

# Proverbs The Wisdom of Life



1:1	Title: The Proverbs of Solomon Twofold Purpose Stated <i>To attain moral skill in living</i> <i>To attain mental discernment</i>	1:1 1:2 1:2a 1:2b 1:3-6 1:3-4 1:5 1:6 1:7
1:7	Motto: <i>The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom</i>	



## Prologue

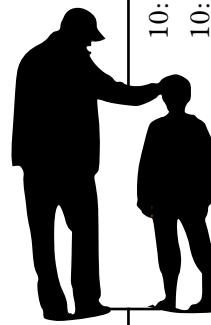
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## Pleas Admonitions of a Father

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## Principles Collections of the Sages

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- A Father's Invitation and Warning  
Wisdom's Invitation to the Gullible
- A Father's Command to Avoid the Adulterous Woman
- A Father's Admonition to Apply Wisdom in Relationships
- A Father's Plea to Acquire Wisdom and Avoid Wickedness
- A Father's Plea to Avoid Seductive Evil and Find Satisfaction at Home
- A Father's Admonition to Apply Wisdom in Relationships
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- A Father's Command to Avoid the "Lady Folly"
- Lady Wisdom's Invitation to the Gullible
- A Father's Invitation and Warning

- 1:8-19  
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## Second Collection of Solomon (Gathered by Hezekiah)

- Wisdom in Relationships
- Character Studies
- Friends and Friendship
- Wisdom and Wealth
- Wisdom and Stubbornness

- The Words of Agur
- The Oracle of Agur
- The Numerical Sayings of Agur
- The Words of Lemuel
- First Warning: Avoid Destructive Paths
- Second Warning: Avoid Drunkenness
- Admonition: Defend the Defenseless

## The Character of Lady Wisdom (An Acrostic Poem of Praise)

- 31:10-12  
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31:16-18  
31:19-21  
31:22-24  
31:25-27  
31:28-29  
31:30-31
- Wisdom is Rare and Valuable
- Wisdom is Industrious
- Wisdom is Financial Secure
- Wisdom is Charitable and Provides for Others
- Wisdom is Hard Working and Recognized
- Wisdom is Prepared for the Future
- Wisdom is Recognized and Praised
- Wisdom is a Prized Possession

## Poem

31:9      31:10      30:31

Drawing on observations from the created order, the collection of proverbs was gathered and arranged with a plea at the beginning (1-9) to embrace wisdom (*חכמת* - the skill of living well) followed by various collections of proverbs (10-31) so that individuals would recognize "the way life works" and would change their lives to conform to the maxims presented and live practical, righteous and productive lives in light of the fear of the Lord.