

# Proverbs

The Blessings of **Wisdom**, Instruction  
& Reproof

# Purposes/Uses Of The Book

(Prov. 1:2-6)

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion-- 5 A wise [man] will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.

# What Is A Proverb?

- Proverb – a ruling saying
  - General rule (not exception)
  - Provide godly wisdom
  - Meant to be applied on earth
  - Written for application!

# Wisdom Review

## (C. 1 -9)

- Get wisdom! (4:5,7)
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (1:7; 2:5-6)
- God is the source of wisdom (3:5-6)
- Wisdom is readily available (1:20; Jas. 1:5; Luk. 8:8b)

# **Review: Blessings Of Wisdom**

## **(C. 1 -9)**

- Pleasantness and peace (3:17)
- Safety and prosperity (1,2)
- Good standing with God and man (3:4; 8:35)
- Deliverance from evil man, seducing woman (1,2,4,5,7)

# Blessings Of Wisdom – Success

## Earthly Relationships

- [Pro 12:8 NKJV] 8 A man will be commended according to his wisdom, But he who is of a perverse heart will be despised.
- [Pro 14:35 NKJV] 35 The king's favor [is] toward a wise servant, But his wrath [is against] him who causes shame.
- [Pro 16:21-22 NKJV] 21 The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning. 22 Understanding [is] a wellspring of life to him who has it. But the correction of fools [is] folly.

# **Blessings Of Wisdom – Success**

## **Earthly Relationships**

- [Pro 14:24 NKJV] 24 The crown of the wise is their riches, [But] the foolishness of fools [is] folly.

# **Blessings Of Wisdom – Success Over Stronger Adversaries**

- [Pro 21:22 NKJV] 22 A wise [man] scales the city of the mighty, And brings down the trusted stronghold.

# **Blessings Of Wisdom – Success Required Diligence**

- [Pro 21:5 NKJV] 5 The plans of the diligent [lead] surely to plenty, But [those of] everyone [who is] hasty, surely to poverty.

# Blessings Of Wisdom – Success

## Building A Life

- [Pro 14:1 NKJV] 1 The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.
- [Pro 24:3-7 NKJV] 3 Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; 4 By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches. 5 A wise man [is] strong, Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength; 6 For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors [there is] safety. 7 Wisdom [is] too lofty for a fool; He does not open his mouth in the gate.

# Blessings Of Wisdom – Perspective

## A Bigger Picture

- [Pro 17:24 NKJV] 24 Wisdom [is] in the sight of him who has understanding, But the eyes of a fool [are] on the ends of the earth.
- [Pro 14:8 NKJV] 8 The wisdom of the prudent [is] to understand his way, But the folly of fools [is] deceit.
- [Pro 21:16 NKJV] 16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding Will rest in the assembly of the dead.

# Blessings Of Wisdom – Perspective

## Deliberate Decision-Making

- [Pro 19:2 NKJV] 2 Also it is not good [for] a soul [to be] without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with [his] feet.
- [Pro 15:21-22 NKJV] 21 Folly [is] joy [to him who is] destitute of discernment, But a man of understanding walks uprightly. 22 Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.
- [Pro 20:18 NKJV] 18 Plans are established by counsel; By wise counsel wage war.

# Blessings Of Wisdom – Perspective

## Deliberate Decision-Making

- [Pro 14:15-16 NKJV] 15 The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps. 16 A wise [man] fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.
- [Pro 27:11-12 NKJV] 11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, That I may answer him who reproaches me. 12 A prudent [man] foresees evil [and] hides himself; The simple pass on [and] are punished.
- [Pro 22:3 NKJV] 3 A prudent [man] foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished.

# Blessings Of Wisdom – More Wisdom

## Compound Interest

- [Pro 14:6 NKJV] 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not [find it], But knowledge [is] easy to him who understands.
- [Pro 15:14 NKJV] 14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.
- [Pro 19:8 NKJV] 8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.

# **Blessings Of Wisdom – More Wisdom**

## **Valuable Wisdom Requires Effort**

- [Pro 20:5 NKJV] 5 Counsel in the heart of man [is like] deep water, But a man of understanding will draw it out.
- [Pro 21:20 NKJV] 20 [There is] desirable treasure, And oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man squanders it.
- [Pro 20:15 NKJV] 15 There is gold and a multitude of rubies, But the lips of knowledge [are] a precious jewel.