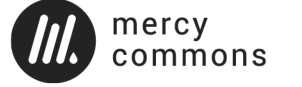




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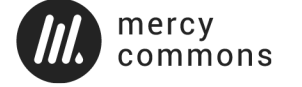
three things we will cover



1. What is Proverbs?
2. How do we read Proverbs?
3. Why do we read Proverbs?



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what is Proverbs?



simple terms: wisdom literature





**1** The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:  
**2** To know wisdom and instruction,  
to understand words of insight,  
**3** to receive instruction in wise dealing,  
in righteousness, justice, and equity;  
**4** to give prudence to the simple, knowledge  
and discretion to the youth—



**5** Let the wise hear and increase in learning,  
and the one who understands obtain guidance,

**6** to understand a proverb and a saying,  
the words of the wise and their riddles.

**7** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.



**8** Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching

**9** for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.



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 Proverbs 1:1-7



 the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge



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🔍 Proverbs 1:1-7



🕒 the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge

🕒 knowledge is the foundation of wisdom



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🔍 Proverbs 1:1-7



- 🕒 the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge
- 🕒 knowledge is the foundation of wisdom
- 🕒 wisdom is cultivated by submitting to authority



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“Proverbs is not a set of ‘simple steps to a happy life’ for quick consumption. A proverb is a poetic art form that instills wisdom in you as you wrestle with it.”










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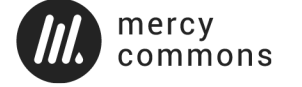
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-  wisdom is not a synonym for knowledge
-  wisdom does not guarantee a happy life
-  these are not promises, they are principles
-  wisdom isn't a character trait or personality, it is a discipline that equips us to live well in God's world



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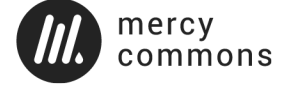
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 How do we read Proverbs?  

 recognize it's value and purpose – these are timeless truths about the real world impact of God's rule and reign



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 How do we read Proverbs?  

 recognize it's value and purpose

 understand the structure






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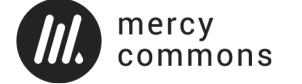
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## The structure of Proverbs

-  Ch. 1-9 provide an introduction to the book
-  Ch. 10-30 provide examples of Wisdom in context
-  Ch. 31 provides a model of Wisdom embodied



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🔍 How do we read Proverbs? 🎤 📷

- 🕒 recognize it's value and purpose
- 🕒 understand the structure
- 🕒 submit ourselves to God's moral framework



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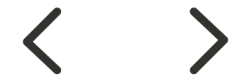
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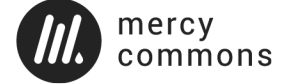
1:7 – the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge

Fearing the Lord is recognizing His place and our place in the universe He created






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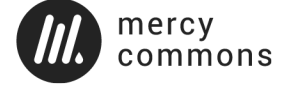
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 Why do we read Proverbs?  

 it equips us at Mercy Commons to contextualize the knowledge of our King's law to a broken world for the sake of our flourishing and the world's peace



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 Why do we read Proverbs?  

 we can trust God's authority because we can trust His character



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🔍 How do we do this?



🕒 look to Christ as the example

🕒 our pursuit of Wisdom isn't the pursuit of a concept  
– it is truly the pursuit of a person, of a relationship  
with Jesus, the one who is wise



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