

PROVERBS BY THE DOZEN

Relationships



Your first relationship is the one you have with God. No person can fill that spot or take His place in your life. When you come upon problems, the natural response is to try to solve them—or find someone who can! Through problems the Lord is always drawing you back to TRUST in Him and not in your ability to figure things out.

Trust in the Lord
with all your heart
And do not lean
on your own
understanding.
In all your ways
acknowledge Him,
And He will direct
your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6



When establishing your own life habits, sometimes “the old way” can seem old-fashioned or too simplistic. But coming back to “Read your Bible and pray every day” or “Go to Jesus” will never steer you wrong.

Staying in the right and simple path takes more focus and intentionality than forging a new and creative way.

My son, observe the
commandment of your
father,
And do not forsake the
teaching of your mother.
Bind them continually on
your heart
Tie them around your
neck.

Proverbs 6:20-21



If you are wise,
you are wise for
yourself,
And if you scoff,
you alone will
bear it.

Proverbs 9:12

Take personal responsibility!

Your choices and how you respond are yours and not caused by those around you.

You can choose to follow the Lord Jesus whether those closest to you are choosing that way at the time or not.

"People, places, and circumstances do not make me what I am. They only reveal what is in me."

--Jim Benge



Whoever loves discipline
loves knowledge,
But he who hates
reproof is stupid.

Proverbs 12:1

*It's easy to be stupid about reproof!
Don't "put your ears back" when you are
reproved or corrected.*

*Any reproof can be of benefit to grow up
more, even if it is done in an unkind manner.*



An excellent wife is the
crown of her husband,

But she who shames him
is like rottenness in his
bones.

Proverbs 12:4

*Don't talk about your husband's faults to others—
especially not to your girlfriends or your relatives!*

Don't point out your husband's faults to him.

Being cheerful always makes your husband look good.



The wise woman
builds her house,
But the foolish
woman
tears it down
with her own hands.

Proverbs 14:1

There are many creative ways to “build” a house and make it yours: décor, music, candles, tidiness, Scripture, encouraging words, welcoming atmosphere, food for others, flowers, helpfulness, teamwork.

*It takes longer to build a house than it does to tear it down.
It takes even longer to re-build it.*



*A gentle answer
turns away wrath,
But a harsh word
stirs up anger.
Proverbs 15:1*

Harsh words come out when you are defending yourself.

Learn from people who give gentle answers.



Better is a little with
the fear of the Lord,
Than great treasure
and turmoil with it.

Proverbs 15:16

Living in a 1250 sq. ft. house for 25 years is so much better than living in a luxury home filled with beautiful things that is relationally empty.

Fear the Lord and enjoy the people He has given in your life—that is great treasure.

Don't look at what others have. You don't know what sorrow might be hiding behind the front windows.



Fights can escalate quickly.

Don't try to have the last word.

Things seem bigger than they really are when you are tired.

***Walking away is not the same thing as "walking out."
Sometimes you just need to cool off before you say
things you will regret—and things will be calmer later.***

The beginning of
strife is like letting
out water,
So abandon the
quarrel before it
breaks out.

Proverbs 17:14



Don't nag.

It's possible to learn not to nag.

Go to the Lord.

"I learned to spend less time talking to my husband about the Lord, and more time talking to the Lord about my husband."

—woman rebuilding her marriage

*The contentions of a wife
are a constant dripping.*

*House and wealth are an
inheritance from fathers,
But a prudent wife is from
the Lord.*

Proverbs 19:13-14



***A* righteous man falls
seven times
and rises again.**

Proverbs 24:16

***Falling down is not the end.
Get back up.
Go to the blood of Jesus to cleanse from sin.***



***I may not be a “Proverbs 31 woman” who makes my own garments and sells them in the marketplace—
But I am a woman that my husband trusts,
and I can do him good all the days of his life!***

*An excellent wife who can find?
For her worth is
far above jewels.
The heart of her husband
trusts in her
And he will have
no lack of gain.
She does him good and not evil
All the days of his life.
Proverbs 31:10-12*

How to Keep a Proverbs Notebook

The Book of Proverbs has 31 chapters and can be easily read by doing **one chapter each day**.

Whichever date it is, read that chapter of Proverbs.

Example: On the 5th of the month, read chapter 5. On the 23rd of the month, read chapter 23.

Do not try to “catch up” on chapters if you miss a day—just read that day’s chapter of Proverbs.

The simplest notebook is **to write your favorite verse** from the chapter. The next month when you read through, choose a different favorite verse. At the end of the year, you will have 12 verses written from each chapter.

Or, for more of a challenge, **look for different themes** each time you read through the book, and write the verses you find in your notebook. Here are some common themes:

- “My son...”
- Wisdom
- Money
- Friends
- Speaking
- Heart matters
- Women
- Fools
- Work

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