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Note:

This study guide is not intended to be used for a verse by verse study of the book of Proverbs but for a thematic study. After some introductory material the study begins with chapter 8, the most important chapter of the book, in which Wisdom is identified and described. Then three passages in which Wisdom itself speaks are studied, chapter 1:20-33, and all of chapters 8 and 9. Then the exhortations of chapters 1-7 regarding the Wise Woman and the Foolish Woman are studied. After that the study looks at the proverbs themselves as found especially in chapters 10-29. In this part of the study, however, the proverbs are not studied in order but in groups under different themes and concepts. Finally, the last two chapters of the book are studied, the words of Agur in chapter 30 and the words of Lemuel in chapter 31, since each of these constitutes in itself a separate section.

In each of these sections there is some overlap. There is additional material regarding wisdom to be found throughout the book. There are proverbs found both in the first seven chapters and in chapters 30 and 31. Nevertheless, the book divides itself very nicely into the sections we have described.

The arrangement of the study, therefore is:

1. The introduction to the book: chapter 1:1-7.
2. Wisdom identified and speaking: chapters 1:8-33; 8:1-9:18.
2. Wisdom and foolishness characterized: chapters 2:1-7:27.
3. Wisdom set forth in proverbs: chapters 10-29.
4. The wisdom of Agur: chapter 30.
5. The wisdom of Lemuel: chapter 31.

For a further discussion of the names, Agur and Lemuel, see pages 6 and 7.

Introduction

The NAME AUTHOR and PURPOSE of PROVERBS

The Name and Date

Name

In English:

PROVERBS

= wise sayings

In Hebrew:

**THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON,
THE SON OF DAVID,
KING OF ISRAEL**

(Proverbs 1:1)

Date of Compilation

THE TIME OF HEZEKIAH, KING OF JUDAH

(Proverbs 25:1)

700 B.C.

(300 years after Solomon)

See page 7 regarding the question whether Proverbs 1:1 refers to the whole book or only to the first part of the book, chapters 1-24 or chapters 1-29.

The Author(s)

1. Solomon

Proverbs 1:1

Proverbs 25:1

I Kings 4:32

2. The wise men (?)

(probably the compilers of the book)

Proverbs 22:17

Proverbs 24:23

3. Agur, the son of Jakeh

Proverbs 30:1

4. Lemuel, the King

Proverbs 31:1

Possibilities:

1. Agur and Lemuel are other names for Solomon,
and therefore,
SOLOMON WROTE ALL OF PROVERBS.
2. Agur and Lemuel are men of whom we know nothing,
and therefore,
SOLOMON DID NOT WRITE ALL OF PROVERBS.

The Author(s)

continued

IF SOLOMON IS THE AUTHOR OF THE WHOLE BOOK:

1. Then Lemuel¹ is another name for Solomon.

This is quite likely since we know no other king with that name.

2. Then Solomon may still have used proverbs from others.
3. Then Proverbs 1:1 refers to the whole book.

IF SOLOMON IS THE AUTHOR OF ONLY PART OF THE BOOK:

1. Then the book contains proverbs from others beside Solomon.

Since the book was not compiled at the time of Solomon (Prov. 25:1), it might very well contain the writings of others.

2. Then Agur² is not Solomon.

It is difficult to explain how Agur the son of Jakeh could be another name for Solomon the son of David.

3. Then Proverbs 1:1 refers only to the first part of the book (chapters 1- 27 or 1-29).

¹ Lemuel means "God is bright."

² Agur means "Gatherer."

The Kind of Book

1. A Poetical Book

other poetical books:

JOB

PSALMS

SONG OF SOLOMON

LAMENTATIONS

2. A Wisdom Book

other wisdom books:

ECCLESIASTES

Note:

In the Hebrew Bible Proverbs is included in the third division:

1. The Law,

2. The Prophets,

3. THE WRITINGS.

The order of The Writings in the Hebrew Bible is:

PSALMS

JOB

PROVERBS

RUTH

SONG OF SOLOMON

ECCLESIASTES

LAMENTATIONS

ESTHER

DANIEL

EZRA

NEHEMIAH

I and II CHRONICLES

Hebrew Poetry

Characteristics:

NOT

Rhyme or Meter

BUT

PARALLELISM

(parallel sayings which explain each other)

Three kinds of parallelism

1. SYNONYMOUS

the parallel statements say the *same thing* in different ways

Example: Proverbs 1:2

2. ANTITHETIC

the parallel statements say the *opposite* of each other

Example: Proverbs 1:7

3. SYNTHETIC

the parallel statements *complete* each other

Example: Proverbs 4:23

Different Types of Proverbs

ORDINARY PROVERBS

1. The basic structure has two parallel statements.

$a^1 + a^2$ (synonymous) or $a + b$ (antithetic or synthetic)

2. Sometimes there are more than two basic statements.

$$a + b + c$$

3. Each statement, however, can be expanded.

$$a^1 + a^2 + b^1 + b^2 + \dots$$

thus proverbs can have many more statements than two (a few have ten or more)

$$a^1 + a^2 + a^3 + \dots + b^1 + b^2 + b^3 + \dots$$

4. Some proverbs are expanded symmetrically.

(each statement is expanded by the same amount)

$$a^1 + a^2 + b^1 + b^2$$

5. Some proverbs are expanded unsymmetrically.

(the two basic statements are expanded by different amounts)

$$a + b^1 + b^2$$

6. In an expanded proverb the order is not always the same.

$$a^1 + a^2 + b^1 + b^2$$

or (for example)

$$a^1 + b^1 + b^2 + a^2$$

7. In some expanded proverbs statements are repeated.

$$a + b^1 + a + b^2 + a + b^3$$

8. In some expanded proverbs statements are left incomplete.

(the rest of statement is left to be supplied by the reader)

$$a^1 + b^1 + (\text{part of}) a^2 + b^2$$

Different Types of Proverbs (continued)

NUMERICAL PROVERBS

only six examples in Proverbs:

Proverbs 6:16-19, 30:15-17, 18-20, 21-23, 24-28, 29-31

1. These begin with a parallel statement of number.
(i.e., there be three things . . . yea four)
2. They conclude with a list of the things being numbered.

