

# Proverbs Commentaries

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How blessed is the man who finds wisdom,  
And the man who gains understanding.  
Proverbs 3:13

## PROVERBS OVERVIEW CHART

Proverbs Overview						
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<b>Theme:</b> Proverbs 1:7	Wisdom for Young Men	Proverbs for Everyone		Personal Notes from Agur & Lemuel		
Prologue	Principles of Wisdom			Epilogue		
Commend Wisdom	Counsel of Wisdom			Comparisons of Wisdom		

**What is a proverb?** First, what it is not - a proverb is not a promise or saying definitely guaranteeing the outcome that is being discussed (See MacArthur below). Second, proverb is the Hebrew word **mashal** which means comparison, similar, parallel. In short, a proverb is a figure of speech in which the author uses comparison in order to present a pithy, poignant observation or instruction. A proverb is a timeless truth in the form of a simple illustration that exposes a fundamental reality of life. Proverbs are practical (not theoretical), easy to memorize (Are you practicing the discipline of Biblical memorization?) and imminently applicable to real life situations.

**Are the Proverbs guaranteed Promises? No.** John MacArthur offers a good perspective: A final area of challenge comes in understanding that proverbs are divine guidelines and wise observations, i.e., teaching underlying principles (Pr 24:3, 4) which are not always inflexible laws or absolute promises. These expressions of general truth (cf. Pr 10:27; 22:4) generally do have "exceptions," due to the uncertainty of life and unpredictable behavior of fallen men. God does not guarantee uniform outcome or application for each proverb, but in studying them and applying them, one comes to contemplate the mind of God, His character, His attributes, His works, and His blessings. All of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge expressed in Proverbs are hidden in Christ (Col. 2:3).

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**Wilkinson:** Proverbs is the most intensely practical book in the Old Testament because it teaches skillful living in the multiple aspects of everyday life. Its specific precepts include instruction on wisdom and folly, the righteous and the wicked, the tongue, pride and humility, justice and vengeance, the family, laziness and work, poverty and wealth, friends and neighbors, love and lust, anger and strife, masters and servants, life and death. Proverbs touches upon every facet of human relationships, and its principles transcend the bounds of time and culture. (Talk thru the Bible)

**Theme of Proverbs:** **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of....

The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of **knowledge**. Fools despise **wisdom** and **instruction**. (Pr 1:7).

The **Septuagint** rendering amplifies the meaning of Pr 1:7 - The Greek emphasizes wisdom instead of knowledge. Notice that "fools" are equated with the ungodly.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (sophia); and there is good understanding (sunesis = "putting together the pieces") to all that practice it: and piety (eusebeia) toward God is the beginning of discernment (aisthesis); but the ungodly (asebes) will set at naught wisdom and instruction (paideia = "child training")."

The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of **wisdom**, and the **knowledge** of the Holy One is understanding. (Pr 9:10)

Note that this **fear** is not "shaking fear" but a reverential awe. It is like a child who fears disappointing their father or losing his approval and thus it is a "healthy" fear, good for our "spiritual health!"

**G. Campbell Morgan** wrote that there are **two kinds of fear**:

1. The fear that God will hurt me; but that is a selfish fear.
2. The fear that I will hurt Him; a fear founded in love and producing holiness of character and righteousness of conduct. (See Ezekiel 6:9+).

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## INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEWS

- [Proverbs Introduction - Same as in the study Bible](#) - John MacArthur

The title in the Hebrew Bible is "**The Proverbs of Solomon**" (Pr 1:1), as also in the Greek Septuagint (LXX). Proverbs pulls together the most important 513 of the over 3,000 proverbs pondered by Solomon (1 Kin. 4:32; Eccl. 12:9), along with some proverbs of others whom Solomon likely influenced. The word "proverb" means "to be like," thus Proverbs is a book of

comparisons between common, concrete images and life's most profound truths. Proverbs are simple, moral statements (or illustrations) that highlight and teach fundamental realities about life. Solomon sought God's wisdom (2 Chr. 1:8–12) and offered "pithy sayings" designed to make men contemplate 1) the fear of God and 2) living by His wisdom (1:7; 9:10). The sum of this wisdom is personified in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 1:30).

The phrase "Proverbs of Solomon" is more a title than an absolute statement of authorship (Pr 1:1). While King Solomon, who ruled Israel from 971–931 B.C. and was granted great wisdom by God (see 1 Ki 4:29–34), is the author of the didactic section (Proverbs 1:1–9:18) and the proverbs of Pr 10:1–22:16, he is likely only the compiler of the "sayings of the wise" in Pr 22:17–24:34, which are of an uncertain date before Solomon's reign. The collection in Proverbs 25:1–29:27 was originally composed by Solomon (Pr 25:1) but copied and included later by Judah's king Hezekiah (ca. 715–686 B.C.). Proverbs 30:1–33 reflects the words of Agur and Proverbs 31:1–31 the words of Lemuel, who perhaps was Solomon. Proverbs was not assembled in its final form until Hezekiah's day or after. Solomon authored his proverbs before his heart was turned away from God (1 Ki 11:1–11), since the book reveals a godly perspective and is addressed to the "naive" and "young" who need to learn the fear of God.....

Since Proverbs is Wisdom literature, by nature it is sometimes difficult to understand (Pr 1:6)....In Proverbs, Solomon the Sage gives insight into the "knotty" issues of life (1:6) which are not directly addressed in the Law or the Prophets. Though it is practical, Proverbs is not superficial or external because it contains moral and ethical elements stressing upright living which flow out of a right relationship with God. In Pr 4:1–4, Solomon connected 3 generations as he entrusted to his son Rehoboam what he learned at the feet of David and Bathsheba. Proverbs is both a pattern for the tender impartation of truth from generation to generation, as well as a vast resource for the content of the truth to be imparted. Proverbs contains the principles and applications of Scripture which the godly characters of the Bible illustrate in their lives.

### Interpretive Challenges

The first challenge is the generally elusive nature of Wisdom literature itself. Like the parables, the intended truths are often veiled from understanding if given only a cursory glance, and thus must be pondered in the heart (Pr 1:6; 2:1–4; 4:4–9).

Another challenge is the extensive use of **parallelism**, which is the placing of truths side by side so that the second line expands, completes, defines, emphasizes, or reaches the logical conclusion, the ultimate end, or, in some cases, the contrasting point of view. Often the actual parallel is only implied. For example, 12:13 contains an unstated, but clearly implied parallel, in that the righteous one comes through trouble because of his virtuous speech (cf. 28:7). In interpreting the Proverbs, one must: 1) determine the parallelism and often complete what is assumed and not stated by the author; 2) identify the figures of speech and rephrase the thought without those figures; 3) summarize the lesson or principle of the proverb in a few words; 4) describe the behavior that is taught; and 5) find examples inside Scripture.

Challenges are also found in the various contexts of Proverbs, all of which affect interpretation and understanding. First, there is the setting in which they were spoken; this is largely the context of the young men in the royal court of the king. Second, there is the setting of the book as a whole and how its teachings are to be understood in light of the rest of Scripture. For example, there is much to be gained by comparing the wisdom Solomon taught with the wisdom Christ personified. Third, there is the historical context in which the principles and truths draw on illustrations from their own day.

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- [Book of Proverbs Overview - Insight for Living Ministries](#) - Charles Swindoll
- [Click for chart on Proverbs](#) - Charles Swindoll

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- [Proverbs Overview](#) - J Vernon McGee
- [Analysis of Proverbs](#) - James Van Dine
- [OT Reflections of Christ in Proverbs](#) - Paul Van Gorder

**Excerpt** - The divine origin of the book is attested to by the fact that after 3,000 years its counsels still stand, undaunted by modern psychology and education. The keynote of Proverbs is expressed in chapter 1, verse 7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." That distinguishes this book from all of the wisdom literature of the world. It starts with an affirmation, a fundamental truth, that no educator should ignore. The Hebrew philosophers believed there could be no discovery of ultimate truth apart from revelation. And the revelation with which they began was the existence of God. He filled their vision. Modern philosophy has developed a system that is godless and foolish because there is "no fear of God before their eyes" (Romans 3:18).

