

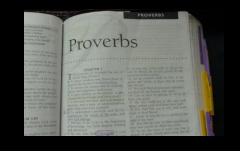
Putting the Proverbs to Use



- Proverb means "parallel" or "similar"
- Proverb is "a description by way of comparisons"

A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke."

Proverbs 13:1



- Proverbs is classified as "wisdom literature"
 - A proverb is defined as "a short, selfevident statement"

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction"

Proverbs 1:7

A catchy way of expressing a truth for remembrance



- Proverbs is a distinct philosophy of life
 - Proverbs 1:10
- Capsules of wisdom from those who knew the law of God
 - Generally true, but not absolute in every case

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it"

Proverbs 22:6



- Book is made of many Proverbs
 - Solomon's
 - Spoke 3,000 proverbs
 - •1 Kings 4:32
 - Wisdom to speak was a direct gift from God
 - **1** Kings 4:29-31





- Book is made of many Proverbs
 - Solomon's
 - His proverbs fall into two categories
 - Those he personally arranged
 - Chapters 1-24
 - Those arranged by scribes of Hezekiah's time
 - Chapters 25-29
 - Agur (c. 30)
 - Lemuel (c. 31)





- Purpose of the Book
 - To impart wisdom
 - Proverbs 1:1-6



- "the best guide book of success a young man can follow"
- Key thought
 - "the fear of the Lord" (14 times)



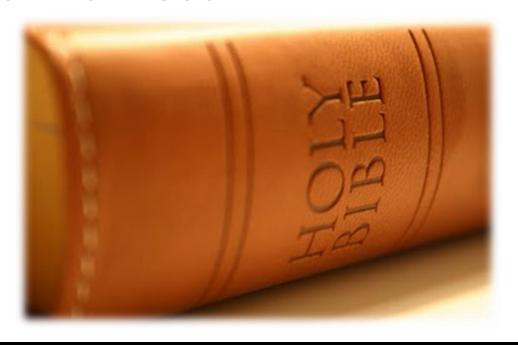
- Theme of the book is "wisdom" (104 times)
 - Wisdom comes from God
 - James 1:5
 - Proverbs 9:10







- Theme of the book is "wisdom" (104 times)
 - Three things needed to attain true wisdom:
 - Available revelation from God
 - Proverbs 2:6
 - A seeking heart
 - Proverbs 2:1-5
 - A submissive life
 - Psalms 119:100





The Bible defines wisdom in terms of one's relationship with God rather than one's formal education

The book of **Proverbs** shows the tremendous value of wisdom!