

Lesson 2
Preface to the Proverbs
Proverbs 1:1-7

I. The author and the literary form (1:1)

A. The Literary form (1:1a)

- The form of writing is _____.
- A proverb is a _____.

B. The author (1:1b)

- The author identifies himself as _____.

II. The purpose of the book (1:2-6)

A. A general statement of Purpose (1:2)

- The purpose is to acquire knowledge in _____.

B. An expanded statement of Purpose (1:3-6)

1. Knowledge in right living (1:3-5)

- These elaborate on the qualities of life that must be acquired for _____.

a. Instruction of wisdom (1:3)

- It is instruction in a life reflecting moral standards of _____.

b. Prudence to the simple or young man(1:4)

- The simple refers to a person who is _____.
- He is one whose _____ has been limited.
- Because of inexperience he is _____.
- Therefore, Proverbs give _____ to the simple.
- Young man is a parallel statement for the simple reflecting _____.
- Prudence is expanded with _____.

2. Mental insight (1:6)

- The wise or men of understanding are called to grow in _____.

III. The theme of the book (1:7)

A. The prerequisite for knowledge (1:7a)

- _____ is needed for understanding and wisdom.

Question: What does the “fear of the Lord” mean?

Question: Why is that the controlling principle of all knowledge and wisdom?

B. Wisdom despised (1:7b)

- A fool is one who being stubborn and dull despises _____.