- [Knowing God Through Proverbs](#) - Radio Bible Class
- [Proverbs - Keys To Proverbs](#) - William Orr
- [Proverbs - Through the Bible Book by Book](#) - Myer Pearlman
- [An Introduction to the Book of Proverbs](#) - David Malick
- [An Argument of the Book of Proverbs](#) - David Malick
- [Selected Bibliography of the Book of Proverbs](#) - David Malick
- [Major Characteristics of Hebrew Poetry: Parallelism](#) - Asbury Bible Commentary

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## DICTIONARY ARTICLES

- [Proverbs, Theology of](#) - Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology
- Bridgeway Bible Dictionary [Proverbs](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the NT [Proverbs](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [Proverbs, Book of](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [Proverbs, the Book of](#)
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- McClintock and Strong's Bible Encyclopedia [Proverbs, Book Of](#)
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia [Proverbs, Book of](#)
- Morrish Bible Dictionary [Proverbs, Book of](#)
- Hawker's Poor Man's Dictionary [Proverbs](#)
- People's Dictionary of the Bible [Proverbs book of](#)
- Watson's Theological Dictionary [Proverbs](#)
- 1911 Encyclopedia Britannica [Book of Proverbs](#)
- Kitto Biblical Cyclopedia [Proverbs the book of](#)

**Key Words -- Key Words** -- see importance of [key words](#) - learn how to [mark key words](#) and the associated discipline of how to [interrogate them with 5W/H questions](#). Practice "interrogating" key words as well as [term of conclusion](#) (therefore), [term of explanation](#) (for), [terms of purpose or result](#) (so that, in order that, that, as a result), [terms of contrast](#) (but, yet), [expressions of time](#) (including [then](#); [until](#), after) and [terms of comparison](#) (like, as). You will be amazed at how your Teacher, the Holy Spirit, will illuminate your understanding, a spiritual blessing that will grow the more you practice! Be diligent! Consider the "**5P's**" - **P**ause to **P**onder the **P**assage then **P**ractice it in the **P**ower of the Spirit. See also [inductive Bible study](#) - [observation \(Observe With a Purpose\)](#) , [Interpretation \(Keep Context King, Read Literally, Compare Scripture with Scripture, Consult Conservative Commentaries\)](#), and then be a doer of the Word with [Application](#). Do not overlook "doing the word" for if you do you are deluding yourself, and are just a "smarter sinner," but not more like the Savior! As Jesus said "blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it." (Lk 11:28+, cf James 1:22+)

**Key Words (NAS95):**

**Fear of the LORD (14x),**

Prov. 1:7,29; 2:5; 8:13; 9:10; 10:27; 14:26-27; 15:16,33; 16:6; 19:23; 22:4; 23:17

**Wisdom (48x/47v),**

Prov. 1:2,7,20; 2:2,6-7,10; 3:13,19,21; 4:5,7,11; 5:1; 7:4; 8:1,5,11-12,14; 9:1,10; 10:13,23,31; 11:2; 13:10; 14:6,8,33; 15:33; 16:16; 17:16,24; 18:1,4; 19:8; 21:30; 23:9,23; 24:3,7,14; 29:3,15; 30:3; 31:26

**Wise (62x/58v),**

Prov. 1:3,5-6; 3:7,35; 6:6; 8:33; 9:8-9,12; 10:1,8,14,19; 11:30; 12:15,18; 13:1,14,20; 14:1,3,16,24; 15:2,7,12,20,24,31; 16:14,21,23; 17:28; 18:15; 19:20; 20:1,18,26; 21:11,20,22; 22:17; 23:15,19,24; 24:5-6,23; 25:12; 26:5,12; 27:11; 28:11; 29:8-9,11; 30:24

**Fool(s) (58x),**

**Fool** - Prov. 7:22; 10:8,10,18,23; 12:15; 13:16; 14:7,16; 15:5; 17:7,10,12,16,21,24,28; 18:2; 19:1,10; 20:3; 23:9; 24:7; 26:1,4-6,8,10-12; 27:3,22; 28:26; 29:11,20; 30:22

**Fools** - Prov. 1:7,22,32; 3:35; 8:5; 10:21; 12:23; 13:19-20; 14:8-9,24,33; 15:2,7,14; 16:22; 19:29; 26:3,7,9

**Folly (17x/17v)**

Prov. 5:23; 9:6,13; 12:23; 13:16; 14:24,29; 15:2,14,21; 16:22; 17:12; 18:13; 24:9; 26:4-5,11

**Foolish (12x/11v),**

Prov. 10:1,14; 11:29; 14:1,3; 15:20; 17:25; 19:13; 21:20; 29:9; 30:32

**My son (23x),**

Prov. 1:8,10,15; 2:1; 3:1,11,21; 4:10,20; 5:1,20; 6:1,3,20; 7:1; 19:27; 23:15,19,26; 24:13,21; 27:11; 31:2

**Guidance (3x),**

Prov. 11:14; 20:18; 24:6

**Knowledge (40x/39v),**

Prov. 1:4,7,22,29; 2:5-6,10; 3:20; 5:2; 8:9-10,12; 9:10; 10:14; 11:9; 12:1,23; 13:16; 14:6-7,18; 15:2,7,14; 17:27; 18:15; 19:2,25,27; 20:15; 21:11; 22:12,17,20; 23:12; 24:4-5; 28:2; 30:3

**Understand(ing) (56x/55v),**

Prov. 1:2,5-6; 2:2-3,6,11; 3:5,13,19; 4:1,5,7; 5:1; 7:4; 8:1,5,9,14; 9:4,6,10,16; 10:13,21,23; 11:12; 13:15; 14:6,8,29,33; 15:21,32; 16:16,21-22; 17:10,24,27; 18:2; 19:8,25; 20:5,24; 21:16,30; 23:23; 24:3; 28:2,5,11,16; 29:7,19; 30:2,18

**Instruction (16x),**

Prov. 1:2-3,7-8; 4:1-2,13; 5:12,23; 8:10,33; 9:9; 10:17; 15:33; 23:23; 24:32

**Discipline (17x),**

Prov. 3:11; 6:23; 7:22; 12:1; 13:1,18,24; 15:5,32; 16:22; 19:18,20,27; 22:15; 23:12-13

**Commandment/command (11x),**

Prov. 2:1; 3:1; 4:4; 6:20,23; 7:1-2; 8:29; 10:8; 13:13; 19:16

**Truth (12x/12v)**

Prov. 3:3; 8:7; 12:17,19; 14:22,25; 16:6; 20:28; 21:28; 22:21; 23:23; 29:14

**Righteous(ness)(90x/89v),**

Prov. 1:3; 2:9,20; 3:33; 4:18; 8:8,18,20; 9:9; 10:2-3,6-7,11,16,20-21,24-25,28,30-32; 11:4-6,8-10,18-19,21,23,28,30-31; 12:3,5,7,10,12-13,21,26,28; 13:5-6,9,21-22,25; 14:19,32,34; 15:6,9,28-29; 16:8,12-13,31; 17:15,26; 18:5,10; 20:7,28; 21:3,12,15,18,21,26; 23:24; 24:15-16,24; 25:5,26; 28:1,12,28; 29:2,6-7,16,27; 31:9

**Evil (59x/55v),**

Prov. 1:16,33; 2:12,14; 3:7; 4:14,16,27; 6:14,18,24; 8:13; 11:19,21,27; 12:2,12-13,20; 13:19; 14:16-17,19,22; 15:3,26,28; 16:4,6,17,27,30; 17:4,11,13,20; 19:23; 20:8,22,30; 21:10,27; 22:3; 24:1,8,19-20; 25:10; 27:12; 28:5,10,22; 29:6; 30:32; 31:12

**Wicked(ness) (91x/89v),**

Prov. 2:22; 3:25,33; 4:14,17,19; 5:22; 6:12,18; 8:7; 9:7; 10:3,6-7,11,16,20,23-25,27-28,30,32; 11:5,7-8,10-11,18,23,31; 12:3,5-7,10,12,21,26; 13:5-6,9,17,25; 14:11,19,32; 15:6,8-9,28-29; 16:4,12; 17:4,15,23; 18:3,5; 19:28; 20:26; 21:4,7,10,12,18,27,29; 24:15-16,19-20,24-25; 25:5,26; 26:23,26; 28:1,4,12,15,28; 29:2,7,12,16,27

