Text-Driven Preaching Conference

“The Way of Wisdom: Applying the Text-Driven Model to Proverbs” // Dr. Daniel C. Dickard

A proverb:

*“The wisdom of many, the wit of one.” – Lord John Russell*

*“A winged word, outliving the fleeting moment.” – Jeffrey Arthurs*

*“A short sentence founded upon long experience.” – Cervantes*

*“Speaks wisdom, but it also requires wisdom to be rightly heard and employed.” – Thomas G. Long*

*“The boiled down summation of many generations of experience in living” – L.D. Johnson*

**Why is it important to preach the Book of Proverbs? // 4 Priorities**

* **It is Relevant:** Proverbs addresses real life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* **It is Full of Purpose:** An aimless life is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life.
* **It is Theocentric:** Proverbs presents hearers with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between God and false idols.
* **It is Personal:** Proverbs promotes personal holiness and willful rejection of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**7 Common Pitfalls**

*“Proverbs might well seem the least preachable book in the Bible – rivaled, perhaps, only by Leviticus. It offers no clear story line”* *– Ellen Davis*

*“Proverbs is a briar patch for expositors” – Bruce Waltke*

* A lack of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the book’s overall structure
* A shortage of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ material hinders the amount of expository sermons produced
* The proverbs’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ form makes nuanced arguments difficult
* Some proverbs seem overly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The intended audience is perceived to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Some proverbs seem to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one another
* A few proverbs appear culturally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Is it possible to preach Proverbs verse-by-verse? // Common responses**

*“The sermon flow in the first nine chapters could be preached verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter. It is possible for the preacher to take larger sections throughout these chapters. However, what about chapter 10 and after? .... Rather than trying to preach verse-by-verse, we need to preach verse with verse” – Steven W. Smith*

*“How then should one preach from the second part of Proverbs [10-31]? My view is that the most successful preaching from the book is topical.” – Trempor Longman III*

*“There are places where we can take a purely linear approach (1:1-9:18) and other places where a thematic approach is more fitting (most of 10:1-22:21).” – Douglas O’ Donnell*

*“You can gather all the proverbs on that theme and preach a message or series on the topic. In a sense, your “text” is the entire book from which you glean a number of short pericopes.” – Jeffrey Arthurs*

**The path to preach Proverbs // 3 Guidelines**

* Understand Proverbs in light of it’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Allow the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to drive the structure of the book
* See proverbs through the correct \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lenses

**Try this: 7 practices to apply when preaching Proverbs**

* Make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Major on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to remain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ centered and not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ centered
* Apply the proverb in its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Turn your “main idea” into a proverbial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Now and then: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ proverbs
* Play the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t forget \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ language

**Four Christ-Centered Themes in Proverbs**

*“These clusters lead organically to Jesus if we take time to work through all his roles. Jesus is the wisest man, the Son perfectly attuned to the Father, the true husband, the perfect worker, the loyal friend, the man who followed God’s plans, who knew how to handle wealth. Consider these four themes.” – Daniel Doriani*

* Jesus the good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 24:30-34)
* Jesus the faithful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 4)
* Jesus the true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 19:4; 27:6-10)
* Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God incarnate (Proverbs 9)

**A Plan to Preach Proverbs // 3 approaches**

* Overview plan // 7-part sermon series
* Verse-by-verse plan // 62 part sermon series
* Verse-with-verse plan // 74 part sermon series

**Overview plan:** There are seven headings to Proverbs. These headings, and other clues within the text, have led many scholars to view Proverbs as seven collections. Preaching Proverbs in seven sermons, giving weight to each collection, would prove valuable.

1. Proverbs 1:1-9:18 – Exhortations for the young: follow the right path
2. Proverbs 10:1–22:16 – Collection of sayings: Observations on “the way things are”
3. Proverbs 22:17 – 24:22 – Beside wisdom: thirty words of wisdom from a father
4. Proverbs 24:23-34 – Words to the wise
5. Proverbs 5:1 – 29:27 – Portable wisdom: short-sentence sayings
6. Proverbs 30:1-33 – Creation’s order and the idiosyncrasies of life
7. Proverbs 31: 1-31 – A mother’s home-truths and the good wife’s example

**Verse-by-verse plan**

Preach Proverbs 1:1-9:18 in 13 expositional sermons. Preach Proverbs 10:1-22:16 verse-by-verse as a running commentary as you connect each short-saying to “the path” (דרך). Preach 22:17-24:22 and 24:23-34 as stand-alone sermons. Preach 25:1-29:27 in three sermons. Preach 30:1-6 and 30:7-33 as stand-alone sermons. Conclude the sermon series with two sermons from Proverbs 31 (31:1-9; 31:10-31).