Examples of Different Proverbs In Chapter 1

vss 1-6 = an expanded, ten-line, unsymmetrical proverb
synthetic

(b completes a - by giving the purpose of a)

a^1 (vs 1) + $b^1 + b^2$ (vs 2) + b^3 (vs 3) + $b^4 + b^5$ (vs. 4)
+ $c^1 + c^2$ (vs 5) + $b^6 + b^7$ (vs 6)

vs 7 = an unexpanded, two-line, symmetrical proverb
antithetic

(b is the opposite of a)

$a + b$

vss 8, 9 = an expanded, four-line, symmetrical proverb
synthetic

(b completes a - by giving a reason)

$a^1 + a^2$ (vs 8) + $b^1 + b^2$ (vs 9)

vss 10-16 = an expanded, six-line, symmetrical proverb
synthetic

(b & c complete a - by giving a warning and a reason)

a^1 (vs 10) + a^2 (vss 11-14) + $b^1 + b^2$ (vs 15) + $c^1 + c^2$ (vs 16)
here a^2 is itself considerably expanded

vss 17-19 = an expanded, five-line, unsymmetrical proverb
synthetic

(b completes a - by making a comparison)

a^1 (vs 17) + $a^2 + a^3$ (vs 18) + $b^1 + b^2$ (vs 19)

vss 20-33 = one of wisdom's discourses (see pp. 16ff)
includes much proverbial material but is not strictly a proverb

The Purpose of Proverbs

Chapter 1:1-7

The Purpose: TO BE WISE

As a *virtue* Wisdom is
the spiritual ability to use everything for the glory of God

Note:

Wisdom is a virtue but it is also a Person
We cannot have the virtue without the Person
(*cf. page13*)

To Be Wise These Are Necessary:

(see also pages 33-40)

1. KNOWLEDGE

as the basic tool needed to be wise (vss. 4, 6, 7)

2. UNDERSTANDING

as the gift needed to use that knowledge (vss. 2, 5, 6)

3. INSTRUCTION or LEARNING

as the means of obtaining knowledge (vss. 2, 3, 5, 7)

4. REPROOF or CORRECTION

as the means of enforcing instruction (vs. 7)

5. THE WORD or THE COMMANDMENT

as the source of knowledge (vss. 1, 2, 6)

6. THE FEAR OF THE LORD

as the spiritual foundation of it all (vs. 7)

Wisdom

THE MOST IMPORTANT WORD IN PROVERBS

In the Authorized Version:

(translated: wisdom, wise, wisely)

Used 119 times

39 times in chapters 1-9

77 times in chapters 10-29

3 times in chapters 30-31

In the Hebrew Bible:

6 different Hebrew words = "Wisdom"

(translated: wisdom, wise, wisely)

the common word used 98 times

the other 5 used 21 times

Wisdom Personified

In Proverbs 1:20-33 and 8:1-9:12

WISDOM IS PERSONIFIED

speaks and acts as a living person

In Chapter 8 we learn that

WISDOM IS A PERSON

our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God

(wisdom is a feminine word in Hebrew, thus referred to as 'she')

(this ought not detract from the truth that wisdom = Christ)

Part I

WISDOM IDENTIFIED and SPEAKING

Chapter 8

Wisdom Identified

Wisdom is a *person*

Wisdom is *Solomon*

1. The person speaking is the source of wisdom
compare Proverbs 8:32-33 with I Kings 3:12 & 4:29-34
2. The person speaking has riches and honour
compare Proverbs 8:18 with I Kings 3:13
3. The person speaking speaks in proverbs
compare Proverbs 1:1 with I Kings 4:32-33
4. The person speaking is a great ruler
compare Proverbs 8:15-16 with I Kings 4:21-24
5. The person speaking is a son of God
compare Proverbs 8:30 with Psalm 89:27-28

Wisdom is Solomon as a *type of Christ*

1. The person speaking speaks without sin
compare Proverbs 8:6-8 with I Peter 2:22-23
2. The person speaking is the King of kings
compare Proverbs 8:15-16 with Matthew 28:18
3. The person speaking is from everlasting
compare Proverbs 8:22-23 with John 1:1-2
4. The person speaking is the Son of God
compare Proverbs 8:24 & 30 with John 17:5

Further proof that Christ is Wisdom

I Corinthians 1:24 & 30

"CHRIST . . . THE WISDOM OF GOD"

Chaps. 1:20-33, 8:1-36, 9:1-6

Wisdom Speaking

= *Christ speaking in the Gospel*

cf. John 5:25, 10:27, Romans 10:14, I Corinthians 1:21-24

Wisdom's Message

= THE WORD OF GOD IN THE GOSPEL

Compare:

- a. Chapter 1:23, 8:8, 10, etc. with II Timothy 3:15, 16
(all the things mentioned in II Timothy 3:15, 16 are found in these chapters)
- b. Chapter 1:24 with Romans 10:21

Wisdom's Hearers

1. ALL THE SONS OF MEN
Chapter 8:4
2. MEN AS SINNERS (FOOLS)
Chapter 1:22, 8:5, 36, 9:4

Wisdom's Domain

1. Where wisdom speaks:
ALL PLACES IN THE CITY
1:20, 21, 8:2-3, 9:3
Wherever men dwell
2. Where wisdom dwells:
HER OWN HOUSE
9:1-3

Within the city Wisdom has her own house!

Wisdom Speaking (Continued)

Part I: Wisdom Reproving Folly (Chap. 1:20-33)

Chapter 1:20-23 in relation to Chapters 8 and 9

1. Chapter 1:20-23 = Folly reprovved and threatened.
 2. Chapter 8 = Wisdom recommended and blessed.
 3. Chapter 9 = Folly and Wisdom contrasted.
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Wisdom's Words

in

Chapter 1:20-33

= Wisdom Reproving Folly

= THE GOSPEL CALL FOR REPENTANCE

with emphasis on the negative aspect of the Gospel call

cf. also Matthew 13:14-15, Acts 28:26-27, II Corinthians 2:15-16

Thus Wisdom in the Gospel:

1. Warns from foolishness (vs. 22)
2. Calls to conversion (vs. 23)
3. Promises the Spirit (vs. 23)
4. Threatens judgment (vss. 24-32)
5. Promises peace and safety (vs. 33)

Note:

1. The words used to describe the Gospel are used here: cry, utter, reprove, make known, call, counsel (also laugh & mock): vss. 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30.
2. The reference to stretched out hands (verse 24) reminds us of Romans 10:21.
3. The emphasis on the necessity of grace and the work of the Spirit (verse 23b) is always part of what Scripture says of the gospel.

Wisdom Speaking (Continued)

Part II: Wisdom Recommending Itself (Chapter 8:1-36)

Wisdom's Words

in

Chapter 8:1-36 = Wisdom Recommending Itself (Himself)
= THE GOSPEL CALL TO FAITH IN CHRIST
with emphasis on the positive aspect of the Gospel call

Thus Wisdom in the Gospel:

1. Calls to faith (vss. 5-6)
2. Speaks of righteousness and truth (vss. 7-9)
3. Shows the value of true wisdom (vss. 10-11)
4. Warns against evil (vs. 13)
5. Describes Himself (vss. 12-31)
6. Blesses those who hear (vss. 32-35)
7. Curses those who sin.

