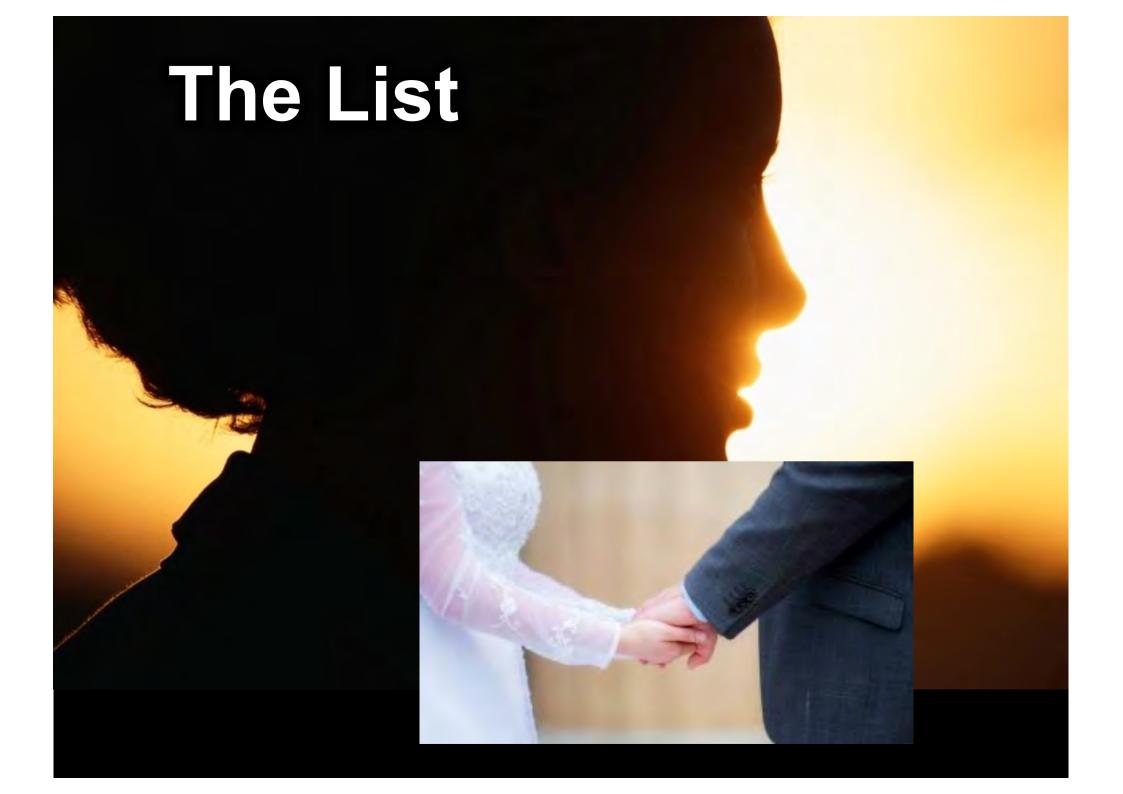


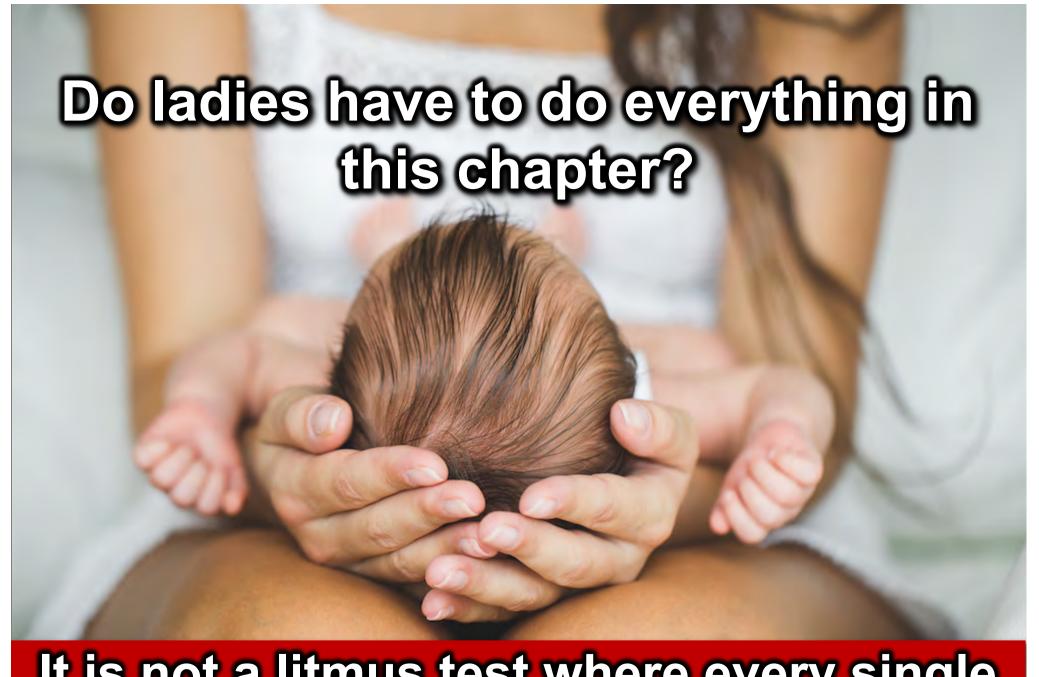
"Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies" (Prov. 31:10 NLT).



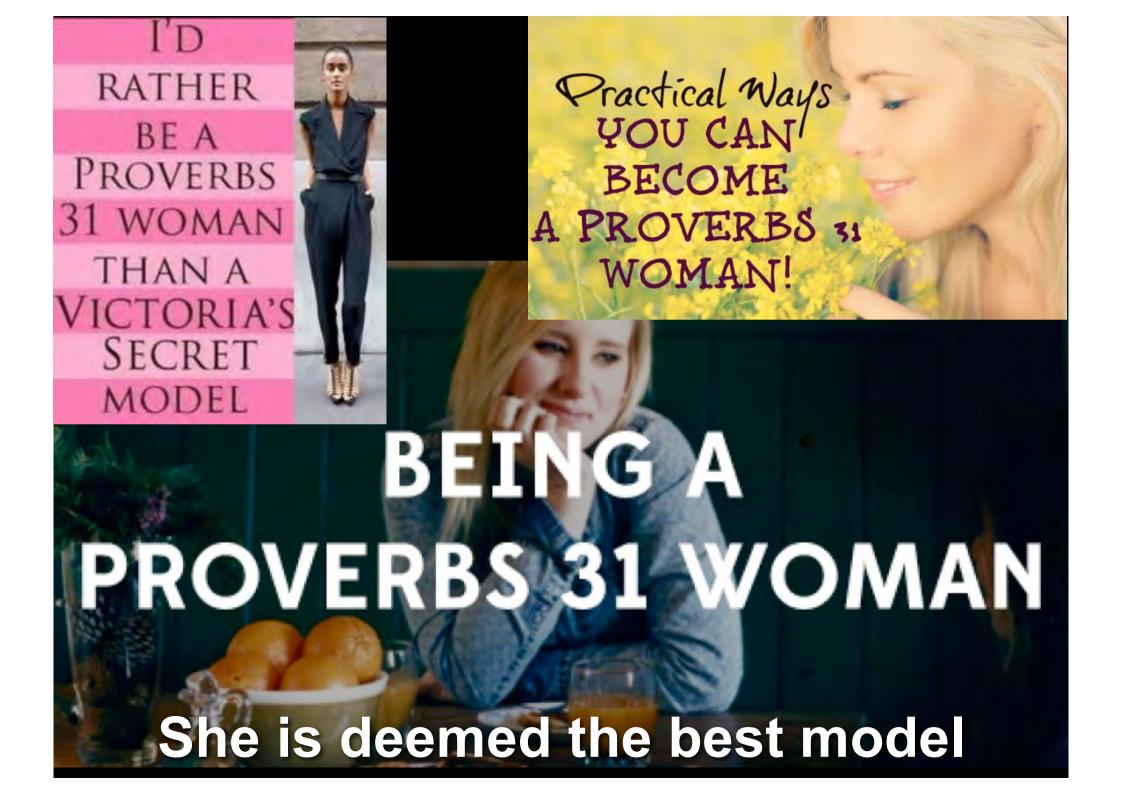


How is a capable wife rare and priceless?





