

A List of Topics for Study in Proverbs

A note to our teachers: As a help to you, I have tried to gather into a rough outline most of the passages and proverbs from the book into categories that you may wish to explore with your students. It is not necessary in this survey study to consider every verse on every subject. I have tried to include them all so that you can get an idea of what is said in the book about that subject and then make your decision about what points you want to teach. Of course, each topic could be sub-divided into other topics if you wish to pursue it. Obviously, some proverbs could go into one or more categories; but I have tried to categorize them where the most prominent idea of a verse might best fit. Hopefully this outline will save you many hours in planning your lessons and enable you to give your students a good understanding of the key themes of this great book.

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