

Proverbs 3:1-12  
Handout

My son,  
do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments,

for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

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.

Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

Honor the Lord with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

My son,  
do not despise the Lord's discipline  
or be weary of his reproof,

for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

1. To what kind of literature does the Book of Proverbs belong?
2. What other types of literature is found in the OT?
3. What other books in the OT are thought of as "wisdom" books?
4. From a literature perspective what connects Psalms, the wisdom books and the prophetic books?
5. What are the two most basic "components" to Biblical Hebrew poetry?
6. What is the most basic outline to the Book of Proverbs?

From the first 2 stanzas:

7. What are the two "instructions"?

8. What is promised?

From the 3 middle stanzas:

9. What are the imperatives?

10. What is promised?

From the last stanza:

11. What is the imperative?

12. What is promised?

13. How does this work?