Note:

In describing Itself (Himself) Wisdom speaks of the following:

1. His value (vss. 10-11)
2. His dwelling (vs. 12)
3. His attributes (vs. 14)
4. His sovereignty (vss. 15-16)
5. His love (vs. 17)
6. His reward (vss. 18-19)
7. His righteousness (vs. 20)
8. His eternal generation (vss. 22-31)
9. His place in God's covenant (vs. 30)
10. His blessings (vss. 32-35)

Wisdom Speaking (Continued)

*Part III: Wisdom Promising Blessing
(Chapter 9:1-18)*

Wisdom's Words

in

Chapter 9:1-18

= Wisdom calling men to her house and feast

= THE PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

(compare: Isaiah 55:1, 2, Matthew 22:1-4, Revelation 19:6-10)

Note:

THE FIGURATIVE OR PARABOLIC LANGUAGE;
house (I Timothy 3:15), pillars (I Timothy 3:15), maidens (Revelation 14:4),
bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28), table (I Corinthians 10:21):
these are the spiritual blessings promised in the gospel.

This Chapter also includes:

1. A conclusion to the comparison found in chapters 1-7:
 - a. The comparison between the wise woman and the foolish woman.
 - b. Including advice from father to son concerning both women.
Note especially chapter 9:13-18
2. An introduction to the proverbs found in chapters 10-29:
 - a. Here are some of the most common and most important proverbs in the book.
 - b. They are proverbs which express the fundamentals of true wisdom.
Note especially the five proverbs in chapter 9:7-12

Chapter 9

*therefore also serves as a transition to the rest of the book;
from chapters 1-8 to chapters 10-31.*

Part II

WISDOM and FOOLISHNESS CHARACTERIZED

Chapters 1-9

Exhortations Concerning The Wise and Foolish Women

The Speaker:

1. SOLOMON
2. WISDOM (= CHRIST) THROUGH SOLOMON

Note:

The difference between this section and chapters 1:20-33, 8:1-36, 9:1-18 is that the speaker is more closely identified with Solomon here.

The Hearers:

1. "MY SON" (= Rehoboam?)
(1:8, 10, 2:1, 3:1, 11, 21, 4:10, 20, 5:1, 6:1, 20, 7:1)
2. "YE CHILDREN" (= all Solomon's children)
(4:1, 5:7, 7:24)
3. ALL WISDOM'S CHILDREN (= born-again believers)

The Advice Given:

1. TO FORSAKE FOLLY
pictured as an adulterous woman
2. TO SEEK WISDOM
pictured as a godly woman

Note:

this picture of two women is the central idea of chapters 1-9
the same picture is found again in chapter 31
(for more information see the next two pages)

(Chapters 1-9) The Wise Woman

SHE IS:

1. Wisdom (cf. chapter 9)
2. Christ (cf. chapter 8)

SHE IS PICTURED AS A WOMAN:

1. Because "wisdom" is a feminine word in Hebrew
2. To show the close relationship we must have with It/Him
cf. Romans 7:4, Ephesians 5:32

SEEKING WISDOM IS COMPARED TO:

1. Chapter 1:20-33 - listening to her call
2. Chapter 2:1-9 - courting her
3. Chapter 3:1-35 - rejoicing in her beauty
4. Chapter 4:1-13 - loving and embracing her
5. Chapter 7:1-5 - marrying her
6. Chapter 9:1-6 = enjoying her good fellowship

CLOSELY CONNECTED IS:

A commendation of godly marriage - chapter 5:15-23
*- faithfulness in marriage and spiritual faithfulness are compared here
- they are species of the same thing - faithfulness to God*

Here is the *positive* side of conversion & holiness

TURNING TO GOD

(Chapters 1-9) The Foolish/Whorish Woman

SHE IS:

1. Folly (cf. chapter 9:6)
2. Sin (cf. chapter 7:27)

SHE IS PICTURED AS A WHORE:

1. Because "folly" is also a feminine word in Hebrew
2. To show the seductiveness of sin
cf. Ezekiel 23:1-21, Revelation 17:1-6

FORSAKING FOLLY IS COMPARED TO:

1. Chapter 1:10-19 - forsaking her ways and companions
2. Chapter 2:10-22 - knowing who and what she is
3. Chapter 4:14-19 - avoiding the places she frequents
4. Chapter 5:1-14 - understanding her end
5. Chapter 7:1-27 - knowing how she seduces men

CLOSELY CONNECTED IS:

A warning against adultery - chapter 6:20-35
*- spiritual adultery and physical adultery are compared here
- they are species of the same sin - unfaithfulness to God*

Here is the *negative* side of conversion & holiness
TURNING FROM SIN

Part III

WISDOM SET FORTH IN PROVERBS

Analysis of Proverbs

Chapters 1-9

include much proverbial material but are really a collection of Wisdom's discourses and a Father's exhortations

Chapter 1

vss. 1-6 - introduction

vs. 7 - theme

vss. 8, 9 - first exhortation

vss. 10-19 - second exhortation

vss. 20-33 = Wisdom's first discourse

Chapter 2

vss. 1-9 - third exhortation

vss. 10-22 - fourth exhortation

Chapter 3

vss. 1-10 - fifth exhortation

including the following proverbs:

vss. 5-6

vss. 7-8

vss. 9-10

vss. 11-12 - sixth exhortation

vss. 13-26 - seventh exhortation

including the following proverb:

vss. 19-20

vss. 27-35 - eighth exhortation

= a collection of proverbs including the following:

vss. 27-28

vs. 29

vs. 30

vss. 31-32

vss. 33-35

Chapter 4

vss. 1-9 - ninth exhortation

vss. 10-19 - tenth exhortation

vss. 20-27 - eleventh exhortation

Chapter 5

vss. 1-14 - twelfth exhortation

vss. 15-23 - thirteenth exhortation

Chapter 6

vss. 1-5 - fourteenth exhortation
vss. 6-11 - fifteenth exhortation
vss. 12-15 - sixteenth exhortation
vss. 16-19 - a numerical proverb
vss. 20 -35 - seventeenth exhortation

