

Proverbs: God's Treasure Book for Skillful Living

Proverbs 1:1-7

I. The Presenter of Proverbs (vs. 1)


 **Proverbs 1:1** The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel

Solomon's Early History (1 Kings 3:5-14)

- His Position (vs. 6-7a)
- His Posture (vs. 7b-8)
- His Prayer (vs. 9)
- His Provision (vs. 10-14)


Solomon's Proverbs (1 Kings 4:29-34)

II. The Purpose of Proverbs — to Impart Wisdom (vs. 2-6)

 **Proverbs 1:2-6** To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion— 5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles."

Word	Verse	Meaning
Wisdom	Prov. 1:2a	Skillfulness
Instruction	Prov. 1:2b	Child training; discipline
Understanding	Prov. 1:2b	Discernment
Justice	Prov. 1:3b	Correct decisions
Equity	Prov. 1:3b	Moral integrity
Prudence	Prov. 1:4a	Sensibility in practical matters
Discretion	Prov. 1:4b	Thoughtfulness
Learning	Prov. 1:5a	To Grasp, lay hold, to acquire something
Counsel	Prov. 1:5b	Guidance

III. The Prerequisite of Wisdom — the Key Verse (vs. 7)

 **Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.