

wisdom - *n.* : ¹ the skillful application of knowledge.

Proverbs are to the Ten Commandments, as the Epistles are to the 4 Gospels

Everyday Life that Proverbs covers:

- What God loves & hates
- Treatment of animals
- Principles for hunting
- Marital intimacy
- Marriage & Family issues

Everyday Life that Proverbs covers:

- Justice & Integrity
- Importance of hard work
- Overcoming temptation
- Power of the tongue
- Wisdom from ants, spiders & snakes

Everyday Life that Proverbs covers:

- Wisdom from wind & rain
- Gambling
- Friendship
- Adulterers & Adultery
- Cleanliness
- Etc.

Proverbs come from a section of scripture called 'the Wisdom Books'

Also includes:
Job³ Psalms³ Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

Proverbs offers what is key to life. Everything they speak about & every subject brought into consideration is concerned about one thing:

IS IT WISDOM or IS IT FOLLY?

From the simplest endeavors,
To the grandest of themes,
Wisdom leaves its mark on
everything.

--and so does folly.

Wisdom among the Hebrews differs from wisdom among other oriental peoples in that it is rested firmly on the conviction of a personal, covenant-keeping and holy God. It assumes that the

universe is regulated by reason and law. It is therefore practical and not speculative as it was with the Greeks.

Yet it is a fantastic rule for real relationships!

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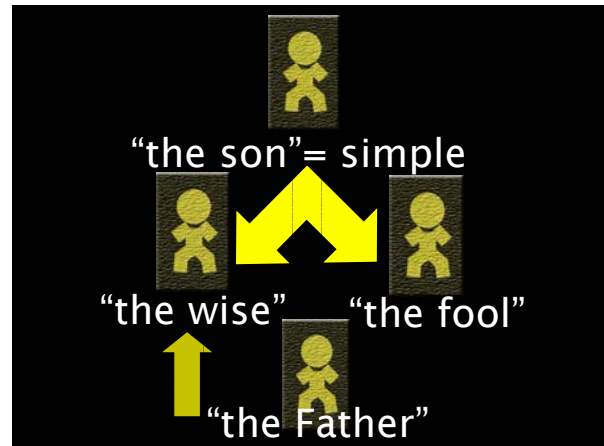
Just the City Gate (Stories, eyewitness reports, fables, and.....Proverbs)

① "Do not lean on the scales, nor falsify the weights, nor damage the fractions of the measure.

--Proverb of Amen-em-ope of Egypt

② “Differing weights and differing measures, both of them are abominable to the Lord.”

Proverbs 20 : 10



Way of the Fool: Way of the Wise:

Sluggard
Fool
Scoffer
Hot-Tempered



Prudent
Knowing
Discerning
Patient
Disciplined

① Proverbs tell us to keep God’s law in the specifics of life

② God is gracious to give guidance in the little mundane things of life

③ God’s wisdom: Not simply steps for success, but rules for wise living in God’s creation

④ Primarily concerned with relationships: Loving your neighbor

⑤ There are no innocent unbelievers – they are the wicked

⑥ Good examples of ways mothers and fathers should talk to their children

- ⑦ When referring to man:
general principles.
When referring to God:
Undeniable truths.

Key Words & their Proverbs

The Simple -- Petî

simple - *n.* : ¹ one easily persuaded, led enticed or seduced, credulous, inexperienced.

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simple : from the root *open*, silly, unskillful, gullible

- ① The purpose of Proverbs is to help the Simple (1:4)
- ② The classic example of the Simple -Chapter 7 especially 7 : 6 - 27

- ③ The Simple believes anything (14:15): He makes judgments based on hearsay instead of verifying information
- ④ The Simple makes no attempt to avoid temptation—22:3; 27:12

- ⑤ The Outcome of the Simple one's life:
- A: Death—1:32
- B: Folly—14:18

⑥ The only help for the Simple:

A: 19:25; 21:11—Severe punishment of those just ahead of him.

B: Psalm 19:7; 119:130