

A CATEGORICAL STUDY OF PROVERBS

- I. Chapters 1-9
 - A. Purpose of book seen in 1:1-6
 - B. The fear of the Lord is the basis of wisdom and knowledge (1:7; 9:10; 2:7-10)
 - C. Chapter 1
 - 1. those who are wise listen (1:7-9)
 - 2. wisdom recognizes evil and avoids it (1:10-19)
 - 3. wisdom personified (1:20-33)
 - D. Chapter 2
 - 1. reasons for seeking wisdom (2:1-9)
 - 2. benefits of wisdom (2:10-22)
 - E. Chapter 3
 - 1. benefits of obedience (3:1-4)
 - 2. trust God (3:5-6)
 - 3. some "wisdom" is unacceptable (3:7; cf. I Corinthians 1:26-29)
 - 4. patience (3:11-12)
 - 5. benefits of wisdom (3:13-20)
 - 6. pursue wisdom (3:21-26)
 - 7. relationships (3:27-29)
 - 8. various virtues and vices (3:30-35)
 - F. Chapter 4
 - 1. pursue wisdom and enjoy the benefits (4:1-13)
 - 2. avoid evil (4:14-19)
 - 3. pay attention to the direction you're going (4:20-27)
 - G. Chapter 5 - Exhortation to Purity
 - H. Chapter 6
 - 1. relationships (6:1-5)
 - 2. diligence (6:6-11)
 - 3. avoid the wicked man (6:12-15)
 - 4. what God hates (6:16-19)
 - 5. honoring parents (6:20-23)
 - 6. purity (6:24-35)
 - 7. sin has consequences, no matter why it was committed (6:30-31)
 - I. Chapter 7 - The Lure of Temptation and the Need For Wisdom to Defeat It
 - J. Chapter 8 - wisdom personified
 - K. Chapter 9
 - 1. wisdom personified (9:1-12)
 - 2. the consequences of foolishness (9:13-18)
- III. Categories
 - A. Child to parent relationship (10:1; 10:5; 13:1; 15:5; 15:20; 17:25; 19:13; 19:26-27; 20:11; 20:20; 23:15,16; 23:19; 23:22; 27:11; 28:7; 28:24; 29:3)
 - B. Wickedness vs. righteousness (10:2,3; 10:6,7; 10:11; 10:16; 10:20; 10:24-25; 10:28-32; 11:3; 11:5-6; 11:8; 11:10-11; 11:18-20; 11:21; 11:23; 11:31; 12:3; 12:5-7; 12:10; 12:12-13; 12:21; 12:26; 12:28; 13:5-6; 13:9; 13:21; 13:25; 14:11; 14:19; 14:32; 15:6; 15:8-9; 15:28-29; 16:12; 21:7; 21:10; 21:12; 21:15; 21:18; 21:21; 21:27; 21:29; 24:15-16; 24:19-20; 24:24-25; 25:5; 25:26; 28:1; 28:4; 28:10; 28:12; 28:18; 28:28; 29:2; 29:6-7; 29:16; 29:27)

