

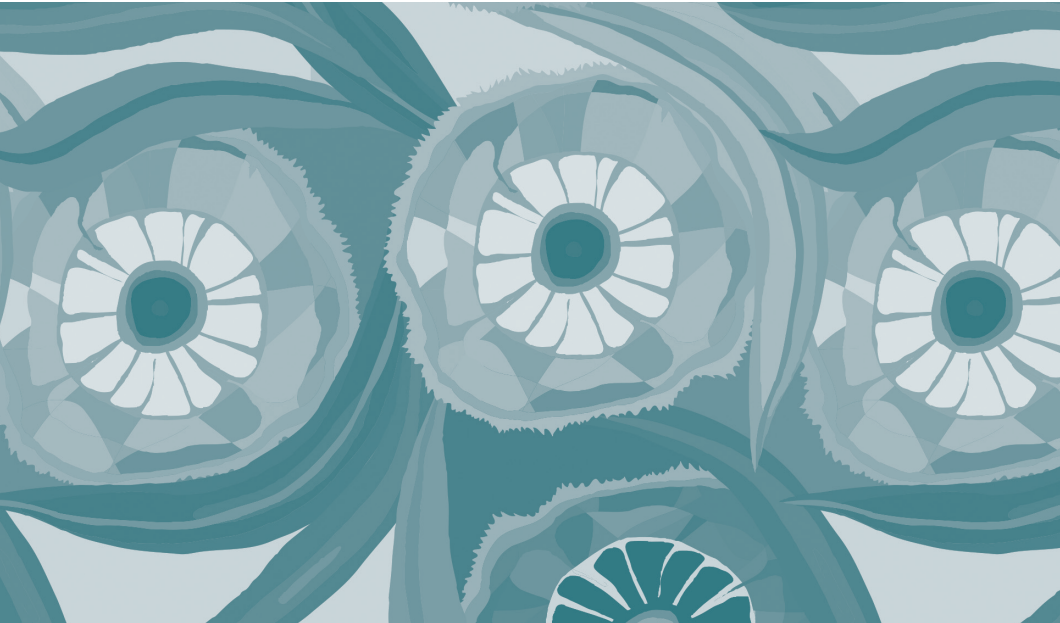


This book belongs to

.....