It is not a litmus test where every single trait must be imitated to the letter.



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Stop comparing yourself to the Proverbs 31 woman.



Learn who invented the Proverbs 31 woman and why this list of "ideal" qualities doesn't align with God's priorities for you.



Proverbs 31 Is this for women only?

Not really. It gives an example of what wisdom looks like in a woman. Men need the same qualities!

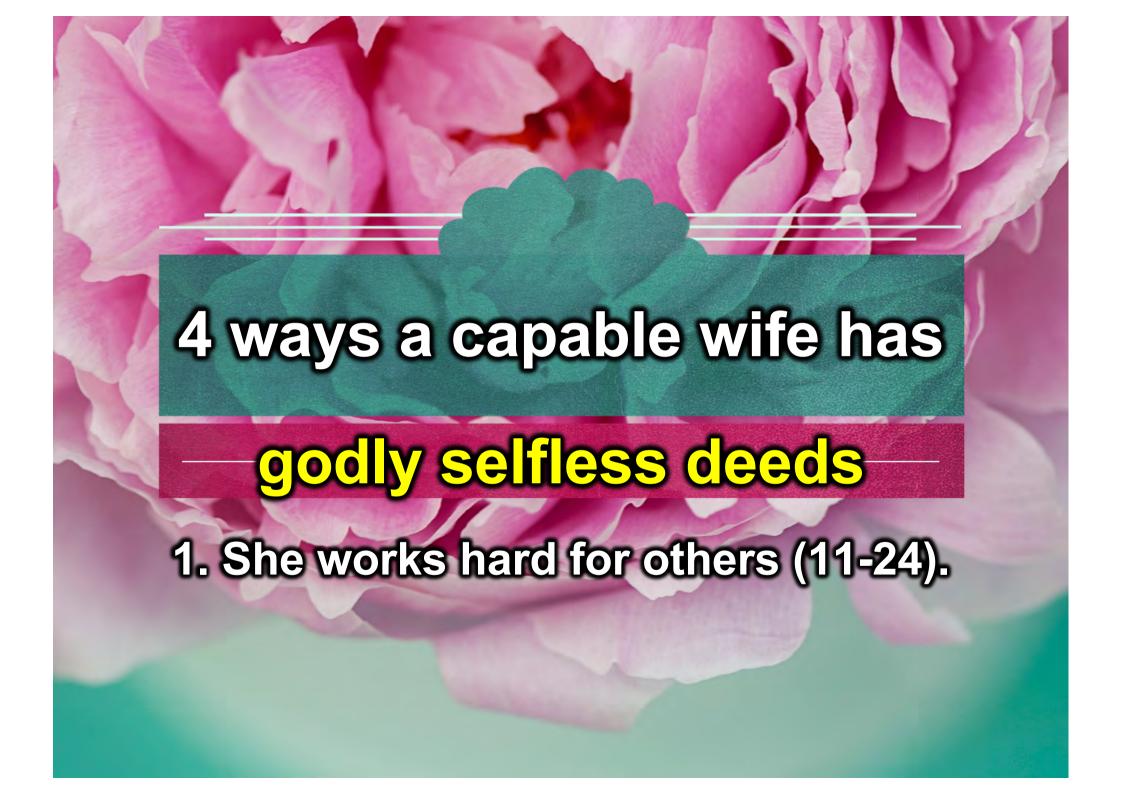


How she is priceless How we should respond

Where we're going today...



I. A capable wife has godly selfless deeds (11-27).



How does a capable woman work hard for others (11-24)?



11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

¹² She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

Each society has its ideal woman

"The model of women in tribal patriarchalism is a brood mare; in hedonistic naturalism, she is the bunny or plaything; in feminist ideology, she is the self-sufficient career woman; in romanticism, she is the fairy princess or maiden in distress waiting to be rescued; in biblical faith, she is the partner in ministry."



Theologian Donald Bloesch (1928-2010)

How does a capable woman work hard for others (12-24)?



She is an asset to her husband (11-12).
 She cares for her family (13-22).

¹³ She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

She rises early to care for her family



"She rises while it is still night and gives food to her household and portions to her maidens" (Prov 31:15)

- ¹⁶She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷ She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.
- ¹⁸ She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

Sarah Sekho



¹⁹ In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

²⁰ She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

²¹ When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

²²She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.



Navy Commander Harold F. Griffith (alias Dad) Social Worker
Joyce I. Griffith
(alias Mom)

