

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

PROVERBS 1

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The book of Proverbs is composed of wisdom literature written by several authors, the most of which is by Solomon, son of David. I Kings 4:29-34 indicates that God gave Solomon wisdom as no other in many different arenas of study. ***"And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. Thus, Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations. He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five. Also, he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish. And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon."***

The Bible also tells us that it was during the reign of godly King Hezekiah that men were appointed by him to copy down the proverbs of King Solomon. More than likely this is when the majority, if not all the proverbs

was compiled. It was a time of great spiritual renewal under this godly king.

The purpose of the entire book is given in the opening verses: ***"To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding, to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion—A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, to understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."*** (Proverbs 1:1-7)

Notice verse seven says, that the "fear of God" is the beginning of "knowledge." The "fear of God" in Scripture can be summed up by saying, "Giving God His rightful place as God." The creator and sustainer of life. To the degree we leave God out of our knowledge base is the degree to which we will be in darkness both morally and intellectually.

Prayer and Action Steps

*Dear God, please help me to give you your rightful place.
Amen*

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?