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13. Proverbs 9:13-18 – Lady Folly

Sermon # 14-53 (Running commentary connected to the main metaphor *derek* דרך from 10:1 to 22:16)

Proverbs 10:1 – Bound up the lad’s life

Proverbs 10:2-3 – Righteousness is the best security

Proverbs 10:4-5 – Hard work: its material and moral aspects

Proverbs 10:6-7 – Goodness brings lasting blessings

Proverbs 10:8 – The obedient and the opinionated

Proverbs 10:9 – Nothing to hide, nothing to fear

Proverbs 10:10 – Mischief sooner made than mended

Proverbs 10:11 – Sweeter water and bitter

Proverbs 10:12 – Troublemaker vs peacemaker

Proverbs 10:13 – Man: God’s mouthpiece or God’s mule?

Proverbs 10:14 – Proper Reticence

Proverbs 10:15 – Don’t Despise Money

Proverbs 10:16 – Earning: their use and abuse

Proverbs 10:17 – Stay teachable

Proverbs 10:18 – The hater’s dilemma

Proverbs 10:19-21 – Words: both good and bad

Proverbs 10:22 – Wealth unspoilt

Proverbs 10:24-25 – The insecurity of the wicked

Proverbs 10:26 – The exasperating sluggard

Proverbs 10:27-30 – Massive certainty

Proverbs 10:31-32 – The fruit of the lips

Proverbs 11:1 – Short Weight

Proverbs 11:2 – Pride pricked

Proverbs 11:3-9 – Righteousness sees a man through

Proverbs 11:10-11 – A people’s happiness

Proverbs 11:12-13 – Least said, soonest mended

Proverbs 11:14 – Get all the advice you can

Proverbs 11:15 – Standing Surety

Proverbs 11:16 – Charm

Proverbs 11:17-19 – Reaping the consequences

Proverbs 11:20 – Hateful or delightful to God

Proverbs 11:21 – Justice will be done

Proverbs 11:22 – Beauty and the beast

Proverbs 11:23 – Desire and fulfilment

Proverbs 11:24-26 – The rewards of generosity

Proverbs 11:27 – What you seek for others, you will get yourself

Proverbs 11:28 – Prosperity – false and true

Proverbs 11:29 – Its yourself you are damaging

Proverbs 11:30 – Virtue spreads its blessings

Proverbs 11:31 – Strict requital

Proverbs 12:1 – Welcome Discipline

Proverbs 12:2 – God loves kindness

Proverbs 12:2 – No righteousness, no roots

Proverbs 12:4 – A fine wine

Proverbs 12:5 – As the man, so the policy

Proverbs 12:6 – Words lethal or liberating

Proverbs 12:7 – Time is the test

Proverbs 12:8 – Good sense wins respect

Proverbs 12:9 – Threadbare gentility

Proverbs 12:10 – Kindness even to animals

Proverbs 12:11 – Frivolity fills no cupboards

Proverbs 12:12 – The fascination of the forbidden

Proverbs 12:13-14 – Words and deeds come back to roost

Proverbs 12:15 – The man who is never wrong

Proverbs 12:16 – Self-control is sense

Proverbs 12:17-19 – Words good and bad

Proverbs 12:20 – The plans you shape, shape you

Proverbs 12:21 – More than conquerors

Proverbs 12:22 – Another thing God detests

Proverbs 12:23 – Discretion

Proverbs 12:24 – Laziness has its price

Proverbs 12:25 – Anxiety

Proverbs 12:26 – Walk circumspectly

Proverbs 12:27 – Fleeting opportunity

Proverbs 12:28 – The way of life

Proverbs 13:1 – Teach ability

Proverbs 13:2-3 – Words fruitful or fatal?

