



# THE BOOK OF PROVERBS 4U



WORKBOOK PART 2

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### 3. THE SEVEN THINGS GOD HATES

Read Proverbs 6:16-19

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Pr.6:16

The seven listed are abominations to God, the sins all doing hurt to family, friends, neighbours and others. Such knowledge of God's abominations gives moral guidance in private and public life and should, with the Ten commandments, be part of the framework on which society is based. When neglected there is an inevitable slide in standards as is prevalent today in some western countries. God's blessings of happiness and prosperity disappear, declining with the passing of each generation. Only Repentance, private and public can bring people back to God.

\* 1 A PROUD LOOK.

God detests all human pride, arrogance and this includes spiritual pride. The Book of Proverbs is the source of some English proverbs, as the well-known – "Pride comes before a fall."

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Pr 16:18

\* 2 A LYING TONGUE.

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Pr 12:22

\* 3 HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD.

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Pr 28:17

\* 4 A HEART OF WICKED THOUGHTS AND PLANS.

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Pr 14:17

\* 5 FEET THAT ARE SWIFT IN RUNNING TO EVIL.

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Pr 1:16

\* 6 A FALSE WITNESS WHO BREATHES OUT LIES.

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Pr 12:17

\* 7 HE WHO SOWS DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN.

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Pr 6:14

The voice of God's Wisdom, in the following text, sums up the THINGS GOD HATES –

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Pr 8:13

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#### 4. FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

In families, unlike friendships, one is always a part of that family; even though living distances apart. Some family members can be very close and much loved. God in the centre of a family is the basis of stable marriages and good relationships in the home. The Book of Proverbs clearly states that a home and family unit is to be built on the firm foundation of Godly wisdom. An upright father, walking in obedience and the ways of the Lord, is enabled to lead his family according to biblical principles. Such parental values are to be lived out primarily in the home before the children. Children are to be loved, but need boundaries to help train them in good ways. Young children need to learn the difference between right and wrong. The conscience of a child is very sensitive and generally they know when they are doing wrong – telling a lie, telling stories by not speaking the truth.

The young copy their parents and learn from them - good ways or bad. In a good and loving home where the Lord is truly honoured, God's blessings rest. The children feel safe and secure and grow up, usually, to be responsible members of society. Standards of right and wrong and the need for a forgiving spirit, when taught in the home, promote good relationships in families, and extended families; also in friendships and all other social interactions, including political life, local and national.

Of course, it must be understood that in godly homes, there are children who are rebellious and who take the broad way. Even so, many children difficult to raise turn out well in later years, especially when they are converted and begin to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

Only a few of Solomon's many proverbs on the Family can be included in this section.

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Pr 10:1 (17:21,25)

Pr 10:12

Pr 13:22

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Pr 13:24 (Pr 19:18)



Chastisement should always be administered in love; and usually hurts the parents more.

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Pr 14:1

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Pr 14:26

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Pr 15:25

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FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS – continued

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Pr 17:6

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Pr 18:19

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Pr 18:22

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Pr 19:18

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Pr 20:7

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Pr 21:9

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Pr 22:6

SAYINGS OF THE WISE

Read Proverbs 23:19-35

In this chapter, more wise advice is given concerning the avoidance of immoral women and drunkenness with their consequences of misery and woes.

This next proverb is a fitting conclusion, for it sums up the whole subject of Family relationships.

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Pr 24:3

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## 5. FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Friends and neighbours, unlike family members, usually come and go during one's life. Some life-long friendships are dearer and closer than the family bond. Friendships enjoyed when young are not usually the same friendships when older, because people move away. Also it is good and gives a sense of hope for the future, to realise as one gets older new friendships will be made, as yet unknown.



There are good friends, old friends and new; and all such friendships are valuable. It is important in friendships to be loyal, not to take friends for granted, but to show kindness and be friendly to those in need. It is wise in friendships and in church fellowships not to bear grudges and not to live with bitterness for such attitudes cause splits. As one of the proverbs states, it is wise to ignore an insult and instead realise the need to move on, forgive and forget.

Solomon's proverbs include many wise words of advice for friends and neighbours and about avoiding bad friends and their influences - as the following selected texts state so clearly and concisely.

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Pr 3:29

The following text refers to Pledges (PART 3). A pledge is not a kindness but an unwise promise to pay the debts of a neighbour or friend.

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Pr 6:3

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Pr 11:9

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Pr 11:12

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Pr 12:26

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Pr 16: 28

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Pr 17:9

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Pr 18:24

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Pr 21:10

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## 6. RICHES AND POVERTY

There are many proverbs on this subject. God's wisdom develops prudence and carefulness in money matters and consequently the avoidance of extravagance with resulting debt. However, debt can arise by a sudden reversal of circumstances in the family, such as death, ill-health and the loss of work by one or both parents. However, in these circumstances, there are streams in the desert in walking by faith and trusting God. God's promises in Proverbs give great encouragement in all these matters, both monetary and spiritual wealth.

The Sovereign Lord condemns greed in all its forms, especially the desire to gain wealth at the expense of others. Some, although having enough, often want more and strive to get more to the detriment of family happiness. Such people do not win in the end, for riches are not everything. Time spent gaining more money is often time lost with one's children, but time when given to the young is never wasted. When children get older, precious time is always remembered and valued, whereas their compensating expensive toys are forgotten and often soon broken. Other sayings in this section, as throughout the Bible, are about God's concern for the poor and the needy - for human kindness and generosity to those in poverty, a kindness which never leads to poverty. Jesus always manifested compassion and kindness.

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Pr 3:9

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Pr 3:27

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Pr 8:21

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Pr 10:22

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Pr 11:24

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Pr 13:11

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Pr 13:18

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Pr 14:21

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Pr 14:31

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RICHES AND POVERTY - continued



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Pr 15:16

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Pr 15:27

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Pr 16:8

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Pr 17:5

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Pr 19:1

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Pr 19:4

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Pr 19:17

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Pr 20:21

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Pr 21:13

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Pr 21:17

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Pr 22:1-2

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Pr 22:9

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Pr:22:16

## BOOK OF PROVERBS



PART 3 follows next.

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