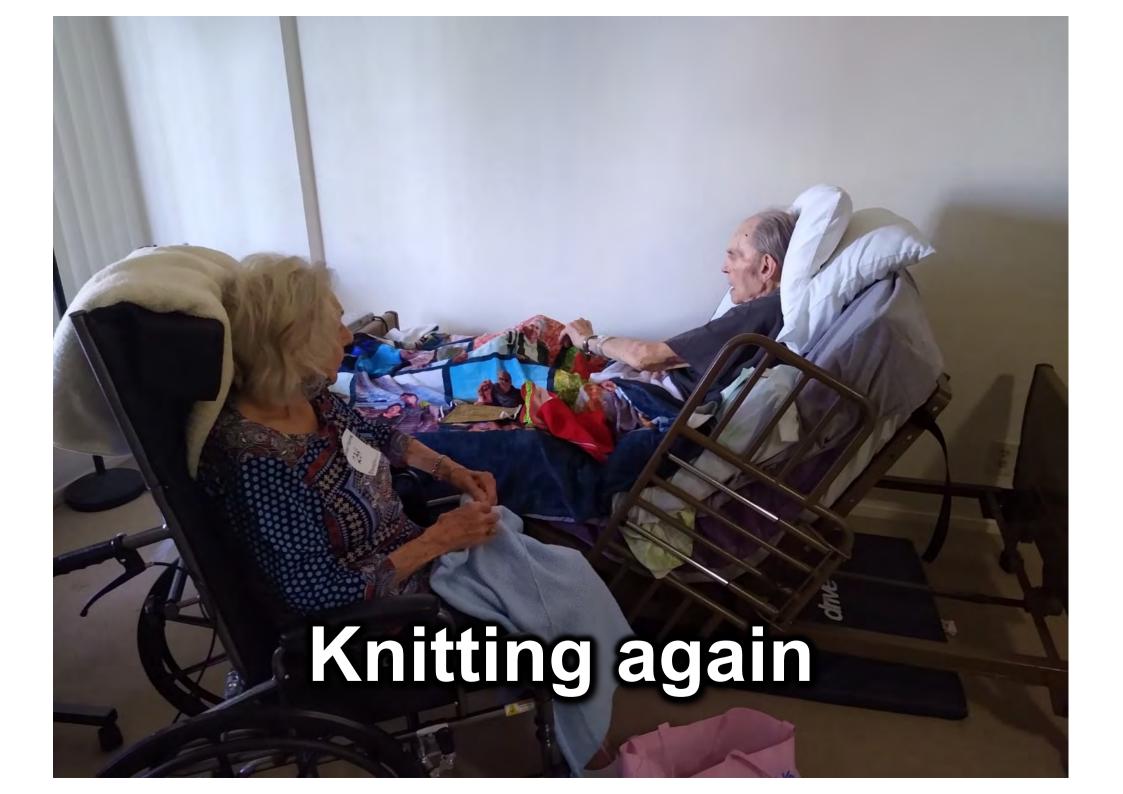


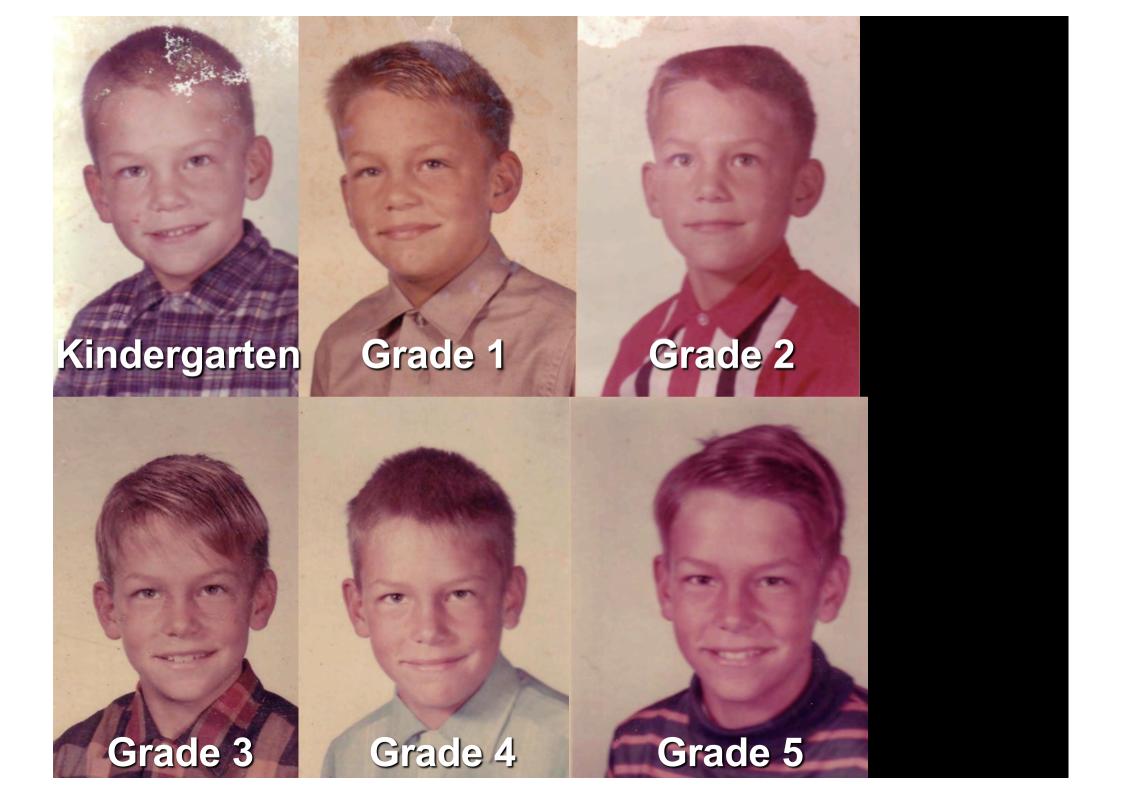
Divorce for Mom was tough...

