

Proverbs: Intro and 1-7, Monday, June 3, 2024

Definition: terse saying that distills truth. Displays how things usually work in God's created order. Shows what is normative. All cultures have proverbs. Biblical proverbs are not promises. See Tremper Longman p31-33

List of modern proverbs:

You can't make a good deal with a bad person. – Warren Buffett.

What comes around, goes around.

Where there's smoke there's fire.

Birds of a feather flock together.

What leaders do in moderation, followers do in excess. -Bobby Pruitt

Better to be quiet and let others think you're an idiot than open your mouth and confirm it.

You get what you incentivize.

Like attracts like. -business

You have a perfectly designed system to get the results that you're currently getting.

What you win them with is what you want them to.

Fish and friends both start to stink after three days. Don't wear out your welcome.

You pick your friends, your friends don't pick you.

Immature and weak men tear down, whereas the wise leave a legacy.

"Politics is the
entertainment division of the military industrial complex."

Frank Zappa

American musician, composer, bandleader and social critic

(1940 - 1993)

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Themes (in no particular order):

- Wisdom
- Fear of the Lord (FOTL)
- Words, Mouth, Tongue
- Discipline
- Work Ethic
- Fool, Scoffer, Arrogant, Unethical/Immoral
- Legacy
- Marriage, Adultery, Excellent Wife
- Temper/Anger/Conflict
- The Poor
- Alcohol
- Relationships w/ authority (king, slave, etc.)
- Prosperity
- Justice

1:4 “gullible” or “simple”

Comment on “shrewdness or prudence, sound judgement based on experience. Matthew 10:16

Healthy distrust of people. “Trust but verify.” -Ronald Regan

1:5 “increase in learning” growth mindset and forward movement

Wisdom is the skill of learning from the mistakes of others instead of having to only learn the hard way. It certainly does not exclude LEARNING the hard way but the truly wise do the former more than the latter. One of our Pope family values is ‘FORWARD MOVEMENT. Growth and increase is in line with the Kingship of Jesus and the KOG.

1:7 is the key verse to the entire book. Fearing God as a result of His holiness is the BEGINNING. Modern evangelicalism has fallen into the cultural liberalism of acceptance above everything and believes that God is LOVE, LOVE, LOVE. The scripture says he is HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Isaiah 6). The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. There is no other starting point.