

Eyes of Humility

Proverbs 6:16-19*

God-centeredness of life is stated in the key verse of Proverbs: *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (1:7)*. The thesis is clear: Those who fear God and live by His principles can be assured of His approval and blessing.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you (9:10-11).

The fear of the Lord is more than reverential trust; it includes being afraid of displeasing Him. It recognizes His holiness and our sinfulness. It realizes that His anger is something to be avoided. It produces a desire to please and trust Him.

To please God, however, we must know what He values. What does He care about? What does He love? What does He hate?

God’s values in the negative form (16-19)

#1. God hates a proud look (17a)



God’s values in the positive form (var.vv.)

Proverbs

Proverbs is perhaps the most practical book in the Old Testament because it teaches wisdom (lit., “skillful living”) in the multiple aspects of everyday life. In short pithy statements, maxims, and stories, Solomon and other contributors set forth about nine hundred proverbs—inspired precepts dealing with wisdom and folly, pride and humility, justice and vengeance, laziness and work, poverty and wealth, friends and neighbors, love and lust, anger and strife, masters and servants, life and death. These maxims are not theoretical but practical; they are easily memorized, timeless truths that touch on every facet of human relationships. Reading a proverb takes only a few seconds; applying a proverb can take a lifetime!

Focus	Purpose of Proverbs		Proverbs to Youth		Proverbs of Solomon		Proverbs of Solomon (Hezekiah)		Words of Agur		Words of Lemuel		
	1:1	1:7	1:8	9:18	10:1	24:34	25:1	29:27	30:1	30:33	31:1	31:31	
Divisions	Purpose and Theme	1:1	1:7	1:8	9:18	10:1	24:34	25:1	29:27	30:1	30:33	Wisdom for Leaders	Virtuous Wife
												31:1	31:10
Topics	Prologue	Principles of Wisdom						Epilogue					
	Commendation of Wisdom	Counsel of Wisdom						Comparisons of Wisdom					
Place	Judah												
Time	c. 950–700 B.C.												

*These notes are prayerfully prepared to aid, not replace, your personal study of God’s word.