

Biblical Review-Proverbs

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What is an infection?

1. The invasion of bodily tissue by pathogenic microorganisms that proliferate, resulting in tissue injury that can progress to disease.
2. A harmful program passed into a computer or file.

Definitions:

1. **Disease** -an abnormal and harmful condition which impairs normal functioning for which something is designed, ones may be ill-equipped to survive without treatment.
2. **Malicious code** or program written to alter the way a computer operates and is designed to spread from one computer to another.

1 Peter 5:8-9 encourages us to “Stay alert” because we have an adversary.

Our adversary desires that we not function the way we are designed and that we spread dysfunction to others.

1 Corinthians 10:13- No temptation has overtaken or seized you that is not common to man... God will provide the way of escape...” ESV Ephesians 6:10-12, Hebrews 4:12-13

Proverbs are part of that way of escape that can help as Preventative, Maintenance, or Remedy

Key Word=Wisdom

Author=Solomon

Why is this significant?

1 Kings 3:5-9, 1 Kings 4:29-31

What is the purpose of Proverbs?

Proverbs 1:1-7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

- Wisdom (*Hokhmah*) means ‘skill’
- Instruction (*Musar*) means ‘discipline’
- No skill is perfected without discipline

Format

- a. original works bearing Solomon’s name (Chapters 1-29)
- b. collected and edited by Solomon (see Ecclesiastes 12:9)
- c. collection assembled by King Hezekiah’s scribes (Chapters 25-29)
- d. words of Agur and King Lemuel (Chapters 30-31)

Literature structure:

- Single statement expressing a fact:
 - When a man’s ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him (16:7)
- Comparisons

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- As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country (25:25)
- Two clause comparisons ('But')
 - The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot. (10:7)
- Two clause (repetition of same thought with different words)
 - For a harlot is a deep pit, And a seductress is a narrow well (23:27)
- Acrostic
 - Memory tool using Hebrew alphabet (31)

Action points:

Embrace Proverbs in your life and share their impact with others.

Don't fall into 'works' mentality

- inaccurate expectations could lead to:
 - Disappointment
 - Confusion
 - Anger
- Complete adherence does not guarantee anticipated results

Common Stumbling Blocks: Proverbs 22:6, Proverbs 3:1-2, Proverbs 14:23

Honoring God is the Goal!

- Examples: Abraham, Joseph, Job, Disciples

They had Encounters with God. They received Blessings of Fellowship with God

Are there Promises in Proverbs? Yes, they have to do with God's character:

God is omnipresent-Proverbs 15:3

God is omniscient-Proverbs 16:2

God is trustworthy-Proverbs 29:25

We can be confident that God will offer wisdom as we witness to those who don't know him.
Luke 21:13-15; Acts 6:5-10; 2 Peter 3:15; Ephesians 1:15-17; James 1:5

What are some ways I can incorporate the wisdom of Proverbs into my life?