Chapter 7

vss. 1-27 - eighteenth exhortation

Chapter 8

vss. 1-36 - Wisdom's second discourse

Chapter 9

vss. 1-18 - Wisdom's third discourse

Chapters 10-24

the first collection of proverbs

Chapter 10

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 11

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 12

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 13

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 14

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 15

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 16

every verse is an individual proverb

except: vss. 29-30

Chapter 17

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 18

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 19

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 20

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 21

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 22

every verse an individual proverb

except: vss. 17-21

vss. 22-23

vss. 24-25

vss. 26-27

Chapter 23

a collection of longer proverbs

vss. 1-23

vss. 4-5

vss. 6-8

vs. 9

vss. 10-11

vs. 12

vss. 13-14

vss. 15-18

vss. 19-25 - nineteenth exhortation

vss. 26-35 - twentieth exhortation

Chapter 24

a collection of longer proverbs

vss. 1-2

vss. 3-4

vss. 5-6

vs. 7

vs. 8

vs. 9

vs. 10

vss. 11-12

vss. 13-14 - twenty-first exhortation

vss. 15-16

vss. 17-18

vss. 19-20

vss. 21-22 - twenty-second exhortation

vss. 23-26

vs. 27

vss. 28-29

vss. 30-34 - a proverbial story

Chapters 25-29

the second collection of proverbs

Chapter 25

miscellaneous proverbs

two verse proverbs

vss. 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 11-12, 21-22

a three verse proverb

vss. 8-10

each verse an individual proverb

vss. 13-20 & vss. 23-28

Chapter 26

three sets of proverbs:

set #1

vss 1-12 - concerning the fool

(every verse an individual proverb)

set #2

vss. 13-16 - concerning the sluggard

(every verse an individual proverb)

set #3

vss. 17-28 - concerning sins of the tongue

(every verse an individual proverb

except:

vss. 18-19

vss. 24-26)

Chapter 27

every verse an individual proverb

except:

vss. 15-16

vss. 23-27

Chapter 28

every verse an individual proverb

Chapter 29

every verse an individual proverb

Chapters 30 & 31

the third and fourth collections of proverbs

Chapter 30

the words of Agur

vss. 1-6 - a proverbial confession

vss. 7-9 - a proverbial prayer

vs. 10 - a single proverb

vss. 11-14 - a proverbial complaint

vss. 15-17 - a numerical proverb

vss. 18-20 - a numerical proverb

vss. 21-23 - a numerical proverb

vss. 24-31 - a numerical proverb

vs. 32 - a single proverb

vs. 33 - a single proverb

Chapter 31

the words of King Lemuel

vss. 1-3 - twenty-third exhortation

vss. 4-7 - twenty-fourth exhortation

vss. 8-9 - twenty-fifth exhortation

vss. 10-31 - a proverbial description of the virtuous woman

PROVERBS CONCERNING WISDOM AND FOLLY

WISDOM

1:2	10:23
1:3 (= understanding #2)	10:31
1:7	11:2
1:20	11:12 (= heart)
2:2	11:30
2:6	12:8 (= understanding #2)
2:7 (= sound wisdom)	12:15
2:10	13:10
3:7	14:6
3:13ff (compare 8:11)	14:8
3:19	14:33
3:21 (= sound wisdom)	15:21 (= heart)
4:5ff	15:33 (compare 9:10)
4:7ff (twice)	16:16
4:11	16:20 (= understanding #2)
5:1	17:16
6:6	17:24
7:4	18:1 (= sound wisdom)
8:5 (= subilty)	18:4
8:11 (compare 3:14, 15)	19:8 (= heart)
8:12	19:20
8:14 (= sound wisdom)	20:1
8:33	21:11
9:1ff	21:12 (= understanding #2)
9:9	21:30
9:10 (compare 15:33)	23:4 (= understanding #2)
9:12 (twice)	23:9 (= understanding #2)
10:13	23:15
10:19 (= understanding #2)	23:19
10:21 (= heart)	23:23

WISDOM (continued)

24:3	28:26
24:6, 7	29:3
24:14	29:15
26:5	30:3
26:16	30:24
27:11	31:26
28:11	

A Wise Man (Men)

1:5, 6	15:31
3:35	16:14
9:8, 9	16:21
10:8	16:23
10:14	17:10 (= understanding #1)
11:29	18:15
12:18	21:11
13:14	21:20
13:20	21:22
14:3	22:17
14:16	24:5
14:24	24:23
15:2	25:12
15:7	29:8, 9
15:12	29:11
15:24 (= understanding #2)	

A Wise Woman

14:1 (cf. also chapter 31:10-31)

A Wise Son

10:1 (compare 15:20)	15:20 (compare 10:1)
10:5 (= understanding #2)	23:24ff
13:1	28:7 (= understanding #1)

A Wise King

20:26

A Wise Servant

14:35 (= understanding #2)

17:2 (= understanding #2)

A Man Wise in His Own Conceits

(another name for a fool)

26:5

26:12

26:16

28:11

Note:

Besides the usual word for wisdom there are five other words so translated:

(the alternate translation is given in brackets above)

#1 - the word usually translated "understanding"

#2 - another word often translated "understanding"

#3 - the Hebrew word "heart"

#4 - a word translated elsewhere "sound wisdom"

#5 - a word meaning "subtilty"

SYNONYMS FOR WISDOM

Discretion

2:11 (#1)

3:21-23 (#1)

5:2 (#1)

11:22 (#2)

19:11 (#3)

3 words so translated:

#1 = plan or purpose

#2 = taste

#3 = insight

Prudence

8:12 (#1)

12:16 (#1)

12:23 (#1)

13:16 (#1)

14:8 (#1)

14:15 (#1)

14:18 (#1)

15:5 (#1)

16:21 (#2)

18:15 (#2)

19:14 (#3)

22:3 (#1)

27:12 (#1)

3 words so translated:

#1 = shrewdness or sense

#2 = the usual word for understanding

#3 = insight

Subtilty

(= the usual word for prudence)

1:4

FOLLY (FOOLISHNESS)

5:23 (#1)	16:22 (#1)
12:23 (#1)	17:12 (#1)
13:16 (#1)	18:13 (#1)
14:8 (#1)	19:3 (#1)
14:18 (#1)	22:15 (#1)
14:24 (twice, both words = #1)	24:9 (#1)
14:29 (#1)	26:4 (#1)
15:2 (#1)	26:5 (#1)
15:14 (#1)	26:11 (#1)
15:21 (#1)	27:22 (#1)

A Fool (Foolish Persons)

