

PROVERBS 1 The Beginning of Knowledge!

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THE GREATEST THING – Mark Pendergrass (3:34/3:37)

*The greatest thing in all my life is **knowing you**. The greatest thing in all my life is **knowing you**.
I want to **know** you more. I want to **know** you more. The greatest thing in all my life is **knowing you**.*

*The greatest thing in all my life is **loving you**. The greatest thing in all my life is **loving you**.
I want to **love** you more. I want to **love** you more. The greatest thing in all my life is **loving you**.*

*The greatest thing in all my life is **serving you**. The greatest thing in all my life is **serving you**.
I want to **serve** you more. I want to **serve** you more. The greatest thing in all my life is **serving you**.
I want to **serve** you more. I want to **serve** you more. The greatest thing in all my life is **serving you**.*

PROVERBS 1 - (Pro 1:7) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. The Beginning of Knowledge - How to wise-up and live! Short sentences from long experience, condensing much wisdom in a small space. Wisdom – the ability to use knowledge in the right way! Divine wisdom is from above! Jesus Christ is the Wisdom of God! (**Ecc 12:9**) *And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and **set in order many proverbs**.*

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

- Solomon was a very wise man. When he ascended to the throne, God said to Solomon, “Ask of me whatever you would like.. Solomon said, “Lord, grant to me wisdom, that I might rule over these, Your people.” And the Lord said, was pleased with Solomon’s request. He said, “Because you did not ask for money or fame, but for wisdom, I will not only give you wisdom, but I will also give you money, and riches, and fame.” Solomon became a very wise man.
- We are told in Kings, that he wrote three thousand proverbs. If you challenge Solomon’s wisdom, then I challenge you, write a proverb. Now a proverb is a short little saying that incorporates a lot of wisdom. We hear proverbs all the time. You know, your parents so often speak to you in proverbs. “Honey, a bird in the hand is worth two in a bush.” Now there is a lot of wisdom to that. Having something, possessing something is, is really greater than hoping to get something that you do not yet have. So, proverbs bring together thoughts and ideas that express a lot of wisdom.

Pro 1:2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding,

- A proverb will help you to be wise, to give you wisdom. It helps you to receive instruction. We are instructed so many times by proverbs, and it gives you understanding into life, into the things of life.

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

- So, these things, justice, judgment, equity, are expressed so often times in proverbs.

Pro 1:4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion—

Pro 1:5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

- In other words, it is used for instruction. To put the truth in a way, that it can be remembered. In a clever way that sort of sticks to you.

Pro 1:6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.

- The purpose of proverbs is to minister to the simple, to the young, to wise, to men of understanding. Or their sayings sometimes where they have, you have to think it through. You have to sort of meditate on it, and think about it, and as you do, the truth comes through. The dark sayings where the, the truth is hidden until it is drawn out through meditation.
- So that he, first six verses sort of introduced proverbs, the purpose of them, and what they will do. Now in verse seven, he gives you sort of the foundation for the whole book. The proverbs that he wrote, purpose of them, was to bring you into the reverential fear of the LORD.

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

- To fear God, to reverence God, to know God. That is the beginning of knowledge. There are many people who make knowledge their god. Education is the big thing of their life. They are constantly reading, constantly studying, constantly seeking to learn more and more. Often times when you ask that person about God, what you think about God, they will say, “Well, I’m an agnostic.” Because they think that sounds very wise, very sophisticated. The word agnostic is a Greek word. The Latin word for agnostic is ignoramus. It is interesting that a person who makes his intellect his god, ends up with a confession of ignorance, when it comes to ultimate knowledge.
- *But fools despise wisdom and instruction.* The term *despise* packs a strongly negative punch. Not fearing God is the same as rejecting wisdom outright.

The Enticement of Sinners

Pro 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;

- The opening words of wisdom’s instruction come as an appeal from parents to their son (child), a theme that continues throughout the book. Both father and mother teach.

Pro 1:9 For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.

- The instruction of your father and the law of your mother will adorn you. They will beautify your life.

Pro 1:10 My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.

Pro 1:11 If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait to shed blood; Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;

Pro 1:12 Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, And whole, like those who go down to the Pit;

Pro 1:13 We shall find all kinds of precious possessions, We shall fill our houses with spoil;

Pro 1:14 Cast in your lot among us, Let us all have one purse"—

- If sinners entice you. This is the first of several texts in which wisdom teaches by means of a story.

Pro 1:15 My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path;

Pro 1:16 For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood. (Isa 59:7)

Pro 1:17 Surely, in vain the net is spread In the sight of any bird;

Pro 1:18 But they lie in wait for their own blood, They lurk secretly for their own lives.

- The parents speak words of caution. One step on this precipitous path is a step toward destruction. Spreading a net in the sight of the bird one wishes to trap would be a fruitless task. Yet the fool is less sensible than the bird; he will watch the trap being set and get caught in it anyway!

Pro 1:19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners.

- *It takes away the life.* These words conclude the story and introduce a theme that the following passages develop further. The study of wisdom is a matter of life and death!

The Call of Wisdom

Pro 1:20 Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares.

Pro 1:21 She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words:

Pro 1:22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

- The word *wisdom* is plural but the verb, *calls* is singular. The plural is intensive. It calls attention to the word and heightens its meaning.

Pro 1:23 Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.

- Wisdom is crying, “I’ll pour out my spirit,” the spirit of wisdom. We do read of that in the New Testament, the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of knowledge. We read of that in *(Isaiah 11:1, 61:1)* “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.*” The spirit of wisdom, knowledge, understanding.
- Wisdom addresses the simple ones, or “open ones” the naïve. These are young people who have not yet made up their mind about life or the direction they will take.

Pro 1:24 Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

Pro 1:25 Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,

Pro 1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,

Pro 1:27 When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.

- Wisdom ridicules those who reject her when they come to face the inevitable judgment of their foolishness. Yet wisdom laughs with joy at God’s works and has delight in the people of God!

Pro 1:28 "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

Pro 1:29 Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD,

Pro 1:30 They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke.

Pro 1:31 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

Pro 1:32 For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

Pro 1:33 But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

- *I will not answer.* When fools despise wisdom, they must face the results of their choice. Their hatred for wisdom arises out of a refusal to fear God. Verses 31,32 pick up the theme of v. 19 from the parents' instruction. Fools bring about their own destruction. Rejection of wisdom *will slay them.* This dismal warning ends with a promise of life to the few *who will listen.* They will find safety and *be secure without fear of evil!* Safe and secure!

ABOVE ALL – Michael W. Smith (4:24)

The key word in Proverbs is wisdom!

*Above all powers, above all kings. Above all nature and all created things
Above **all wisdom** and all the ways of man You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure what You're worth
Crucified, laid behind a stone You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground You took the fall and thought of me Above all (2X)*

*Crucified, laid behind a stone You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground You took the fall and thought of me Above all
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LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS Hoffman/Showalter - T4G Live IV (2:54)

Pro 1:33 But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!*

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning, **Safe and secure** from all alarms.
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! (Refrain)*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
I have peace complete with my Lord so near, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! (Refrain)*

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