

Proverbs 1:1

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

Here is an interesting question to ponder over today. Why are we given the Proverbs, or why were they written? I think our go to answer is to get wisdom, which is true, but let us go beyond the Sunday school answer and look deeper, and we will do it in today's Proverbs in Chapter one verses 1-6, but not in the NKJV, but in the Message bible.

† Proverbs 1:1-6 (MSG)

These are the wise sayings of Solomon, David's son, Israel's king—

Written down so we'll know how to live well and right, to understand what life means and where it's going;

A manual for living, for learning what's right and just and fair;

To teach the inexperienced the ropes and give our young people a grasp on reality.

There's something here also for seasoned men and women, still a thing or two for the experienced to learn—

Fresh wisdom to probe and penetrate, the rhymes and reasons of wise men and women.

Reading this from the Message bible, it goes beyond the word “Wisdom” and gets more into the heart of wisdom and why we have the Proverbs. Let's look at each section really quick and get a better understanding of why it's important to read the Proverbs every day.

First, they are “*Written down so we'll know how to live well and right, to understand what life means and where it's going.*” We all have family and friends, coworkers, church family, and so on, that have their own advice and opinion. So, let's ask ourselves, would we want the opinion of these people or the advice from the wisest man to walk the earth (Other than Jesus), which is King Solomon?

Second, they are written as a “*A manual for living, for learning what's right and just and fair.*” If you are like me, you do not like to read the manual, and only go to it when we get really stuck and cannot figure something out. But what if we went to the Manual called “Proverbs” first, instead of last, after all other options are exhausted?

Next, to they are there to help us raise or children and teach them “*To teach the inexperienced the ropes and give our young people a grasp on reality.*” Looking at our youth today, how much do they really need “*a grasp on reality!*” Well, as adults we can help them get that by going to the scriptures to show them reality.

But then it is not only for raising our kids, but also for teaching ourselves, “*There's something here also for seasoned men and women, still a thing or two for the experienced to learn—*” I am in my 60's and I still learn things all the time. The old saying of “*You can't teach an old dog new tricks*” is actually not true, case in point for us old folks LOL, just one word, or two “Computers” and “Cell Phones” New tricks that us old folks had to learn, yet kids were raised with it; Therefore they do not know the pains of having to move the rabbit ears on a TV to get

the channel to come in to watch or favorite Saturday morning cartoon, of having to borrow a dime from someone because you were out and had no money and needed to call your parents to help you.

Finally, “***Fresh wisdom to probe and penetrate, the rhymes and reasons of wise men and women.***” We all, seasoned saints, as well as newbie Christians, need fresh wisdom or insight to make it through life, and many times just to make it through the day.

So, how do we do these things or where do we start. One by reading your bible and at least one proverb a day. But verse seven tells us the starting point:

† **Proverbs 1:7 (MSG) *Start with GOD—the first step in learning is bowing down to GOD; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning.***