Proverbs 13:4 – Sloth leaves you dissatisfied

Proverbs 13:5 – Words fair or foul

Proverbs 13:6 – Honest is safety

Proverbs 13:7 – Don’t take a man at his own valuation

Proverbs 13:8 – Poverty has its compensations

Proverbs 13:9 – Bright prospect

Proverbs 13:10 – The products of pride

Proverbs 13:11 – Easy come, easy go

Proverbs 13:12 – Hope deferred

Proverbs 13:13 – Obedience pays

Proverbs 13:14 – Law means life

Proverbs 13:15 – Tact with integrity

Proverbs 13:16 – The product proclaims the man

Proverbs 13:17 – Envoys good and bad

Proverbs 13:18 – Welcome Criticism

Proverbs 13:19 – Heart’s Desire

Proverbs 13:20 – Education by friendship

Proverbs 13:21-22 – Requital

Proverbs 13:23 – Method matters most

Proverbs 13:24 – Spare the rod, spoil the child

Proverbs 13:25 – Requital: Part 2

Proverbs 14:1 – The homemaker

Proverbs 14:2 – Not only with our lips

Proverbs 14:3 – Words come back to roost

Proverbs 14:4 – Neat but negative

Proverbs 14:5 – Witnesses true and false

Proverbs 14:6 – Wisdom eludes the know-all

Proverbs 14:7 – Empty encounter

Proverbs 14:8 – Real sense and real folly

Proverbs 14:9 – Moral insolence

Proverbs 14:10 – The inmost heart

Proverbs 14:11 – Retribution

Proverbs 14:12 – The false trail

Proverbs 14:13 – Bitter-sweet limits

Proverbs 14:14 – Table for one

Proverbs 14:15-17 – Examples of folly and sense

Proverbs 14:18 – The foot and the wise rewarded

Proverbs 14:19 – Evil pays homage

Proverbs 14:20 – Fair weather friends

Proverbs 14:21 – The sin of contempt

Proverbs 14:22 – Paid in their own coin

Proverbs 14:23 – Toil or talk

Proverbs 14:24 – Crown or fool’s cap

Proverbs 14:25 – Unyielding honest

Proverbs 14:26-27 – Godliness: fortress and fountain

Proverbs 14:28 – A King’s glory

Proverbs 14:29-30 – Live peaceably

Proverbs 14:31 – Rags and respect

Proverbs 14:32 – Final ruin or final refuge

Proverbs 14:33 – Where wisdom is at home

Proverbs 14:34 – A nation’s stature

Proverbs 14:35 – Efficiency rewarded

Proverbs 15:1 – A soft answer

Proverbs 15:2 – Responsible utterance

Proverbs 15:3 – The eyes of the Lord

Proverbs 15:4 – Words: life giving, death-dealing

Proverbs 15:5 – Impatience of criticism

Proverbs 15:6 – What are you storing up?

Proverbs 15:7 – What are you spreading?

Proverbs 15:8-9 – Divine disgust or divine delight?

Proverbs 15:10 – Life-saving reproof

Proverbs 15:11 – Naked and open

Proverbs 15:12 – Speak to us smooth things

Proverbs 15:13 – Moral

Proverbs 15:14 – Seeker and trifler

Proverbs 15:15 – Morale

Proverbs 15:16-17 – Priorities, spiritual, and temporal

Proverbs 15:18 – Storm center

Proverbs 15:19 – Lazy takes the most trouble

Proverbs 15:20 – Bound up in the lad’s life

Proverbs 15:21 – The boy at play

Proverbs 15:22 – Get all the advice you can

Proverbs 15:23 – Verbal craftsmanship

Proverbs 15:24 – Few there be that find it

Proverbs 15:25 – Protector of the Poor

Proverbs 15:26 – Troublemaking and peacemaking

Proverbs 15:27 – Root of all evil

Proverbs 15:28 – Responsible utterance

Proverbs 15:29 – God: aloof or at hand?

Proverbs 15:30 – A tonic

Proverbs 15:31-33 – Three proverbs on teachability

Proverbs 16:1-9 – The sovereignty of the Lord

Proverbs 16:10-15 – The burden of power

Proverbs 16:7 – Straight and sure

Proverbs 16:18-19 – Pride or humility?

