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PROVERBS SUMMARIZED in a word or phrase: "Wisdom"

THE BASICS

Who: Solomon, Agur and King Lemuel *When:* generally accepted to be around 700 BC in final form

Where: probably Jerusalem

In general, Proverbs puts *expression* to a prior *confession* that God is Lord of all

A proverb is chiefly a principle ...

THE PURPOSE OF PROVERBS

To learn from the wise (v. 2)

To live a life disciplined by wisdom (vv. 3-4)

To be enriched by gaining wisdom (vv. 5-6)

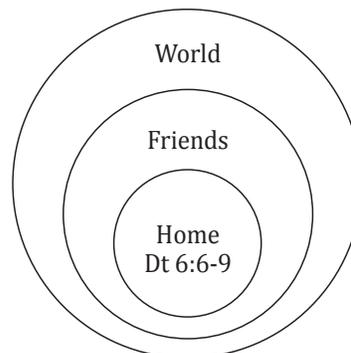
To build a life upon the solid foundation of "Father knows best" (v. 7)

The wise take God into account in every decision

Fools, on the other hand, do not

LESSON THEME: Walk this way

A Bridge To A Successful Life



The "Story" Of Proverbs

A son's journey down life's path

There's a *destination* to reach ...

Life, blessing and godliness

And *dangers* along the way ...

Two "women," Wisdom and Folly, constantly call out to passing pilgrims

Wisdom (1:20-21; 8:1-4; 9:3-6); life and blessing

Folly (7:21); death and self-destruction

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Unlike the **MOCKER**: Haughty and self-confident, he directs his own life even scoffing at God's wisdom, but eventually to his own self-destruction

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An Overview Of Proverbs

Ch. 1 – The benefits of wisdom

Ch. 2-4 – Wisdom and life

Ch. 5-7 – Folly and self-destruction

Ch. 8 – Pursue true wealth

Ch. 9 – Pursue true life

Ch. 10 – Insight into labor, prosperity & wealth

Ch. 11 – On the natures and destinies of the righteous and the wicked
Ch. 12 – Gaining discernment for dealing with others
Ch. 13 – Take note: things aren't always as they seem
Ch. 14 – Important lessons with a little humor
Ch. 15 – How the wise teach as well as how they receive instruction
Ch. 16 – Remember this: God is sovereign
Ch. 17-19 – Truths about family life and relationships
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Ch. 22:17-24:34 – Wisdom for successful living
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 Ch. 27 – Faithfulness in love and friendship
 Ch. 28-29 – The need for law
Ch. 30 – The Sayings of Agur
Ch. 31 – The Sayings of Lemuel

Application: Walk this way

General Truths

In general Proverbs reminds us of 2 things ...

First, we can pick our *choice* ... OR we can pick our *consequence* ... but we can't pick both!

Second, those who aren't in submission to the Lord cannot be "biblically" wise (1:7).

Have you entered into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ?

Big themes

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Applications For Believers

Are you walking toward Wisdom?

Do you listen/seek her instructions? (1:5)

Do you learn from the experiences of others?

Do you obey what Wisdom says to do? (10:8)

Are you storing up her treasures? (10:14)

Is your first response to Folly and sin to flee? (14:16)

Are you watching your words? (16:23)

Are you working diligently at your job? (10:5)

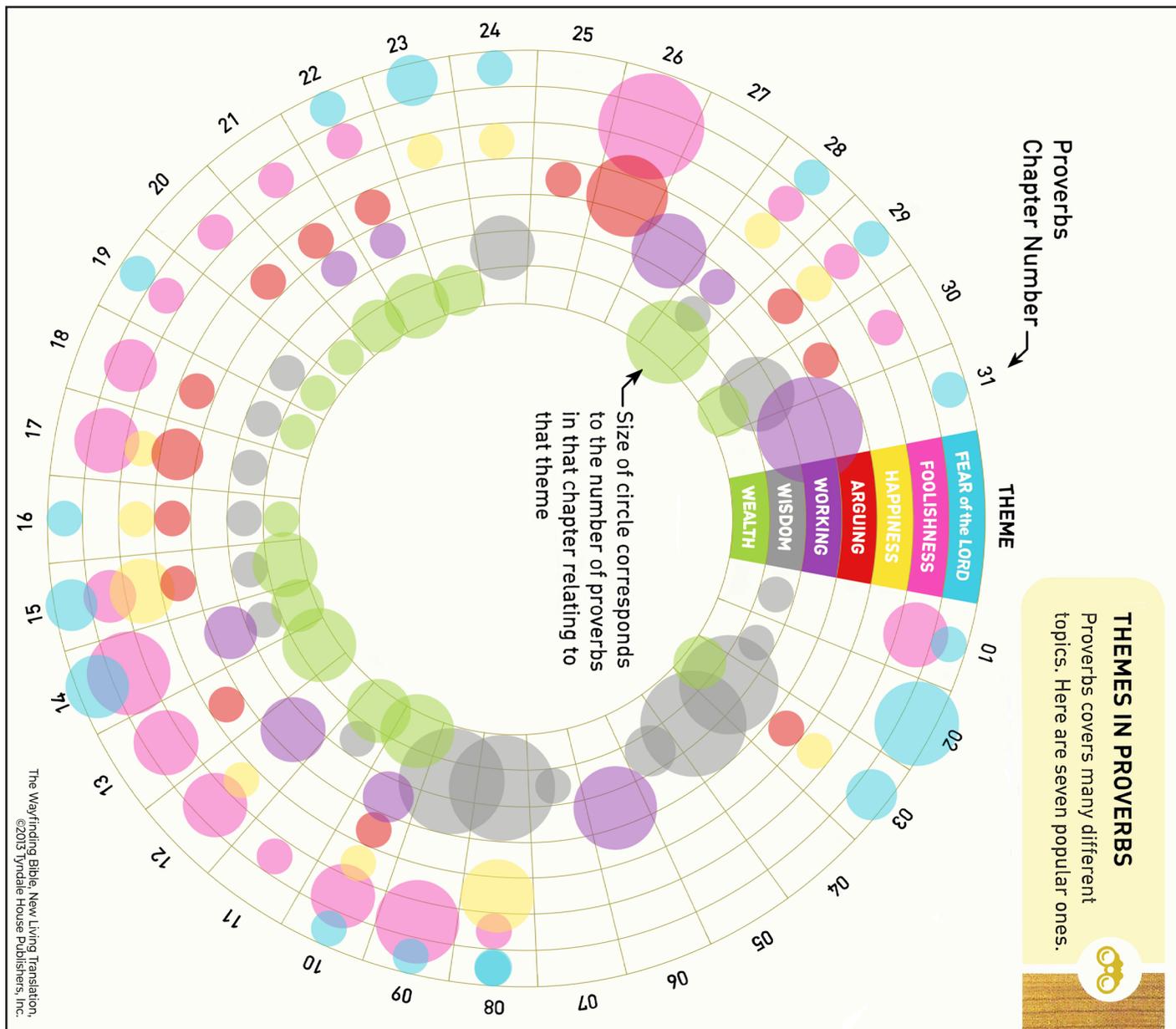
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PROVERBS

Purpose of Wisdom	Benefits of Wisdom	Precepts and Warnings of Wisdom			Practice of Wisdom	
	my son	a wise son	my son		a wise mother	a wise wife
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Themes in Proverbs

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