- Bobby, 6
- Ricky, 4
- Kathy, 3
- Tommy, 1

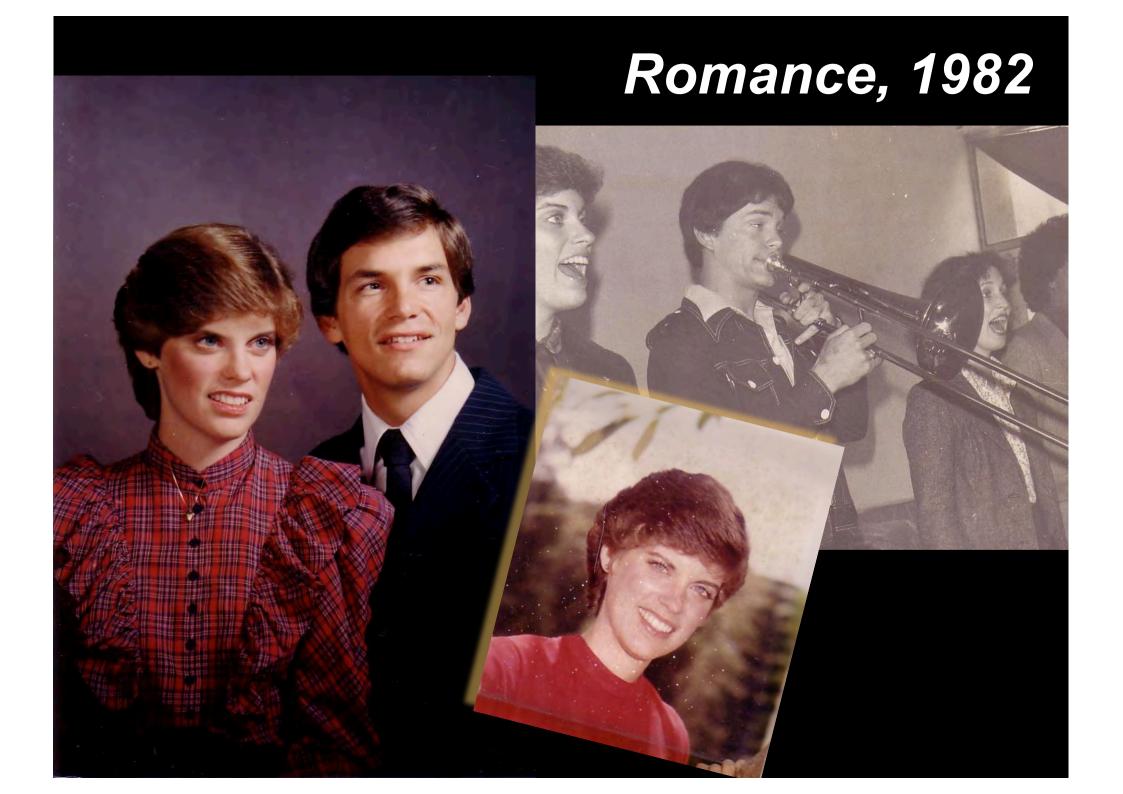


...and the band concert

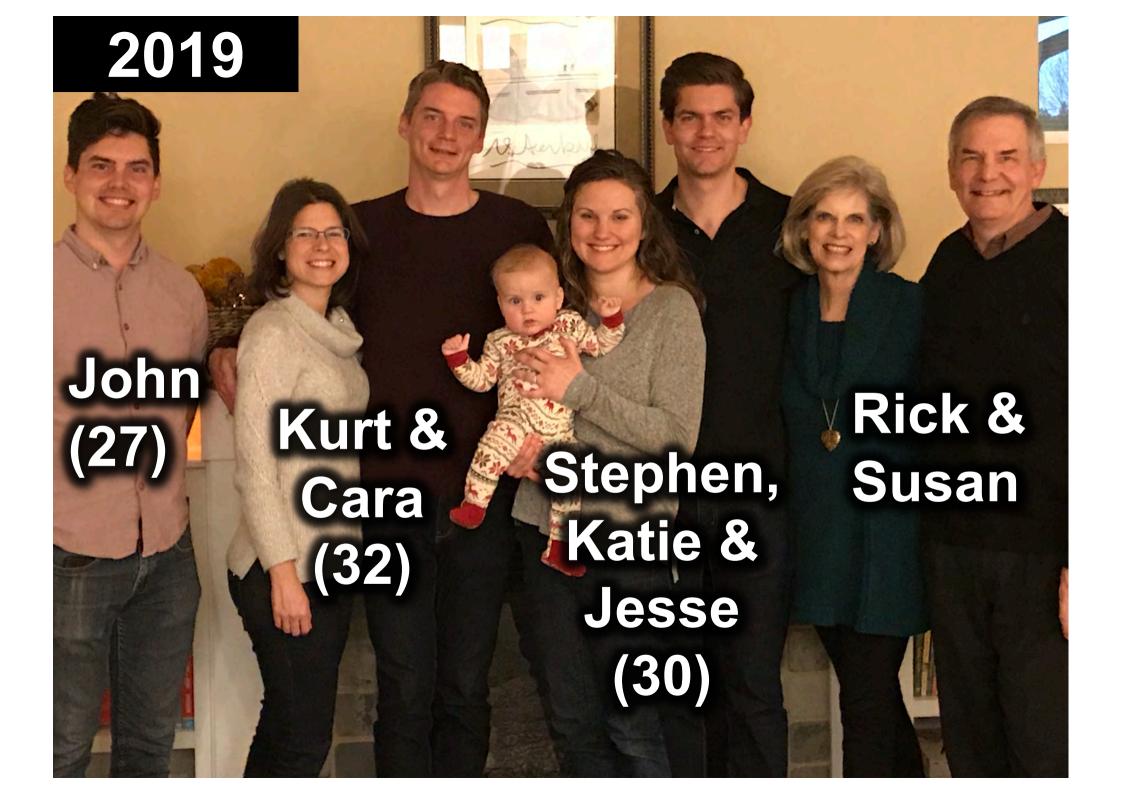




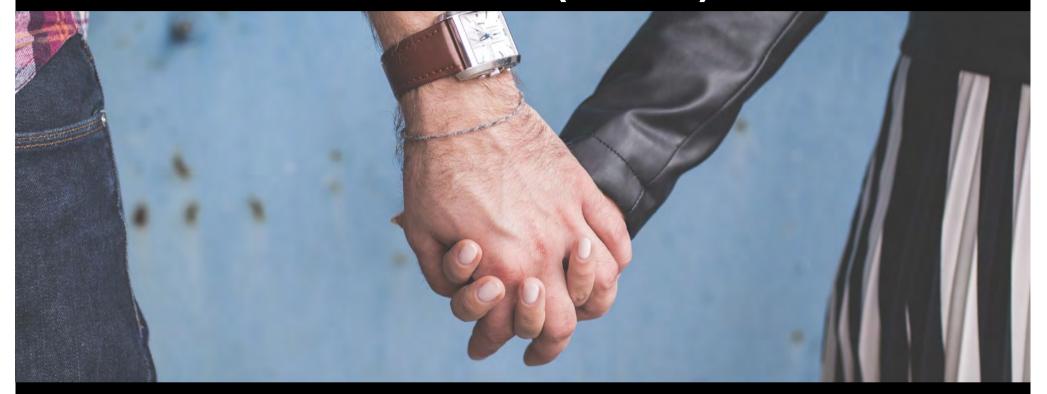








How does a capable woman work hard for others (12-24)?



- 1. She is an asset to her husband (11-12).
 - 2. She cares for her family (13-22).
 - 3. She helps her husband lead (23).

Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.





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 - 4. She is productive (24).

Proverbs 31:10-31 NIV

²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.

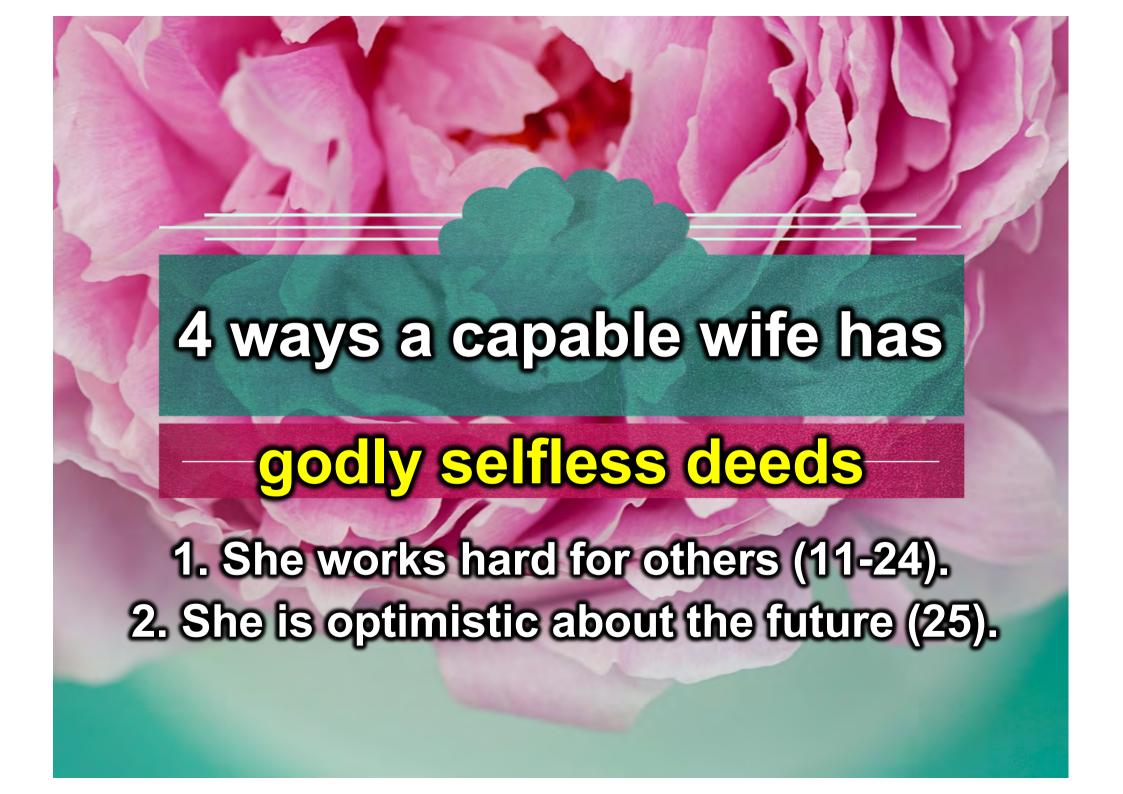
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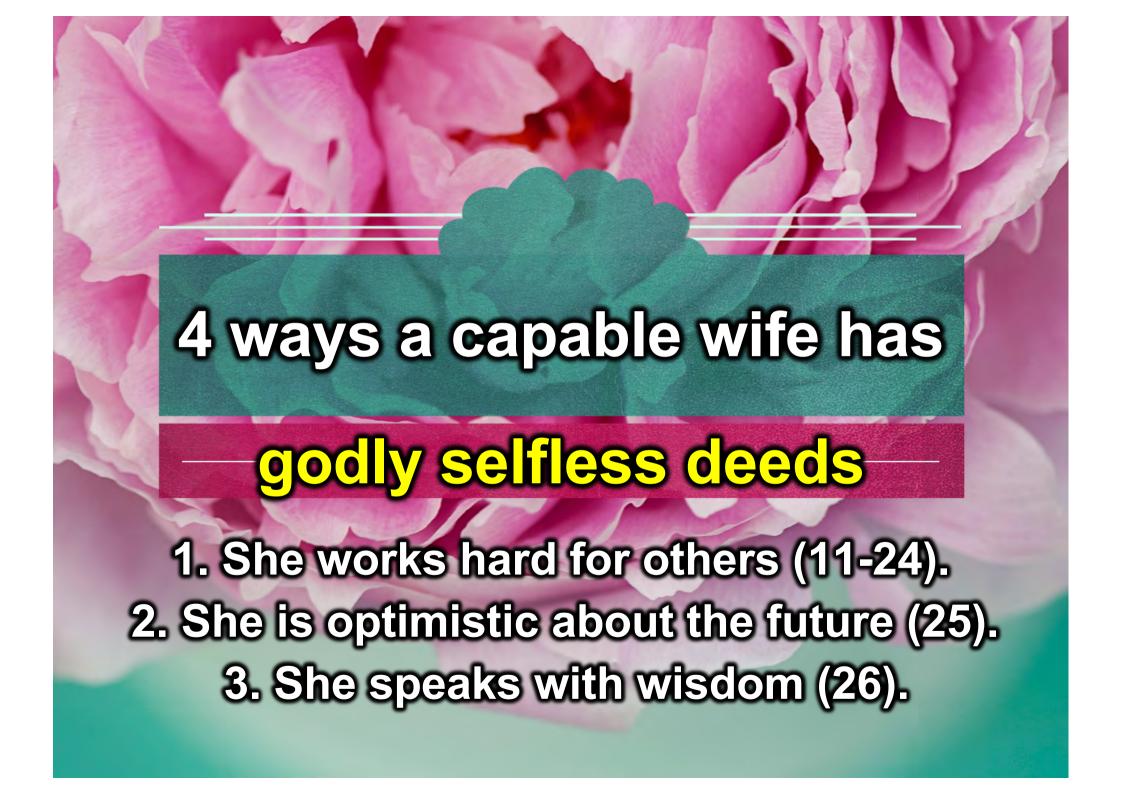