Proverbs 16:20 – Truth and trust

Proverbs 16:21 – The charm of wisdom

Proverbs 16:22 – You must live with yourself

Proverbs 16:23 – The charm of wisdom

Proverbs 16:24 – Sweeting is not superfluous

Proverbs 16:25 – The deceptive rod

Proverbs 16:26 – Incentive to hard work

Proverbs 16:27-30 – Mischief-makers

Proverbs 16:31 – Beauty of age

Proverbs 16:32 – Self control

Proverbs 16:33 – God, not chance, decides

Proverbs 17:1 – Blessed tranquility

Proverbs 17:2 – Ability outruns privilege

Proverbs 17:3 – The crucible

Proverbs 17:4 – Guilty listener

Proverbs 17:5 – Heartlessness

Proverbs 17:6 – Harmony of age and youth

Proverbs 17:7 – Be what you profess

Proverbs 17:8 – Bribery

Proverbs 17:9 – Peacemaker and troublemaker

Proverbs 17:10 – The will to improve

Proverbs 17:11 – Playing with fire

Proverbs 17:12 – Fool on the prowl

Proverbs 17:13 – Home to roost

Proverbs 17:14 – Anger’s havoc

Proverbs 17:15 – Injustice

Proverbs 17:16 – Wisdom not for sale

Proverbs 17:17 – Friend in need

Proverbs 17:18 – Unlimited liability

Proverbs 17:19 – Asking for trouble

Proverbs 17:20 – Too clever

Proverbs 17:21 – Disappointing son

Proverbs 17: 22 – The best medicine

Proverbs 17:23 – The bribe

Proverbs 17:24 – One thing is needed

Proverbs 17:25 – Exasperating son

Proverbs 17:26 – Innocent blood

Proverbs 17:27-28 – Think before you speak

Proverbs 18:1 – Doggedly out of step

Proverbs 18:2 – Closed mind, open mouth

Proverbs 18:3 – Sin’s travelling companions

Proverbs 18:4 – Wisdom’s sparkling flow

Proverbs 18:5 – Favoritism

Proverbs 18:6 – Talking oneself into trouble

Proverbs 18:8 – Tidbits of gossip

Proverbs 18:9 – Slacker and wrecker

Proverbs 18:10-11 – Strong tower: castle in the air

Proverbs 18:12 – Pride and humility

Proverbs 18:13 – Jumping to conclusions

Proverbs 18:14 – The mainspring

Proverbs 18:15 – A mind with an appetite

Proverbs 18:16 – Paving the way

Proverbs 18:17 – Hear both sides

Proverbs 18:18 – In His will is our peace

Proverbs 18:19 – Stubborn defense

Proverbs 18:20-21 – Your words will catch up with you

Proverbs 18:22 – A fine wife

Proverbs 18:23 – Harsh realities

Proverbs 18:24 – A friend worth the name

Proverbs 19:1 – How much is he worth?