1:7 (#1)	14:24 (#2)
1:22 (#2)	14:33 (#2)
1:32 (#2)	15:2 (#2)
3:35 (#2)	15:7 (#2)
7:22 (#1)	15:14 (#2)
8:5 (#2)	16:22 (#1)
9:6 (#4)	17:7 (#3)
10:8 (#1)	17:10 (#2)
10:14 (#1)	17:12 (#2)
10:18 (#2)	17:16 (#2)
10:21 (#1)	17:21 (#2)
10:23 (#2)	17:21 (#3)
11:29 (#1)	17:24 (#2)
12:15 (#1)	17:28 (#1)
12:16 (#1)	18:2 (#2)
12:23 (#2)	18:6 (#2)
13:16 (#2)	18:7 (#2)
13:19 (#2)	19:1 (#2)
13:20 (#2)	19:10 (#2)
14:3 (#1)	19:29 (#2)
14:7 (#2)	20:3 (#1)
14:8 (#2)	21:20 (#2)
14:9 (#1)	23:9 (#2)
14:16 (#2)	24:7 (#1)
14:17 (#1)	26:1 (#2)

A Fool (continued)

26:3 (#2)	26:12 (#2)
26:4 (#2)	27:3 (#1)
26:5 (#2)	27:22 (#1)
26:6 (#2)	28:26 (#2)
26:7 (#2)	29:9 (#1)
26:8 (#2)	29:11 (#2)
26:9 (#2)	29:20 (#2)
26:10 (#2)	30:22 (#3)
26:11 (#2)	30:32 (#3)

A Foolish Woman

14:1 (#1)

Note:

the strange woman of Proverbs 2:16-19, 5:3-14, 7:6-27
is also the epitome of a foolish woman

A Foolish Son

10:1 (#2)

15:5 (#1)

15:20 (#2)

17:21 (#2)

17:25 (#2)

19:13 (#2)

Note:

There are four words used in Proverbs for folly and the fool:
(they are all translated the same in the AV
except #4, which see below)

#1 - a word that means "trouble," "sorrow," or even "wickedness"

#2 - a word that means "self-confident"

#3 - a word that means "empty"

*#4 - a word that means "simple" (usually translated "simple,"
only once translated "foolish" - Prov. 9:6)*

*#5 - there is also a fifth word used in the OT meaning "stubborn"
but that word is not used in Proverbs*

(these different words are indicated by the numbers following the references)

SYNONYMS FOR FOLLY

Simplicity

(the word means "to be empty" or "to be wide open")

1:22

The Simple Person

1:4	14:15
1:22	14:18
1:32	19:25
7:7	21:11
8:5	22:3
9:4	27:12
9:16	

Note:

PROVERBS USUALLY SPEAKS OF THE WISE MAN OR WOMAN IN THE
SINGULAR
BUT OFTEN SPEAKS OF FOOLS IN THE PLURAL

Reasons:

1. the fools far outnumber the wise
2. the wise man is first of all Christ alone
then only those who are in Him

PROVERBS CONCERNING THE WAY TO WISDOM

Knowledge

1:7	14:10
1:22	14:18
1:23	15:2
1:29	15:7
2:3 (#2)	15:14
2:5	17:27
2:6	18:15
2:10	18:15
3:20	19:2
4:1	19:25
4:19	19:27
5:2	20:15
5:6	21:11
7:23	22:12
8:9	22:17
8:10	22:20
8:12	23:12
9:10	24:4
9:13	24:5
9:18	24:12
10:14	24:14
10:32	24:22
11:9	27:1
12:1	27:23
12:23	28:2
13:16	29:7
14:6	30:18
14:7	

(2 words used: #2 is the usual word for "understanding")

Note:

(cf. page 12 for the relationship between knowledge and wisdom)

Understanding

1:5	12:11 (#2)
1:6	13:15 (#3)
2:4	14:6
2:5	14:8
2:6	14:29
2:9	14:33
2:11	15:14
3:4 (#3)	15:21
3:5	15:32 (#2)
3:13	16:16
3:19	16:22 (#3)
4:1	17:18 (#2)
4:5	17:24
4:7	17:27
5:1	17:28
6:32 (#2)	18:2
7:4	19:8
7:7 (#2)	19:25
8:1	20:5
8:5	20:24
8:9	20:16 (#3)
8:14	21:30
9:4 (#2)	23:23
9:6	24:3
9:10	24:30 (#2)
9:16 (#2)	28:2
10:13 (#2)	28:5
10:13	28:11
10:23	28:16
11:12	29:19

(3 words used: #1 = intelligence, #2 = heart, #3 = insight)

Teaching

4:4 (#1)
4:11 (#1)
5:13 (#1)
6:13 (#1)

9:9 (#2)
16:23 (#3)
31:1 (#4)

*(4 words used: #1 = direction, #2 = the usual word for "knowledge"
#3 = insight, #4 = the usual word for "chastisement")*

Instruction

1:7
1:8
4:1
4:13
5:12
5:13 (#2)
5:23
6:23
8:10
8:33
9:9
10:17
12:1

13:1
13:18
15:5
15:32
15:33
16:22
19:20
19:27
21:11 (#3)
23:12
23:23
24:32

(3 words used: #1 = discipline, #2 = the usual word for teaching, #3 = insight)

Doctrine

4:2

Learning

1:5 (#1)
9:9 (#1)
16:21 (#1)

16:23 (#1)
22:25 (#2)

(2 words used: #1 = to take in, #2 = to retain)

Counsel

1:5 (#3)	15:22
1:25	19:20
1:30	19:21
8:14	20:5
11:14 (#3)	20:18
11:14	21:30
12:5 (#3)	22:20
12:15	24:6 (#3)
12:20	24:6
15:22 (#2)	27:9

(3 words used: #1 = advice, #2 = assembly, #3 = joint plans)

Reproof

1:23	15:10
1:25	15:12
1:30	15:31
5:12	15:32
6:23	17:10
9:7	19:25
9:8	25:12
10:17	29:1
12:1	29:15
13:18	30:6
15:5	

Rebuke

9:7 (#2)	24:25 (#2)
9:8 (#2)	27:5 (#2)
13:1	28:23 (#2)
13:8	

(2 words used: #2 = the usual word for reproof)

Correction

3:11 (#2)	22:15
3:12 (#2)	23:13
7:22	29:17
15:10	29:19

(2 words: #1 = the usual word for instruction, #2 = the usual word for reproof)

