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## 2 PETER 2:22

“What the true proverb says has happened to them:  
‘The dog returns to its own vomit,’ and ‘the sow, after  
washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.’”

# Introduction to the Book of Proverbs

# 1 KINGS 3:9

“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

# 1 KINGS 3:3

“Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places.”

# 1 KINGS 12:7

“If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever.”

# 1 KINGS 11:3

“He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart.”

## 1 Samuel 8:1-3

**“When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.”**



# 1 SAMUEL 8:18

“And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

# How to Interpret Proverbs

# PROVERBS 16:18

“Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

# PROVERBS 15:1

“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”

## Proverbs 30:21–23

**“Under three things the earth trembles; under four it cannot bear up: a slave when he becomes king, and a fool when he is filled with food; an unloved woman when she gets a husband, and a maidservant when she displaces her mistress.”**

# PROVERBS 16:7

“When a man’s ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with Him.”

# PROVERBS 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

# Primary Content of Proverbs



# The Most Culturally Relevant Proverbs

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

(Prov 1:7; repeated in 9:10).

**Solution: Corporate Worship**

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." (Prov 4:23).

**Solution: Private Worship**

“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”  
(Prov 27:17).

**Solution: Small Groups**

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.” (Prov 20:1).

**Solution: Service**

# Proverbs in the New Testament

Challenge