

# PROVERBS PRAYERS

Praying *the* Wisdom of Proverbs  
*for* Your Life

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*To:*

*From:*








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It's easy to dedicate this book to the greatest family on earth. To my wife, Linda, thanks for being my best friend and for laughing with me every day. To Michelle, for being someone who always has a song in her heart. To Greg, for his peaceful persistence. To Mike, for his unique creativity. To Dave, for his boundless energy. To my parents, Lorene and my late father Chester, for their love, prayers, and support.

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Proverbs 4:7

*The beginning of wisdom is:  
Acquire wisdom; and with all your acquiring,  
get understanding.*



# INTRODUCTION

Think about it. If you could pick one spiritual goal for your life, what would it be? For many people, it would be praying and reading their Bible every day, especially the book of Proverbs. Several years ago, when I was reading through the Bible, I felt the Lord challenging me to pray the words I had just read. When I did, something happened. The words came alive. As I continued this, His Word became clearer and I began to see changes in my life—good changes!

*Proverbs Prayers* is a book written to help you pray these Scriptures too. God can change you when you open your life to Him. When you read each proverb and pray the corresponding prayer, you will be asking the Lord to cause every promise and principle from that chapter to come alive in your life. As you do, I believe God is going to show you some things you've never seen before. You will pray about things that you may have been unaware of or have been avoiding (for example, anger, lust, your words). And at the end of thirty-one days, wisdom will be your friend.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of sharing God's Word with you.

Get ready to grow!






# PROVERBS 1



<sup>1</sup>The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:  
<sup>2</sup>To know wisdom and instruction, to discern the sayings of understanding, <sup>3</sup>to receive instruction in wise behavior, righteousness, justice and equity; <sup>4</sup>to give prudence to the naive, to the youth knowledge and discretion, <sup>5</sup>a wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel, <sup>6</sup>to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. <sup>7</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. <sup>8</sup>Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching; <sup>9</sup>indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head and ornaments about your neck. <sup>10</sup>My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. <sup>11</sup>If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood, let us ambush the innocent without cause; <sup>12</sup>let us swallow them alive like Sheol, even whole, as those who go down to the pit; <sup>13</sup>we will find all kinds of precious wealth, we will fill our houses with spoil; <sup>14</sup>throw in your lot with us, we shall all have one purse," <sup>15</sup>my son, do not walk in the way with



them. Keep your feet from their path, <sup>16</sup>for their feet run to evil and they hasten to shed blood. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, it is useless to spread the baited net in the sight of any bird; <sup>18</sup>but they lie in wait for their own blood; they ambush their own lives. <sup>19</sup>So are the ways of everyone who gains by violence; it takes away the life of its possessors. <sup>20</sup>Wisdom shouts in the street, she lifts her voice in the square; <sup>21</sup>at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the gates in the city she utters her sayings: <sup>22</sup>“How long, O naive ones, will you love being simple-minded? And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing and fools hate knowledge? <sup>23</sup>Turn to my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. <sup>24</sup>Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention; <sup>25</sup>and you neglected all my counsel and did not want my reproof; <sup>26</sup>I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes, <sup>27</sup>when your dread comes like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. <sup>28</sup>Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but they will not find me, <sup>29</sup>because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD. <sup>30</sup>They would not accept my counsel, they spurned all my reproof. <sup>31</sup>So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own devices. <sup>32</sup>For the waywardness of the naive will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them. <sup>33</sup>But he who listens to me shall live securely and will be at ease from the dread of evil.”

Proverbs 1

*prayer*

Thank you, Lord, for Your wisdom in Proverbs. I am forever appreciative of the life-giving instruction and understanding this precious book brings to me. I know You want it to be an indispensable part of my life, so I ask You to help me hear Your words today. As I do, I will increase in learning.

Help me remember my mother and father's wise words. Lead me to receive wise advice and have an appropriate reverence for You in my life. When I do, You will entrust supernatural information to me. Help me avoid being foolish by rejecting Your wisdom and instruction.

Open my eyes to see when sinners cross my path simply to tempt me. If that happens, I choose to immediately take a stand and say no. When they talk persuasively and promise all kinds of success to me, I trust You will stand by me in opposition to them. I don't want to become one of them.



Direct my steps and keep me far away from these harmful associations. Keep my feet from heading in the wrong direction.

Lord, are there sinners in my life right now who are trying to persuade me to do the wrong thing? Please show me who they are. I need Your help to keep me free from their influence.

Help me to avoid greed, because this kind of selfishness takes away the life that is inside me. Instead, let me conquer greed by becoming a giver.

Is there any area of greed in my life today, Lord? Please show me. Send opportunities for me to give today. I ask to be sensitive to hear what wisdom has to say. I don't want to be foolish by hating knowledge. It is my desire to heed Your warning and to change through wisdom's lessons. Pour Your Spirit on me and show me Your words.

Lord, I choose to listen to Your wisdom today. I will not disdain or disregard it. As I do, I trust You will keep me from tragedy and terror. Because I fear You and love knowledge, I am confident You will hear me when I call to You. When I seek You diligently, I will find You. What a privilege it is to follow You and Your wisdom.

Father, help me listen clearly to Your wisdom so I can dwell safely and securely, without fear of evil.