She Smiles at Her Future



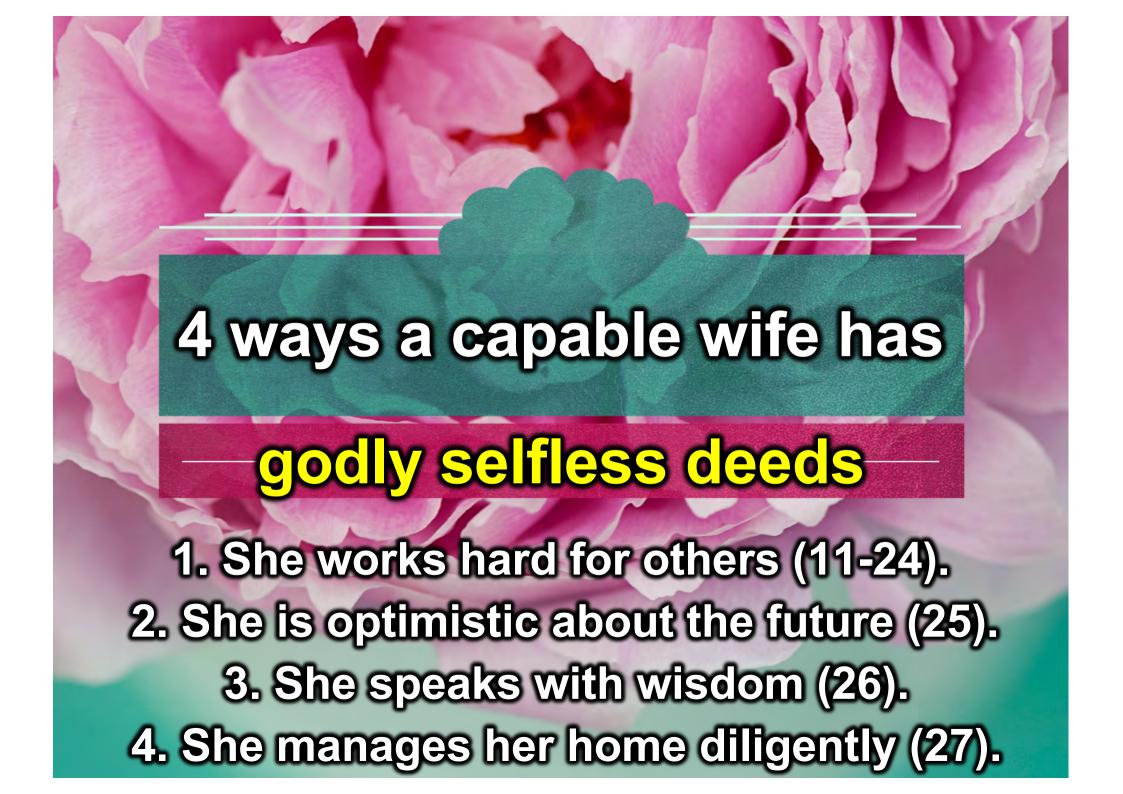
"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future" (Prov. 31:25)



Proverbs 31:10-31 NIV

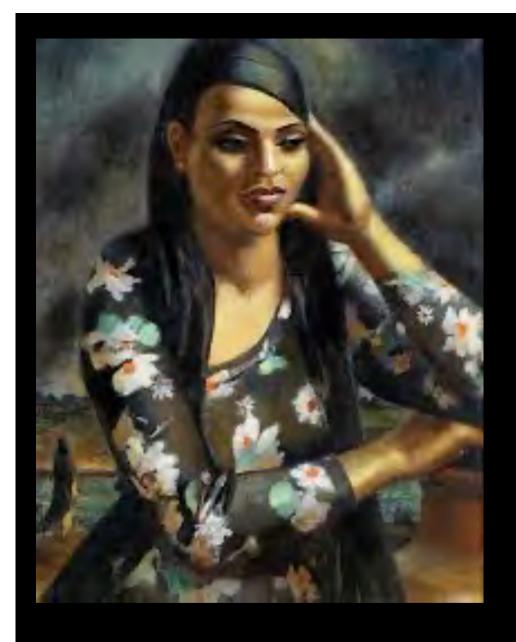
²⁶ She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.





Proverbs 31:10-31 NIV

²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.



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I. A capable wife has godly selfless deeds (11-27).

II. We should publicly praise a capable wife (28-31).



Proverbs 31:10-31 NIV

28 Her children arise and call her blessed



Proverbs 31:10-31 NIV

²⁸ Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
²⁹ "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."



"Charm is deceptive...Beauty is fleeting... But a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (Proverbs 31:30).

