



WANNA BE A WISE GUY?

We all know hindsight is 20/20. Don't you wish you had the wisdom you have now years back? What we all would have done differently! Well, there's still time to acquire even MORE wisdom.

What is wisdom? Wisdom is defined by Webster's Dictionary as the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise. It can also be defined as sanctified common sense.

How would you like to learn from the wisest man who ever lived? Solomon predominantly wrote Proverbs giving practical insights and guidelines for life. These short, pithy sayings draw from the everyday life of people. Proverbs covers a wide range of topics from how to have friends; how to resolve conflict; how to handle money; the value of hard work; what to do with an annoying spouse; not to overeat, the list is endless.

Proverbs are actually poems usually in couplet form (two lines) written with figurative, poetic language which helps us to paint a picture in our minds. Proverbs also are laced with synonyms (same words), antonyms (opposite words), analogies and similes.

The word "proverb" comes from the Hebrew word that means "to rule or to govern" and can be used to govern our lives with these helpful and true sayings. So, if you want to read the GREATEST self-help book in the world, read Proverbs and read on for a fun challenging word game too.

A MOMENT IN TIME:
LET'S LEARN, LAUGH, PLAY AND PRAY!

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ONE A DAY

Remember those commercials for One A Day Vitamins? How about One A Day Proverbs! There are 31 Proverbs in the Bible – one for each day of the month! How conveniently our Lord arranged that. Read one Proverb each day for a month. Then repeat the process each month.

Stop when one verse jumps out at you and discuss further together:

- Have you found this true in your life?
- Why did this verse “speak” to you?
- What is your takeaway – what did you learn?
- Will you do anything differently next time in life?



Use the Serendipity Bible to find questions for further discussion about the verses.



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FUN CHALLENGING WORD GAME - SAME, OPPOSITE, OR ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE?

In addition to the heaps of practical knowledge you will gain from reading Proverbs, here's a fun challenging word game using these pearls of wisdom.

Proverbs are written with two lines to reinforce an idea. In other words, to drive home a point using the second line in various ways. Sometimes, the second line is used to either say:

- The SAME thing again using a different word (a synonym or simile)
- The OPPOSITE thing with another word (an antonym)
- Or it ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE



A synonym is a word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase. For example: shut is a synonym of close. A simile compares two things using the words "like" or "as". For example: "She was as angry as a bull!"

Here are some examples:

PROVERBS 10:12

12 **Hatred** stirs up quarrels, but **love** covers all offenses.

SAME, OPPOSITE, OR ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE?

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 16:18

18 **Pride** goes before destruction, and **haughtiness** before a fall.

SAME, OPPOSITE, OR ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE?

ANSWER: SAME

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25 TOP PROVERBS

Below are some of the top Proverbs where the “game words” and answers are highlighted. It is suggested the caregiver:

- Reads the Proverb
- Repeats the two “game words”
- Then ask if the two “game words” are SAME, OPPOSITE OR ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE?

PROVERBS 9:10

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

ANSWER: SAME

PROVERBS 12:15

15 The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 12:18

18 The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 13:10

10 Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

ANSWER: ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE

PROVERBS 13:24

24 Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

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PROVERBS 14:12

12 There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

ANSWER: ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE

PROVERBS 15:1

15 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 3:5

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

ANSWER: ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE

PROVERBS 3:9

9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

ANSWER: ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE

PROVERBS 4:23

23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

ANSWER: ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE

PROVERBS 16:3

3 Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

ANSWER: ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE

PROVERBS 16:9

9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

ANSWER: SAME

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PROVERBS 16:18

18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

ANSWER: SAME

PROVERBS 17:22

22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 19:2

2 Desire without knowledge is not good— how much more will hasty feet miss the way!

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 21:20

20 The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 22:6

6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 22:15

15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far away.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 1:7

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

ANSWER: ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE

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PROVERBS 23:9

9 Do not speak to fools, for they will scorn your prudent words.

ANSWER: ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE

PROVERBS 27:17

17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

ANSWER: SAME

PROVERBS 28:13

13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 29:11

11 Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 29:18

18 Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

ANSWER: OPPOSITE

PROVERBS 30:5

5 "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

ANSWER: ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE FIRST LINE