**Life (46x),**

Prov. 1:19; 2:19; 3:2,16,18,22; 4:10,13,22-23; 5:6; 6:23,26; 7:23; 8:35; 9:11; 10:11,16-17,27; 11:19,30; 12:10,28; 13:3,8,12,14; 14:27,30; 15:4,24,31; 16:15,17,22; 18:21; 19:23; 20:2; 21:21; 22:4,23; 29:10,24; 31:6,12

**Live (14x/14v)**

Prov. 1:18,33; 2:21; 3:29; 4:4; 7:2,23; 9:6; 14:25; 15:27; 21:9,19; 23:17; 25:24

**Death (20x/20v)**

Prov. 2:18; 5:5; 7:27; 8:36; 10:2; 11:4,19; 12:28; 13:14; 14:12,27; 16:14,25; 18:21; 19:18; 21:6,25; 24:11; 26:18; 28:17

**Tongue (18x),**

Prov. 6:17,24; 10:20,31; 12:18-19; 15:2,4; 16:1; 17:4; 18:21; 21:6,23; 25:15,23; 26:28; 28:23; 31:26

**Way (80x/74v)**

Prov. 1:15,19,31-32; 2:8,12-13,15,20; 3:6,17,23,31; 4:11,14,19,26; 5:6,8,21; 6:6,23; 7:8,25,27; 8:2,13,20,22,32; 9:6; 10:9,29; 11:5; 12:15,26,28; 13:6,15; 14:2,8,12,14; 15:9-10,19; 16:2,7,9,17,25,29,31; 17:23; 19:3; 20:14,24; 21:2,8,16,29; 22:5-6,25; 23:19,26; 25:26; 28:10; 29:15,27; 30:19-20; 31:3,27

**But (246x/242v)** - The frequency of this conjunction highlights the importance of [terms of contrast](#) in the Proverbs. It also furnishes the careful reader a "hinge" to aid opening the door of meaning to that specific proverb. Always seek to discern what (why, how, where, etc) is being contrasted. "The two major themes which are interwoven and overlapping throughout Proverbs are wisdom and folly. Wisdom, which includes knowledge, understanding, instruction, discretion, and obedience, is built on the fear of the Lord and the Word of God. Folly is everything opposite to wisdom." (MacArthur)

Prov. 1:18,28,33; 2:22; 3:1,32-33,35; 4:18; 5:4; 6:31; 8:36; 9:18; 10:1ff,11-14,17,19,21,24-25,27ff; 11:1ff,8-9,11ff,17-18,20-21,23,26-28; 12:1ff,10-13,15ff; 13:1-2,4ff,15ff,23-25; 14:1ff,8-9,11-12,14-16,18,20ff,28ff; 15:1-2,4ff,13-15,18ff,25ff,32; 16:1-2,9,14,22,25,33; 17:3,9,22,24; 18:2,12,14,23-24; 19:4,7,12,14,16,21,24-25; 20:3,5-6,14-15,17; 21:2,5,8,11,15,20,28-29,31; 22:3,12; 23:7,17,35; 24:16,25; 25:2; 26:24; 27:3-4,6-7; 28:1-2,4-5,7,10ff,16,18-20,25-28; 29:2-4,6,8,10-11,15-16,18,23-26; 30:24-25; 31:29-30

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[The Book of Proverbs Chapters 1-15](#) by Waltke, Bruce

[The Book of Proverbs Chapters 15-31](#) by Waltke, Bruce

Cyril Barber - Within these covers readers are treated to an exposition that lays bare a lifetime of scholarship. Waltke elucidates the structure, authorship, and theology of the book of Proverbs, giving prominence to the contribution of exegesis to exposition. He then carefully applies the teaching of each verse and section to the life of the believer. **This is a work that Bible students will treasure!**

[The wisdom of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes : an introduction to wisdom literature](#) by Kidner, Derek (1985) 180 pages [70 ratings](#)

James Rosscup - An introduction to wisdom writings, touching on themes, and treating readers to recent thought on wisdom literature. He looks at the biblical material alongside apocryphal wisdom sources and parallels in ancient Near Eastern works. He often helps on proverbs that seem to clash, and has insights on how to view the ones that generalize and do not work in some cases. Chapters of this evangelical effort deal with Old Testament wisdom literature, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, recent thought and evaluation of higher critical studies, and the correlation of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes in certain ways. Three appendices treat each Old Testament wisdom writing in relation to Near Eastern works. Kidner also shows comparisons and differences between Ecclesiasticus, Wisdom of Solomon and the Old Testament books. Cf. Bullock under Job for another outstanding study of the Old Testament poetic literature.

[Cornerstone Biblical Commentary](#) - Psalms, Proverbs Read some of the [13 ratings](#)

[Proverbs : Wisdom for Everyday Life](#) by Kaiser, Walter C

[Learning from the Sages](#). Baker, 1995. Zuck, Roy B.

Part 1 - Overview and Themes in the Book of Proverbs (10 chapters - e.g., "The Vocabulary of Wealth and Poverty in the Book of Proverbs Pr 10:1-22:16 and Pr 25-29 by Whybray, Guidelines for Understanding and Proclaiming the Book of Proverbs - 20 pages by Greg W Parsons) Part 2 - Exposition of Specific Passages in the Book of Proverbs - 21 chapters) 449 pages (1995)

[Proverbs : God's guide for life's choices](#) by Kroll, Woodrow Michael

The ABC's of wisdom : building character with Solomon by Pritchard, Ray

[Windows of Wisdom : Devotional Studies in Proverbs](#) by Olford, Stephen

[Exploring Proverbs](#) (only Volume 2 = Pr 9:6-31:31)- John Phillips - he is always worth checking as he often has excellent illustrations in addition to his pithy style.

James Rosscup - A writer of popular exposition is profitable here to many due to sermon points, outlines, and illustrations in a book of 1,230 pp. Preachers can find it a catalyst, so can church class teachers and lay readers looking for food given in an easy flow. Phillips has much about wise choices, trust (cf. 3:5-6), purity as in 4:23, dealing with temptation (7:5-21), and such themes. This is at least one of the best recent detailed devotional products on Proverbs. Verses are usually taken in their traditional sense, as 22:6 is on training a child, and 31:10-31 is in assuming godly women who live this way.

[Be Skillful : God's Guidebook to Wise Living : OT Commentary : Proverbs](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

James Rosscup - The "Be" series deals with Prov. 1-9, giving frequent illustrations and terse Wiersbe maxims, in chapters contrasting wisdom/folly, wealth/poverty, also dealing with speech, righteousness, guidance, besetting sins such as disrespect, greed, pride, etc. Preachers, students, and lay users will gain some enrichment.

[Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#) - scroll to page 1054

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#)

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W [113 ratings](#)

"Even the most difficult Scriptures come alive as Warren Wiersbe leads you book-by-book through the Old Testament and helps you to see the "big picture" of God's revelation. In this unique volume, you will find: • Introductions and/or outlines for every Old Testament book • Practical expositions of strategic chapters • Special studies on key topics, relating the Old Testament to the New Testament • Easy-to-understand expositions that

are practical, preachable, and teachable. If you have used Dr. Wiersbe's popular BE series, you know how simple and practical his Bible studies are, with outlines that almost teach themselves. If not, you can now discover a wonderful new resource. This work is a unique commentary on every book of the Old Testament. It contains new material not to be found in the BE series.

[The Communicator's Commentary. Proverbs](#) by Hubbard, David Allan (Now published as Preacher's Commentary)

[Proverbs](#) by Aitken, Kenneth T

James Rosscup - Though Aitken late-dates the present form of Proverbs to fifth/fourth century B. C., he furnishes many insights of value on possible renderings of phrases. He looks at Proverbs 1–9 in sequence, then in 10–31 switches to a topical method, dealing with the scoffer, drunkard, liar and other characters. He also devotes parts to honoring parents, old age, false witnesses, sadness vs. gladness, prayer, etc. All in all it is a very profitable work, and time will be spent well here.

[Proverbs : from Biblical Text-- to Contemporary Life](#) by Koptak, Paul E.,

[Selected Studies from Proverbs](#) by Swindoll, Charles

[Thru the Bible with J. Vernon McGee](#) - Proverbs - Malachi [Proverbs](#) by McGee, J. Vernon

[Proverbs : a Commentary on an Ancient book of Timeless Advice](#) by Alden, Robert L

James Rosscup - Alden was Professor of Old Testament at Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary, and also author of a 3-volume commentary on the Psalms and a good work on Job. The present work is based on specialized study into canonical wisdom literature. The commentary deals in capsule style with each verse based on analysis of the Hebrew, but mentions the Hebrew words only occasionally. Alden seeks to relate the message to 20th century life.