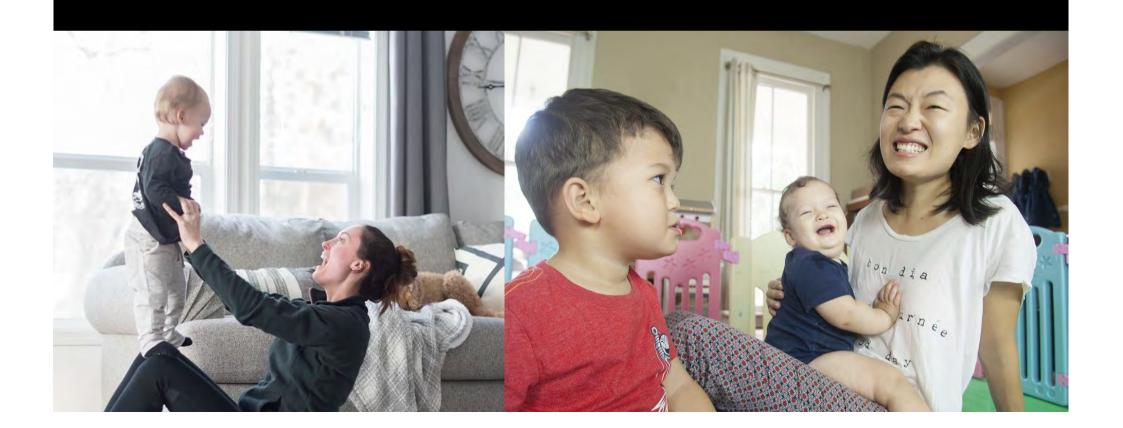


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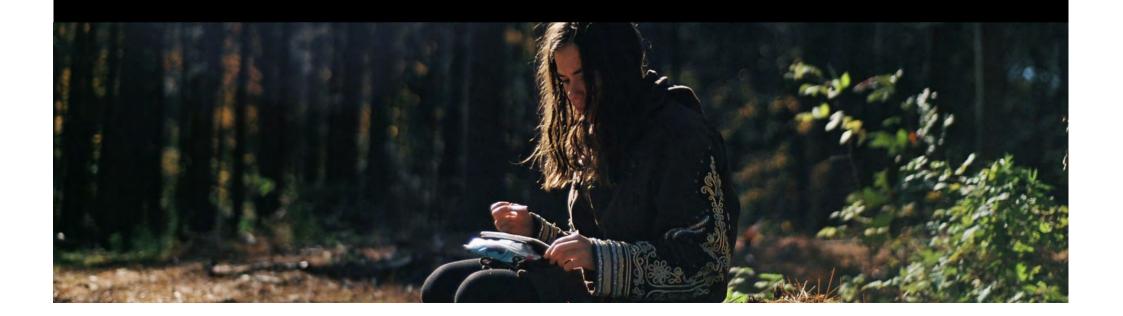
Main Idea of Proverbs 31:10-31

Praise a capable wife and mother for her priceless selflessness



How can you better praise people?

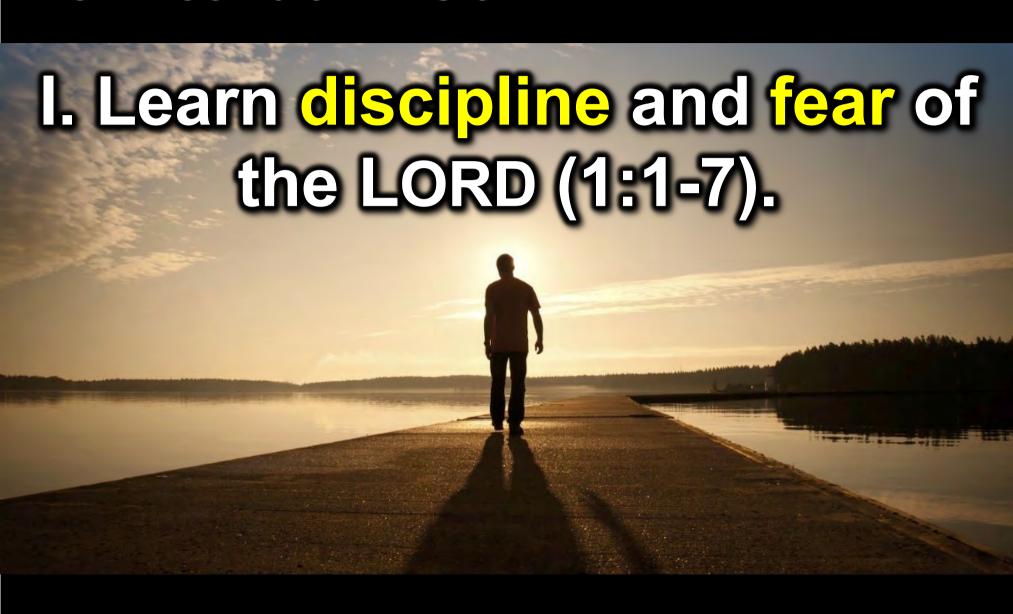
- How should you praise your wife? "Give her the reward she has earned" (31:31a NIV).
- How should you praise your mother (31:15)? How can you follow verse 28? "Her children arise and call her blessed."
- How should you praise those who have cared for you?
- How can you better care for others like this capable wife?



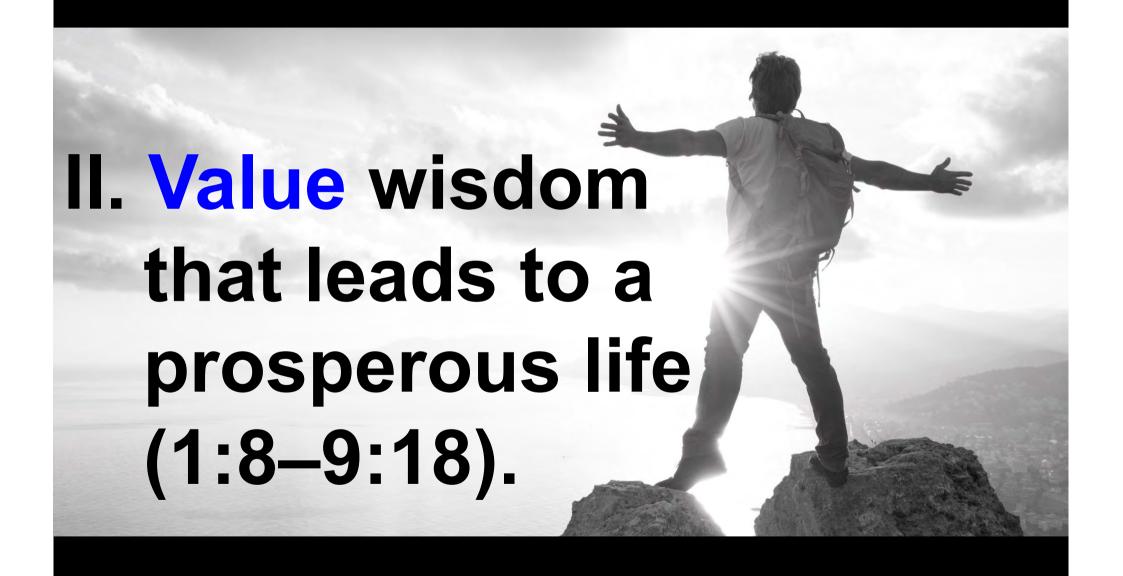
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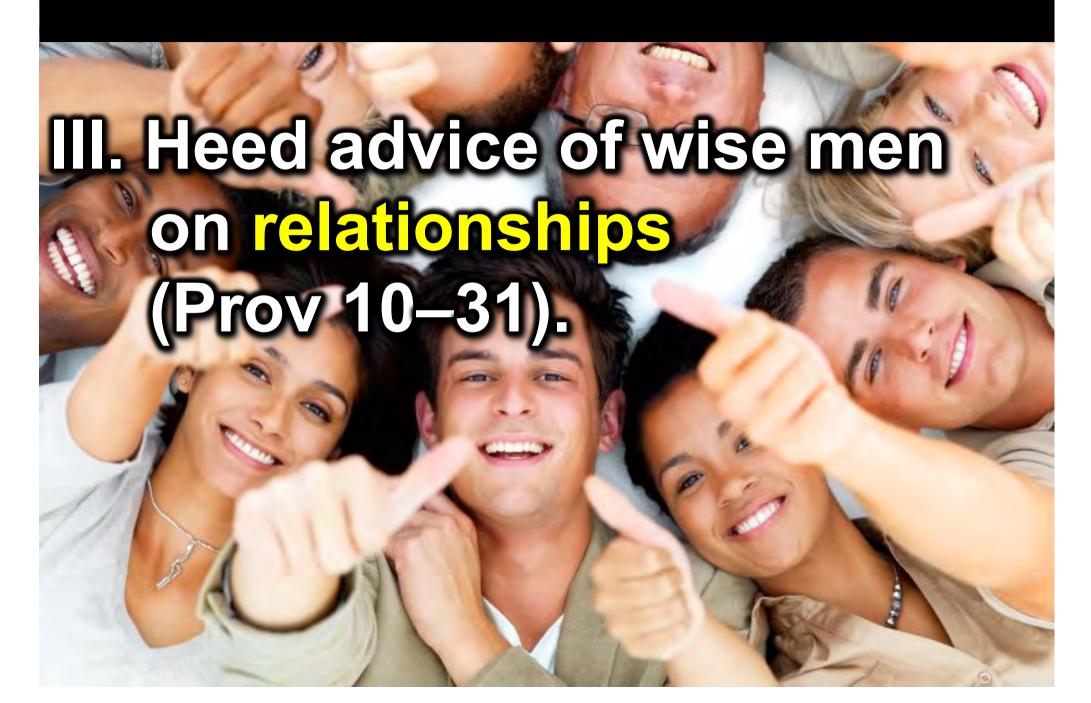
How to be wise...



