

Lesson 1 Bible Verses

Proverbs 1:1-7

¹ The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

² for gaining wisdom and instruction;

for understanding words of insight;

³ for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,
doing what is right and just and fair;

⁴ for giving prudence to those who are simple,^[a]
knowledge and discretion to the young—

⁵ let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—

⁶ for understanding proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise.^[b]

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools^[c] despise wisdom and instruction.”

Footnotes:

[a] The Hebrew word rendered *simple* in Proverbs denotes a person who is gullible, without moral direction and inclined to evil.

[b] Or *understanding a proverb, namely, a parable, / and the sayings of the wise, their riddles*

[c] The Hebrew words rendered *fool* in Proverbs, and often elsewhere in the Old Testament, denote a person who is morally deficient.

Proverbs 10:1a “The proverbs of Solomon:”

Proverbs 22:17 “Pay attention and turn your ear to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach,”

Proverbs 24:23 “These also are sayings of the wise: To show partiality in judging is not good:”

Proverbs 25:1 “These are more proverbs of Solomon, compiled by the men of Hezekiah king of Judah:”

Proverbs 30:1a “The sayings of Agur son of Jakeh—an inspired utterance.”

Proverbs 31:1 “The sayings of King Lemuel—an inspired utterance his mother taught him.”

2 Chronicles 1:8-12 “Solomon answered God, ‘You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. ⁹ Now, LORD God, let your promise to my father David be confirmed, for you have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. ¹⁰ Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?’

¹¹ God said to Solomon, ‘Since this is your heart’s desire and you have not asked for wealth, possessions or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, ¹² therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, possessions and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have.’”

1 Kings 4:29-33 “God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.³⁰ Solomon’s wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt.³¹ He was wiser than anyone else, including Ethan the Ezrahite—wiser than Heman, Kalkol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations.³² He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five.³³ He spoke about plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also spoke about animals and birds, reptiles and fish.”

Proverbs 22:17-19 “Pay attention and turn your ear to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach,¹⁸ for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips.¹⁹ So that your trust may be in the LORD, I teach you today, even you.”

James 3:13 “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.”

1 Corinthians 3:18-20 “Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become ‘fools’ so that you may become wise.¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written: ‘He catches the wise in their craftiness’^[a]; ²⁰ and again, ‘The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.’”^[b]

Footnotes: [a] Job 5:13; [b] Psalm 94:11

Hebrews 12:28-29 “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,²⁹ for our “God is a consuming fire.”^[a]

Footnote: Deut. 4:24

Hebrews 12:5-6 “And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, ‘My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.’”^[a]”

Footnote: Prov. 3:11,12

Proverbs 22:4 “Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honor and life.”

Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 “These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.”

Psalm 14:1 “The fool^[a] says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.”

Footnote: The Hebrew words rendered *fool* in Psalms denote one who is morally deficient.

Psalm 36:1-4 “For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD.

¹ I have a message from God in my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked.^[a] There is no fear of God before their eyes.

² In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin. ³ The words of their mouths are wicked and deceitful; they fail to act wisely or do good. ⁴ Even on their beds they plot evil; they commit themselves to a sinful course and do not reject what is wrong.”

Footnote: Or *A message from God: The transgression of the wicked / resides in their hearts.*

Proverbs 28:26 “Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe.”