

## The Book of Proverbs by Subject

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- it's value for godliness
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- Its value for prosperity
  - 8:18, 21, 24:3-7
- Its divine origin
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- Wisdom of getting advice
  - 12:15, 19:20, 23:6
- The value of getting knowledge
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- It's value for the future
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### 2. Fear of the Lord (see Farley, *Gospel-powered parenting*, ch. 3)

- 1:7
- 1:29
- 2:5
- 3:7
- 9:10
- 10:27
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- 19:3 – seen from the other side
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### 3. Parental instruction – the value of heeding

- 1:8-9
- 2:1
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- 4:1-5
- 4:10
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1:10-19
5. Greed/the greedy/ill-gotten gain – the value of fleeing  
1:19  
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11:18  
11:24  
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2:16-19  
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7. Love and faithfulness – the value of their pursuit (see Longman, *How...* ch. 11)  
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8. Trusting the Lord – its value  
3:5-12  
10:3  
16:25 (suspicion of self)  
17:3  
18:10  
28:25-26  
29:26
9. Discipline/reproof
- From the Lord – its value  
3:11-12, 12:1
  - From one's parents – its value  
6:23, 12:1, 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15, 17
  - From others – its value  
10:17, 15:10, 31-32, 17:10, 25, 20:30, 21:11, 25:12, 27:5-6, 9
  - Toward others will bless you  
28:23
  - More than words required  
29:19
10. Wealth (see Longman, *How...* ch. 10)
- A means to honor God  
3:9
  - The security/blessing it brings  
10:15, 19:4
  - Of the wicked leads to sin  
10:16

- Of the righteous leads to life  
10:16
- Is a reward to the righteous  
10:22
- Does no good in the face of God's wrath  
11:4
- May come to a man via violence – contra conventional wisdom  
11:16
- Is for generosity  
11:24-26
- Who who slowly saves will gain much  
13:11
- Is not to be trusted  
11:28
- Contentment brings blessing  
14:30, 16:8, 17:1
- It's potentially deceptive nature  
28:11
- Badness of its lust  
28:20
- A godly perspective of it  
30:8-9

11. Do good to those to whom it is due  
3:27-28

12. Evil – do not do to your neighbor  
3:29-33  
11:12

13. The Wicked

- Will be cursed by God  
3:33-34  
11:20  
21:12
- Are addicted to wrong  
4:16-17
- Have a path of darkness  
4:19
- His iniquities snare him  
5:22
- Dies for lack of discipline  
5:23
- Is a fool  
5:23
- Lives by deception  
6:12-14
- Will end in calamity  
6:15
- Will receive suffering from God  
10:3
- Will earn disgrace  
10:7
- Will be exposed  
10:9

- Will get what he dreads
  - 10:24
  - 11:17
  - 11:31
- Will live a short life
  - 10:27
  - 11:19
- No hope for afterlife
  - 11:7
- Walks into trouble
  - 11:8
- Shouts of joy at his death
  - 11:10
- Helps destroy a city
  - 11:11
- Will be punished
  - 11:21
- Is led by his quick temper
  - 14:17
- Will lose to the righteous
  - 14:19
- Their 'worship/prayer' is an abomination
  - 15:8, 26, 28:9
- His speech burns others
  - 16:27
- Spreads relational strife
  - 16:28
- Is an abomination to mankind
  - 24:8-9
- Is dogged by guilt
  - 28:1
- People hide when he comes to power
  - 28:12, 28
- A general description
  - 30:11-14

#### 14. The Wise/Righteous

- Will be blessed by God
  - 3:33
- Will inherit honor
  - 3:35
  - 10:7
- Have a path of light
  - 4:18
- Receive commands
  - 10:8
- Pursue knowledge
  - 10:14
- Find pleasure in wisdom
  - 10:23
- Their desires will be granted
  - 10:24
- Find security
  - 10:25, 29-30
- Delivered from trouble
  - 11:8