How to be wise...



How to be wise...



Summary Statement

The proverbs of Solomon and various sages instruct youth in the value of WISDOM over folly that they may obey God in every area of life.

Main Idea of Proverbs

Fear God by heeding his proverbs on the value and path of wisdom.

Applications

- Teach youth (& children) proverbs
- Memorize proverbs to promote wise living
- Read ONE chapter from Proverbs every day



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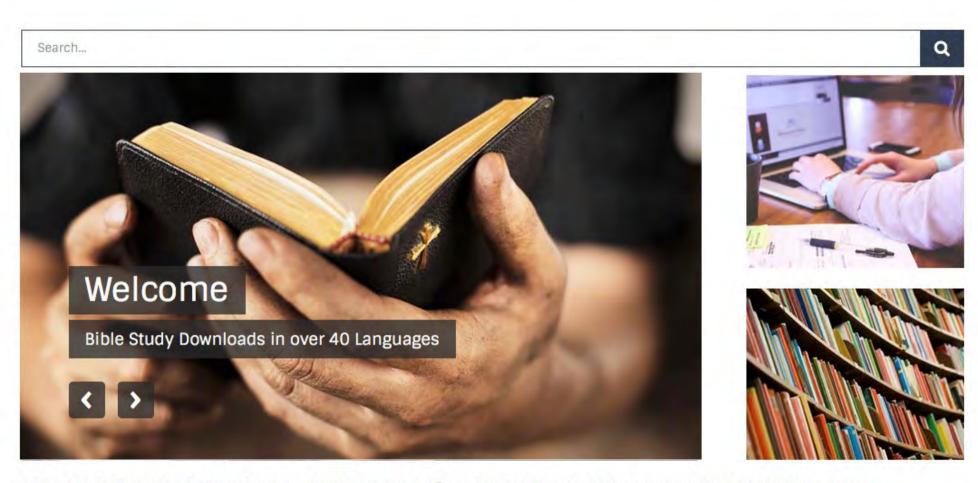
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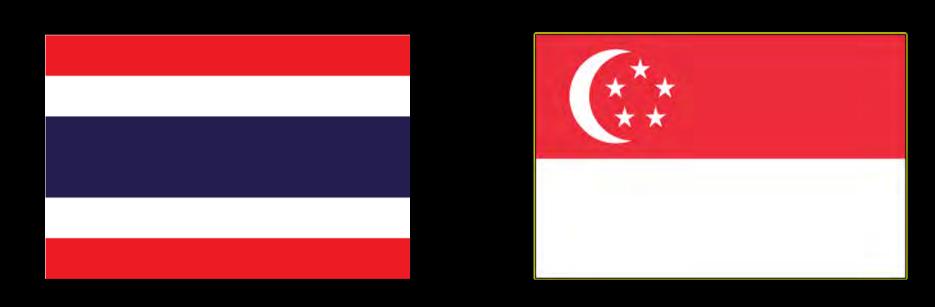
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Stephen R. Covey

- 1 Be Proactive
- 2 Begin With the End in Mind
- 3 Put First Things First
- 4 Think Win-Win
- Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- 6 Synergize
- 7 Sharpen the Saw

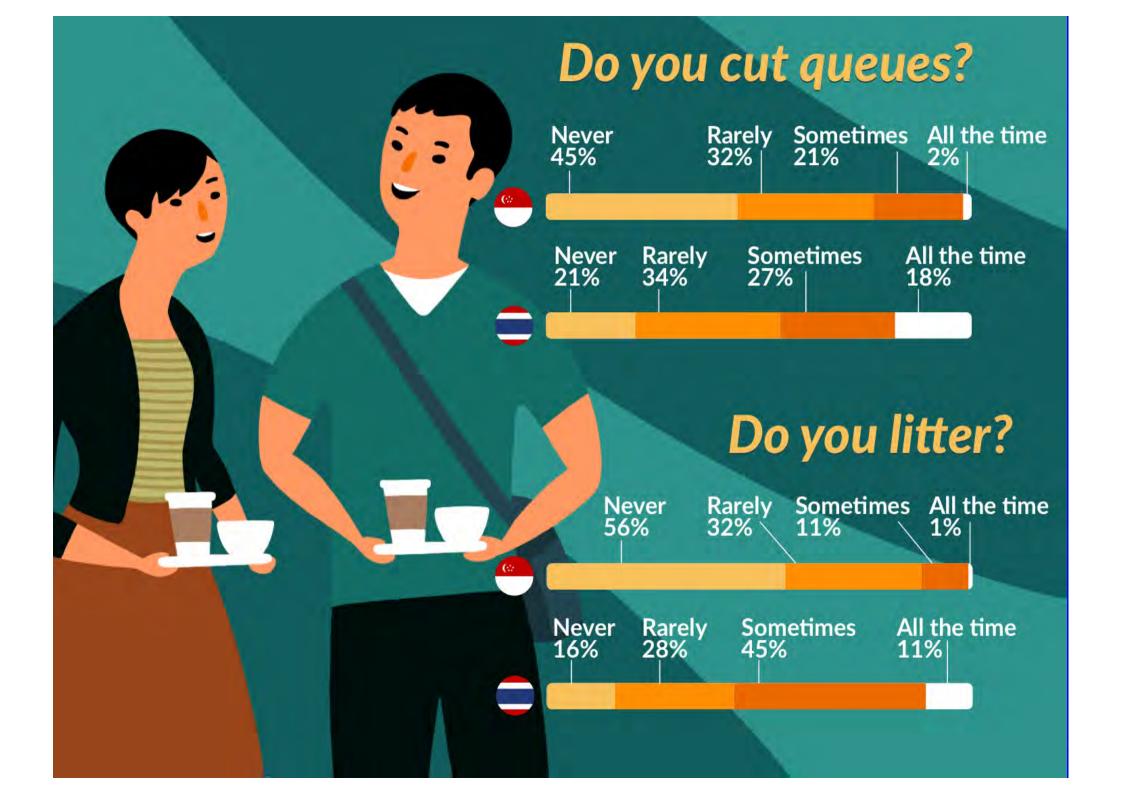


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Based on a milieu poll with 3,175 respondents in Singapore and 3,821 in Thailand





Never Rarely Sometimes All the time 3% 36% 60%



Never Rarely Sometimes All the time 1% 3% 21% 75%



Never Rarely Sometimes All the time 33%



Never Rarely Sometimes All the time 3% 42% 54%



Never Rarely 10% 28%

Sometimes 51%

All the time 11%



Never Rarely Sometimes 4% 29%

All the time 66%

Do you greet your neighbours?

