

**Psalms teaches us how to
get along with God**

**Proverbs teaches us how to
get along with people**

Proverbs

“wise sayings for practical living”

Biblical

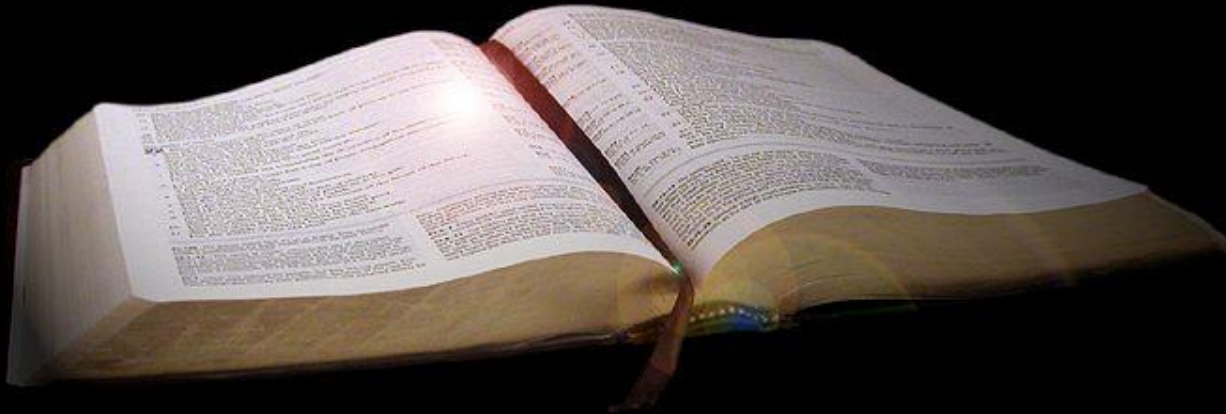


Psychology 101

**God's prescription for emotional and
spiritual stability**

The Proverbs

The beginning of knowledge



Proverbs 1:1-4

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding, to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion...

To know wisdom and instruction...

“Wisdom”

To use knowledge in a practical way

To grasp deep spiritual truths taught
in the Word of God

Ability to make application of those truths to
various situations

Perceive the words of understanding...

The ability to comprehend why following God's
lead is important

***Receive the instruction of wisdom,
justice, judgment and equality***

“Receive”

Describes a worker plucking choice grapes

In Proverbs: one who plucks or harvests
the wise instructions of God

Gain prudence, knowledge and discretion

“Prudence” – the opposite of being gullible, or easily influenced or swayed

“Knowledge” – the ability to discern or distinguish between right and wrong

“Discretion” – the practice of always choosing what is right

Wisdom personified

Proverbs 1:20

*Wisdom calls aloud outside; she raises
her voice in the open squares.*

**Wisdom is always available to teach us
what we need to know**

Proverbs 1:20-21, 23

*Wisdom calls aloud outside; she raises
her voice in the open squares. She cries out in
the chief concourses, at the openings of the
gates in the city she speaks her words... “Turn at
my rebuke; surely I will pour out my spirit on you;
I will make my words known to you.”*

Wisdom can be rejected and spurned

Proverbs 1:24-25

*“Because I have called and you refused,
I have stretched out my hand and no one
regarded, because you disdained all my counsel,
and would have none of my rebuke...”*

Those who reject wisdom will suffer catastrophic results

Proverbs 1:26-32

“I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.”

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Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, they would have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them.”

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The Simple

Proverbs 1:22a

*“How long, you simple ones, will you
love simplicity?”*

“Simple” – naïve, a wide open door... easily
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The Simple

Proverbs 22:3

*A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself,
but the simple pass on and are punished.*

“*Simple*” – naïve, a wide open door... easily
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The Scorners, Scoffer or Mocker

Proverbs 1:22b

“For scorners delight in their scorning...”

“Scorn” – to turn aside, reject with vigorous contempt, to refuse, to show disdain, to be disgusted

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Proverbs 14:6

*“A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it,
but knowledge is easy to him who understands.”*

Proverbs 9:7-8 (NIV)

*“Whoever corrects a mocker invites insult;
whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse.
Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you;
rebuke a wise man and he will love you.”*

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The Fool

Proverbs 1:22c

“And fools hate knowledge.”

“Fool” – one who misuses the wisdom God has given him, one who reasons wrongly

Proverbs 14:8-9a

*“The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, but the folly of fools is deceit.
Fools mock at sin...”*

Proverbs 1:7

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Psalm 14:1

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*They are corrupt, they have done abominable
works, there is none who does good.*

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The wise man

Willing listener

Proverbs 1:5a

“A wise man will hear and increase learning...”

(Prov 12:15; 13:1; 15:31-32; 19:20)

“Hear” = “Increase learning”

Want to learn and grow

Proverbs 1:5b

*“And a man of understanding will attain
wise counsel...”*

(Prov 9:9)

The wise make a life-long pursuit of learning and
expanding their minds – especially
understanding the Bible

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A man of understanding will attain wise counsel.”*

Proverbs 10:14

“Wise people store up knowledge...”

Proverbs 15:7

“The lips of the wise disperse knowledge...”

Eagerly seek out and accept wise counsel

Proverbs 18:15

*“The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”*

The wise realize they need wise counsel,
but only accept it from those with godly wisdom

Loneliness

Worry and Anxiety

Anger, Bitterness and Resentment

Discouragement

Temptation

Loss

Depression

Death and Dying

**What is your attitude toward the
wisdom of God?**

