

Proverbs Chapter 1

1. The book of Proverbs focuses upon *wisdom*. What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge?
2. Some wisdom is acquired by experience. But what was wisdom's primary source in this book? (see verses 2, 5, 6, 8, 24, 25, 33)
3. Wisdom helps one to deal wisely in what 3 areas? (v. 3... *and what is the difference between the last two items?*)
4. Solomon spoke much of the "simple" man. Though he is initially unwise, the simple has the ability to become what? (Prov. 21:11)
 - a. What tendency does the simple have according to Prov. 1:22a?
 - b. What tendency does the simple have according to Prov. 14:15?
 - c. What are some consequences of simple-mindedness according to Proverbs 1:32 and 22:3?
5. Verse 6 speaks of both "proverbs" and "riddles." What is the difference between the two?
 - a. Who told a riddle in Judges 14:12?
6. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____ (v. 7)
 - a. According to verse 29, fearing the Lord is a _____.
7. Who did Solomon often specifically address in this book? (1:8, 10, 15; 2:1; 3:1, 11, 21; 4:1, 10, 20; 5:1, 7; 6:1; 7:1 ...etc)
8. What are a father's instructions and a mother's law to a child? (8, 9)

9. What does Solomon tell his son to *not* do in verses 10 & 15?
- What do evil companions do to one's morals? (1 Cor. 15:33)
 - What did Solomon say about companionship in Proverbs 22:24-25?
10. Thinking of the sinners in Proverbs 1:10-13... What do sinners *generally* try to get non-sinners to do?
- What tactic do they typically use to do this? (v. 10)
 - What particular sins (crimes) did Solomon mention in these verses as hypotheticals?
 - Ironically, in setting their trap for others they also set the trap for who else? (verses 17-19)
 - What did Paul say about greed in 1 Timothy 6:10?
11. A figure of speech called *personification* is used in verses 20-33 (also in chapter 8:1-ff) to depict wisdom as *what*?
12. Wisdom cries out because the simple ones (naive ones) love their _____. Scorners delight in their _____. And fools hate _____. (v. 22)
13. What are some consequences of foolishness and rejection of divine wisdom? (26-32)
14. What blessings await those who listen to wisdom?