- City/nation rejoices at his success  
11:10, 16:12-13
- Helps a city's success  
11:11
- Kind man benefits himself  
11:17
- Will be rewarded  
11:18  
11:23  
15:6
- Will live  
11:19
- Delight God  
11:20
- Their heirs will be blessed  
11:21
- Will flourish  
11:28  
11:30
- Try to influence others  
11:30
- Cares for animals  
12:10
- Influences his neighbor  
12:26
- Doesn't trust himself  
14:12
- Is not gullible but thoughtful  
14:15, 16
- Is good to the poor  
14:21
- Intentionally purpose to do good to others  
14:22 (cf. Titus)
- Are a blessing/profit to their nation  
14:34
- Make their parents happy  
15:20  
23:15-18, 24-25
- Seek many counselors  
15:22
- Is heard by God  
15:29
- Will be at peace with others  
16:7
- Are rewarded with long life and honor  
16:31, 17:6
- Is not quick to judge a matter  
18:17
- Recover from calamity  
24:15-16
- People rejoice when he triumphs  
28:12
- Will sing and rejoice  
29:6

15. The humble

- Will gain favor from God  
3:35, 28:13
- Is wise  
11:2, 27:2
- Will be honored  
15:33, 16:19, 22:4

16. The fool/those who run after Folly

- Will get disgrace  
3:35, 26:1
- Are deceived  
9:13-18
- Will be punished  
10:13, 26:3
- Brings their parents woe  
17:21, 25
- Will die  
21:16
- Answer him with wisdom  
26:4-5
- Makes a bad friend/employee/helper  
26:6, 10
- Don't give him honor or it will hurt you  
26:8

17. Your heart

- Guard it  
4:23, 22:5
- From it flows life  
4:23

18. Speech (see Longman, *How...* ch. 12)

- Flee crooked/devious  
4:24  
12:13  
12:22  
14:5  
26:23-26 – be wary of speech from an evil person
- Lack of discreet use/evil speakers will come to ruin  
10:10  
10:31-32  
18:2, 6-8  
26:28 – the woeful outcome of flattery
- Mouth of righteous gives life  
10:11  
10:20-21  
12:19
- Value of right speech  
10:19-20  
10:31-32  
12:14  
15:1, 4, 23  
16:21, 23-24  
25:11-12

- A wise man stays silent
  - 11:12-13
  - 12:23
  - 13:3
  - 15:28
  - 17:27-28
  - 26:20
  - 29:9 – don't argue with a fool
  - 30:32
- Badness of rash speech
  - 12:18
  - 14:3
  - 18:13
  - 25:14
  - 26:21 - quarreling
- vs. gossip
  - 17:9
  - 25:9-10
  - 29:20
- The power of speech
  - 18:21

#### 19. Your Ways

- Make them straight
  - 4:26-27
- Are before the Lord
  - 5:21
- Are ultimately decided by God
  - 16:1
- Are tested by God
  - 16:2

#### 20. Loans

- Be cautious about giving them
  - 6:1
  - 11:15
  - 20:16
- Settle them quickly
  - 6:2-5
- Make sure it's with security
  - 27:13

#### 21. Sloth/the sluggard

- Learn to avoid it
  - 6:6-8
- It's consequences are subtle but great
  - 6:9-11
- Causes poverty/hunger
  - 10:4-5, 14:23, 19:15, 24, 20:4, 26:15
- Brings grief to his superiors
  - 10:26
- Causes pain to any who follow them
  - 15:19, 18:9
- Benefit of working: eating
  - 16:26
- Becomes irrational
  - 22:13, 26:13

- Is married to his sloth  
26:14
- Is foolishly proud  
26:16

22. Hated by the Lord are

- Pride 6:17
- Deception 6:17, 19
- Violence 6:17
- Wicked heart 6:18
- Love for evil 6:18
- A divisive person 6:19

23. Justice honors God/blesses the wise

- 6:30-31
- 23:10-11
- 24:23-26, 28-29
- 25:26 – badness of injustice
- 28:5
- 29:27
- 31:8-9

24. Diligence/hard work/prudence – the value of

- 10:4-5
- 12:11
- 12:24
- 12:27
- 13:4
- 16:3
- 20:13
- 21:5, 17, 25
- 22:29
- 24:27 – prudence in work
- 24:30-34
- 25:13
- 27:23-27
- 28:19

25. Integrity/honesty – its value

- 10:9
- 11:3
- 14:2
- 14:25
- 19:1, 5
- 20:7, 10, 17
- 20:23
- 21:6, 29:24 - dishonesty

