

Probing the Proverbs

Lesson Handout (January 21, 2026)

Overall Structure of the Book

I. Chapters __ to __ are words __ the wise, showing us that wisdom is _____ and we must _____ it.

WISDOM HAS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

- A. It respects _____ and _____ (Chapter 1:1-9)
- B. It rebukes _____ and _____ (Chapter 1:10-33)
- C. It rewards its seekers _____ (Chapter 2)
- D. It rewards its seekers _____ (Chapter 3)
- E. It reroutes one's life from _____ (Chapter 4)
- F. It rejects the way of _____ (Chapter 5)
- G. It reactivates the _____ (Chapter 6: 1-19)
- H. It represses the desires of _____ (Chapter 6: 20-35)
- I. It resists the evil _____ (Chapter 7)
- J. It rejoices in God who _____ *it (Chapter 8)
- K. It reproves the righteous who _____ it (Chapter 9)

II. Chapters _____ to 22a are words ____ the wise and prove that wisdom is _____ and we should _____ it.

WISDOM ENTAILS THESE CHARACTERISTICS:

- A. It is _____ from God (Chapter 10)
- B. It is _____ of life (Chapter 11)
- C. It is _____ in its language (Chapter 12)
- D. It has regard for _____ (Chapter 13)
- E. It is the road for _____ (Chapter 14)
- F. It exhibits regulation for the _____ (Chapter 15)
- G. It rests in the _____ of God: (Chapter 16)
- H. It refrains from _____ (Chapter 17)

- I. It finds _____ in God (Chapter 18)
- J. It responds to poverty by _____...if rich (Chapter 19)
- K. It responds to poverty by _____...if poor (Chapters 20-21)
- L. It provides a reward to the _____ (Chapter 22:1-16)

III. Chapters 22b to _____ are words _____ the wise; wisdom is _____ and we shall _____ it.

- A. Wisdom is _____ (Chapter 22:b)
- B. Wisdom is _____ (Chapter 23)
- C. Wisdom is _____ (Chapter 24)

IV. Chapters _____ to _____ give us words _____ the wise. Wisdom is _____ and we should _____ it.

- A. Words from _____ (Chapters 25-29)
 - 1. The _____ (25)
 - 2. The _____ (26-27)
 - 3. The _____ (28)
 - 4. The _____ (29)
- B. Words from _____ and _____ (Chapters 30-31)
 - 1. _____ and _____ (30)
 - 2. _____ and _____ (31)

*past tense of beget, meaning to father or bring forth children; to cause, create or give rise to something

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