

## SERMON NOTES

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Proverbs: Introduction

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*Proverbs 18:24*

*A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

*Proverbs 5:15, 18-20*

*Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.*

*Proverbs 10:9*

*Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.*

*Proverbs 11:14*

*Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.*

*Proverbs 14:4*

*Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him,*

*and he will make straight your paths.*

*Proverbs 1:7*

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise the wisdom and instruction.*

*Proverbs 1:7 (The Message)*

*Start with God—the first step of learning in bowing down to God; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning.*

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*Proverbs 14:4—Leadership*

*Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.*

*Proverbs 14:5—Integrity Honesty*

*A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness breathes out lies.*

*Proverbs 14:10—Disappointment*

*The heart knows its own bitterness, and no stranger shares its joy.*

*Proverbs 14:11—Grounded Life*

*The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.*

*Proverbs 14:12—Self-Deception*

*There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.*

*Proverbs 1:1*

*The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:*

*1 Kings 2:1-4*

*When David's time to die drew near, he commanded Solomon his son, saying, "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn, that the LORD may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'*

1 Kings 3:23-28

*Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead'; and the other says, 'No; but your son is dead, and my son is the living one.'" And the king said, "Bring me a sword." So a sword was brought before the king. And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other." Then the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because her heart yearned for her son, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means put him to death." But the other said, "He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide him." Then the king answered and said, "Give the living child to the first woman, and by no means put him to death; she is his mother." And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to do justice.*

1 Kings 4:20

*Judah and Israel were as many as the sand by the sea. They ate and drank and were happy.*

1 Kings 4:24

*For he had dominion over all the region west of the Euphrates from Tiphseh to Gaza, over all the kings west of the Euphrates. And he had peace on all sides around him.*

1 Kings 4:25-26

*And Judah and Israel lived in safety, from Dan even to Beersheba, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, all the days of Solomon. Solomon also had 40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots, and 12,000 horsemen.*

1 Kings 4:29-34

*And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all other men, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and his fame was in all the surrounding nations. He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fish. And people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.*

Ecclesiastes 12:9-10

*Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.*

**1. To know wisdom and instruction.**

**To grasp wisdom with your head and hands.**

**Wisdom: Embracing God's Word and learning the skills of living it out biblical truth in everyday life.**

*Proverbs 24:3-4*

*By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.*

2. **To understand words of insight.**
3. **To receive instruction in wise dealing in righteousness, justice, and equity.**

*Isaiah 52:13*

*Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.*

4. **To give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth.**

**Prudent: Capacity to see beyond the immediate situation.**

**Simple: Inexperienced. Gullible. Naïve. Easy influenced.**

*Proverbs 12:16*

*The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult.*

*Proverbs 14:15*

*The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps.*

*Proverbs 22:3*

*The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.*

*Proverbs 1:5-6*

*Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.*

*Hebrews 5:12-14*

*or though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.*

*1 Kings 11:1-6*

*Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done.*

*Ecclesiastes 1:1-2*

*The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."*