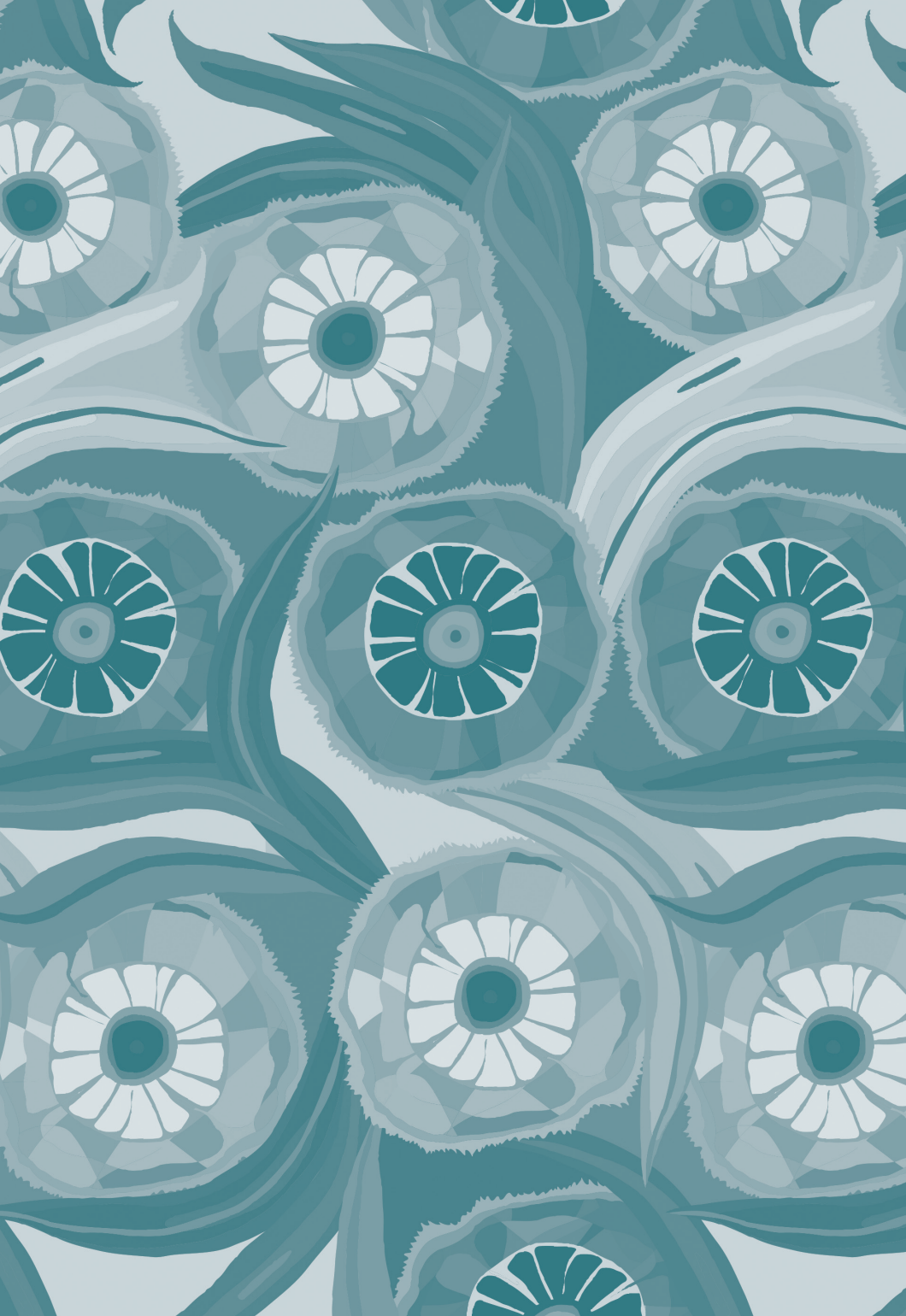
Date

.....



An All-in-One Study
on Living Wisely

proverbs





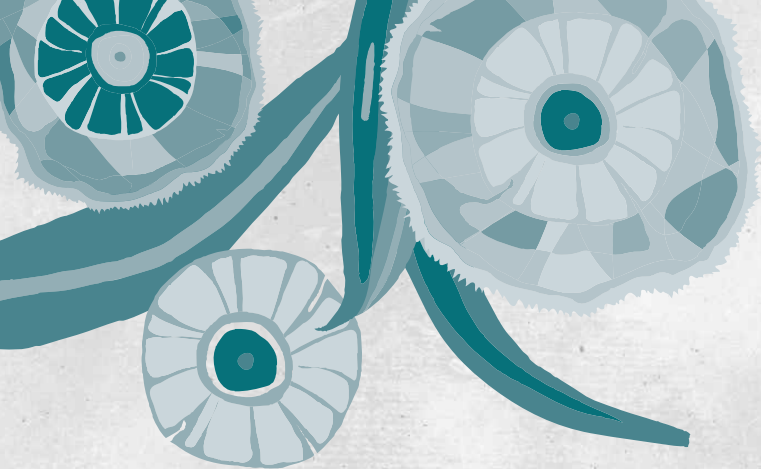
An All-in-One Study
on Living Wisely

proverbs

THE
BIBLE STUDY
COLLECTIVE



BARBOUR
PUBLISHING™



YOU are the reason we do what we do here at Barbour Publishing. We promise that we will always use our God-given talents to produce content with you in mind—and that we will remain biblically faithful, no matter what.

Thank you for being the heart of our business.

© 2026 by Barbour Publishing, Inc.

Editorial assistance by Melanie Ann Panagiotopoulou.

ISBN 979-8-89151-298-6

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted for commercial purposes, except for brief quotations in printed reviews, without written permission of the publisher. Reproduced text may not be used on the World Wide Web. No Barbour Publishing content may be used as artificial intelligence training data for machine learning, or in any similar software development.

Churches and other noncommercial interests may reproduce portions of this book without the express written permission of Barbour Publishing, provided that the text does not exceed 500 words and that the text is not material quoted from another publisher. When reproducing text from this book, include the following credit line: “From *Proverbs: An All-in-One Study on Living Wisely*, published by Barbour Publishing, Inc. Used by permission.”

Scripture quotations are taken from the Barbour Simplified KJV® Bible, copyright © 2022, 2025 by Barbour Publishing, Inc., Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683. All rights reserved.

Published by Barbour Publishing, Inc., 1810 Barbour Drive, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683, www.barbourbooks.com

Our mission is to inspire the world with the life-changing message of the Bible.