Chastening

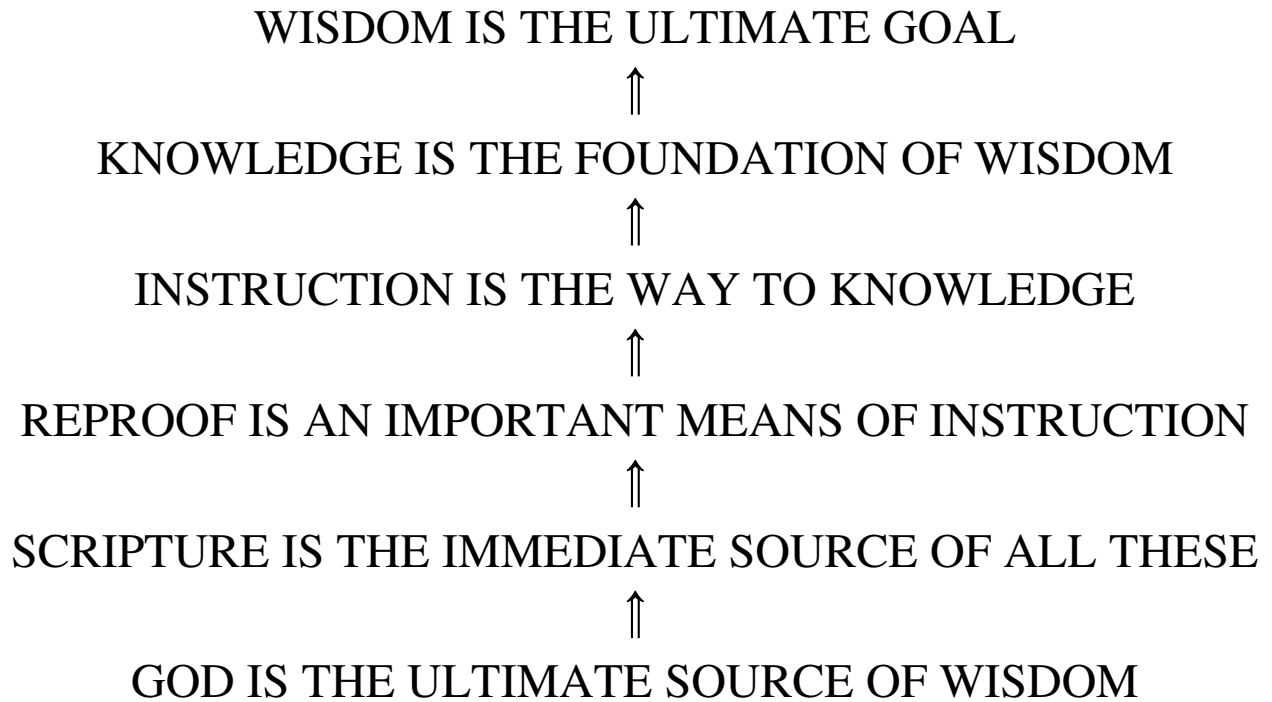
3:11
13:24
19:18

(1 word used: the word usually translated "instruction")

Note:

for further information see the section on "Discipline" below

The Relationship Between Wisdom, Knowledge, Instruction & Reproof



Note:

Reproof and Correction are:

- 1 - an important MEANS OF INSTRUCTION
- 2 - through instruction a MEANS OF KNOWLEDGE
- 3 - through knowledge a MEANS OF WISDOM

(this is indicated by the connection between these words and the word "instruction")

Reproof and Correction are necessary:

BECAUSE OF OUR SINFULNESS

(they are only way we will often receive instruction)

cf. II Timothy 3:16, 17

PROVERBS CONCERNING THE SOURCE OF WISDOM

OBJECTIVELY - SCRIPTURE

The Word

1:2	8:8
1:6	13:13
1:21	19:27
2:1	22:17
4:4	22:21
4:20	23:12
5:7	30:5
7:1	30:6
7:24	31:1

The Law (Commandment)

1:8	13:13
2:1	13:14
3:1	19:16
4:2	28:4
6:20	28:7
6:23	29:18
7:1	31:5
7:2	31:26
10:8	

Note:

Proverbs most often speaks of God's *words* rather than His *word*
by way of emphasizing *verbal inspiration*,
i.e., that not just the ideas but the words of Scripture are inspired and infallible
(cf. Proverbs 30:5, 6)

PROVERBS CONCERNING THE SOURCE OF WISDOM

SUBJECTIVELY THE FEAR OF THE LORD

(2 words: #1 = reverence, #2 = dread)

1:7 (#1)	14:27 (#1)
1:29 (#1)	15:16 (#1)
2:5 (#1)	15:33 (#1)
3:7-8 (#1)	16:6 (#1)
8:13 (#1)	19:23 (#1)
9:10 (#1)	22:4 (#1)
10:27 (#1)	23:17 (#1)
13:13 (#1)	24:21 (#1)
14:2 (#1)	28:14 (#2)
14:16 (#1)	31:30 (#1)
14:26 (#1)	

to be contrasted with:

THE FEAR OF MAN

(4 words: #2 (above) = dread, #3 = terror, #4 = trembling, #5 = fright)

1:26 (#2)	10:24 (#5)
1:27 (#2)	20:2 (#3)
1:33 (#2)	29:25 (#4)
3:24 (#2 - trans. "be afraid")	31:21
3:25 (#2 - trans. "fear")	(#4 - trans. "be afraid")
3:25 (#4 - trans. "be afraid")	

Note:

Scripture is the *objective* source of wisdom.
The fear of the Lord is the *subjective* source of wisdom.

PROVERBS CONCERNING THE ONLY WISE GOD

GOD'S NAMES

God

GENERAL REFERENCES TO GOD'S NAME

18:10, 30:4, 5, 30:9

NAMES USED

Jehovah

(= LORD in the AV)

1:7, 29, 2:5, 6

3:5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 19, 26, 32, 33

5:21, 6:16, 8:13, 22, 35

9:10, 10:3, 22, 27, 29

11:1, 20, 12:2, 22, 14:2, 26, 27

15:3, 8, 9, 11, 16, 25, 26, 29, 33

16:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 20, 33

17:3, 15, 18:10, 22, 19:3, 14, 17, 21, 23

20:10, 12, 22, 23, 24, 27

21:1, 2, 3, 30, 31, 22:2, 4, 12, 14, 19, 23

23:17, 24:18, 21, 25:22, 28:5, 25, 29:13, 25, 26, 30:9, 31:30

(87 times)

Father

1:8, 3:12, 4:1, 3, 6:20

God

2:5, 17, 3:4, 25:2, 26:10, 30:5, 9

Holy (One)

9:10, 30:3

Maker

14:31, 17:5, 22:2

Redeemer

23:11

GOD'S NAMES (continued)

