

**Listen and Learn**  
Text: Proverbs 1:5-19

Introduction

The name “*Proverbs*” is from a Hebrew word that refers to words and sayings that are to govern life. It could be said that *Proverbs* contains “God’s Rules for Life.”

At this point we will begin to notate a series of *Life Principles* that should become rules for our lives. As we examined previously, *people who refuse to live by rules, will become people who die with regrets.*

The book of Proverbs places everyone into one of two categories—*The wise and the fool*. As we go through this Book, we will find defining qualities of each.

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Wisdom (vv. 5-6).**

**Life Principle #1: *A Wise Man is a \_\_\_\_\_ Man* (1:5)**

- A. A wise man listens, so that he may \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5).
1. He will \_\_\_\_\_ in learning (v.5b).
  2. He will \_\_\_\_\_ good advice (v.5c).
- B. A wise man listens, so that he may get understanding (v.6).
1. Gains \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Gains \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., the “*dark sayings*,” or riddles).

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Wisdom (vv. 7-9).**

**Life Principle #2: *Learning Begins With \_\_\_\_\_* (1:7)**

- A. Begins with Godly \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7).
1. The wisdom of \_\_\_\_\_ God.  
—It is only the “*beginning*.” Learning is a lifelong event.
  2. The foolishness of \_\_\_\_\_ God (cf. 12:1).

The phrase “*fear of the Lord*” is used a total of 156 times in the Bible, of which 14 are here in Proverbs. How fitting that the first proverb stated is in conjunction with the fear of the Lord.

B. Continues with Godly \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 8-9).

In these verses, Solomon directly addresses his son, Rehoboam. He uses the phrase “*my son*” 23 times in these 31 chapters.

1. Hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of your father.

“*Instruction*” =

2. Forsake not the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy mother.

The mother’s first responsibility is not a career, but a \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. II Tim. 1:5; Deut. 6)

3. Enjoy the beauty of \_\_\_\_\_.

“*Ornament*” = wreath      “*Chains*” = necklace

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Wisdom (vv. 10-19). —*Concerning* . . .

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of wrong friends (vv. 10-14).

—In these verses, we find a biblical description of a gang. The world’s “gang” practices...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 10-13).

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.14).

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ to wrong friends (vv. 15-19).

1. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ (v.15).

2. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16).

3. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 17-18).

—Their motivation is “\_\_\_\_\_” (i.e., money; cf. I Tim. 6:9-10).