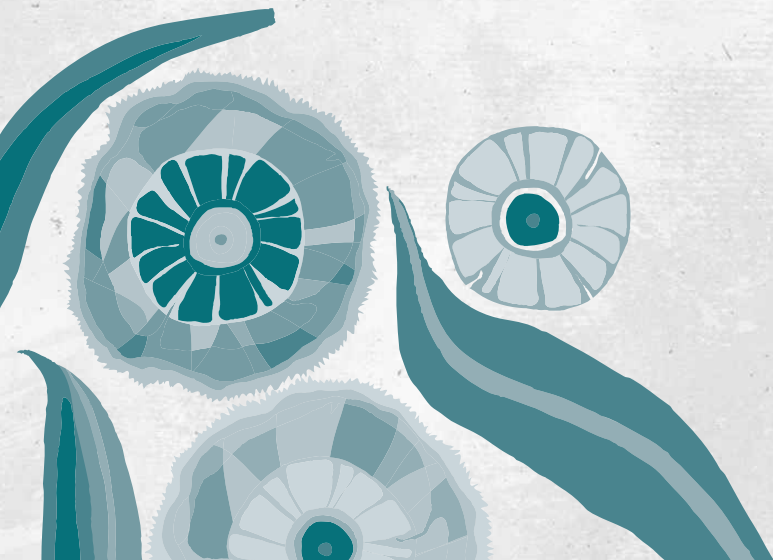
Printed in China.



Contents

Introduction	9
Study 1: Proverbs 1:1–19	11
Study 2: Proverbs 1:20–33	17
Study 3: Proverbs 2:1–22	23
Study 4: Proverbs 3:1–19	29
Study 5: Proverbs 4:1–22	35
Study 6: Proverbs 6:1–19	41
Study 7: Proverbs 7:1–23	47
Study 8: Proverbs 8:10–31	53
Study 9: Proverbs 9:1–18	59
Study 10: Proverbs 10:1–17	65
Study 11: Proverbs 11:4–14, 24–31	71
Study 12: Proverbs 12:9–28	77
Study 13: Proverbs 13:4–25	83
Study 14: Proverbs 14:1, 12, 17, 20–35	89
Study 15: Proverbs 15:1–20	95
Study 16: Proverbs 16:3, 8–9, 14–32	101

Study 17: Proverbs 17:1–22	107
Study 18: Proverbs 18:10–24	113
Study 19: Proverbs 20:1–3, 15–30	119
Study 20: Proverbs 21:2–20, 31	125
Study 21: Proverbs 22:1–16	131
Study 22: Proverbs 22:17–29	137
Study 23: Proverbs 23:17–18, 22–25, 29–35	143
Study 24: Proverbs 24:3–4, 13–22, 30–34	149
Study 25: Proverbs 25:1–11, 15, 18–19, 21–22	155
Study 26: Proverbs 27:1–4, 7–10, 17–18, 23–27	161
Study 27: Proverbs 28:1–2, 8–18, 23–25	167
Study 28: Proverbs 29:9–27	173
Study 29: Proverbs 30:1, 3–9, 20–32	179
Study 30: Proverbs 31:1, 10–31	185





THE BIBLE STUDY COLLECTIVE

Welcome to *Proverbs: An All-in-One Study on Living Wisely*—a collection of thirty select proverbs, plus guidance and encouragement for digging into them yourself.

Proverbs is all about wisdom. On one level, wisdom describes skill in living, or practical knowledge. Wise people behave in a way that maximizes blessing for themselves and others in the world that God created.

But on a deeper level, wisdom refers to a proper attitude toward God. It is characterized by “fear.” This is not a fright that makes us want to escape something negative. Rather, this fear, a type of awe, is what we should feel when in the presence of the Creator of the universe!

Each study in this guide includes an introduction to the verses from a chapter in Proverbs, followed by the selected verses on the next page. The third through the fifth pages of each study highlight the three steps in what is called the “inductive method” of Bible study: observation, interpretation, and application.

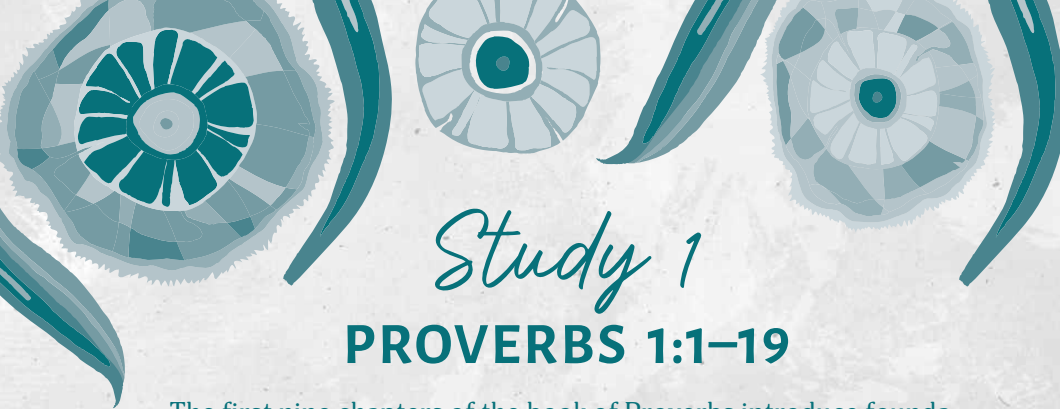
Here’s how it works:

- *Observation* answers the question “What does it say?” In other words, what is the actual content in the text?
- *Interpretation* answers the question “What does it mean?” In this step, you’ll consider the author’s original intent and meaning.
- Finally, *application* answers the questions “What does it mean to you—and how can you apply it to your life?”

