

Wisdom for Living in Difficult Times

The Wisdom of the Proverbs

I. Introduction

- A. Prov. 1:1-7 (NLT) *¹These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. ²Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. ³Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. ⁴These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. ⁵Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance ⁶by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*
- B. Prov. 11:22 (NLT) *A beautiful woman who lacks discretion is like a gold ring in a pig's snout.*
1. Laws.
 2. Promises.
 3. Proverbs.
- C. Prov. 11:25 (NLT) *The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.*
- D. Prov. 24:27 (NLT) *Do your planning and prepare your fields before building your house.*
- E. Prov. 26:4-5 (NLT) *⁴Don't answer the foolish arguments of fools, or you will become as foolish as they are. ⁵Be sure to answer the foolish arguments of fools, or they will become wise in their own estimation.*
- F. Prov. 26:9 (NLT) *A proverb in the mouth of a fool is like a thorny branch brandished by a drunk.*
- G. Prov. 10:19 (NAS) *When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise.*
- H. Prov. 10:25 (NLT) *When the storms of life come, the wicked are whirled away, but the godly have a lasting foundation.*
- I. Prov. 12:1 (NAS) *Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof is stupid.*
- J. Prov. 27:15 (NLT) *A quarrelsome wife is as annoying as constant dripping on a rainy day.*
- K. Prov. 19:17 (NAS) *One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.*
- L. Col. 2:3 (NLT) *In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

II. Conclusion

Upcoming Messages:

- 2/13-14/2010 "God's Wisdom on Sexuality"**
- 2/20-21/2010 "Wisdom for Our Words"**
- 2/27-28/2010 "Wisdom About Entropy"**
- 3/6-7/2010 "Friendships That Work"**
- 3/13-14/2010 "Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Children"**
- 3/20-21/2010 "Wisdom to Manage Our Anger Appropriately"**
- 3/27-28/2010 "Surrender Leads to Freedom"**