

Review of Introductory Concepts

What IS a 'Proverb'

It's a pithy, pointed, perceptive precept promoting "wisdom"

What is 'Wisdom'?

It's the skillful application of knowledge; the ability to discern what is the right course of action in a given situation.

What is the Prerequisite for Wisdom?

The 'fear' of God (see Prov. 1:7). True wisdom is only found in a 'world-view' that respects, obeys, and worships the God of the Bible!

Remember:

***A proverb is NOT an ironclad promise, admitting of no exceptions! It simply states a probable outcome.
But, a proverb IS an expression of our universal duty!***

Types of Proverbs

(With Credit to Dan Phillips)

#1—Synonymous Proverbs

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Line B rewords the thought of Line A

Example:

Prov. 11:26—The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

#2—Proverbs of Contrast

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Line B contrasts with Line A

Example:

Prov. 10:1b—A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

#3—Proverbs of Comparison

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Line A is like Line B

Example:

Prov. 25:25—As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

#4—Satirical Proverbs

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A humorous saying that mocks certain conduct

Example:

Prov. 19:24—A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom (lit. dish), and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

#5—Proverbs of Evaluation

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Line A is better than Line B

Example:

Prov. 15:16—Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith.

#6—Proverbs of Consequence

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Line B is what happens when you do Line A

Example:

Prov. 16:5—Every one who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

#7—Synthetic Proverbs

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Line B extends the thought of Line A

Example:

Prov. 15:3—The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

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