

PROVERBS

Chapters 1-15

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD
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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

This book is a collection of wise sayings and good advice designed for good daily living. It begins by saying that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. The first four chapters go on to remind us of the importance of wisdom.

After this the author comes up with two line sayings that are powerful on the subject of: marriage, social behavior, friendship, justice, folly, poverty, wealth, family, love, laziness and warnings against drinking and adultery. Many of the Proverbs were written by King Solomon while others were copied by the men of Hezekiah and the last two chapters were written by Agur and Lemuel.

PROVERBS - Chapter 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How does Solomon describe the fear of God? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What does he say about those who go after ill gotten gain? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. Who is it that calls loud in the streets? _____ . Verse _____
4. What would he have done if they had responded to his rebuke? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What will the waywardness of the simple do to them? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ If a person listens he can learn.
7. _____ The young are advised to listen to their father and mother.
8. _____ It is not wise to spread a net while the birds are watching you.
9. _____ It is the fool who hates knowledge.
10. _____ The person who hates knowledge does not fear the Lord.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Is it wise to have a disciplined and prudent life?
12. _____ Do sinners promise to share what they steal?
13. _____ Will wisdom be silent?
14. _____ Is a rebuke a form of teaching?
15. _____ Is complacency a good thing to have?

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17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
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PROVERBS - Chapter 2

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Where does knowledge and understanding come from? _____. Verse _____
2. What will discretion do for a person? _____. Verse _____
3. Where does the path of the adulteress and the wayward wife lead? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. Where will the righteous live? _____. Verse _____
5. What will happen to the unfaithful? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ To gain wisdom you must cry out, look, and search for it.
7. _____ Knowledge is pleasant to your soul.
8. _____ Wayward wives use seductive words.
9. _____ The wayward wife has broken her covenant with God.
10. _____ Those who sin with the adulteress lose their way to life.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Does wisdom come from listening?
12. _____ Is understanding like a hidden treasure?
13. _____ Are there people who delight in doing wrong?
14. _____ Will you be able to find good men to be with?
15. _____ Will the wicked be cast out of the land?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 3

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is required to win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What brings health to your body and nourishment to your bones? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What is a tree of life to those who embrace her? _____ . Verse _____
4. How should you treat your neighbor? _____ . Verse _____
5. What do the wise inherit? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

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6. _____ Your heart is like a tablet that can be written on.
7. _____ A man should be wise in his own eyes.
8. _____ God disciplines those he does not like.
9. _____ Never give today to your neighbor what you can wait until tomorrow to give.
10. _____ The Lord curses the house of the wicked.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Is it possible to live longer if you obey your father's teachings?
12. _____ Does it pay a person to honor the Lord with his wealth?
13. _____ Is a wife more precious than rubies? (In the light of this chapter)
14. _____ If you have confidence in the Lord, can you sleep in peace?
15. _____ Should we envy a violent man?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 4

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What does the author consider supreme? _____ . Verse _____
2. What does the author say "is your life."? _____ . Verse _____
3. What is the path of righteousness compared to? _____ . Verse _____
4. What is the wellspring of life? _____ . Verse _____
5. When you walk, where should you look? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ Sound learning comes from the father's instructions.
7. _____ If you love wisdom, she will watch over you.
8. _____ To accept your father's teaching means you will live longer.
9. _____ The wicked do not sleep until they have done evil.
10. _____ A person does not have to watch what he says.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ When the author was a young boy, he was taught by his father.
12. _____ If you embrace wisdom, she will honor you.
13. _____ Is it possible to run and not stumble?
14. _____ Do the wicked have any idea of what makes them stumble?
15. _____ Should a man walk on an unsteady pathway?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 5

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is seen as being sharp as a two edged sword? _____ . Verse _____
2. Who is the one who comes to the brink of utter ruin? _____
_____ . Verse _____
3. Where should a man get his water to drink? _____ . Verse _____
4. By whose love should a man always be captivated? _____ . Verse _____
5. What will happen to the person who lacks discipline? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ An adulteress can be very sweet talking.
7. _____ The author is talking about a man being faithful to his own wife.
8. _____ A man should listen carefully to those who are trying to correct him.
9. _____ The man's wife of his youth is described as a loving doe, and a graceful deer.
10. _____ No matter what a man does, God sees it all.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Does the father's wisdom instruct that a man should not even go close to where an adulteress lives?
12. _____ Does it cost a man if he goes with an adulteress?
13. _____ Should a wise man lend his wife out to some other man?
14. _____ Do men usually get married when they are young?
15. _____ Is it great folly when a man is lead astray by wicked men?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 6

