

# Faith Talk

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## **The Wisdom of Proverbs**

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Have you ever heard it said that there are only two sure things in life? —Death and taxes.

When I hear this I think of another sure thing – the Word of God, and in particular, the Book of Proverbs. This book in The Old Testament is like a common sense manual for acquiring wisdom, as it teaches us how to avoid many wrong choices in life. Following the principles of this book will lead us to a life of health and success.

Proverbs was written to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young (Proverbs 1:4), and to make wise men wiser (1:5).

Although Proverbs is a practical book dealing with the everyday affairs of life, it bases wisdom firmly on the fear of the Lord. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline” (1:7).

God gives us many examples of what to do and what not to do, so that we may live a life that is pleasing before Him. He warns us to avoid sexual immorality, theft, violence, and any evil scheme. These things pull us away from the Lord and down a dark and crooked path.

The Book of Proverbs encourages us to walk uprightly, be honest, respect our parents and others in authority, and to show love and mercy, not favouritism. We are rewarded for these things and brought closer to God.

“My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man” (3:1-4)

As we obey the commands of the Lord He leads us on a straight path which ends in no darkness or death; just life eternal, eternal life that is free of charge to us, paid in full—taxes included—through faith in His son Jesus Christ.

Praise be to God for His son, His word, His love, His wisdom, and His grace.

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