[Living Wisely in a Foolish World](#) - PROVERBS - by House, H. Wayne

[Walking in Wisdom : Studying the Proverbs of Solomon](#) by Mouser, William

[Proverbs : Learning to Live Wisely : 10 studies for individuals or groups](#) by Mouser, William

Cyril Barber - "Here is a highly recommended book-a gold-miner's manual for all who want to become spiritually wealthy" (Roy B. Zuck).

James Rosscup - A fairly lucid book that can prime the thought and set it running in productive paths as one prepares a message, or as any Christian seeks help from wise counsel.

[Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of songs](#) by Garrett, Duane

[Proverbs](#) by Garrett, Duane - Briefer than above, but with hints for preaching and teaching

Cyril Barber - Works on the Bible's wisdom literature is growing, and this volume deserves special consideration as an outstanding, detailed exposition of these three canonical books. Conservative in theology and thorough in scope, Garrett interacts with the different approaches to these books, comments on each verse, and treats technical matters in footnotes. The contents is readable and will be particularly apropos to pastors, Bible class teachers, and lay people desiring to study these seldom read portions of God's Word.

James Rosscup - A Professor of OT at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary did this evangelical survey. It gives 252 pp. to Prov., 253–345 to Eccles., and 347–432 to the Song. Garrett opts for Solomonic authorship of much in Prov., of Eccles., and of the Song. He sees the Song as fitting the last of 7 views he surveys, that of a love song, not on historical events, the "Solomon" being a poetic symbol for the splendor of the bridegroom (365). This will not commend itself to all as being necessary. He sees Eccles. as teaching readers to realize they are mortals who must put away illusions of self-importance, face death and life firmly, accept with humility their human limitations, rely on God, enjoy life as His gift, and revere Him (278). He explains some proverbs, skips some in generalizing summaries of several. But he brings well-informed perceptions to supply the main ideas, often syntheses, but often as well details on salient points in verses. Overall the work gives frequent and valuable helps, and is usable for scholars, pastoral workers, church teachers, students, and Christians in devotional times.

[Proverbs and Ecclesiastes: introduction and commentary](#) by Jones, Edgar,

[The Practical Wisdom of Proverbs](#) by Goldberg, Louis, Proverbs 1-9

Cyril Barber - Provides a commentary on chapters 1—9 with subsequent chapters devoted to “God and Man,” “The Believer and His Emotions,” etc. As Joseph M. Stowell points out in his Foreword, “There is a core of common-sense principles that keeps us safe and sane in the challenging enterprise of life itself,” and these principles are explained by Goldberg in his book. Stowell continues, “After studying Proverbs through the lens of this book, your heart will be equipped to live wisely to the glory of God.”

[The Bible Commentary : Proverbs-Ezekiel](#) abridged and edited by J M Fuller

[How to Read Proverbs](#) by Longman, Tremper

[New Bible Commentary](#) - J A Motyer authored Psalms. (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[Proverbs : a Self-study Guide](#) by Jensen, Irving

James Rosscup - (This note is on his commentary not the self-study guide above) In the Everyman's Bible Commentary series, this is a 116-page simple layman's help geared to provoke application to life. Several charts and a detailed outline printed at the outset and followed in the sweeping survey help in this. Of course many verses are passed over, but the survey draws many things together in perspective and can be a catalyst used along with more detailed works in preparation to preach or teach or just to enjoy a brief sketch that can refresh.

[Understanding the Old Testament](#) Proverbs, Isaiah, Jeremiah by Scripture Union

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary below.

Proverbs section written by Harris, R. Laird in Wycliffe Bible Commentary - A competent, well-studied and often contributing treatment by a top Old Testament conservative scholar. One of the best brief commentaries, offering considerable insight.

Rosscup - Conservative and premillennial scholars here have been experts in their fields. The work contains brief introductions and attempts to give a verse-by-verse exposition, though it does skip over some verses. The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman. Outstanding sections include, for example: Whitcomb on Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther; Culver on Daniel; Ladd on Acts; Harrison on Galatians; Johnson on I Corinthians; and Ryrie on the Johannine Epistles.

[Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament](#) - 1608 pages. Dallas Theological Seminary Faculty - Proverbs by Sid Buzzell

James Rosscup - A former teacher at the Dallas Theological Seminary has done this concise, clear, adept work. He shows a fine grasp of Hebrew exegesis and word meaning, use of context where it is pertinent, parallelism, customs, etc. The pastor, other church worker or layperson who uses this for preparation to speak or to live in God's values will benefit much.

[Wise Words : Family Stories that bring the Proverbs to life](#) by Leithart, Peter J

[The Complete Guide to the Book of Proverbs](#) by Jones, Cody L.

James Rosscup - Jones uses 566 large pp. to compile brief (a paragraph or page) synopses of what selected proverbs convey on dozens of topics. Some themes are: wisdom, kindness, violence, watching the heart, smooth talk, wrongs to shun, drinking from one's own well, etc. Often, entries reflect on customs (as substances for eye make-up, 6:25b, p. 59). One section gives six popular translations in six parallel cols. (328–545), another prints NT references to Proverbs. An index helps users find topics. As is clear, the work is not a complete guide but a partial one.

[Proverbs and Ecclesiastes: introduction and commentary](#) by Jones, Edgar,

James Rosscup - The Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at the Northern Congregational College, Manchester, England did this. He feels that some parts of Proverbs linked with Solomon's name may be due to Solomon, but the majority of the material comes from later times (8th to 3rd centuries). In his theorizing Solomon did not write Ecclesiastes; rather more than one teacher in the wisdom school wrote parts of the book, taking the pseudonym of Solomon ca. 250 B. C. Verse by verse this is usually a fair, though quite concise commentary touching on some of the most crucial aspects and based on use of modern critical

scholarship on the liberal side. The brevity results in passing over many verses with generalized comments too sparse to be of serious help (cf. Prov. 3:5, 6; 22:6). His lists of sources do not reflect use of evangelical works available when he wrote.

[Queen of Hearts : the Role of Today's Woman, Based on Proverbs 31](#) by Briscoe, Jill

Cyril Barber - Delightful devotional messages. It is hard to imagine anyone's not being blessed by what Mrs. Briscoe relates

## **STUDY BIBLES - ONE VOLUME COMMENTARIES OF ENTIRE BIBLE, BIBLE DICTIONARIES, GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS**

**Note: The first 3 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:**

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial. [917 ratings](#)

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Literal. Often has very insightful comments. John MacArthur, says "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren Wiersbe adds "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word." One hour limit.

Rosscup - This work, originally issued in 1983, is conservative and premillennial, written to help teachers, preachers and people in every walk of life with different views, explanation and application. The 2-column format runs verse by verse for the most part, usually in a helpfully knowledgeable manner, and there are several special sections such as "Prayer" in Acts and "Legalism" in Galatians. The premillennial view is evident on [Acts 1:6](#), [3:20](#), [Romans 11:26](#), [Galatians 6:16](#), Revelation 20, etc.

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#).

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps. One hour limit

[Life Application Study Bible: Old Testament and New Testament](#) New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes especially with application of texts. [4,445 ratings](#) One hour limit

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes for conservative, literal perspective. [1,275 ratings](#)

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition](#) (1994) 2232 pages

[The David Jeremiah Study Bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes by well known creationist. [45 ratings](#)



[Zondervan NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. One hour limit

[NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. This is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020. One hour limit

[NLT Study Bible](#) (Illustration Version)

[Disciple's Study Bible: New international version 54 ratings](#) Not that helpful for verse by verse study. Focuses on application of Christian doctrines. 10,000 annotations; doctrinal summaries, "Life Helps" section relate doctrine to everyday discipleship.

[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

[NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible. Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The Holman Illustrated Study Bible 120 ratings](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

## MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use). ([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[The New Unger's Bible Dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Every prophecy of the Bible](#): Walvoord, John F

[IVP Background Commentary - OT - John Walton](#)

[Zondervan Atlas of The Bible](#) By: Umair Mirza

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the [65 ratings](#) (4.8/5 Stars). A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

## APOLOGETICS

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) - Comments from over 90 leading apologists, including: Ted Cabal, Lee Strobel, Chuck Colson, Norm Geisler, Josh McDowell, Albert Mohler, J.P. Moreland, [see reviews](#). Here is a review from [The Christian Reviewer](#).

[Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics](#) by Geisler, Norman

Cyril Barber - This is a goldmine of valuable information! Well-indexed. Covers everything from "Absolute Truth" to "Zen Buddhism." Extensive articles on such topics as "Agnosticism," "Annihilationism," "Bible, Alleged Errors in," "Gnosticism," "Miracles in the Bible," "New Testament Manuscripts," and "Objections to Resurrection," "Big Bang Theory," "Edward John Carnell," "Christ, Death of," are only a few of the insightful essays in this masterful work. Each article has been written in an understandable way, and a 28 page bibliography forms a valuable source for further research. An excellent resource.

[Evidence That Demands A Verdict](#) - Josh McDowell

[The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict](#) - Josh McDowell

[More Than A Carpenter](#) - A modern classic by Josh McDowell - Great resource for those who are skeptical that Jesus is fully God, fully Man.

[Encyclopedia of Bible difficulties](#) by Archer, Gleason L - or [here with no restrictions](#)

[Hard Sayings of the Bible](#) - Walter Kaiser

[When Critics Ask](#) - Norman Geisler

## **MANNERS AND CUSTOMS IN THE BIBLE**

[Today's Handbook of Bible Times & Customs](#) by Coleman, William L

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[Manners & Customs of the Bible](#) (The New Manners and Customs) Freeman, James M., 1827-1900 Published 1998

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[The Illustrated Guide to Bible Customs & Curiosities](#) by Knight, George W.

[Orientalisms in Bible lands, giving light from customs, habits, manners, imagery, thought and life in the East for Bible students](#) By: Rice, Edwin Wilbur, 1831-1929 Published 1910

[Bible manners and customs](#) By: Mackie, G. M. 1854-1922 Published 1898

[Teach it to your children : how kids lived in Bible days](#) By: Vamosh, Miriam Feinberg, author

[Everyday life in Bible times : work, worship, and war](#) By: Embry, Margaret Published 1994

[Everyday living : Bible life and times : fascinating, everyday customs and traditions from the people of the Bible](#) Published 2006

[The Land and the Book; or, Biblical illustrations drawn from the manners and customs, the scenes and scenery, of the Holy land](#) By: Thomson, William M. (William McClure), 1806-1894 Published 1880

[Eastern manners illustrative of the Old Testament history](#) By: Jamieson, Robert, 1802-1880 Published 1838

[Scripture manners and customs : being an account of the domestic habits, arts, etc., of Eastern nations mentioned in Holy Scripture](#) Published 1895

## **HEBREW WORD STUDY RESOURCES**

[Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for studying Hebrew words.

[Here is another link to the TWOT](#) which has **no time limit on use** and **does allow copy and paste**. Can be downloaded as PDF.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - Online pdf

[Hebrew Honey: a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) - 330 pages. The definitions have more of a devotional flavor. For example, see the descriptive definition for ["Abide" \(Hebrew - gur\)](#).

[Expository Dictionary of Bible Words](#) by Richards, Larry, It does not go into great depth on the Greek or Hebrew words but does

have some excellent insights.

[So That's What it Means \(Theological Wordbook\)](#) - Formerly titled "**Theological Wordbook**" edited by **Charles Swindoll**. It is now under this new title [So That's What it Means](#) and can be borrowed - it is more like a dictionary than a lexicon but the comments are superb! The contributors include Donald Campbell, Wendell Johnston, John Witmer, John Walvoord

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Synonyms of the Old Testament-Robert Girdlestone](#)

## PROVERBS DEVOTIONALS AND SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS

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100's of devotionals for preaching, teaching and pondering.

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PAUL APPLE

- [Commentary on The Book of Proverbs](#)

**From Paul Apple's Introduction** - 53 page resource in outline format with frequent quotes from respected sources. Here are some

helpful general comments on the significance and usefulness of Proverbs for our daily life....

**Goldberg:** The teachings of Chapters 1-9 are considered: to understand the goal of wisdom in her outreach; why the fruits of wisdom are so important; how the disciple can be wise in the ways of the Lord, as well as in the practicalities of life; the burden the father carries in his spiritual leadership of the family; the call for chastity, with good instruction in how to avoid the temptation of immorality; the abundant folly we run into and how we can avoid it; and why and how we should respond to the call of wisdom to avoid "folly's cursed crumbs."

**Lane:** Job and Ecclesiastes are speculative wisdom, for they investigate why things are as they are and how we can make sense of them. Proverbs is practical wisdom, showing us what we can do to get on in this puzzling world without losing our way and ending in disaster. Whether or not we ever come to solve the problems aired in the other two books, we can still come to terms with this world. We don't have to opt out and spend the whole of our lives thinking. We can get on with living in the real world, conquer our limitations and get along with other people. No book gives us more help in this than Proverbs.

**House and Durham:** By God's grace, the book of Proverbs enables each of us to have God's insight on how to live lives that will glorify Him; how to build up others; and how to be at peace with ourselves. Following its precepts will bring success in business and in the home. Through heeding its advice, we can avoid those regrettable pitfalls that can make life so difficult. If we listen to God's wisdom, we will experience joy and laughter rather than feeling the sorrow and despair that are so much a part of those who heed the "spirit of the age." Proverbs speaks to every area of life we will ever encounter. No stone is left unturned; no path not taken. The only issue in question is whether we will consider its ways and follow its advice.

**Stedman:** Life is simply too big for us to handle by ourselves. No matter how good the advice seems to be, if it isn't consistent with what God has told us, it is not to be trusted. And that is the conclusion that is reached through these opening chapters. Chapters 8 and 9 personify the two ways of life. Wisdom is seen as a beautiful woman, calling those who follow her to come away into the place of victory and achievement and success in life, while folly, or foolishness, which thinks everything it does is right in its own eyes, is personified as an evil woman -- attractive, alluring, tempting us to step aside into death. It is a marvelously-beautiful poetic passage.

**Mouser:** Two mistakes Christians make in interpreting proverbs: 1) Some Christians read the proverbs as if they were inflexible laws of God's creation, admitting no exceptions and 2) Christians will sometimes confuse proverbs with promises... However, proverbs in Solomon's collection are not promises made by God, but are guides which are to direct people in living successful and productive lives. ([All of the above are from Paul Apple's introduction to proverbs](#))

- [The Book of Proverbs](#)

## WILLIAM ARNOT

### Laws from Heaven for Life on Earth

#### 1858

Highly Recommended-Wonderful Illustrations of Scriptural Truths

**Suggestion:** Read it As A Devotional as you spend a month in Proverbs.

**James Rosscup** - These homilies were originally issued in 1857 as Illustrations of the Book of Proverbs, later as Laws from Heaven for Life on Earth (1878). There is much rich material, but Arnot skips Proverbs 7 and 21, and various verses in the other chapters. The work is famous for the grasp of spiritual truths and the easy-flowing style.