Never Rarely 13% 3%1

Sometimes 44%

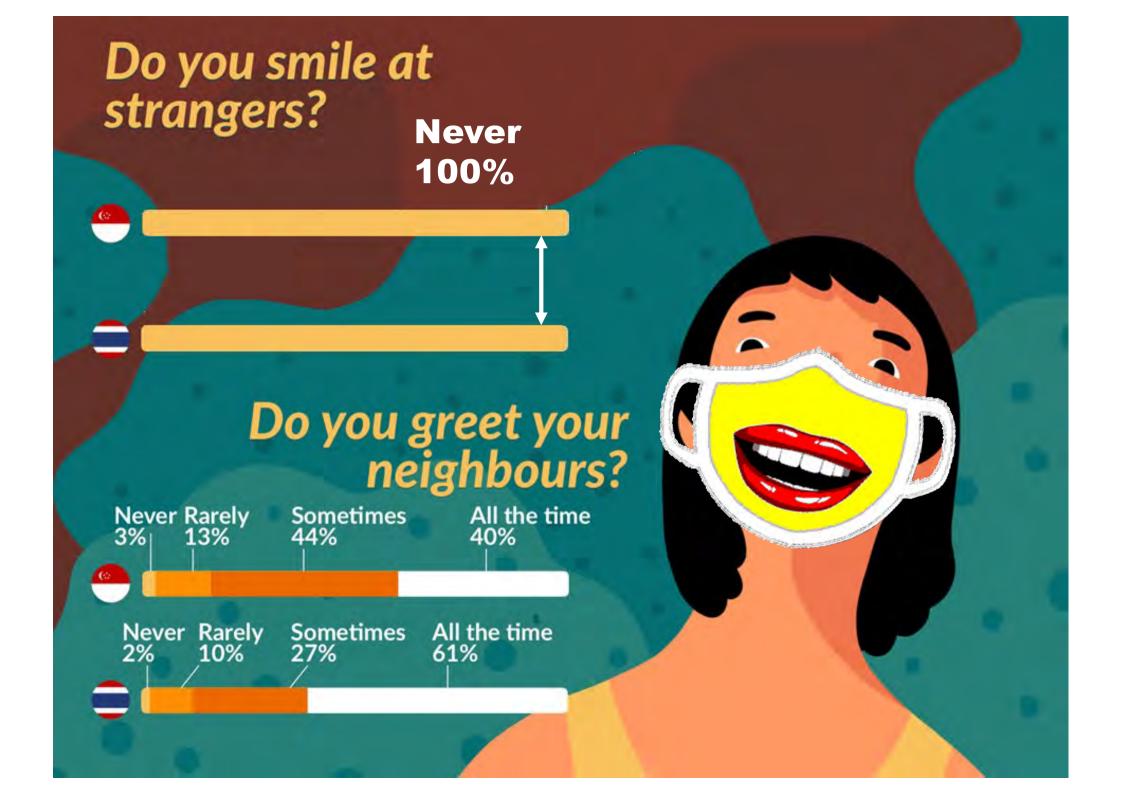
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Never Rarely Sometimes All the time 2% 10%

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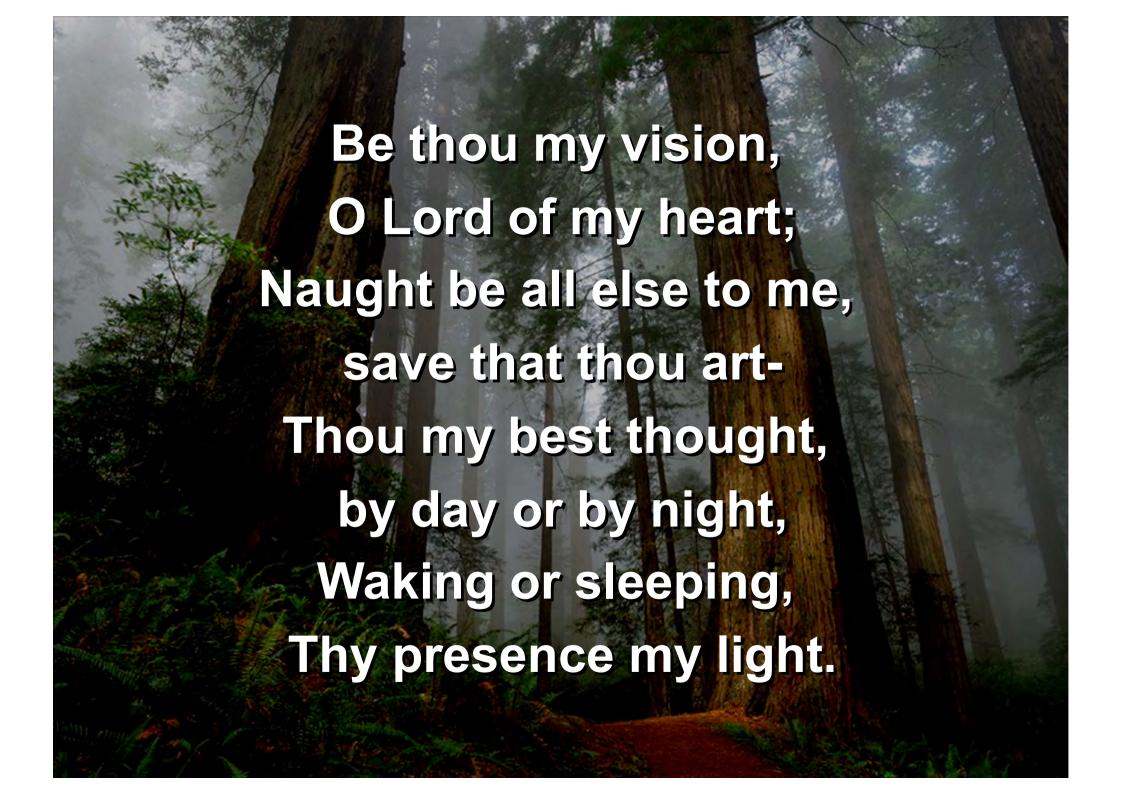
Definitions

(n) Graciousness

quality of being gracious excellence of manners or social conduct the quality of being kind and gentle

(adj) Gracious

characterized by kindness and warm courtesy abounding in grace or mercy disposed to bestow favors



Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise, Thou my inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'ns Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O ruler of all!





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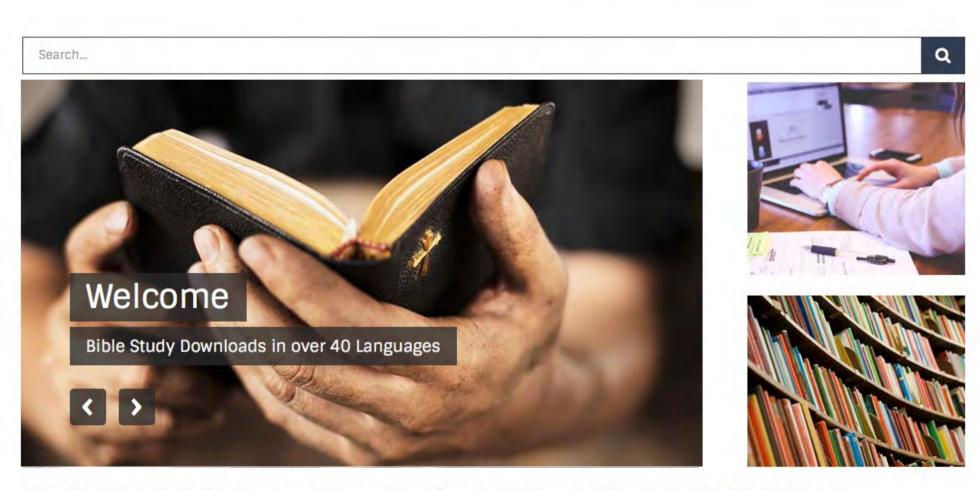
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