

God's Wisdom: More Valuable Than Gold

"The Most Valuable Thing in the World"

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Proverbs 3:13-18

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- A. Infinite _____ and _____ cannot compare with the power and value of the _____ of God.
- B. Proverbs 16:16: Get wisdom - how much better it is than _____! And get understanding - it is preferable to _____.
- C. Look at the incredible value and blessings of wisdom - Pr. 3:13-18; 4:5-9.
- D. Studying the book of Proverbs is like getting a Ph.D in how to _____ the best _____.
- E. Proverbs is a book written mostly by King _____ the 3rd king of Israel.
1. Scholars credit King Solomon with chapters _____ of the collection and what we find in chapters _____ is divinely sanctioned wisdom from other writers.
 2. Around _____ years before Christ, Solomon either wrote or compiled these bits of wisdom.
- F. Proverbs is _____ any other book of the Bible.
- G. Our English word for "proverb" comes from two Latin words which mean "instead of _____" - so a proverb is a sentence of _____ wisdom.
- H. A proverb tries to make a point by summarizing a principle with a vivid _____, like Prov. 11:22.
- I. We can't interpret Proverbs in the same way we interpret statements of fact, but must find the general _____ or broad _____ in a proverb without turning it into a rigidly absolute statement. (Example - Pr. 16:33)
- J. Proverbs often include hyperbole, which is a figure of speech that _____ a matter in order to drive home the point. (Example - Pr. 15:25)
- K. What was the secret to Solomon's success, power, knowledge and wisdom?
Answer: _____ (2 Chr. 1:1).
- L. God appeared to Solomon in a _____ and asked him: "_____ should I _____ you? (1 Kgs. 3:5)
- M. Solomon asked for _____, but God gave that and _____ and _____ (1 Kgs. 3:7-14).
- N. God proceeded to do what He _____ (1 Kgs. 4:29-31, 34).
- O. Tragically, although Solomon _____ the wisdom of God, he didn't always _____ God's wisdom.
- P. Solomon began doing the very things the Lord had told him _____ to do.
- Q. Worse than all Solomon's _____ ways was his turning to the _____ of _____ (1 Kgs. 11:6, 9-11).
- R. Steps in our quest for God's wisdom:
1. Acknowledge the _____ for wisdom
 2. _____ God for wisdom
 3. _____ and _____ for wisdom
 4. Put wisdom into _____

Answer Key: A. wealth, beauty, wisdom. B. gold, silver. D. live, life. E. Solomon. E.1. 1-24, 25-31. E.2. 950. F. unlike. G. words, condensed. H. illustration. I. point, principle. J. overstates. K. God. L. dream, what, give. M. wisdom, riches, honor. N. promised. O. had, follow. P. not. Q. sinful, worship, idols. R.1. need. R.2. Ask. R.3. Seek, search. R.4. practice.