**Charles Haddon Spurgeon** -- "We wish Dr. Arnot had gone steadily through the whole book, for his mind was of an order peculiarly adapted for such a task. Those passages which he dilates upon are set in a clear and beautiful light. For a happy blending of illustrative faculty, practical sound sense, and spirituality, Dr. Arnot was almost unrivalled." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

Following links are on [preceptaustin.org](http://preceptaustin.org)

1. I. THE PREACHER - Proverbs 1:1
2. II. THE BOOK—PROVERBS - Proverbs 1:6
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5. V. FILIAL LOVE A BLOSSOM OF BEAUTY - Proverbs 1:9
6. VI. THE FOE AND THE FIGHT - Proverbs 1:10
7. VII. FILTHY LUCRE - Proverbs 1:19
8. VIII. THE CRY OF WISDOM - Proverbs 1:20-22
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11. XI. SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND - Proverbs 2:4-5
12. XII. PERILS IN THE DEEP - Proverbs 2:12-19
13. XIII. WISDOM RECEIVED AND RETAINED - Proverbs 2:10-11
14. XIV. THE ART OF PRINTING - Proverbs 3:3
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17. XVII. CAPITAL AND PROFIT - Proverbs 3:9
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19. XIX. MAKING A FORTUNE - Proverbs 3:13-15
20. XX. A LENGTHENED DAY, AND A PLEASANT PATH - Proverbs 3:16-17
21. XXI. WISDOM MAKING AND MANAGING WORLDS - Proverbs 3:19-20
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23. XXIII. THE RIGHT THING DONE AT THE RIGHT TIME - Proverbs 3:27-28
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27. XXVII. THE PATH OF THE JUST - Proverbs 4:18-19
28. XXVIII. THE FOUNTAIN AND ITS STREAMS - Proverbs 4:23-27
29. XXIX. FAMILY JOYS - Proverbs 5:15
30. XXX. THE METHOD OF PROVIDENCE FOR RESTRAINING EVIL - Proverbs 5:21-22
31. XXXI. SEVEN HATEFUL THINGS - Proverbs 6:16-19
32. XXXII. MOTHER'S LAW - Proverbs 6:20-24
33. XXXIII. THE WORTH OF WISDOM AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD - Proverbs 8:10, 13
34. XXXIV. RANK AND RICHES - Proverbs 8:18,21
35. XXXV. THE REDEEMER ANTICIPATING REDEMPTION - Proverbs 8:22-31
36. XXXVI. THE MARRIAGE SUPPER FOR THE KING'S SON - Proverbs 9:1-6
37. XXXVII. REPROOF - Proverbs 9:7, 9, 12
38. XXXVIII. THE PLEASURES OF SIN - Proverbs 9:13-18
39. XXXIX. THE PLACE AND POWER OF A SON - Proverbs 10:1
40. XL. DILIGENT IN BUSINESS - Proverbs 10:4
41. XLI. POSTHUMOUS FAME - Proverbs 10:7
42. XLII. THE WISE ARE TEACHABLE, THE UPRIGHT STRONG - Proverbs 10:8-9
43. XLIII. THE WELL OF LIFE, AND THE TREASURES OF WISDOM - Proverbs 10:11, 14
44. XLIV. THE MONEY POWER - Proverbs 10:15
45. XLV. THE LIPS AND TONGUE - Proverbs 10:19-21
46. XLVI. THE BLESSING OF THE LORD MAKETH RICH - Proverbs 10:22
47. XLVII. A FOOL'S SPORT - Proverbs 10:23, 14:9
48. XLVIII. FEARS REALIZED AND HOPES FULFILLED - Proverbs 10:24-25
49. XLIX. THE GREATNESS OF LITTLE THINGS - Proverbs 10:26
50. L. HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY - Proverbs 11:1
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52. LII. HYPOCRITES AND TALE-BEARERS - Proverbs 11:9,13
53. LIII. DEBTS AND SURETIES - Proverbs 11:15
54. LIV. AS WE SOW, WE REAP - Proverbs 11:17, 18, 20
55. LV. A JEWEL ILL SET - Proverbs 11:22
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57. LVII. SCATTERING TO KEEP, AND KEEPING TO SCATTER - Proverbs 11:24
58. LVIII. THE WATERER IS WATERED - Proverbs 11:25
59. LIX. RAISING THE MARKET—THE PRACTICE AND THE PENALTY - Proverbs 11:26
60. LX. ;THE TREE AND ITS BRANCH - Proverbs 11:28
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64. LXIV. THE WICKED ARE CRUEL—THE LIARS ARE CAUGHT - Proverbs 12:10,13
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## CHARLES BRIDGES

### Exposition of the Book of Proverbs (1865)

- [Here is a link to this commentary in Pdf](#)

**James Rosscup** comments - "Originally issued in 1850, this conservative work is still valuable. Spurgeon called it the best book on Proverbs in his day. About one page, sometimes more, is devoted to each proverb. There is some good exposition, and the emphasis of the work is mainly practical...Bridges also did the famous work on Psalm 119." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

**Charles Haddon Spurgeon** -- "The best work on the Proverbs. The Scriptural method of exposition so well carried out by Bridges renders all his writings very suggestive to ministers. While explaining the passage in hand, he sets other portions of the word in new lights." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

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**KEIL & DELITZSCH**  
**Commentary on the Old Testament**  
**Proverbs**  
**1890**

**Jim Rosscup comments:** From the standpoint of Hebrew exegesis and careful detailed scholarship this is very good.  
 (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

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**LANGE'S BIBLE COMMENTARY**  
**Otto Zockler**  
**(1870)**

**Zockler writes:** While other parts of Scripture show us the glory of our high calling, this may instruct in all minuteness of detail how to “walk worthy of it.” Elsewhere we learn our completeness in Christ (Col 2:10); and most justly we glory in our high exaltation as “joint heirs with Christ,” etc. (Ro 8:17; Eph. 2:6). We look into this book, and, as by the aid of the microscope, we see the minuteness

of our Christian obligations; that there is not a temper, a look, a word, a movement, the most important action of the day, the smallest relative duty, in which we do not either deface or adorn the image of our Lord, and the profession of His Name."

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## GEORGE LAWSON

### Exposition of the Book of Proverbs (1821)

**James Rosscup** writes that "Lawson was a Scottish clergyman (1749–1820) who learned exegesis at the University of Edinburgh and later became Professor of Theology there for 33 years as the successor of John Brown. His 890 pages here are not of a critical nature but seek only to explain the verses with simple, practical, judicious comments flavored with pertinent quotes, illustrations or thoughts that suggest illustrations. His definition of the fear of the Lord in Pr 1:7 is choice, and he gives good food for counsel in Pr 3:5, 6; 4:18; 6:25, 26; 7:6-27; 8:14-32 applied to Christ; Pr 22:6; 26:4, 5; 31:10 ff., and many others. This has to rate as one of the most helpful older works in reference to the main task of explaining the English sense of verses, often quite well." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

**C H Spurgeon:** A thoroughly sound and useful commentary. Lawson wrote popularly and vigorously.

**Instructions:** Proverbs 1-18 click link and **enter the page number** in parenthesis. Proverbs 19-31 links go directly to the respective chapter.

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## **ALEXANDER MACLAREN**

### **Sermons on Proverbs**

#### **Who is Alexander Maclaren (1826-1910)?**

- Proverbs 1:1-19: A Young Man's Best Counselor
- Proverbs 1:20-33: Wisdom's Call
- Proverbs 3:1-10: The Secret of Well Being
- Proverbs 3:11-24: The Gifts of Heavenly Wisdom
- Proverbs 4:10-19 The Two Paths
- Proverbs 4:12 Monotony and Crisis
- Proverbs 4:18 From Dawn to Noon
- Proverbs 4:23: Keeping and Kept
- Proverbs 5:22 The Cords of Sin
- Proverbs 8:21: Wisdom's Gift
- Proverbs 8:30-31 Wisdom and Christ
- Proverbs 10:29 The Two-Fold Aspect of Diving Working
- Proverbs 12:1-15 The Many-Sided Contrast of Wisdom & Folly
- Proverbs 13:7: The Poor Rich and the Rich Poor
- Proverbs 13:23: The Tillage of the Poor
- Proverbs 14:9 Sin the Mockers
- Proverbs 14:13: Hollow Laughter, Solid Joy
- Proverbs 14:14: Satisfied From Self
- Proverbs 16:2 What I Think of Myself & What God Thinks of Me
- Proverbs 16:22-33 A Bundle of Proverbs
- Proverbs 18:10-11 Two Fortresses
- Proverbs 20:1-7: A String of Pearls

- Proverbs 20:4 The Sluggard in Harvest
- Proverbs 20:17 Bread and Gravel
- Proverbs 23:15-23 A Condensed Guide For Life
- Proverbs 23:17-18 The Afterwards and Our Hope
- Proverbs 23:29-35 The Portrait of a Drunkard
- Proverbs 24:11-12 The Crime of Negligence
- Proverbs 24:30-31: The Sluggard's Garden
- Proverbs 25:28 An Unwalled City
- Proverbs 27:3 The Weight of Sand
- Proverbs 31:10-31 Portrait of a Matron

**J VERNON MCGEE**  
**Thru the Bible**  
**Commentary on Proverbs**  
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**F B MEYER**  
**Our Daily Homily**

