

Poetry

Why?

Poetry helps us have an _____ connection with God and His Word.

Poetry also helps us have a more clear _____ of abstract or in-depth knowledge.

Poetry creates deep meaning with fewer words for easier _____.

There are 5 books of the Bible that are considered poetry: _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____.

How?

Synonymous Parallelism - an idea is stated and then _____ for clarity or emphasis.

Example - ***Proverbs 16:18*** *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Antithetic Parallelism - an idea is stated and then a _____ idea is stated for emphasis.

Example - ***Proverbs 16:22*** *Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the instruction of fools is folly.*

Progressive Parallelism - an idea is built by making a statement and then _____ on that statement in the subsequent line.

Example - ***Proverbs 16:24*** *Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body*

Metaphor - compares two unlike things by saying one thing _____ another.

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Simile - compares two unlike things by saying one thing is "_____" or "_____" another.

Look at this one again: **Proverbs 16:24** *Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.*

Analogy - a detailed comparison between two things used to _____ a deeper concept.

Imagery – describes something by comparing it to anything that stimulates one of the _____ senses.

Hyperbole – exaggeration to make a point.

Example - **Proverbs 17:10** *A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.*

Example - **Psalms 6:6** *I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.*

Jesus used hyperbole (in narrative) to convey truth to people who lacked understanding:

Matt. 7:3-5 (speck/plank); **Matt 19:24** (camel/rich); **Matt 5:29-30** (gouge out your eye/cut off your hand); **Luke 14:26** (hate your father and mother)

Personification – giving human qualities to something that is not human.

Proverbs 8 and 9 - Wisdom and Folly

Acrostic - Each line begins with a purposely chosen _____.

Example - **Psalms 119**: The psalm is divided into 22 stanzas, representing every letter of the Hebrew alphabet in chronological order (from Aleph to Tav). Each individual stanza is exactly 8 verses long (22 stanzas × 8 verses = 176 verses). Each verse in stanza 1 begins with the same 1st letter as the 1st letter of the alphabet.

Example - **Proverb 31:10-31** (22 verses = full Hebrew alphabet)