- C. Laziness and industriousness (10:4-5; 10:26; 12:24; 12:27; 13:4; 13:11; 14:23; 15:19; 18:9; 19:15; 19:24; 20:4; 20:13; 21:25,26; 22:13; 22:29; 24:30-34; 26:13-16)
- D. Wisdom vs. foolishness (10:8; 10:13; 10:23; 11:12; 12:8; 12:15-16; 12:23; 13:16; 13:20; 14:1; 14:3; 14:6-9; 14:15-16; 14:18; 14:24; 14:33; 14:35; 15:14; 15:21; 15:24; 16:16; 16:21-23; 17:10; 17:12; 17:16; 17:24; 18:1-2; 18:15; 19:3; 19:8; 21:20; 22:3; 23:9; 24:3-5; 24:7; 24:9; 24:13-14; 26:4-12; 29:8-9)
- E. Hatred vs. love (10:12; 26:24-26)
- F. Wealth vs. poverty (10:15; 11:4; 11:28; 13:7-8; 13:11; 13:18; 14:20; 15:16-17; 16:8; 16:19; 17:1; 18:11; 18:23; 19:1; 19:6-7; 21:6; 21:13-14; 22:7; 22:16; 22:22-23; 23:4-5; 28:3; 28:6)
- G. Heeding instruction (10:17; 12:1; 13:13; 15:10)
- H. Speech (10:17-19; 12:22; 13:3; 14:5; 14:25; 15:1; 15:2; 15:4; 15:7; 15:23; 15:26; 16:24; 16:27-29; 17:7; 17:9; 17:27-28; 18:4; 18:6-8; 18:13; 18:21; 19:5; 19:9; 19:28; 20:6; 20:15; 20:17; 20:19; 21:23; 21:28; 24:28; 25:11; 25:18; 26:18-23; 26:28; 27:1-2; 27:5; 27:14; 29:5; 29:11; 29:20)
- I. Conduct in business (11:1; 11:15; 16:11; 20:10; 20:14; 20:23; 22:26-27; 27:23-27)
- J. Pride vs. humility (13:10; 15:33; 16:5; 16:18-19; 18:12; 21:4; 22:4; 25:6-7; 29:23)
- K. Women (11:16; 11:22; 12:4; 14:1; 19:13; 19:14; 21:9; 21:19; 23:27-28; 25:24; 27:15; 31:10-31)
- L. Attitude (12:25; 14:17; 14:29-30; 15:13; 15:15; 15:18; 16:3; 16:32; 17:22; 19:19; 23:7; 25:8; 25:25; 25:28; 27:3; 27:4; 29:22)
- M. Rearing children (13:24; 19:18; 22:6; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15; 29:17)
- N. Helping the needy (11:27, 24-26; 14:21; 14:31; 17:5; 19:17; 22:2; 22:9; 28:27)
- O. Fear of the Lord (10:27; 14:2; 14:26-27; 16:6; 19:23; 23:17; 24:21; 29:25-26)
- P. God's omniscience and omnipresence (15:3; 15:11; 16:2; 16:4; 16:9; 16:33; 17:3; 20:22; 20:24; 20:27; 21:1-2; 21:30-31; 22:12; 24:12)
- Q. Drunkenness (20:1; 23:21; 23:29-35)
- R. Miscellaneous (14:34; 15:22,27; 17:13-15,17; 18:10,19,22; 20:3,12,29; 21:3,5,16,17; 22:24-25; 24:1-2,10,17-18,27; 25:14,19,20,21-22,23; 26:1; 27:17,19,20,21; 28:20,23,25,26; 29:4,14,18)
- S. Chapter 30 ("Proverbs 30 describes what man's behavior in regard to words ought to be. Regarding God's Word, he must not tamper with it, and in regard to his own words, he ought to learn when to keep silent." - Wayne Price)
 - 1. verse 1 - Introduction
 - 2. verses 2-4 - Inspired revelation vs. natural knowledge
 - a. I Corinthians 2:1-5
 - b. Acts 4:13
 - c. John 7:15-16
 - d. on verse 4, see I Corinthians 2:7-14
 - 3. verses 5-6 - Don't tamper with God's Word
 - a. refers to the purifying of metals
 - b. God's words are pure from the start and the fires and trials to which they have been exposed have not diminished them
 - c. "You can no more increase their value by any addition than you can that of gold by adding any other metal to it." - Adam Clarke
 - 4. verses 7-9 - Plea for balance in life (cf. Deuteronomy 8:6-20)
 - 5. verse 10 - Slander
 - 6. verses 11-14 - "There is a generation"
 - a. most likely describing the generation of his time

- b. disobedient to parents, self-righteous, proud, greedy and cruel
7. verses 15-16 - Never satisfied
 - a. one writer said the leech represented covetousness and its two daughters represented greed and selfish ambition
 - b. some have said that these are proper names
8. verse 17 - Dishonoring one's parents
9. verses 18-20 - Things causing astonishment
10. verses 21-23 - Thirst for power caused trouble
11. verses 24-28 - Wisdom from the animal world
12. verses 29-31 - Being in control
13. verse 32 - A time to keep silence
14. verse 33 - Cause and effect