- Proverbs 1:33a

- Proverbs 2:4–5
- Proverbs 3:6
- Proverbs 4:18a
- Proverbs 5:6, 21
- Proverbs 6:21
- Proverbs 7:4
- Proverbs 8:22
- Proverbs 9:4, 16
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- Proverbs 13:3a
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- Proverbs 24:11–12
- Proverbs 25:21–22
- Proverbs 26:20
- Proverbs 27:7
- Proverbs 28:13a
- Proverbs 29:18
- Proverbs 30:8a
- Proverbs 31:11a

## MIDDLETOWN BIBLE CHURCH

### Study Notes on Proverbs

#### Fill in the Blank Format

**Most of the Links Cover Multiple Proverbs**

- [Introduction: Did You Hear God in the Street?](#)
- [How to Get On and Stay On the Right Road](#)
- [Proverbs 6 \(et al\) The Sluggard](#)
- [The Fool](#)
- [Friend and Companion](#)
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- [Life or Death](#)
- [Poverty and Riches](#)
- [The Bottle and You](#)
- [Love or Lust? \(Part 1\)](#)
- [Love or Lust? \(Part 2\)](#)
- [Choosing the Way of Wisdom](#)

#### Related Resources:

- [Parental Exercise of Loving Discipline](#)
- [The Virtuous Woman and the Voluptuous Woman - Chart](#)

## MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

### Commentaries, Sermons, Devotionals

#### THEOLOGICAL JOURNALS LIBRARY

A \$50 yearly or \$5 monthly fee ([click here](#)) is required to view the entire article but will give you access to literally thousands of conservative articles Below are a few select articles to give you an idea of what is available...

- [Fundamentals for Preaching the Book of Proverbs, Pt 1 - Bruce Waltke \(Bib Sacra 165:657, 2008\)](#)
- [Fundamentals for Preaching the Book of Proverbs, Pt 2 - Bruce Waltke \(Bib Sacra 165:658, 2008\)](#)
- [Fundamentals for Preaching the Book of Proverbs, Pt 3 - Bruce Waltke \(Bib Sacra 165:659, 2008\)](#)
- [Fundamentals for Preaching the Book of Proverbs, Pt 4 - Bruce Waltke \(Bib Sacra 165:660, 2008\)](#)
- [The Doctrine Of The 'Two Ways' In Proverbs - Daniel Bricker \(JETS 38:4, 1995\)](#)

#### THE ARTICLES BELOW ARE ON THE WEB...

- [See extensive list compiled by Ted Hildebrandt](#)
- [The Fear of the Lord as the 'Principle' of Wisdom - Henri Blocher](#)
- [Proverbs and Wisdom Books of the Ancient Near East: The Factual History of a Literary Form - K A Kitchen](#)

#### BEST COMMENTARIES

- [Best Commentaries on Proverbs - Tim Challies](#)
- [Top 5 Commentaries on the Book of Proverbs - Ligonier](#)
- [Best Commentaries on Proverbs'](#)
- [Proverbs- A Mentor Commentary by John Kitchen is also an excellent resource I would recommend](#)

#### DANNY AKIN - SERMONS

- [The Ways of the Fool – Proverbs 18:1-9](#)
- [God's Portrait of a Wonderful Wife and Marvelous Mother – Proverbs 31:10-31](#)

#### BIBLEGATEWAY

- [Search Biblegateway Devotionals - e.g. in the parenthesis in the search box enter Proverbs 1](#) (You search should look like this = site:https://www.biblegateway.com/devotionals/ "proverbs 1" - Click enter and examine the hits retrieved -- you can do the same for other chapters).

#### BLUELETTERBIBLE

- [Devotionals related to Proverbs](#)

#### KEN BOA

- [Proverbs 7 part Study of Proverbs](#)

#### TIM CHESTER

- [On Answering a Fool- Making Sense of the Book of Proverbs](#)

#### MARK DEVER

Mp3 Only

- [Proverbs - Wisdom for the Ambitious](#)
- [Proverbs - A Final Word: On Life and Death](#)



- [Proverbs - A Word to the Friend](#)
- [Proverbs - A Word to the Sluggard](#)
- [Proverbs - First Words: About God and Us](#)
- [Proverbs 1:1-7 Fear the Lord](#)
- [Proverbs 1:8-19 Listen to Your Parents](#)
- [Proverbs 1:20-33 Welcome Rebuke](#)
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- [Proverbs 5 Be Captivated by Love](#)
- [Proverbs 6:20-35 Be Faithful](#)
- [Proverbs 7 Avoid Temptation](#)
- [Proverbs 8 Find Wisdom](#)
- [Proverbs 9 Learn to Tell the Difference](#)

#### **DON FORTNER**

- [Proverbs - Christ in Proverbs](#)

#### **L M GRANT**

- [The Son of God in Proverbs 8](#)

#### **ARNO GAEBELEIN**

- [Proverbs in the Annotated Bible - Brief chapter summaries](#)

#### **GRACEGEMS**

- [Common Proverbs and Wise Sayings](#)

#### **JAMES GRAY**

- [Lesson 20 - Proverbs](#)

#### **GREG HERRICK**

- [The Teaching of Proverbs on Work](#)  
[The Proverbs and the Idea of "Money"](#)

#### **TED HILDEBRANDT**

- A Rough and Working Bibliography of Proverbs (210 pages, 7/2005) [htm](#); or [pdf](#)

#### **A M HODGKIN**

- [Proverbs - from Christ in All the Scriptures \(Index to All Books\)](#)

The Book of Esther closed the historical books of the Old Testament. Between these and the Prophets, we have a series of writings which have been said to deal with the exercises of the hearts of God's people as to sanctification.

In Job, we have the death of the self-life.

In Psalms, the resurrection-life and the idea of worship.

In Proverbs, "Laws from Heaven for life on Earth" (Dr. Arnot).

In Ecclesiastes, the powerlessness of the world to satisfy the soul.

In the Song of Songs, the satisfaction of the soul in the Beloved.

## JOHN ANGELL JAMES

- [The Young Man's Friend and Guide Through Life to Immortality - The Study of the Book of PROVERBS Recommended](#)

## J. HAMPTON KEATHLEY III

- [The Poetical Books](#)

## BILL MCRAE

- [Proverbs - Audio Overview](#)

## MONERGISM

- [Proverbs - list of more than 10 Mp3 Resources](#)

## W G MOOREHEAD

- [Proverbs Overview](#)-5 pages

## G CAMPBELL MORGAN

- [Proverbs Living Messages](#)

## HENRY MORRIS

**Defender's Study Bible** - Excellent, conservative, literal study Bible notes from a leading Creationist.

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## DANNY OLINGER

- [Is Wisdom Literature Eschatological?](#)

## A W PINK

- [The Precepts and Understanding](#) - Proverbs 1:5, 2:11, 16:16, 16:22, 19:8

## J C RYLE

- [Thoughts For Young Men - Booklet - Highly Recommended](#)

## DICK MAYHUE

- [The Better Way - Study in Proverbs](#)

## REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE

- [Proverbs - Reformation Study Bible - Bible Gateway](#) -

## C H SPURGEON

- [Sermons and Devotionals on Proverbs](#)
- [Spurgeon on Proverbs - 568 pages - all his sermons on on Pdf](#)

## JOHN STEVENSON

- [Introduction to Proverbs](#)

## DR BOB UTLEY - word/phrase studies on proverbs

- [Proverbs 1 Commentary](#)

## PROVERBS COMMENTARIES AND SERMONS

### PAUL APPLE

- [The Book of Proverbs - Brief Commentary](#)

### GEORGE BERRY

- [The Book of Proverbs - Commentary](#)

### CHARLES BRIDGES

- [A Commentary on Proverbs](#) - C. H. Spurgeon called this book "The best work on the Proverbs", for "while explaining the passage in hand, he sets other portions of the Word of God in new lights."

### CENTURY BIBLE COMMENTARY

All Chapters covered - links below to help you go to a specific chapter faster

- [Commentary on Proverbs 1](#)
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- [Commentary on Proverbs 31](#)

### THOMAS CONSTABLE

- [Expository Notes on the Book of Proverbs](#)

### MARK COPELAND

- [Executable Outlines - Proverbs](#)

### JOHN DUMMELOW

- [Proverbs Commentary - brief notes](#)

### EASY ENGLISH

- [Proverbs: Lessons about wisdom - Commentary](#)

### A. ELZAS

- [The Proverbs of Solomon - 1871](#)

### WILLIAM M. ENGLES

- [Rills from the Fountain of Wisdom, or The Book of Proverbs Arranged and Illustrated - 1845](#)

**WILLIAM FRENCH  
GEORGE SKINNER**

- [A New Translation of the Proverbs of Solomon from the Original Hebrew with Explanatory Notes -1831](#)

**Spurgeon comments:** These translators endeavor to produce faithful renderings of the text, giving to each word the same sense in all places. They are calm, dispassionate, judicious, and able.

