

## WISDOM IN PROVERBS

The Book of Proverbs falls under the category of "wisdom literature" along with Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and some parts of Psalms in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, the Book of James is said to be a "wisdom book." Almost every culture on earth has their "smart sayings" as proverbs are commonly referred as. It is not unique to Middle Eastern cultures. We even have modern proverbs in our own Western culture that you may recognize such as, "A fool and his money are soon parted." This particular saying is not found in the Bible, but is good advice nonetheless.



Proverbs is packed with wisdom, and easy to apply to our lives even in modern times. Following the proverbs, written down for us, can often help us avoid trouble! Most scholars agree that King Solomon is credited as one of the authors of Proverbs along with someone named Agur, King Lemuel, and a group

of men called "The Wise."

Proverbs contains much advice on many different topics. It addresses parents in how they should instruct their children, young men and women seeking wisdom, and much practical advice for those desiring to be righteous. There are also proverbs about avoiding sin and making wise choices. Other themes include having good relationships, proper work ethic, marriage, and financial advice. One of the most popular proverbs is Proverbs 1:7, which says, *The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction* (NIV).

Turn also to Proverbs 3:5-6 which says, *Trust in Yahweh with all your heart* and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. HalleluYah!

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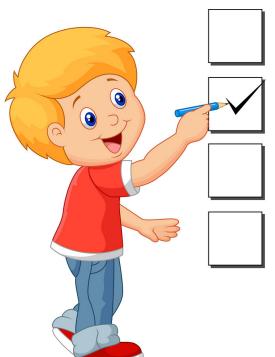
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Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching; indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head and ornaments about your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent,

Proverbs 1:8–10 NASB.

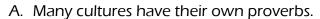
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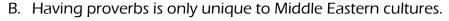
# What did you learn?



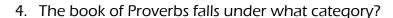
- 1. Which one is the only true statement?
- A. The book of Proverbs gives good instruction that we can apply to our modern lives.
- B. The information in Proverbs is only for ancient people.
- C. Proverbs is only good for parents.
- D. Proverbs is only good for married couples.
- 2. What are some topics covered in the book of Proverbs?
- A. Child rearing advice.
- B. Financial advice.
- C. Marriage advice and much more!
- D. All of the above.







- C. There are no modern proverbs.
- D. The Israelites had proverbs.

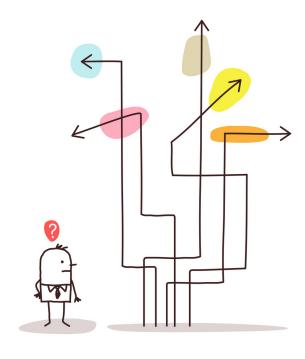


- A. History.
- B. Laws.
- C. Wisdom literature.
- D. Love stories.



- A. Work ethic.
- B. Avoiding sin.
- C. Making wise choices.
- D. All of the above.

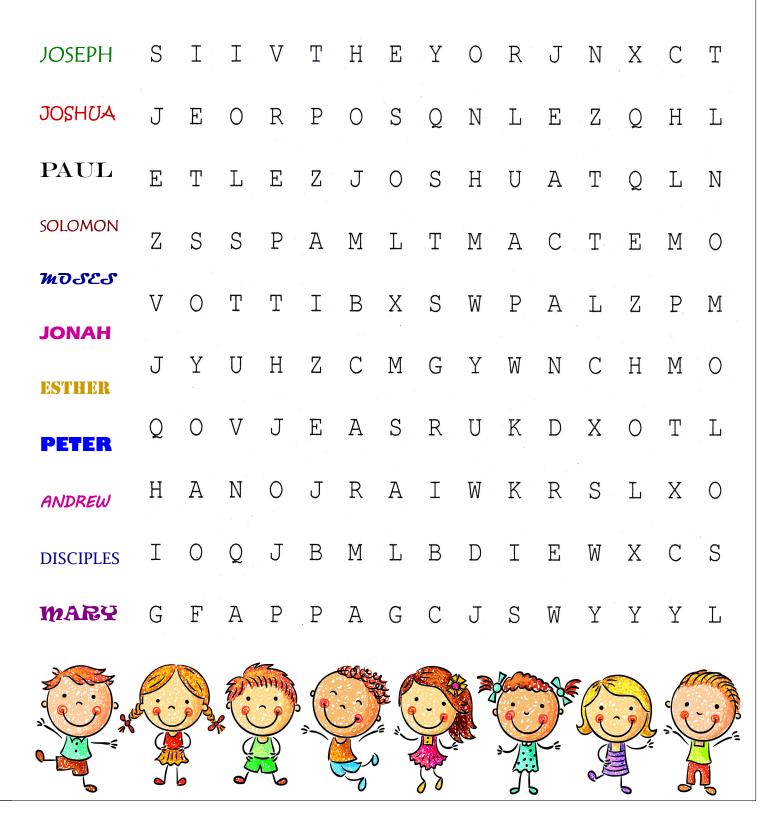




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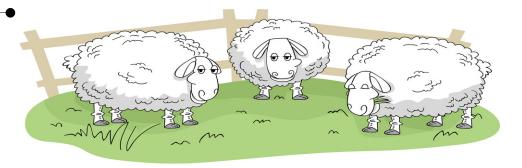
## Destined to Serve!

We are called to be Yahweh's servants! Can you find the following people in Scripture who were called for special service?

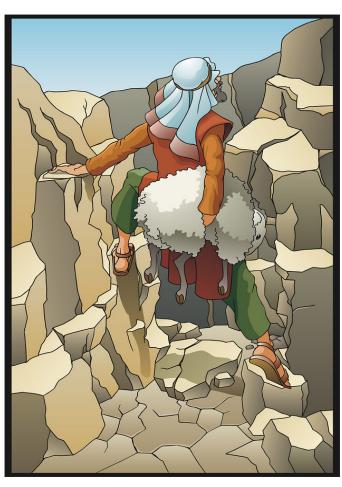


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### Name the one whom Yahweh called to service:



- 1. Who said, "Yahweh sent me before you to preserve you...?" (Genesis 45:7)
- 2. Who yelled, "Shout, for Yahweh has given you this city?" (Joshua 6:16)
- 3. Who was shown that he must suffer for Yahweh? (Acts 9:16)
- 4. Who was sent to Pharaoh to bring the people out? (Exodus 3:10)
- 5. Who was told to build a house for the sanctuary? (1 Chronicles 28:10)
- 6. Who was commanded to preach against Nineveh? (Jonah 1:2)
- 7. What young woman was instructed not to "hold her peace"? (Esther 4:14)
- 8. To whom did Yahshua say, "Follow me..."? (Matthew 4:19)
- 9. Who was told to go and teach all nations? (Matthew 28:19)

10. Who was told she would bear Yahweh's own son? (Luke 1:35)

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