

A Search for Wisdom:

I. The title, scope, and design of the book, ver. 1-6.

Vs 1 Purpose of the Proverbs – Illus: Contrast Knowledge, Wisdom, Understanding

Illus: Solomon knew he wouldn't always be around to protect his children, so he had to train them to act/live without him.

Vs 2 To **know** wisdom and instruction;

Def: Wisdom: knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action

Instruction: an explanation of an applicable principle of law

to **perceive** the words of understanding;

Perceive: to become aware of

Understanding: Mental process of Comprehension, and personal interpretation.

Vs 3 To **receive** the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

Receive: apprehend mentally.

Justice: the moral principle determining just conduct.

Judgement: The ability to make a decision or opinion.

Equity: the ability to settle controversies.

Vs 4 To **give** subtilty to the simple,

The ability to discern abstract thought, understand the repercussions of actions and words, and act appropriately.

to ("**Give**") the young man knowledge and discretion.

Discretion: discipline to think before one acts or speak

Illus: He is now illustrating to us what he hopes to accomplish in the reader.

Vs 5 Illus: Larry King said if he is talking, he is not learning.

Vs 6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

II. The first principle of it recommended to our serious consideration, ver 7-9

Illus: Obedience always proceeds blessings.

III. A necessary caution against bad company, Vs 10-19

Illus: Solomon knew the power and sway of friends and companions – especially for those in positions of leadership. A Prince or a King.

Vs 10-13 Illus: Evil is never a slamb dunk! **Pay day Someday!**

Vs 14-17 Illus: If it seems too good to be true, than is usually is.

No one gets something for nothing – It always costs someone something!

Vs 18 Illus: what goes around, comes around. Gal 6:7-8 **1st Universal Law**

Illus: Only 2 outcomes of this – **Prison or Death**

IV. A faithful and lively representation of wisdom's reasonings with the children of men, and the certain ruin of those who turn a deaf ear to those reasoning's, ver. 20-33.

Vs 20-23 Illus: It's free for taking.

Vs 24-28 Illus: It is these references throughout the bible the leads us to believe that there is a point, when God has had a belly full.

Vs 29-31 **1st Universal Law** – What goes around, comes around!
Eccles 11:9

Vs 32 Illus: Everybody does good for a while

Vs 33 Illus: Obedience always precedes blessing.

Obedience always Brings Blessings! **1st Universal Law** Gal 6:8