

PROVERBS 1:8-19 (NIV)

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them. If they say, "Come along with us; let's lie in wait for innocent blood, let's ambush some harmless soul; let's swallow them alive, like the grave, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; we will get all sorts of valuable things and fill our houses with plunder; cast lots with us; we will all share the loot"—my son, do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths; for their feet rush into evil, they are swift to shed blood. How useless to spread a net where every bird can see it! These men lie in wait for their own blood; they ambush only themselves! Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the life of those who get it.

Proverbs

- SOLOMON
- SON OF DAVID
- KING OF ISRAEL

Proverbs

- GAINING
- UNDERSTANDING
- RECEIVING
- DOING
- GIVING
- KNOWLEDGE\ DISCRETION
- WISE
- LISTEN/ADD
- DISCERNING

What is a Proverb?

- Hebrew. Maschal - short, pithy (concise and expressing a point clearly) sayings, figurative discourse
 - Root meaning – comparison / likeness
- Latin – “pro” means for. “Verbra” means word.
 - Some said this – a word for a situation or appropriate word that fits a situation
- Applying God’s wisdom to daily life that we face each day and to provide moral instructions
- Knowledge - having facts
- Wisdom - applying those facts to life

- Its all about the wisdom of God, that he wants to give us
- We request and seek his wisdom, to whatever challenges we may face in life on a daily basis

So we need to know -

- The source of wisdom
- Value of wisdom
- Benefits of wisdom

PROVERBS 1:8-19

- 1) V8- 9 PARENTAL
- 2) V10 – 12 PEER PRESSURE
- 3) V13 – 19 PATH OF DESTRUCTION

PROVERBS 1:8 1. PARENTAL

- My son
- Listen
- Father’s instructions

- Do not forsake / neglect your mother's teaching

PROVERBS 1:9

- Garland to grace your head
- Chain /pendant to adorn your neck

PROVERBS 1:8

- My son or my child; and even my children
- From Chapter 1 to Chapter 8, Chapter 23, 24 and 31
- Relationship with his son –
 - Love , care, affection and attachment
- Instruction; the root meaning in Hebrew is –
- Yasar; to chastise
- 2 Timothy 3:16 – All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- Parental instructions are not to be a burden or annoyance
- It's about spiritual growth
- Training
- Building character
- Mentoring
- Discipling

“LISTEN”

- Hebrew word – Shama
- To hear intelligently, obedience, responding
- It means hearing God's word, requires following it.
- James 1:22
- Deuteronomy 6: 4-9
- Deuteronomy 5:27

“Do not forsake your mothers teaching”

Proverbs 31: 1

- “Inspired utterance his mother taught him”
- King Lemuel

What wisdom does to person

- Garland to grace head
- Chain to adorn neck

Solomon is sharing with his son his heart. For his son not to make the same mistakes that he made.

- Solomon given wisdom
 - 1 Kings 4:29
- God appears to Solomon
 - 1 Kings 9:6
- Solomon’s disobeys the word of God
 - 1 Kings 11:1-6

PROVERBS 1:10 -12 2) PEER PRESSURE

What is peer pressure?

- The influence from friends or a social group to act, think, or dress a certain way, often to fit in, leading to both positive (joining a sports team), and negative choices (risky behaviour, bullying)

- SINFUL MEN
- ENTICE YOU
- COME ALONG WITH US
- LIE IN WAIT FOR INNOCENT BLOOD
- AMBUSH HARMLESS SOUL
- SWALLOW THEM ALIVE

- 1 KINGS 12:5 – 13. KING REHOBOAM AND JEROBOAM

PROVERBS 1:13 – 19. 3) PATH OF DESTRUCTION

- Greed
- Consequences of greed
- Tempting others
- Pursuit of gain
- Achan's sin. Joshua 6:18, Chapter 7:19 -21
- 2 Kings 5:5 (gifts from Naaman), 16 (Elisha refused), 23 (Gehazi accepts)

- The wages of sin is death (spiritually and physically)
- But the gift of God is eternal life
 - Romans 6:23
- DO NOT GIVE IN
- DO NOT GO ALONG WITH THEM
- DO NOT SET FOOT ON THEIR PATHS