



OLD TESTAMENT • WISDOM

Proverbs

Wisdom practiced in ordinary decisions

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The big picture

Proverbs trains readers to recognize the shape of a wise life. Speech, money, friendship, work, humility, and self-control become places of discipleship. Wisdom begins with reverence for God and grows through correction. Many proverbs describe general patterns rather than unconditional guarantees; reading them together helps readers avoid simplistic conclusions about success, suffering, or wealth.

Words to carry

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

Proverbs 3:5 · KJV

Live it

01 Pause before speaking and ask whether your words are true and helpful.

02 Welcome one piece of correction without becoming defensive.

03 Choose a wise habit with money or time and repeat it this week.

Pause & reflect

What small decision today would make wisdom visible?

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