

PROVERBS: LIVING A LIFE FILLED WITH GOD’S WISDOM
Lesson 2: The Purpose and Foundation of Proverbs

Introductory Remarks:

Title (Proverbs 1:1):

“The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel.” (1:1)

- “The proverbs...” --

- “...Solomon, son of David, king of Israel” --

Purpose (Proverbs 1:2-6):

***“To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight...” (1:2)***

- “To know...” – (Hebrew *yada*)

- “...wisdom...” – (Heb. *hokma*)

- “...and instruction...” – (Heb. *musar*)

- “...to understand...” – (Heb. *bin*)

- “...words of insight.” – (Heb. *bina*)

***“to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity;” (1:3)***

- “...to receive instruction...” – (Heb. *musar*)
- “...in wise dealing...” – (Heb. *haskel*)
- “...in righteousness, justice and equity...” – (Heb. *sedeq, mishpat, mesharim*)

***“to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge, and discretion to the youth.” (1:4)***

- “...to give prudence...” – (Heb. *’orma*)
- “...to the simple...” – (Heb. *peti*)
- “...knowledge and discretion...” – (Heb. *da’at, mezimma*)
- “...to the youth...” – (Heb. *na’ar*)

***“Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,” (1:5)***

- “Let the wise hear...” – (Heb. *hakam*)
- “...and increase in learning...” – (Heb. *leqah*)

- “...and the one who understands...” – (Heb. *nabon*)
- “...obtain guidance...” – (Heb. *tahbuloth*)

***“to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.” (1:6)***

- “to understand...” – (Heb. *bin*)
- “...a proverb...” – (Heb. *mashal*)
- “...and a saying...” – (Heb. *melisa*)
- “...the words of the wise...” – (Heb. *hakam*)
- “...and their riddles...” – (Heb. *hidot*)

Foundation (Proverbs 1:7):

***“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (1:7)***

- “The fear of the Lord...” – [See handout]
- “...is the beginning of knowledge...” --

- "...fools..." --
- "...despise wisdom and instruction." --