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November memory verse: **Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**Shoe boxes are due back today November 8th**

**Commentary on Proverbs 2 by, Chuck Smith,  
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## **Proverbs Overview and Outline**

**AUTHORS: Solomon and Others**

**DATE: 950-700 B.C.**

[First Kings 4:32](#) tells that Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs. [Proverbs 1:1-9:18](#), [10:1-22:16](#), and [25:1-29:27](#) are ascribed to Solomon, although the proverbs in [25:1-29:27](#) were selected from Solomon's collection by King Hezekiah's committee (25:1). We know nothing of Agur, author of Proverbs 30, or of Lemuel, author of Proverbs 31.

The Hebrew term for proverb means "a comparison," and it came to be used for any sage or moralistic pronouncement (cf. [Ezek 18:2](#); [Ps 49:4](#)). Many proverbs are condensed parables. The Book of Proverbs is a book of instructions on how to live a godly life here on earth and how to be assured of reward in the life to come. They impart God's wisdom. They should not be read as promises, but rather as precepts and principles for everyday life. This type of literature goes back in written form to about 2700 B.C. in Egypt.

Some of the specific teachings in this book are instructions on folly, sin, goodness, wealth, poverty, the tongue, pride, humility, justice, vengeance, strife, gluttony, love, lust, laziness, friends, the family, life, and death. Almost every facet of human relationships is addressed, and the teaching of the book is applicable to all people everywhere.

Subjects most written about, include wisdom – 23 chapters, the tongue and godliness – 20 chapters, riches, wealth and being correctable – 18 chapters, humility and living peaceably – 17 chapters, food – 16 chapters, children and parents, listening to advice – 15 chapters.

## **OUTLINE OF PROVERBS**

### **I. Introduction, 1:1-7**

- A. The Author, 1:1**
- B. The Purpose, 1:2-6**
- C. The Theme, 1:7**

### **II. The Precepts of Wisdom, 1:8-9:18**

- A. Avoid Bad Company, 1:8-19**
- B. Heed Wisdom's Advice, 1:20-33**
- C. Avoid the Adulteress, 2:1-22**
- D. Trust and Honor God, 3:1-12**
- E. Consider the Value of Wisdom, 3:13-20**
- F. Be Kind and Generous to Others, 3:21-35**
- G. Acquire Wisdom, 4:1-9**
- H. Avoid Bad Company, 4:10-19**
- I. Watch Yourself, 4:20-27**
- J. Forsake Lust, 5:1-23**
- K. Avoid Surety, 6:1-5**
- L. Shun Laziness, 6:6-19**
- M. Avoid Adultery, 6:20-35**
- N. Avoid the Adulteress, 7:1-27**
- O. Wisdom and Folly Contrasted, 8:1-9:18**

- 1. The qualities of wisdom, 8:1-21**
- 2. The origin of wisdom, 8:22-31**
- 3. The man of wisdom, 8:32-36**
- 4. The woman of foolishness, 9:1-18**

### **III. The Proverbs of Solomon, 10:1-24:34**

- A. Proverbs Contrasting Righteous and Wicked Lives, 10:1-15:33**
- B. Proverbs Encouraging Godly Lives, 16:1-22:16**
- C. Proverbs Concerning Various Practices, 22:17-23:35**
- D. Proverbs Concerning Various People, 24:1-3**

### **IV. The Proverbs of Solomon Copied by Hezekiah's Men, 25:1-29:27**

## **A. Proverbs Concerning Relationships with Others, 25:1-26:28**

- 1. With kings, 25:1-7**
- 2. With neighbors, 25:8-20**
- 3. With enemies, 25:21-24**
- 4. With yourself, 25:25-26:2**
- 5. With fools, 26:3-12**
- 6. With sluggards, 26:13-16**
- 7. With gossips, 26:17-2**

## **B. Proverbs Concerning Actions, 27:1-29:27**

- 1. In relation to life, 27:1-27**
- 2. In relation to law, 28:1-10**
- 3. In relation to wealth, 28:11-28**
- 4. In relation to stubbornness, 29:1-27**

## **V. The Words of Agur, 30:1-33**

- A. Personal Words, 30:1-14**
- B. Numerical Proverbs, 30:15-33**

## **VI. The Words of Lemuel, 31:1-9**

## **VII. The Capable Wife, 31:10-31**

### **Chuck Smith Commentary**

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with you; So that you incline your ear unto wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry after knowledge, and lift up your voice for understanding; If you seek after her as silver, and you search for her as for a hidden treasure; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to him that walks uprightly. He keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of his saints. Then shall you understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yes, every good path. When wisdom entered this into your heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto your soul; Discretion will preserve you, understanding will keep you: And they will deliver you from the way of the evil man, and from the man that speaks froward things ([Pro 2:1-12](#));

The word froward is a word that means perverse. The Hebrew word is perverse things.

Who leaves the paths of the uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoices to do evil, and delights in the perverseness of the wicked; Whose ways are crooked, and they pervert their own paths: To deliver you from the strange woman, even from the

stranger which flatters with her words; Who has forsaken the husband of her youth, and has forgotten the covenant that she made before God. For her house inclines unto death, her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. That thou mayest walk in the ways of good men, keep the paths of the righteous. For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it ([Pro 2:13-22](#)).

So the instructions of a father to a son. I think that so many times as fathers we probably don't take enough time to just really sit down with our sons and talk to them about life and the issues of life. The importance of seeking after the knowledge of God and the wisdom of God. Seeking it diligently just like you would seek for prosperity from silver or anything else. Hidden treasures. For the treasures of the wisdom and the knowledge, the treasures that they bring to a man who possesses them.

And then the warning against the adulterous woman. How that wisdom will lead you from her, deliver you from her who flatters with her words. As most women know, men are real suckers for flattery. "Oh, you're so strong. Can you open this jar for me, you know? Oh, you're strong, you know." And men are just... they eat it up.

Now, unfortunately, our wives are many times more honest with us. And they, so many times, are just blunt. "Sometimes I think you're so dumb. How can you do such stupid things?" And here the stranger comes along and with her flattery says, "Oh, you're so smart! My, where did you learn all of that? I've never met a man as clever as you," and the flattery. How many men have been trapped by that? And so the warning is against the adulterous woman who flatters with her lips. Be careful of that.

The Bible says that she has forsaken the covenant that she made before God, the marriage vows, the husband of her youth. She has left him. And now she is looking for a prey. She's looking for security. And she comes along with her flattering words and like poor Samson, through her flattering lips the strongest man can be brought down to a crust of bread.

And so here is just a father warning his son, "Be careful for these gals, son, who come along with their flatteries and all. Who can turn and twist your judgment because their path is the path of death. You go into their houses, you don't come out again. There's destruction in their ways." And so the dad warning his son, and we need to be warned of the folly of forsaking the covenants that we have made in our own marriage vows in order to listen to the words of a flatterer. "None that go in unto her return again, neither do they take hold of the path of life."