



PROVERBS

CHAPTER 3

Proverbs Study

ABSTRACT

Proverbs is known for its short instructions for living an effective life on earth. It contains no stories or theology, as many other Old Testament books do. It simply states wisdom for all to enjoy and use.

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Gathering Together



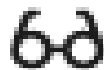
Solomon, Agur, Lemuel



Poetry



970-675 BC



Meant to be timeless

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CHAPTER SUMMARY

Write out a summary of what the chapter is saying. Here are some ideas on how to do this.

- Summarize and rephrase using your own words
- Outline it. (Great if using a Bible version that breaks the verses into paragraphs)
 - Give the paragraph a Title
 - Add some sub points under it

KEY WORDS AND DEFINITIONS

Below are some example words. What word is used in your version? What means does that lead to? What are some other words you can use that mean the same? What are some words that mean the opposite?

VERSE	WORD	DEFINITION	SYNONYM / ANTONYM
1	Teaching		
1	Commandments		
3	Steadfast		
3	Bind		
6	Acknowledge		
8	Bones		
11	Reproof		
18	Tree of Life		
21	Discretion		
34	Mocker / Mock		

OBSERVATION / ANALYSIS

1. Determine where the thought unit starts and ends
2. Is the thought referencing an action for you to take or not take or is it a benefit of taking or not taking and action? Does the thought include both?
3. Evaluate the lines that make up the thought – Highlight in different colors what you see, underline, circle, whatever will help you see these things. You can also copy and paste from online Bible and use Find function to help.
 - a. **Synonymous:** Same idea with different by equal words
 1. Static: no progression of intensity, Same idea with different by equal words
 2. Dynamic Development: intensification in the second line
 - b. **Inclusio:** repetition of significant phrase or word at the beginning
 - c. **Merismus:** two extremes side by side
 - d. **Chiasm:** each line is a point in time one at the beginning and one at the end
 - e. **Antithetical:** Contrast with each other
 - f. **Synthetical:** Adds additional information
 - g. **Stair Step:** part of the first is repeated in the second
4. Focus on the imagery
 - a. **Simile:** compares two objects using Like
 - b. **Methaphor:** compares or likens two objects that are in no way alike more forcefully
 - c. **Emblematic:** Metaphor followed by more literal

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QUESTIONS? DEFINITIONS?

Example questions you may want to think about. What is the meaning of _____? What is the significance of _____? Why is this important?

CROSS REFERENCES

Proverbs verse	Cross reference/where else is it explained	What will I do about it?

PERSONAL APPLICATION/THOUGHTS

What are your thoughts on the passage? What are some things that you need to consider in your day to day life? What are some things you hadn't thought of before?