

# 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

This overall analysis of the Book of Proverbs' structure is taken from [A Popular Survey of the Old Testament](#) by Norman L. Geisler, Baker Book Company, Grand Rapids, MI Copyright 1977