Proverbs 19:2 – Getting nowhere fast

Proverbs 19:3 – Always God’s fault

Proverbs 19:4 – Fair-weather friends

Proverbs 19:5 – Perjury

Proverbs 19:6-7 – Fair-weather friends: part 2

Proverbs 19:8 – Sense pays its way

Proverbs 19:9 – Perjury: part 2

Proverbs 19:10 – Pearls and swine

Proverbs 19:11 – Magnanimity

Proverbs 19:12 – The lion and the dew

Proverbs 19:13-14 – Hell or heaven at home

Proverbs 19:15 – The creeping spread of sloth

Proverbs 19:16 – The soul that sins

Proverbs 19:17 – You did it to me

Proverbs 19:18 – Deadly leniency

Proverbs 19:19 – His own worst enemy

Proverbs 19:20 – Wisdom a long-term investment

Proverbs 19:21 – Man proposes, God disposes

Proverbs 19:22 – A man’s true worth

Proverbs 19:23 – Godliness satisfies

Proverbs 19:24 – The sluggard’s inertia

Proverbs 19:25 – The language a fool understands

Proverbs 19:26 – Unnatural son

Proverbs 19:27 – Trifling with truth

Proverbs 19:28 – Deliberate distortion

Proverbs 19:29 – When warnings fail

Proverbs 20:1 – Under the influence

Proverbs 20:2 – Tactlessness

Proverbs 20:3 – Not easily provoked

Proverbs 20:4 – The sluggard’s softness

Proverbs 20:5 – Fathoming one’s fellow men

Proverbs 20:6 – Yours faithfully

Proverbs 20:7 – A father’s best legacy

Proverbs 20:8 – An eye for character

Proverbs 20:9 – Where self helps fail

Proverbs 20:10 – Short weight

Proverbs 20:11 – A children’s character

Proverbs 20:12 – By grace alone

Proverbs 20:13 – Early to rise

Proverbs 20:14 – The bargain driver

Proverbs 20:15 – Precious jewel

Proverbs 20:16 – Hostage to fortune

Proverbs 20:17 – Sin’s aftertaste

Proverbs 20:18 – Be open to advice

Proverbs 20:19 – Beware of gossip

Proverbs 20:20 – Unfilial behavior

Proverbs 20:21- The final audit

Proverbs 20:22 – Sweeter than vengeance

Proverbs 20:23 – Fraud

Proverbs 20:24 – Planned route

Proverbs 20:25 – Count the cost

Proverbs 20:26 – Strong government

Proverbs 20:27 – Conscience

Proverbs 20:28 – Severity is not enough

Proverbs 20:29 – Beauty of youth and age

Proverbs 20:30 – Corporal punishment

Proverbs 21:1 – King of kings

Proverbs 21:2 – Weighed in the balances

Proverbs 21:3 – God cannot help

Proverbs 21:4 – Loft unconcern

Proverbs 21:5 – Thoroughness tells

Proverbs 21:6 – Ill-gotten and ill-fated

Proverbs 21:7 – Their own executioners

Proverbs 21:8 – Clear conscience, clear path

Proverbs 21:9 – The scold

Proverbs 21:10 – Bent upon evil

Proverbs 21:11 – Degrees of teachability

Proverbs 21:12 – Justice will be done

Proverbs 21:13 – His turn will come

Proverbs 21:14 – Gifts and bribes

Proverbs 21:15 – Justice: friend or foe?

Proverbs 21:16 – Moral wanderlust

Proverbs 21:17 – The price of pleasure-seeking

Proverbs 21:18 – The unjust for the just

Proverbs 21:19 – The scold

Proverbs 21:20-21 – Material or spiritual treasure?

Proverbs 21:22 – Strategy

Proverbs 21:23 – Least said…

Proverbs 21:24 – Portrait of the scoffer

Proverbs 21:25-26 – The tyranny of desire

Proverbs 21:27 – A sop to heaven

Proverbs 21:28 – Accurate reporting

Proverbs 21:29 – Bluff

Proverbs 21:30-31 – He pours contempt on princes and loses the belt of the strong

Proverbs 22:1 – Reputation

Proverbs 22:2 – Poor relations

Proverbs 22:3 – Walk warily

Proverbs 22:4 – They shall inherit the earth

Proverbs 22:5 – The way of the transgressor

Proverbs 22:6 – Formative years

Proverbs 22:7 – Money’s leverage

Proverbs 22:8 – The furrows of unrighteousness

Proverbs 22:9 – Cheerful giver

Proverbs 22:10 – Troublemaker

Proverbs 22:11 – Grace and truth

Proverbs 22:12 – Truth’s guardian

Proverbs 22:12 – Lie on

Proverbs 22:13 – The adulteress

Proverbs 22:15 – Knocking the nonsense out

Proverbs 22:16 – Expensive tactics

1. **Proverbs 22:17-24:22** – Thirty Short Sayings of the Wise Adopted by Solomon

