Outline: The Book of Proverbs

I. The contrast of wisdom and folly (chapters 1-9)

Chapter one: The boy and his beginning in the home.

Chapter two: The boy grows and moves out of the home.

Chapter three: The boy listens to God as he was earlier taught in his home.

Chapter four: The boy faces the challenges of the world and is reminded of his father's instructions.

Chapters five through seven: Sex education for the growing young man.

Chapter eight and nine: The school of wisdom is now in session.

II. Solomon speaks wisdom (chapters 10-24)

Chapter 10: The basic guidelines of wisdom.

Chapter 11: Basic principles of wisdom.

Chapter 12: Wisdom and marriage.

Chapter 13: Listen and speak truth.

Chapter 14: Let truth reign and don't believe everything you hear.

Chapter 15: Your steps are never private.

Chapter 16: God is immutable, chase Him only.

Chapter 17: The wise listen more than they speak.

Chapter 18: Listen to God and live like Jesus.

Chapter 19: Fear the Lord for He is a just God.

Chapter 20: Mind your business!

Chapter 21: Faith without works is a dead faith.

Chapter 22: Train your children to live for God.

Chapter 23: Put your faith in God not riches. Permissive parenting is from the devil.

Chapter 24: God is just.

III. Solomon continues to drop nuggets of wisdom (25-29)

Chapter 25: Search the Scriptures daily.

Chapter 26: Don't be a fool.

Chapter 27: Relationships matter.

Chapter 28: Fear God and trust Him always.

Chapter 29: Stay humble and do not be lured away by flattery.

IV. The sayings of Agur (30)

Chapter 30: Every word of God is flawless—listen to Him!

V. A mother speaks (31)

Chapter 31: The very definition of a godly woman.

Discussion Questions: Proverbs

I. The contrast of wisdom and folly (chapters 1-9)

1. How is the believer to live (1)?

2. What does success look like for the believer (2)?

3. Explain Proverbs 3:5-6 in your own words (3)?

II. Solomon speaks wisdom (chapters 10-24)

1. What does this chapter teach about the importance of work ethic?

2. What does chapter eleven teach about truth and justice?

3. What does chapter fourteen teach about the testimony of one's actions?

4. What does chapter seventeen teach about quarreling?

5. Is there such a thing as a healthy debate? If so, explain?

III. Solomon continues to drop nuggets of wisdom (25-29)

1. What does chapter twenty-six teach about laziness?

2. What does chapter twenty-seven teach about pride?

3. What does chapter twenty-nine teach about parenting and discipline?

IV. The sayings of Agur (30)

1. What does this chapter teach about God's word?

V. A mother speaks (31)

1. Define the characteristics of a godly woman as explained in this chapter.