

READING:
PROVERBS
1:1-7

THE WISDOM OF
SOLOMON

A study of the book of
Proverbs

MY GOALS FOR YOU

- Know why Proverbs is valuable
- Know why proverbs work
- Encourage you to study the book
- Encourage you to share it's wisdom
- Encourage you to build a good life – and prepare for the next!

QUESTION?

What if...
When you turned
18
You could only
have ONE suit of
clothing?



ONE SUIT OF CLOTHES?

What would it look like?

Stylish?

Modern?

Country?

Casual?

Formal?



ONE SUIT OF CLOTHES?

How would it function?

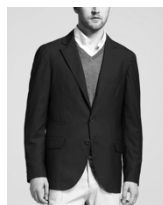
Comfortable?

Maintainable?

Durable?

Adaptable?

Repairable?



**ONE SUIT OF
CLOTHES?**

**And...
What if you had
to make the
outfit
YOURSELF
???**

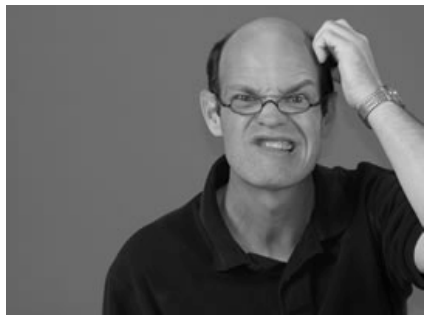


**WHAT WOULD YOU
NEED TO SEW IT?**

**Instruction:
Master Taylor
Pattern
Manual
You Tube?**

**Materials &
Equipment:
Sewing machine
Fabric
Needle & Thread
Scissors**

ONE SUIT OF CLOTHES?



**What does
this have to do
with
Proverbs?**

AN ANALOGY

Your LIFE is like a suit of clothes.

- You only get one.
- You have it for your whole lifetime.
- What you do makes it great (or not).
- You'll need some instruction to make a great one.

**HOW CAN PROVERBS
HELP US?**

Proverbs

**A practical book on how to live
a good life.**

Fatherly advice for good living.

**WHAT IS A
PROVERB?**

Latin – “proverbium”

“pro” (instead of)

“verbum” (words)

**A short statement that
takes the place of
many words.**

AN EXAMPLE...

**A lengthy lecture on the dangers of pride?
OR...**

Proverbs 16:18 (NASB95)

**“Pride goes before
destruction, And a haughty
spirit before stumbling.”**

**MODERN
EXAMPLES**

**“Look before you leap”
“Like mother like daughter”
“Nothing ventured
nothing gained”**

**MODERN
EXAMPLES**

My favorite...
“Happy Wife – Happy Life”

**WHAT IS
PROVERBIAL
WISDOM?**

חִכְמָה

“chokmah”

= Wisdom

**Related - but not the
same as knowledge
or intelligence...**

**The shrewd
application of
knowledge**

**TAILORS MAKING A
GARMENT**

Exodus 28:3

**“You shall speak to all the skillful
persons whom I have endowed with
the spirit of wisdom, that they
make Aaron’s garments to
consecrate him, that he may
minister as priest to Me.**

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WISDOM IS...

**The shrewd application of
knowledge**

Like...

**Turning fabric, and thread into a
fine garment**

PROVERBS 30:24-28

**“Four things on earth are small,
yet they are extremely wise:
Ants are creatures of little strength,
yet they store up their food in the summer;
Hyraxes are creatures of little power,
yet they make their home in the crags;
Locusts have no king,
yet they advance together in ranks;
A lizard can be caught with the hand,
yet it is found in kings’ palaces.”**

ANIMAL “WISDOM”

Animal	Wisdom
Ant	Prepared for winter
Hyraxes	Strong homes
Locusts	Cooperation
Lizard	Stealthy ?

SOLOMON

**Why should
we listen to
his words of
wisdom?**

SOLOMON

1.
**He loved God
and respected
Him with
worship.**

1 Kings 3:3 (NIV)
“Solomon showed his
love for the Lord by
walking according to
the instructions given
him by his father
David, except that he
offered sacrifices and
burned incense on the
high places.”

SOLOMON

2.
**King Solomon
humbly desired
wisdom from
God.**

1 Kings 3:7-9 (NIV)
“But I am only a little child
and do not know how to
carry out my duties. Your
servant is here among the
people you have chosen, a
great people, too numerous
to count or number. So give
your servant a discerning
heart to govern your people
and to distinguish between
right and wrong. For who is
able to govern this great
people of yours?”

SOLOMON

**3.
Solomon's
wisdom comes
from God.**

1 Kings 3:11-12 (NIV)
**So God said to him... I
will do what you have
asked. I will give you a
wise and discerning
heart, so that there will
never have been anyone
like you, nor will there
ever be"**

SOLOMON

**4.
Solomon's
"bonus"
from God.**

1 Kings 3:13-14 (NIV)
**"Moreover, I will give you
what you have not asked for
- both wealth and honor - so
that in your lifetime you will
have no equal among kings.
And if you walk in
obedience to me and keep
my decrees and commands
as David your father did, I
will give you a long life."**

**WHAT CAN WE LEARN
FROM PROVERBS?**

1. Fear God
2. Seek God
3. Get Wisdom
4. Avoid temptation
5. Treat others fairly
6. Honor your parents
7. Don't associate with bad people
8. Live a pure life

**THE WISDOM OF
PROVERBS**

THE WISDOM OF PROVERBS

An Introduction

PROVERBS 15:1

Proverb on Communication

**“A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.”**

PROVERBS 17:20

Proverb on Personal Character

**“One whose heart is corrupt does
not prosper;
one whose tongue is perverse falls
into trouble.”**

PROVERBS 4:26

Proverb on Life's Journey

**“Give careful thought to the paths
for your feet
and be steadfast in all your ways.”**

PROVERBS 3:27-28

Proverb on being a Good Neighbor

**“Do not withhold good from those
to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to act.
Do not say to your neighbor,
‘Come back tomorrow
and I’ll give it to you’
- when you already have it with you.”**

PROVERBS 13:12

Proverb on Mental Health

**“Hope deferred makes
the heart sick,
but a longing fulfilled is a
tree of life.”**

PROVERBS 23:22

Proverb on Respecting Parents

**“Listen to your father,
who gave you life,
and do not despise your mother
when she is old.”**

PROVERBS 2:6

Proverb on Wisdom’s Source

**“For the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge
and understanding.”**

INVITATION

WILL YOU BECOME WISE?

**A wise man will hear and increase in
learning, And a man of understanding
will acquire wise counsel,
To understand a proverb and a figure,
The words of the wise and their riddles,
and instruction.**

Proverbs 1:5-6 (NASB95)

**WILL YOU
DEVELOP THESE?**

Teachable heart

Humility

Willingness

Enough faith to try

YOUR GARMENT



HOW ARE YOU “DRESSED”



“All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.”

Isaiah 64:6

WILL YOU?

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:27