**STRATEGIES FOR READING PROVERBS PROV. 1:1-9**

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

**Proverbs 1:2** To know wisdom and instruction; To perceive the words of understanding;

**Proverbs 1:3** To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, and judgment, and equity;

**Proverbs 1:4** To give subtilty to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion.

**Proverbs 1:5** A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; And a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

**Proverbs 1:6** To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; The words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

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

**Proverbs 1:8** My son, hear the instruction of thy father, And forsake not the law of thy mother:

**Proverbs 1:9** For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, And chains about thy neck.

**Proverbs 6:20** My son, **keep** thy father’s commandment, And **forsake not** the law of thy mother: **Proverbs 6:21 Bind** them continually upon thine heart, And **tie** them about thy neck.

**Proverbs 6:22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; When thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; And when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.**

**Proverbs 6:23 For** the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; And reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

**Proverbs 24:16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: But the wicked shall fall into mischief. Proverbs 24:17** Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, And let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:  **Proverbs 24:18** Lest the Lord see it, and it displease him, And he turn away his wrath from him.

**1. *Scanning* Proverbs**

You are old school Pastor Warren!

**Scanning Proverbs:**

* **Reading the Bible once per year**
* **Best place to start**
* **Best way to get the big picture**
* **Good and necessary introduction**
* **So by reading 3-4 chapters per day on your way to reading the Bible through in a year.**
* **You will encounter Proverbs 7 & 31**
* **You will also encounter favorite verses**

**Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. **Proverbs 3:6** In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths.

**Proverbs 4:7** Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: And with all thy getting get understanding. **Proverbs 4:8** Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: She shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

**Proverbs 10:12** Hatred stirreth up strifes: But love covereth all sins.

* **You will be overwhelmed with too much and too many ideas**
* **This can be like eating everything and digesting nothing**
* **Far too cursory**
* **Not like reading a narrative!**

**2. *Reading* Proverbs**

* **This can be a real feast and can be done in more than one way**
* **Read one chapter a day 🡪 specifically the chapter of the day**
* **This is best when it is added to already existing activity**

What might some of these be?

* **You can read Proverbs through monthly ~ more orless**
* **You can really begin to make some headway**
* **You can read as a delight & not a duty or drudgery!**
* **Don’t worry about failure 🡪 you’ll get it next time**
* **No legalism, checklists, guilt, telling others but simply loving God’s Word**
* **For another way of doing this: read a Proverb of the week**

31 chapters means you will work through Proverbs a little less than 2 times per year.

* **Always give yourself room for failure and some days off**

**3. *Studying* Proverbs**

* **Obviously no limits to this**
* **If you practice #1 &/ #2 you will get here on your own!**
* **Curiosity, passion, need, interest, discovery based &/ driven**
* **Always should be your own projects**
* **One very helpful way is to begin to grouping / collecting Proverbs on the same subject**

**Proverbs 15:13** A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

**Proverbs 15:15** All the days of the afflicted are evil: But he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

**Proverbs 17:22** A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: But a broken spirit drieth the bones.

**Proverbs 10:12** Hatred stirreth up strifes: But love covereth all sins.

**Proverbs 13:10** Only by pride cometh contention: But with the well advised is wisdom.

**[1 Peter 4:8** And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.]

**Proverbs 11:14** Where no counsel is, the people fall: But in the multitude of counsellers there is safety.

**Proverbs 12:15** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

**Proverbs 15:22** Without counsel purposes are disappointed: But in the multitude of counsellers they are established.

**Proverbs 20:18** Every purpose is established by counsel: And with good advice make war.

**Proverbs 24:6** For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: And in multitude of counsellers there is safety.

**Proverbs 12:9** He that is despised, and hath a servant, is **better** Than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

**Proverbs 15:16 Better** is little with the fear of the Lord Than great treasure and trouble therewith.

**Proverbs 15:17 Better** is a dinner of herbs where love is, Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

**Proverbs 16:8 Better** is a little with righteousness Than great revenues without right.

**Proverbs 16:16 How much better** is it to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

**Proverbs 16:19 Better** it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

**Proverbs 16:32** He that is slow to anger is **better** than the mighty; And he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

**Proverbs 17:1 Better** is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, Than an house full of sacrifices with strife.

**Proverbs 19:1 Better** is the poor that walketh in his integrity, Than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

**Proverbs 19:22** The desire of a man is his kindness: And a poor man is **better** than a liar.

**Proverbs 21:9** It is **better** to dwell in a corner of the housetop, Than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

**Proverbs 21:19** It is **better** to dwell in the wilderness, Than with a contentious and an angry woman.

**Proverbs 22:1** A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, And loving favour rather than silver and gold.

**Proverbs 25:24** It is **better** to dwell in the corner of the housetop, Than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

**Proverbs 27:5** Open rebuke is **better** than secret love. **Proverbs 27:6** Faithful are the wounds of a friend; But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

**Proverbs 27:10** Thine own friend, and thy father’s friend, forsake not; Neither go into thy brother’s house in the day of thy calamity: For better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

**Proverbs 28:6 Better** is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, Than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

**4. Memorizing & Meditating Proverbs**

* **This will become your very life!**
* **This will come from #1-3**
* **This will also come from needs, interests, struggles, desire to help….**

**Proverbs 3:5 Trust** in the Lord with all thine heart; And **lean not** unto thine own understanding. **Proverbs 3:6** In all thy ways **acknowledge** him, **And he shall direct thy paths.**

**Proverbs 3:11** My son, despise **not** the chastening of the Lord; **Neither** be weary of his correction: **Proverbs 3:12 For** whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

**Proverbs 3:27** Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, When it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

**Proverbs 10:12** Hatred stirreth up strifes: But love covereth all sins.

**Proverbs 13:4** The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

**Proverbs 13:10** Only by pride cometh contention: But with the well advised is wisdom.

**Proverbs 14:10** The heart knoweth his own bitterness; And a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

**Proverbs 25:2** It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: But the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

**Proverbs 25:6** Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, And stand not in the place of great men: **Proverbs 25:7** For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; Than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince Whom thine eyes have seen.

**Proverbs 25:8** Go not forth hastily to strive, Lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, When thy neighbour hath put thee to shame. **Proverbs 25:9** Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; And discover not a secret to another: **Proverbs 25:10** Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, And thine infamy turn not away. **Proverbs 25:11** A word fitly spoken Is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. **Proverbs 25:12** As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, So is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

**Proverbs 18:13** He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, It is folly and shame unto him.

**Proverbs 18:15** The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

**Proverbs 18:17** He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; But his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

**Proverbs 25:17** Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour’s house; Lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

**Proverbs 16:32** He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; And he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

**Proverbs 25:28** He that hath no rule over his own spirit Is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

**Proverbs 27:20 Hell (שְׁא֣וֹל) and destruction (**וַאֲבַדֹּה**)** are never full; So the eyes of man are never satisfied.