


- What is a proverb?
- Who wrote the book of Proverbs & when was it written?
- The purpose of the book of Proverbs
- The outline of the book of Proverbs
- Where does wisdom come from?
- The first principle of wisdom

What is a proverb?

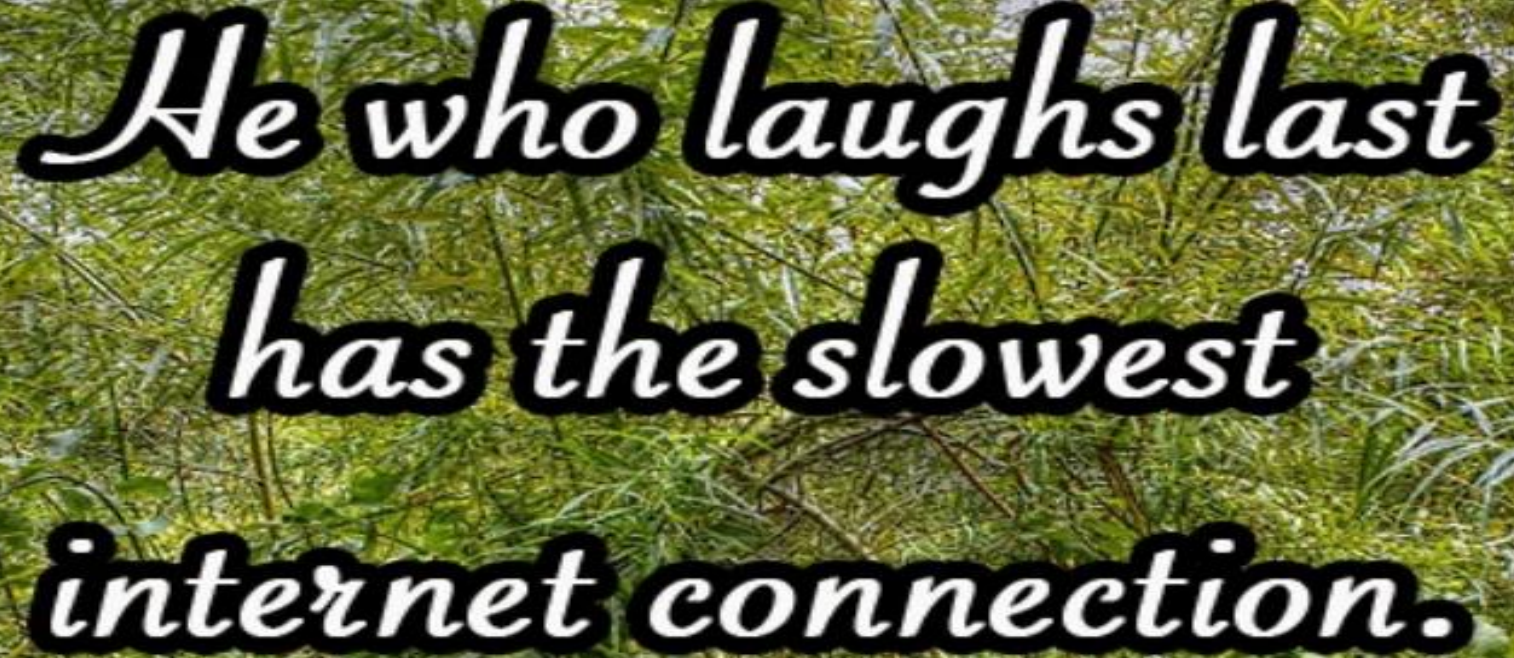
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*Actions speak
louder than
passive-aggressive texts.*

*The best things in life
are streaming on Netflix.*



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*He who laughs last
has the slowest
internet connection.*

*THE BLOG IS
MIGHTIER THAN
THE SWORD*

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- a short sentence drawn from long experience.
- a short, pithy memorable statement often based on an observation about life, capturing a truth about the way things are meant to work in God's world (LICC).
- a poetic art form that instils wisdom in you as you wrestle with it (Timothy Keller)

many hands make light work

too many cooks spoil the broth

- ¹ The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:
- ² for gaining wisdom and instruction;
for understanding words of insight;
- ³ for receiving instruction in prudent behaviour,
doing what is right and just and fair;
- ⁴ for giving prudence to those who are simple,
knowledge and discretion to the young—
- ⁵ let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—
- ⁶ for understanding proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise.
- ⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

When was the book of Proverbs written and who wrote it?

“Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” (1 Kings 3:5)

“Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.” (1 Kings 3:9)

“I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. (1 Kings 3:11)

What is the purpose of the book?

- WHY: ² for gaining wisdom and instruction;
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The outline of the book of Proverbs

Chapter 1:1-7 - Prologue

Chapter 1:8 to Chapter 9:18 - Speeches

Chapter 10 to Chapter 24 - The Proverbs of Solomon

Chapter 25 to Chapter 29 - More Proverbs of Solomon

Chapter 30 & Chapter 31 - The sayings of Agur, the sayings of King Lemuel and the epilogue

Where does wisdom come from?

By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations,
by understanding he set the heavens in place;
by his knowledge the watery depths were divided,
and the clouds let drop the dew.

Proverbs 3:19-20

“Wisdom far greater than Solomon’s is right in front of you” (Matthew 12:42).

“Christ has become for us wisdom from God”
(1 Corinthians 1:30)

“in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3)

God gives us his wisdom in the person of Jesus

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

(James 1:5)

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(Proverbs 1:7)

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

(Proverbs 9:10)

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. (1 Peter 1:17)

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God.... (1 Peter 2:17)

....work out your salvation with fear and trembling.
(Philippians 2:12)

....we know what it is to fear the Lord....(2 Corinthians 5:11)

God

vs

LORD

- Does a fear of the LORD shape the decisions that you make?
- In which area of your life do you need God's wisdom?
- Who could you guide as to how to acquire wisdom?