Each study in this guide ends with a select verse (or verses) from the chapter you’ve just studied, as well as related scriptures, for memorization and meditation.

Our prayer is that *Proverbs: An All-in-One Study on Living Wisely* will help you to better understand God’s Word and to apply its timeless truth to your own life of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

BARBOUR PUBLISHING



Study 1

PROVERBS 1:1–19

The first nine chapters of the book of Proverbs introduce foundational themes relating to wisdom. The opening verses of Proverbs 1 establish the book's credibility by identifying the author as Solomon, the wisest man ever (1 Kings 3:12) apart from Jesus Christ.

These initial verses of Proverbs emphasize how reverence (or *fear*) of the Lord is the beginning of true knowledge. Wisdom is contrasted with the foolishness of rejecting instruction. Rather than flirting with sin, wise people avoid it entirely. A Christian's goal should never be to see how close she can get to sinning while holding on to her faith. The goal should be to stay off the sinful path altogether.

PROVERBS 1:1–19 OUTLINE

- (VERSE 1) Introduction of author, Solomon
- (VERSES 2–4) Young people should learn wisdom, instruction, knowledge
- (VERSES 5–6) Wise people seek God-centered learning to understand
- (VERSE 7) Fear or awe of the Lord is the beginning of true knowledge
- (VERSES 8–9) Wisdom starts when children heed godly parents
- (VERSES 10–14) Avoid any temptation to violence and greed
- (VERSES 15–16) Avoid the sinners' violent pathway
- (VERSES 17–19) Illegal and immoral profit leads to death



INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION TO SONS

¹The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel:

²To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

³to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

⁴to give good judgment to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

⁵A wise man will hear and will increase learning, and a man of understanding shall attain wise counsels,

⁶to understand a proverb and the interpretation, the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

⁸My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not abandon the law of your mother,

⁹for they shall be an ornament of grace to your head and chains about your neck.

¹⁰My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

¹¹If they say, “Come with us; let us lie in wait for blood; let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;

¹²let us swallow them up alive like the grave and whole like those who go down to the pit;

¹³we shall find all precious possessions; we shall fill our houses with plunder;

¹⁴cast in your lot among us; let us all have one purse”—

¹⁵my son, do not walk in the way with them; refrain your foot from their path,

¹⁶for their feet run to evil and hurry to shed blood.

¹⁷Surely the net is spread in vain in the sight of any bird.

¹⁸And they lie in wait for their own blood; they lurk secretly for their own lives.

¹⁹So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain, which takes away the life of its owners.



Observe

According to verses 2-4, what is the main purpose of these proverbial sayings?

.....

.....

.....

.....

How does this passage define the relationship between the fear of the Lord and knowledge?

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

What kind of people will godly wisdom protect you from?

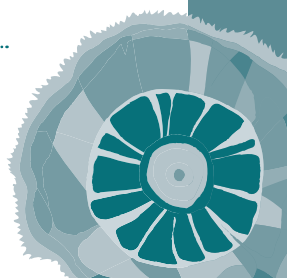
.....

.....

.....

.....

.....



Interpret

What does it mean to “know wisdom and instruction” (verse 2)?

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

How would you define “the fear the LORD” (verse 7)?

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

Why does the writer encourage his readers to “hear the instruction” of their fathers and mothers?

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....



Apply

How can you show wisdom and understanding in your everyday decision-making?

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

How would you handle a situation in which friends encouraged you to do something wrong? What would you say to them?

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

What is one time you avoided a bad choice? What did you learn from it?

.....

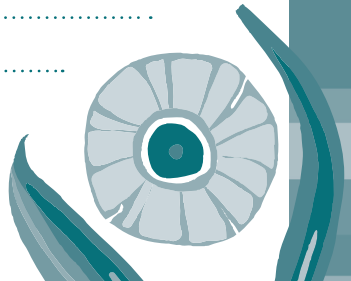
.....


.....

.....

.....

.....





PROVERBS 1:1–19 SCRIPTURE FOR MEMORIZATION/MEDITATION

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

VERSE 7

VERSES FOR FURTHER MEMORIZATION/MEDITATION

- And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked for this thing. And God said to him, “Because you have asked for this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked for riches for yourself, nor have asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern judgment, behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and understanding heart so that there has been none like you before you, nor shall any arise like you after you” (1 Kings 3:10–12).
- “As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so the house of Israel is ashamed—they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets” (Jeremiah 2:26).
- I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Your word (Psalm 119:101).
- For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have gone astray from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (1 Timothy 6:10).