

Living by these Proverbs will be profitable in every area of our lives -

- * **our relationship with people;**
- * **our relationship with God;**
- * **our childhood;**
- * **our parenting;**
- * **our daily activities;**
- * **our choice of friends;**
- * **our marriage;**
- * **our thought life;**
- * **our work ethic.**

All of God's wisdom is fulfilled in just One Person - Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:24 refers to Jesus, as "**CHRIST** the power of God, and **THE WISDOM OF GOD.**"

His wisdom exceeds that of Solomon. Jesus said: "The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for *she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon*; and, *behold, a greater than Solomon is here.*" (See Luke 11:31.)

God gave Solomon wisdom. But Jesus not only taught wisdom - He was "*the wisdom of God*", sent to earth, by His Father! Colossians 2:8-9 tells us: "Beware lest any man spoil you *through philosophy and vain deceit*, after the *tradition of men*, after the rudiments (*principles*) of the world, and not after Christ. For *in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*"

Jesus reminded those who refused to hear Him, that the Queen of Sheba left her home to travel miles, just to learn wisdom from Solomon. Yet, when an even greater than Solomon arrived on earth to bring wisdom and save eternal souls, men not only refused to listen to Him - they crucified Him!

We will learn in this Book of Proverbs that only the wise will even take time to learn wisdom, counsel, instruction, and reproof.

Be wise! Spend the next few months, implanting these proverbs in your heart. They are part of God's Word for a reason! God not only wants you to *know* them - He wants you to *live by them!*

PROVERBS, CHAPTER 1

1. Who wrote these proverbs? _____ * He wrote 3,000 of them! The Book of Proverbs is a collection of some of his proverbs.

2. What will a proverb help us to **know**? (1) _____ (2) _____

3. What will a proverb give us, if we **perceive** it (discern it; understand it)?

4. What should we **receive** from a proverb? The instruction of: (1) _____
(2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (uprightness)

* Our responsibility, as we study this book, is to: **1. Know. 2. Perceive. 3.**

Receive.

Knowing a proverb is only the first step in gaining wisdom. We must also **perceive** it (understand it). Then, unless we **receive** it, and begin to live by it, we have gained nothing.