* Introduction – (22:17-21)
* Saying 1 – Concern for the Poor (22:22-23)
* Saying 2 – Avoid Quarrels (22:24-25)
* Saying 3 – Stay out of Debt (22:26-27)
* Saying 4 – Stay true to character (22:28)
* Saying 5 – Quality Work (22:29)
* Saying 6 – Beware of the Rich (23:1-3)
* Saying 7 – Danger of Wealth (23:4-5)
* Saying 8 – Don’t Make a Friend Because of his Wealth (23:6-8)
* Saying 9 – Don’t Waste Instruction (23:9)
* Saying 10 -- Don’t Steal (23:10-11)
* Saying 11 -- Gain Instruction (23:12)
* Saying 12 -- Parenting with a Purpose (23:13-14)
* Saying 13 -- Obey Your Parents (23:15-16;
* Saying 14 -- Avoid Bad Role Models (23:17-18)
* Saying 15 -- Stay Aware from the Drink and the Food (23:19-21)
* Saying 16 -- Proud Parents (23:22-25)
* Saying 17 -- Purity (23:26-28)
* Saying 18 -- The Sorrow of the Drunkard (23:29-35)
* Saying 19 – Don’t Join Along (24:1-2)
* Saying 20 – Spiritual and Physical Wealth (24:3-4)
* Saying 21 – Brain over Brute Force (24:5-6)
* Saying 22 – Reach for Wisdom (24:7)
* Saying 23 – Keep a Good Name (24:8-9)
* Saying 24 – Be Courageous (24:10)
* Saying 25 – The path of persuasion (24:11-12)
* Saying 26 – Reach for Wisdom: Part 2 (24:13-14)
* Saying 27 – Leave the Righteous Man Alone (24:15-16)
* Saying 28 – Don’t Gloat (24:17-18)
* Saying 29 – Stay Cool, Don’t Fret (24:19-20)
* Saying 30 – God is the sustainer of justice (24:21-22)

1. Proverbs 24:23-34 – Further Sayings of the Wise
2. Proverbs 25:1-7 – Kings, Courts, and Conduct
3. Proverbs 25:8 – 26:28 – “Be Like”
4. Proverbs 27:1 – 29:27 – The Life of the Righteous
5. Proverbs 30:1-6 – Where to Find Wisdom: The Word
6. Proverbs 30:7-33 – Two Things, Three Things, Four Things
7. Proverbs 31:1-9 – The Wise King
8. Proverbs 31: 10-31 – Wedding Wisdom

**Verse-with-Verse Plan:**

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Sermon # 14-65 (Proverbs arranged thematically from 10:1 to 22:16)

1. Abominations (11:1; 11:20; 12:22; 13:19; 15:8-9; 15:26; 16:5; 16:12; 17:15; 20:10; 20:23; 21:27)
2. Adultery (22:14)
3. Alcohol (20:1; 21:17)
4. Anger (14:17; 14:29; 15:1; 15:18; 16:14; 16:32; 19:11; 19:19; 21:14)
5. Bribery (17:8; 17:23; 21:14)
6. Counsel (12:15; 13:10; 15:22; 19:20-21; 20:18; 21:30)
7. Deceit (10:10; 12:5; 12:17; 12:20; 14:8; 16:30; 20:17)
8. Discipline of Children (13:1; 13;24; 15:5; 19:18; 20:30; 22:6)
9. Disciple (12:1; 13:18; 15:10; 15:31-32; 16:22; 17:10; 19:20; 19:27)
10. Education and Instruction (10:17; 15:14; 18:15; 21:11)
11. Evil (11:19; 11:21; 11:27; 12:13; 12:20; 13:19; 13:21; 14:16-17; 14:19; 14:22; 15:3; 15:26; 16:6; 16:17; 16:27; 16:30; 17:11; 17:13; 17:20; 19:23; 20:8; 20:22; 20:30; 21:10)
12. The Fear of the Lord (10:27; 13:13; 14:2; 14:26-27; 15:16; 15:33; 16:6; 19:23; 22:4)
13. The Fool (10:1; 10:8; 10:10; 10:14; 10:21; 10:23; 11:29; 12:15-16; 12:23; 13:16; 13:19; 13:20; 14:3; 14:7-9; 14:16; 14:24; 14:33; 15:2; 15:5; 15:7; 15:20; 16:22; 17:10; 17:12; 17:16; 17:21; 17:24-25; 17:28; 18:2; 18:6-7; 19:1; 19:10; 19:13; 19:29; 20:3; 21:20)
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