

The Purpose of Proverbs

- I. Introduction (Prov. 1:1;)
- A. The Main author – Solomon (Prov. 1:1; 10:1a)
- B. What is a Proverb?
1. Characteristics of a Proverb
 - a. An object lesson using a _____ (Prov. 1:7)
 - b. A short saying that provides a general _____ (Eze 16:44)
 - c. A lesson drawn from _____ (Ps 78:2-6; Dt 28:37)
 - d. Future _____ or _____ (Prov. 22:6; Prov. 10:4)
 - e. Various forms of _____ sayings (Prov. 3:11-12a)
 2. A proverb:
 - a. Helps us choose the best _____ of _____
 - b. Helps us avoid _____
- C. What topics are covered?
- II. The purpose of the book (Prov. 1:2–6)
- A. To _____ wisdom for:
1. Living a _____ life (Prov. 1:2a)
 2. Understanding _____ Word (Prov. 1:2b)
- B. To discern _____ from _____ (Prov. 1:3)
- C. To help the _____ develop _____ (Prov. 1:4)
- D. To help the _____ to gain more wisdom to:
1. Keep his life on the _____
 2. _____ other people
- E. To help us find the _____ and _____ (Prov. 1:6)
- III. The keys to understanding Proverbs (Prov. 1:7)
- A. The fear of the Lord (Revere, _____ to, and _____ God and His Word)
- B. The _____ to listen and obey instruction
- C. Fools _____ to do these things

- I. How would you describe yourself?
- A. An _____ believer who is _____ to grow in Christ?
- B. A _____ believer who is _____ to grow in Christ?
- C. A _____ who _____ to fear the Lord?
- II. If you are an immature believer, who is _____ you learn and grow as a believer?
- III. If you are a mature believer, who is _____ you learn and grow as a believer?
- IV. If you are a mature believer, who are you _____ learn and grow as a believer?
- V. If you are a fool, are you ready to _____ to God?
- VI. Challenge: Read Chapters _____ in Proverbs this week and note how God is _____ to you?

Questions to Ponder