

# Wisdom from **Proverbs**

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Important Biblical Principles from Proverbs 1-15

“Proverbs – from a Hebrew word meaning “to be like”, “to represent” thus a riddle, a pithy saying. They exert a quiet and often unrecognized influence upon standards of life; and in the hands of skilled writers or speakers, are an effective means of driving ideas home.”

-- ZPE Vol. 4 p. 913

Psalms 19:10 - More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

1. Develop a heart that searches and treasures God’s Word. (Proverbs 2:1-5)

Personal application:

- Personal devotions/studies
- Bible college
- Graduate school

Precious metals like silver or gold do not lie on the surface of the ground. One must dig to extract, yet the hard work is rewarded by finding the prize.

- o Deuteronomy 34:10
- o John 5:18
- o Zechariah 12:10

*“What you do with the Bible determines what God does with you.”*

2. Create a home where ‘obeying’ is the norm and is a pleasant experience.
  - Pr 1:8-9 Garland of grace
  - Pr 3:1-4 Many days, a full life, well-being, favor, high regard with God and man
  - Pr 4:1-9 Obedience to instruction will watch over you, love you, guard you

Examples:

1. Pr 3:8 Healing for the body, strengthening for your bones
  - 1 Timothy 4:8
  - Pr 4:20-22 Health to one’s body
  - Pr 10:27 Prolongs life
  - Pr 14:30 Life to the body
  - Pr 15:30 Cheer the heart, strengthen the bones
2. Moral purity
  - Pr 5:1-3,7
  - Pr 6:20-24
  - Pr 7:1-5

3. Build a life that honors the Lord with your first fruits and that loves to be generous.
  - Pr 3:9,10
  - Pr 11:24-26
  
4. Realize words are so important: they flow from the heart and they will either feed or crush those who hear.
  - Pr 10:11,13,19,2-21,31,32
  - Pr 11:13,14,30
  - Pr 12:6,13,14,18,19
  - Pr 13:2,3
  - Pr 14:3,7,25
  - Pr 15:1,2,4,7,23,26,28
  
5. Pursue hard work; it will be blessed by God.
  - Pr 6:6-11
  - Pr 10:5
  - Pr 12:11
  - Pr 13:11
  - Book of Ruth
  
6. Build a humble heart that will not receive correction.
  - Pr 1:25-33
  - Pr 9:8
  - Pr 12:1
  - Pr 10:17
  - Pr 13:18
  - Pr 15:5,10