Christ

GENERAL REFERENCES TO CHRIST'S NAME

30:4, 5

NAMES USED

Son

1:8, 10, 15, 2:1, 3:1, 3:11, 21, 4:3, 10, 20, 5:1, 20, 6:1, 3, 20, 7:1, 19:27,
23:15, 19, 26, 24:13, 21, 27:11, 30:4, 31:1, 2

Wisdom

1:20, 8:1, 12, 9:1

Redeemer

23:11

The Holy Spirit

1:23

GOD'S COUNSEL

*1:25 (counsel #1)

8:29 (appointment)

*1:30 (counsel #1)

19:21 (counsel #1)

8:14 (counsel #1)

*22:20 (counsel #1)

8:29 (decree)

Note 1:

the word counsel does not always refer directly to God's decrees
but rather in some cases to His Word (*)

Note 2:

there are many other proverbs that use these words in a general way
but which bear on the subject of God's counsel, notably:

11:14 (counsel #3)

15:22 (counsel #1)

11:14 (counsel #1)

20:18 (counsel #1)

12:20 (counsel #1)

20:18 (purpose)

15:22 (purpose)

21:30 (counsel #1)

15:22 (counsel #2)

24:6 (counsel #1)

Note 3:

there are 3 words used for counsel: #1 = advice, #2 = assembly, #3 = joint plans

GOD'S GLORY AND ATTRIBUTES

Wisdom	Righteousness
1:20	8:6
3:19	8:8
8:1	8:18
8:12	Judgment
8:14 (sound wisdom)	2:8
9:1	8:20
Prudence	29:26
8:12	19:29
Knowledge	Truth
3:20	8:7
8:12	14:22
22:12	16:6
22:20	22:21
cf. also 15:3, 20:27	Mercy
Understanding	14:22
2:6	16:6
3:19	28:13
8:1	Love
8:14	3:12
Glory	8:17
25:2	15:9
Favour	Everlastingness
3:4	8:23
8:35	Strength
12:2	8:14
18:22	8:28
Grace	18:10
3:34	Might
Holiness	23:11
9:10	cf. also (with reference to God's
30:3	sovereignty):
cf. also 8:7	3:6, 8:15 &16,
Purity	16:1, 4, 9, 33
30:5	20:24, 21:1, 30, 31, 30:4

Note: God's attributes are also implied in many of the following Proverbs.

GOD'S WORKS AND WAYS

In Himself

Dwelling
8:12
Possessing
8:22
Setting Up
8:23
Bringing Forth
8:24
8:25

Delighting
8:30
Rejoicing
8:30
Taking Counsel
8:14
Concealing Things
25:2

In Creation

Founding
3:19 - the earth
Making
8:26 - earth, fields and dust
16:4 - all things for Himself
16:4 - the wicked for the day of evil
20:12 - the ear and eye
22:2 - the rich and poor
Establishing
3:19 - the heavens
8:28 - the clouds
30:4 - the ends of the earth
Forming
26:10 - all things
Settling
8:25 - the mountains

Bringing Forth
8:25 - the hills
Preparing
8:27 - the heavens
Encompassing
8:27 - the depths
Strengthening
8:28 - the fountains of the deep
Giving Decree
8:29 - the sea
Appointing
8:29 - the earth's foundations
Gathering
30:4 - the winds
Binding
30:4 - the waters

GOD'S WORKS AND WAYS

In Providence

Seeing

15:3 - evil and good
15:11 - hell and destruction

Working

16:11 - weights and balances

Ruling

3:20 - the depths
3:20 - the dew
19:21 - by His counsel

Disposing

16:33 - the lot

With Mankind

Speaking

8:1-4

Crying

8:1-4

Calling

8:4

Searching

20:27 - men's spirits

Seeing

5:21 - men's ways
24:17-18 - men's hearts
15:3 - both the evil and the good

Pondering

5:21 - men's doings
15:11, 21:2 - men's hearts
24:12 - the heart

Weighing

16:2 - men's spirits

Trying

17:3 - men's hearts

Judging

29:26 - every man

Approving

11:1 - just weights
21:3 - justice and judgment

Reproving

30:6

Hating

6:16-19 - seven sins
8:13 (twice) - evil

Abominating

6:16-19 - seven sins
11:1 - false balances
8:7 - wickedness
20:10 - false weights and measures

20:23 - false weights

Turning Away Wrath

24:18

Governing

16:1 - the heart and tongue
20:24 - men's steps
8:15-16 - earthly rulers

Directing

16:9 - men's steps
21:1 - king's hearts

Pleading

22:23 - for the poor
23:11 - for the fatherless

Giving

30:8 - poverty and riches

Lightening

29:13 - men's eyes

Preserving

22:12 - knowledge

GOD'S WORKS AND WAYS

With The Wicked

Abominating	Being Displeased
3:32	24:18
11:20	Laughing
15:8 - their sacrifice	1:26
15:9 - their way	Mocking
15:26 - their thoughts	1:26
16:5	Not Answering
17:15	1:28
Speaking	Hiding Himself
1:20 (words)	1:28
1:218:6 (lips)	15:29
8:7 (mouth & lips)	Cursing
8:8 (mouth)	3:33 - their house
9:4	Scorning
Instructing	3:34
8:10	Rewarding
Crying	26:10
1:20	Impoverishing
1:21	10:3
Reproving	Punishing
1:23	16:5
1:25	Spoiling
1:30	22:23
Calling	Overthrowing
1:24	21:12
Counselling	22:12 - their words
1:25	Destroying
1:30	15:25 - their house
Stretching Out Hands	
1:24	

GOD'S WORKS AND WAYS

With The Righteous

Loving

3:12

15:9

8:17

Delighting

3:12 - in them

11:20 - in their way

15:8 - in their prayer

16:7 - in their ways

Speaking

2:6 - of knowledge and understanding

Revealing

3:32 - His secret

18:22 - His favour

Making Known

1:23 - His words

Pouring Out The Spirit

1:23

Saving

20:22

Giving

2:6 - wisdom

2:6 - knowledge and understanding

3:34 - grace

16:7 - peace among men

18:22 - a wife

19:14 - a prudent wife

Laying Up

2:7 - wisdom

Blessing

3:33 - their habitation

10:22

Enriching

8:21

Repaying

19:17 - their kindnesses

Directing

3:6 - their paths

Leading

8:20 - in righteousness

Hearing

15:29 - their prayer

Removing

30:8 - vanity and lies

Chastening

3:11

Correcting

3:11

3:12

Providing

10:3 - for their souls

21:31 - safety

Protecting

2:7 (buckler)

18:10 (tower)