26. Hatred – its ill effects

- 10:12

27. Poverty – its deleterious effects

- 10:15
- its value
- 13:8

- its pain  
27:7
  - better than wealth with wickedness  
27:6
  - Tempts people to sin  
28:21
28. Commerce
- Honest commerce alone will bring true profit  
11:1
  - Be careful before loaning money/possessions  
17:18
29. Pride leads to downfall
- 11:2
  - 15:25
  - 16:5, 18
  - 18:12
  - 21:4, 24
  - 25:27 – on humility (also 26:12)
  - 28:14
  - 29:1, 23
30. Wise counsel – its value
- 11:14
  - 12:15
  - 13:10
  - 20:18
  - 23:6
31. The Honorable Woman/an excellent wife (see Longman, *How...* ch. 11)
- Is gracious  
11:16
  - crowns her husband
  - builds her house 14:1
  - a wife is a good thing 18:22
  - is a gift from God 19:14
  - a full description 31:10-31
32. The Dishonorable Woman/terrible wife
- Is like a gold ring in a pig's snout  
11:22
  - is like rotteness to his bones  
12:4
  - is like a continually dripping rain  
19:13, 27:15-16
  - drives a man away  
21:9, 19  
25:24
33. Family – the value of treating them well
- 11:29
34. Overlooking an offense
- 12:16
  - 19:11

35. God's Word – its value  
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36. Friends/companions – choice of  
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17:12, 17, 22  
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20:19  
22:10, 24-25  
23:9, 20-21  
24:21-22  
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27:17  
28:7  
29:11, 24

37. The downside of ambition/workaholism  
14:4

38. Choices have consequences  
14:14  
21:29  
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39. Treating others wisely comes back to bless you  
14:28  
15:1  
15:30 – value of bearing good news  
16:6  
17:9 – covering an offense  
17:13, 18”19 – if not it will harm you  
17:14 – be a peacemaker  
17:17, 22  
18:1  
18:16  
19:6  
20:5  
21:14, 21  
22:8 – not treating other right equals woe (so, 25:18, 26:18-19)  
22:28  
23:6-8  
24:17-18  
25:17, 20-23, 25  
26:27  
27:10, 14  
29:5 – vs. flattery

40. Self-control/lack of anger/overlooking offenses  
14:29  
15:1, 18  
16:14, 32  
19:11, 19 (its lack and woe)  
20:3, 22  
21:7 – (its lack and woe)

- 21:23
  - 22:3 – value of prudence
  - 25:28
  - 26:17 – the lunacy of meddling in someone else’s quarrel
  - 29:22
  - 30:33 – seek peace
41. Treatment of the poor
- 14:31
  - 17:5
  - 19:17
  - 21:13, 26 – value of generosity in general
  - 22:9, 16, 22-23
  - 28:3, 27
  - 29:7
42. Be vigilant, for God sees everything
- 15:3
  - 15:11
43. Love – more valuable than riches
- 15:17
44. God’s sovereignty
- 16:1-4, 9, 11, 33
  - 19:21
  - 20:24, 27
  - 21:1-2, 30-31
  - 22:12
  - 27:1
45. Poverty
- Creates woe
    - 19:7
  - With love it isn’t as bad as sin
    - 19:22
46. The fitness of God’s design
- fools and wealth/slaves and ruling
    - 19:10
47. The foolish son
- is a ruin to his father – 19:13
48. The right treatment of parents
- 19:26
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- 20:1
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50. Wisdom in relating to leaders  
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- 22:11  
23:1-5  
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51. Upright action, not mere talk, is worthy of praise  
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52. Wise leadership  
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29:4, 12, 14, 18, 21  
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54. Wise money management  
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55. A good name/reputation  
22:1 – better than riches
56. Don't envy the wicked  
24:19-20
57. Mercy is greater than justice  
24:29  
25:8
58. Contentment – its value  
27:20
59. Humility – its value  
25:27  
27:21  
29:23
60. Choose your leaders wisely  
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29:2
61. The violent will come to ruin  
28:17
62. Generosity  
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63. Extended sayings of wisdom

- Of things never satisfied: 30:15-16
- Of things wonderful and incomprehensible: 30:18-19
- Of things under which the earth trembles: 30:21-23
- Four small but wise things: 30:24-28
- Three things stately: 30:29-31
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64. Loving one's wife – its value

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