

We are looking now at the center section of Proverbs – chapters 10-30 – which are often one subject per verse.

We will look at how we as God's people use these short sayings in our study and lives.

1. Proverbs may give one or two truths on a subject but they are not to be taken as the final word. How do these verses develop our understanding of planning? Proverbs 15:22; 19:21 James 4:13-16

2. Sometimes a proverb seems obvious but there are deeper meanings. What does Proverbs 12:17 say about character? Compare it to these: Matthew 5:33-37 1 Peter 2:12

3. Some proverbs paint startling pictures to emphasize a point like Proverbs 11:22.

Can you think of any sayings of Jesus like this?

4. A proverb that clearly addresses a certain issue may have other subjects in mind. What does Proverbs 25:16 tell us?

5. Does it relate to Proverbs 25:17 and 1 Timothy 6:10?

6. Some proverbs state facts of life and leave it to us to decide if it is right or wrong. Is Proverbs 21:14 encouraging bribery? Check Deuteronomy 16:19

7. There are many "better than" comparisons in Proverbs that point us to what is best. What is the best way in Proverbs 28:6; 16:19; 15:16-17?

8. Stating a list and then extending it is used for emphasis. Sometimes, but not always, the last item is the one to be emphasised or the point of the whole list. Which ones from Proverbs 6:16-19; 30:18-19; 30:29-31 fit that category?

9. Your turn: Out of the entire book of Proverbs which proverb is a favorite or stands out to you? Why?