

## LESSON 42

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### The Book of Proverbs

The book of Proverbs, once referred to as the book of Wisdom, is a collection of poetry which was intended to teach wisdom to the young. It is not poetry in our sense of the word today, but rather poetry of the ancient times in which it was written. The book of Proverbs has many wise sayings and instructions which today still have much to teach us.

#### Part 1

*Directions:* Read the cited scripture passages from the book of Proverbs and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. The primary purpose of the book of Proverbs is to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Three persons are specifically named as having been responsible for much of the book of Proverbs. They are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The principle that the whole book is based on is that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_.” (Prv 1:7)
4. This fear of the Lord does not mean that we are frightened of God, but that we have \_\_\_\_\_ . (see NAB footnote for Prv 1:7)
5. There are seven things which Proverbs 6:16 specifically says the Lord hates. They are:
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. \_\_\_\_\_
  - F. \_\_\_\_\_
  - G. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Part 2

*Directions:* Look up the following passages in the book of Proverbs indicated in the left column and then match them with their modern equivalent in the right column.

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| A. Prv 1:8    | 1. _____ | As the sapling is bent, so grows the tree.                   |
| B. Prv 3:12   | 2. _____ | Carry a chip on your shoulder and someone will knock it off. |
| C. Prv 5:13   | 3. _____ | It is overpriced unless it is on sale.                       |
| D. Prv 5:15   | 4. _____ | If I had paid attention in class, exams would be easier.     |
| E. Prv 6:6-11 | 5. _____ | Children need tough love.                                    |
| F. Prv 7:7-10 | 6. _____ | Better a nice personality than a pretty face.                |
| G. Prv 10:19  | 7. _____ | The park after dark is trouble.                              |
| H. Prv 11:22  | 8. _____ | It is hard to be humble when you are number one.             |

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| I. Prv 12:1  | 9. _____  | Some people never learn.  |
| J. Prv 12:16 | 10. _____ | Your parents are not dummies; they have been there before you.            |
| K. Prv 13:24 | 11. _____ | The fool often repeats his foolishness.                                   |
| L. Prv 15:1  | 12. _____ | Visitors and fish begin to stink after three days.                        |
| M. Prv 17:28 | 13. _____ | Keep quiet and no one will know how dumb you are.                         |
| N. Prv 18:23 | 14. _____ | Suffering is a sign of the Lord's favor.                                  |
| O. Prv 20:14 | 15. _____ | To avoid putting your foot in your mouth, shut up.                        |
| P. Prv 21:13 | 16. _____ | Earn your money. Don't sponge off others.                                 |
| Q. Prv 22:6  | 17. _____ | Don't shout. I'm not awake yet.   |
| R. Prv 25:17 | 18. _____ | Ignore the cries of help of others and one day your cries may be ignored. |
| S. Prv 26:11 | 19. _____ | It takes two to fight.  |
| T. Prv 27:14 | 20. _____ | Better start saving for college.  |