

Why Proverbs?

Everyday Wisdom | Proverbs 1:1-7

“If you want something
done right, do it yourself.”

“Do unto others as you would
have them do unto you.”

“Good things come
to those who wait.”

“One man’s trash is
another man’s treasure.”

“Cleanliness is next to godliness.”

“Fortune favors the bold.”

“If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”

Plans fail for lack of counsel,
but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 15:22 (NIV)

The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps.

Proverbs 16:9 (ESV)

The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the Lord.

Proverbs 16:33 (NIV)

Like a thornbush in a drunkard's hand
is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.

Proverbs 26:9 (NIV)

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- Wisdom (hokmah) - the skill of living

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- **Justice** (mispat)
- **Fairness** (mesarim)

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 - **Wise** - discerning already

4) What's the big idea
of Proverbs?

(verse 7)

Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord.

The big idea of Proverbs.