**JAMES GRAY**

- [Concise Bible Commentary on Old Testament -Proverbs](#)

**DAVID GUZIK - commentary**

- Proverbs [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#) [8](#) [9](#) [10](#) [11](#) [12](#) [13](#) [14](#) [15](#) [16](#) [17](#) [18](#) [19](#) [20](#) [21](#) [22](#) [23](#) [24](#) [25](#) [26](#) [27](#) [28](#) [29](#) [30](#) [31](#)

**GEORGE HOLDEN**

- [Proverbs Commentary](#)

**Spurgeon comments:** Home says of this work:—"It is one of the most valuable helps to the critical understanding of this book." It is certainly one of the best of Holden's productions. We may be wrong, but we could not conscientiously subscribe to Horne's opinion.

**DONALD HUNT**

- [Pondering the Proverbs \(>500 Pages\) College Press - 1974](#)
- Topical Index of Proverbs - extensive- go to Pdf page 449

**DANIEL HYDE**

- [Devotions on the Proverbs](#)

**FRANCIS JACOX**

- [Scripture Proverbs: Illustrated, Annotated, and Applied-1876](#)

**Spurgeon comments:** This work illustrates many of the proverbs scattered throughout the Scriptures, and some of those collected by Solomon. Mr. Jacox seems to have read everything good and bad, and hence he pours forth a medley of fact and fiction more entertaining than edifying. He reminds us of the elder Disraeli and his "Curiosities of Literature."

**KEIL AND DELITZSCH**

- [Proverbs Commentary](#)

**WILLIAM KELLY**

- [Proverbs 1-9 Commentary](#)
- [Proverbs 10-19 Commentary](#)

**PAUL KRETZMANN**

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#### GEORGE LAWSON

- [See George Lawson below](#)

**Spurgeon comments:** A thoroughly sound and useful commentary. Lawson wrote popularly and vigorously.

#### JOHN MACARTHUR

- [Proverbs Crucial Lessons for a Wise Father](#)

#### F B MEYER

- [Proverbs - 'Through the Bible' Commentary](#)

#### MONERGISM

- [Mp3's by Chapter - Proverbs - Monergism](#)

#### ROBERT MORGAN

- [Sermon Messages Related to Proverbs \(many illustrations\)](#)

#### RICHARD MOULTON

- [The Proverbs - 1901](#)

#### PETER MUFFET

- [A Commentary on the Whole Book of Proverbs -1868](#)

**Spurgeon comments:** Homely, but not very striking. Mr. Nichol's choice of commentators for reprinting was

not a wise one.

## ROBERT NEIGHBOUR

- [Proverbs 1 Commentary](#)
- [Proverbs 3 Commentary](#)
- [Proverbs 4 Commentary](#)
- [Proverbs 27 Commentary](#)
- [Proverbs 28 Commentary](#)
- [Proverbs 29 Commentary](#)

**TOMMY NELSON Mp3's Only** - these are somewhat difficult to get to on their site.[Try this link for messages below.](#)

- Wisdom- The Ultimate Acquisition -- Denton Bible Church
- Proverbs 1:1-19 The Art of Living Blessedly - audio
- Proverbs 8:22-31 The Nature and Need of Revival --audio
- Proverbs 13:12 The Biblical Basis for Resolutions- audio
- Proverbs 14:1 The Standard of The Godly Wife - audio
- Proverbs 14:4 Flexibility - audio
- Proverbs 18:21 The Might of the Mouth - audio
- Proverbs 27:14 Sensitivity -- audio
- Proverbs 24:1-12 The Theology of Courage -- audio
- Proverbs 30:24-28 Success -- audio
- Proverbs 30:1-6 The Theological Wanderings of "The Gatherer" -audio
- The Proverbs 31 Woman -- audio

## NET BIBLE NOTES

- [Net Bible Notes - These are Brief but Excellent on Proverbs](#)

## BENJAMIN ELLIOT NICHOLLS

- [The Book of Proverbs Explained and Illustrated - 1842](#)

**Spurgeon comments:** Contains very sensible suggestions for the interpretation of proverbs, and gives instances of explanations by geography, natural history, etc. It is a somewhat helpful work.

## JAMES NISBET

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#### JOSEPH PARKER

- [The People's Bible - Proverbs - 450 pages](#)

#### CHRISTOPHER R PEARSON

- [Counsels of the Wise King or Proverbs of Solomon Applied to Daily Life v1](#)
- [Counsels of the Wise King or Proverbs of Solomon Applied to Daily Life v2](#)

Devotional Style but not in chapter/verse order

#### PETER PETT

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#### AREND REMMERS

- [Bible Commentary \(overview\): Proverbs](#)

#### JOHNNY L SANDERS

Each of the links below opens a Pdf commentary of about 6-7 pages (well done)...

- [Proverbs The Course of Wisdom](#)
- [Proverbs 1 The Source of Wisdom](#)
- [Proverbs 3 The Force of Wisdom](#)
- [Proverbs 8 The Value of Wisdom](#)

- [Proverbs 3 Wisdom is Family Friendly](#)
- [Proverbs Wisdom is Not Cool](#)
- [Proverbs Wisdom in Speech \(1 of 6\)](#)
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- [Proverbs Wisdom in Speech \(5 of 6\)](#)
- [Proverbs Wisdom in Speech \(6 of 6\)](#)
- [Proverbs 24:3-7 Wisdom Transforms](#)
- [Proverbs 2:7 Integrity of Wisdom](#)

## CHARLES SIMEON

- [Proverbs Sermons - 74 messages](#) - Scroll down for all sermons.

## BILL STILL

- [Proverbs \(33-Part MP3 Series\) by William Still](#)

## RICHARD L. STRAUSS

- [A Matter of Life and Death](#)
- [Sweet as Honey](#)
- [Wise as Serpents](#)

## MOSES STUART

- [A commentary on the book of Proverbs](#)

**Spurgeon comments:** Stuart's introductory matter is highly instructive, though no reader should blindly accept it all.

## JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE

- [Proverbs - Sutcliffe's Commentary - links to each chapter](#)

## DAVID THOMAS (1873)

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- [Proverbs 4:23 Keeping the Heart - Entire Book Online](#)
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Ron Maness says "This book has been called by some one of the greatest Christian books of all time....Flavel carefully and exhaustively unfolds all that is involved in "keeping" the heart, and how that should be the "great business" of every Christian. Keeping the heart, Flavel would have us to understand, involves the "diligent and constant use and improvement of all holy means and duties to preserve the soul from sin and maintain its sweet and free communion with God" At the beginning, Flavel sets forth the doctrine: "The keeping and right managing of the heart in every condition is the great business of a Christian's life" (page 3). He lists six acts to help keep the heart carefully: 1) "frequent observation" of the state of the heart (self-examination, self-conferences, etc.), 2) " deep humiliation for heart-evils and disorders", 3) "earnest supplications and instant prayer for heart-purifying and rectifying grace", 4) "imposing strong engagements and bonds upon ourselves to walk more earnestly with God and avoid the occasions whereby the heart may be induced to sin" (page 8) (including for example vows, or Job's "covenant with mine eyes"), 5) "a constant holy jealousy over our own hearts", and 6) the "realizing of God's presence with us and setting the Lord always before us" (page 8).He cautions that heart-work is not easy work: "Heart-work is hard work, indeed. To shuffle over religious duties with a loose and heedless spirit will cost no great pains. But to set yourself before the Lord, and tie up your loose and vain thoughts to a constant and serious attendance upon Him, will cost you something"...**All that I beg for is that you would step aside a little more often to talk with God and your own heart...(and) demand this of your own heart, at least every evening, 'Oh, my heart, where have you been today? Where have you made a road today?'**" This is a book to be read or consulted frequently. ([Review](#))

## C H SPURGEON

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## STEVEN COLE

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- [The Christian's Thought Life](#)

## BRUCE HURT

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