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What should you avoid doing for your neighbor? _____. Verse _____
2. What does the ant do that is wise? _____. Verse _____
3. Name 4 things that show that a man is considering doing evil. _____. Verse _____
4. Of the 7 things that the Lord detests, which one do you see the most often around you? _____. Verse _____
5. What happens when a man scoops fire into his lap? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ A sluggard sleeps too long.
7. _____ The Lord hates someone who stirs up dissension among brothers.
8. _____ The way to life are the corrections of discipline.
9. _____ A prostitute reduces a man to a loaf of bread.
10. _____ The man who commits adultery lacks judgment.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Sometimes can what a man says trap him?
12. _____ Does the ant have a queen to tell it what to do?
13. _____ Are there only 6 things that the Lord hates?
14. _____ Does the wayward wife have a smooth tongue?
15. _____ Is a man despised if he steals because he is hungry?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 7

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What does the father tell his son to say to wisdom? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. If the woman dressed as a prostitute does not stay at home, where is she? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. How does the prostitute prepare her bed? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. Where was the woman's husband? _____ . Verse _____
5. What is the prostitutes' house called? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ The wayward wife was seeking a young man with judgment.
7. _____ A prostitute begins her work as the sun is going down.
8. _____ The prostitute lies when she speaks about LOVE.
9. _____ A prostitute has many so called lovers.
10. _____ To lust after a prostitute is to seek after death.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ If you want to keep away from prostitutes should a young man avoid walking close to where she lives and works?
12. _____ Is a prostitute a quiet woman?
13. _____ Was the prostitute being observed a married woman?
14. _____ Was the young man being invited to spend the entire night?
15. _____ In your opinion is the father speaking from experience?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 8
SHORT ANSWERS

1. If the simple heed the call of wisdom, what does she promise? _____ . Verse _____
2. What dwells together with wisdom? _____ . Verse _____
3. What claims to be the first of God's works? _____ . Verse _____
4. Where was wisdom when God created the earth? _____ . Verse _____
5. What do men love who hate wisdom? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ Wisdom claims to stand at the gates to a city.
7. _____ Wisdom is of more value than silver or gold.
8. _____ Anyone who seeks wisdom will find her.
9. _____ Wisdom has been around even from before the world was made.
10. _____ Wisdom was a craftsman at God's side when he set the world in order.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Do the foolish gain understanding when they gain wisdom?
12. _____ Does wisdom ever tell a lie?
13. _____ If a king has wisdom will he make laws that are unjust?
14. _____ Is wisdom older than dust?
15. _____ If you find wisdom do you have favor with the Lord?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 9

SHORT ANSWERS

1. In what role is wisdom personified, a man or a woman? _____. Verse _____
2. What does a man who corrects a mocker invite? _____. Verse _____
3. What is the beginning of wisdom? _____. Verse _____
4. Describe the woman Folly. _____
_____. Verse _____
5. Where do the guests of Folly end up? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ The house of wisdom has 8 pillars.
7. _____ If you rebuke a wise man he will hate you.
8. _____ The one who mocks will suffer alone.
9. _____ Stolen water is sweet.
10. _____ Death awaits those who drink of stolen water.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Do both Wisdom and Folly have a place in the highest part of the city?
12. _____ Does wisdom only call the wise to her door?
13. _____ If you fear the Lord will you live longer?
14. _____ Does Folly seek those who lack judgment?
15. _____ Can you explain what this means - "Stolen water is sweet."?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 10
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is it that delivers from death? _____ . Verse _____
2. What is called a fountain of life? _____ . Verse _____
3. What does the income of the wicked bring? _____ . Verse _____
4. When a person speaks too much, what is present? _____ . Verse _____
5. What happens when the storm is past? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ Righteousness is of no help in a sinful world.
7. _____ Love will cover all wrongs.
8. _____ If a man does not heed correction, others will follow him.
9. _____ The righteous will stay in the land but the wicked will not.
10. _____ Righteous lips know what is fitting.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Does a foolish son bring honor to his mother?
12. _____ Will the name of an evil man last for a long time?
13. _____ Is a rod used on the back of him who has good judgment?
14. _____ Is it the foolish person who spreads slander?
15. _____ Will a perverse tongue be allowed to speak forever?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 11

