

## Wisdom books of the Bible

Song of Songs

Beauty of intimate relationships

• Job

Complexity of suffering

Ecclesiastes

Questions about the meaning of life

Psalms

Full range of human emotions and our relationship with God

Proverbs

Advice for everyday living

# Proverbs

Are not rules!

Can contradict each other so use them wisely

Teach Godly values

# Values in Proverbs

Love and Faithfulness

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Proverbs 3:3

Dependence on God

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight Proverbs 3:5-6

Integrity

The Lord detests different weights, and dishonest scales do not please him. Proverbs 20:23

#### Values in Proverbs

Justice

When Justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evil doers. Proverbs 21:15

Compassion

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. Proverbs 19:17

#### Values in Proverbs

Prudence

Whoever strays from the path of prudence comes to rest in the company of the dead. Proverbs 21:16

Diligence

The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. Proverbs 21:5

We are called to live wisely in our workplaces, homes and communities.

# We are called to teach or influence others to live wisely.

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.