

A Visitor's Guide to the Old Testament

A Quick Discussion Guide on the Book of Proverbs

1. Team One... describe the most _____ person in the world:

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What are the most significant similarities in your descriptions?

What are the most significant differences in your descriptions?

How do you explain the differences?

2. List between 3-6 "sayings" that capture the practical wisdom of our culture.

Are these sayings always true, usually true, sometimes true, or seldom true?

How do "proverbial sayings" differ from a scientific textbook and why is that important when studying the Book of Proverbs?

3. Write your memory passage below:

4. On the back side are three lists – General Topics covered in Proverbs, Proitive Traits, and Negative Traits. With a bit of self-examination, mark those positive and negative traits that are most prevalent in your life. If you're brave, ask someone else to evaluate your life.

During the week, find one General Topic that you would like to explore more deeply. Use a Bible Program/Website to look up those passages in Provbers that will take you further into your selected topic. Consider ways in which your study can positively influence your life.

5. Select ONE PROVERB that has special meaning for you. Explain that meaning. In addition, what lessons have you learned in life by observing how others live their lives?

6. Most of the proverbs are Law oriented. Where does the Gospel come in?

7. What is the significance of the Proverbs 31 peom not including a physical description of this wife?

General Topics Covered in the Book of Proverbs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of the Lord | <input type="checkbox"/> Business dealings | <input type="checkbox"/> Slaves/servants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wives | <input type="checkbox"/> Stealing | <input type="checkbox"/> Prostitutes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mothers | <input type="checkbox"/> Gluttony/food | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypocrisy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kings, rulers | <input type="checkbox"/> Husbands | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendship | <input type="checkbox"/> Fathers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orphans/needly | <input type="checkbox"/> Children | |

Positive, Wise, or Beneficial Traits Mentioned in the Book of Proverbs

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom | <input type="checkbox"/> Good company | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge | <input type="checkbox"/> Wealth | <input type="checkbox"/> Generosity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diligence | <input type="checkbox"/> Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Hope |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Success | <input type="checkbox"/> Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendliness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faithfulness | <input type="checkbox"/> Orderliness | <input type="checkbox"/> Soberness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honesty | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-control | <input type="checkbox"/> Trust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience | <input type="checkbox"/> Quietness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truth | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrity | <input type="checkbox"/> Teachableness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairness | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Love | <input type="checkbox"/> Honor | <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kindness | <input type="checkbox"/> Purity | <input type="checkbox"/> Contentment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joy | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace | |

Negative, Wicked, or Foolish Traits Mentioned in the Book of Proverbs

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Folly | <input type="checkbox"/> Animosity | <input type="checkbox"/> Criticism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death | <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> Slander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laziness | <input type="checkbox"/> Drunkenness | <input type="checkbox"/> Jealousy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Worry | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruelty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unfaithfulness | <input type="checkbox"/> Talkativeness | <input type="checkbox"/> Sadness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheating | <input type="checkbox"/> Unteachableness | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad company |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injustice | <input type="checkbox"/> Wickedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Enmity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lying | <input type="checkbox"/> Ignorance | <input type="checkbox"/> Shame |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dishonor | <input type="checkbox"/> Disorderliness | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfriendliness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impurity | <input type="checkbox"/> Anger | <input type="checkbox"/> Misery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strife | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebellion | <input type="checkbox"/> Envy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hatred | <input type="checkbox"/> Deceit | <input type="checkbox"/> Pride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greed | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfairness | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Deception | |