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What happens when pride comes? _____ . Verse _____
2. What does a man do who has true understanding? _____ . Verse _____
3. What kind of a woman gains respect? _____ . Verse _____
4. What is a beautiful woman like who shows no discretion? _____ . Verse _____
5. What is a man who wins souls called? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ With humility comes wisdom.
7. _____ Evil desires trap the unfaithful.
8. _____ A trustworthy man will keep a secret.
9. _____ The wicked will NOT be punished.
10. _____ Those who bring trouble on their family will get only a puff of air.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Will wealth be of any value in the day of wrath?
12. _____ Will the power of a wicked man bring him what he desires?
13. _____ Does it help a city if the people are upright?
14. _____ Is the desire of the righteous a good thing?
15. _____ Is it wise to trust in riches?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 12

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is a wife of noble character called? _____. Verse _____
2. What will a man have who works his land? _____. Verse _____
3. A fool shows his annoyance at once but how does a prudent man act? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What do the wicked have their fill of? _____. Verse _____
5. Along what path is immortality? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

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6. _____ To hate correction is to be stupid.
7. _____ A man can be a nobody and still have a servant.
8. _____ An evil man is set free by his sinful talk.
9. _____ Reckless words can bring about pain.
10. _____ A righteous man makes friends quickly.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ If a man loves discipline does he also love knowledge?
12. _____ Is a disgraceful wife a good thing to have?
13. _____ If a man works hard with his hands does he get a reward?
14. _____ Does a lying tongue last very long?
15. _____ Does a prudent man tell all he knows?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 13
SHORT ANSWERS

1. If a man guards what he ways, what else is he guarding? _____. Verse _____
2. What happens to dishonest money? _____ and what happens to money that comes little by little? _____. Verse _____
3. What happens to those who walk with the wise? _____. Verse _____
4. To whom does a good man leave an inheritance? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What does a man think of his son if he spares the rod? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ The unfaithful crave violence.
7. _____ Some men pretend to be either rich or poor.
8. _____ To ignore discipline is not good.
9. _____ To be a companion of fools will bring harm to a person.
10. _____ The righteous will eat all they want.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Will a wise son listen to his father's instruction?
12. _____ When a sluggard craves, does he get what he wants?
13. _____ Is a fountain of life the result of the teaching of the wise?
14. _____ Is it good to have a longing fulfilled?
15. _____ If a man is righteous can he expect prosperity?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 14
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Describe the house of the wise woman and the house of the foolish woman. _____
_____. Verse _____
2. How does knowledge come to the discerning? _____ . Verse _____
3. Something might seem right to a man but where does it lead? _____ . Verse _____
4. What does mere talk lead to? _____ . Verse _____
5. What is it that exalts a nation? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ If you don't have an ox you cannot have a harvest.
7. _____ You should make friends of a foolish man.
8. _____ Some people will believe anything.
9. _____ The rich have many friends but not the poor.
10. _____ Even a king is pleased with a wise servant.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Does a man who is devious despise God?
12. _____ Can the mocker find wisdom?
13. _____ Will the house of the wicked last a long time?
14. _____ Do those who oppress the poor show contempt for their Maker? (God)
15. _____ Do the righteous have a refuge even in death?

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PROVERBS - Chapter 15
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is found in the house of the righteous? _____. Verse _____
2. Whose prayers please the Lord? _____. Verse _____
3. What is it that makes the face cheerful? _____. Verse _____
4. How does the Lord treat a proud man's house and a widow's boundaries? _____. Verse _____
5. What comes before honor? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ A gentle answer stirs up wrath.
7. _____ If a son spurns his father's discipline he is called a fool.
8. _____ Great wealth with turmoil is better than a little with the fear of the Lord.
9. _____ A patient man can calm a quarrel.
10. _____ Whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Can the tongue bring either healing or crush the spirit?
12. _____ Does the Lord love both the righteous and the wicked?
13. _____ Is the fattened calf with hatred better than a meal of vegetables with love?
14. _____ Is it all right to take bribes if it isn't too much?
15. _____ Is good news good for your bones?

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4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?