Preserving

2:8 - their way

10:22 - from sorrow

22:12 - knowledge

Keeping

2:8 - their paths

3:26 - their feet

PROVERBS CONCERNING THE WISE MAN, THE FOOL, AND THEIR WAYS

THE FOOL AND HIS WICKEDNESS

His Names

Fool

cf. pages 34-36

Sinner

1:10, 13:21, 11:31, 13:6, 22, 23:17

Wicked

(2 different words used)

2:14, 22, 3:25, 33, 4:14, 19, 5:22,
6:12, 18, 9:7, 10:3, 6, 7, 16, 20, 24, 25,
27, 28, 30, 32, 11:5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 18,
21, 23, 31, 12:5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 21,
26, 13:5, 9, 17, 25, 14:11, 15:6, 8, 9,
15:26, 28, 29, 16:4, 17:15, 23, 18:3, 5,
19:28, 20:26, 21:4, 7, 10, 12, 18, 27,
29, 24:15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 25:5, 26,
28:1, 4, 12, 15, 28,
29:2, 7, 16, 27

Wicked Doer

17:4

Man of Wicked Devices

12:2, 14:7

Evil Man (Woman, Son)

2:12, 4:14, 6:24, 12:12, 14:19, 17:11,
24:1, 19, 20, 28:5, 29:6

Transgressor

(2 different words used)

2:22, 11:3, 6, 13:2, 15, 21:18, 22:12,
23:28, 26:10

Worker of Iniquity

10:29, 21:15

Froward

(3 different words used)

3:32, 16:28, 22:5

Naughty Person

(a Belial)

6:12

Mischievous Person

24:8

Ungodly

16:27, 19:28

Unjust

11:7, 29:27

Hypocrite

11:9

Simple

1:4, 22, 32, 7:7, 8:5, 9:4, 14:15, 18,
19:25, 21:11, 22:3, 27:12

His Names (continued)

Vain Person 12:11, 28:19	Adulterer(ess) 6:26, 30:20
Scorner 1:22, 3:34, 9:7, 8, 13:1, 14:6, 15:12, 19:25, 29, 21:11, 24, 22:10, 24:9, 29:8	Whore 6:26, 23:27
Proud 15:25, 16:5, 19, 21:24	Harlot 7:10, 29:3
Backslider 14:14	Sluggard 6:6, 9, 10:26, 13:4, 20:4, 26:16
Stranger (2 different words used) 2:16, 5:3, 10, 17, 20, 6:1, 24, 7:5, 11:15, 14:10, 20:16, 22:14, 23:27, 33, 27:2, 13	Slothful 12:24, 27, 15:19, 18:9, 19:24, 21:25, 22:13, 24:30, 26:13, 14, 15
Odious 30:23	Idle Soul 19:15
Oppressor 3:31, 28:16	Thief 6:30, 29:24
Violent 16:29	Talebearer 11:13, 18:8, 20:19, 26:20, 22
Bloodthirsty 29:10	Whisperer 16:28
Cruel 5:9, 17:11	Deceiver 14:25, 29:13
Wrathful 15:18	Liar 17:4, 19:22, 30:6
Man of Great Wrath 19:19	False (Deceitful) Witness 6:19, 12:17, 14:5, 25, 19:5, 9, 28, 21:28
Angry 21:19	Winebibber 23:20
Contentious 21:19, 27:15	Drunkard 23:21, 26:9
	Glutton 23:21

*Many of the same words are used in this section
are also used in the next section to describe sin instead of the sinner.
A particular verse, therefore, will be listed in either or both sections.*

THE FOOL AND HIS WICKEDNESS

His Sins

Synonyms for Sin

Folly

cf. pages 34-36

Simplicity

1:4, 22, 32, 7:7, 8:5, 9:4, 13, 16,
14:15, 18, 19:25, 21:11, 22:3, 27:12

Sin

(word #1 = missing the mark)

1:10, 5:22, 8:36, 10:16, 11:31, 13:6,
21, 22, 14:21, 34, 19:2 20:2, 9, 21:4,
23:17, 24:9

(word #2 = guilt)

14:9

(word #3 = rebellion)

10:12, 10:19, 28:13

Wickedness

(word #1 = tumult or raving)

2:22, 3:25, 33, 4:14, 17, 19, 5:22, 8:7,
9:7, 10:2, 3 (2), 6, 7, 16, 20, 24, 25,
27, 28, 30, 32, 11:5 (2), 7, 8, 10, 11,
18, 23, 31, 12:3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 21, 26,
13:5, 6, 9, 17, 25, 14:11, 19, 32, 15:6,
8, 9, 28, 29, 16:4, 12, 17:15, 23, 18:3,
5, 19:28, 20:26, 21:4, 7, 10, 12, 18,
27, 29, 24:15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 25:5, 26,
28:1, 4, 12, 15, 28, 29:2, 7, 12, 16, 27

(word #2 = device)

12:2, 14:17, 21:27

(word #3 = iniquity)

6:12, 18, 30:20

(word #4 = evil)

2:14, 11:21, 12:13, 14:32, 15:26, 17:4,
21:12, 26:23, 26

Brutishness

21:1, 30:2

Evil

(word #1 = evil)

1:16, 33, 2:12, 14, 3:7, 29, 4:14, 27,
5:14, 6:24, 8:13 (2), 11:19, 12:12, 20,
13:19, 21, 14:16, 19, 22, 15:3, 15, 28,
16:4, 6, 17, 27, 30, 17:11, 13, 19:23,
20:8, 22, 30, 21:10, 22:3, 23:6, 24:1,
8, 19, 20, 27:12, 28:5, 10, 22, 29:6,

31:12

(word #2 = iniquity)

12:21

Iniquity

(word #1 = iniquity)

5:22, 10:29, 16:6, 19:28, 21:15

(word #2 = deviation)

22:8

Transgression

(word #1 = transgression)

26:10

(word #2 = trespassing)

16:10

(word #3 = rebellion)

12:13, 17:9, 19, 19:11, 28:2, 21, 24,
29:6, 16, 22

(word #4 = treachery)

2:22, 11:3, 6, 13:2, 15, 21:18,

22:12, 23:28

Straying

5:23, 7:25

Turning (Away)

1:32, 4:27, 28:9

Stumbling

(word #1 = stumbling)

4:12, 19, 24:17

(word #2 = smiting)

3:23

Backsliding

14:14

Error*(word #1 = error)*

19:27

(word #2 = straying)

10:17, 14:22

Frowardness*(word #1 = crookedness)*

2:12, 14, 6:14, 8:13, 10:31, 32, 16:28,

30, 21:8

(word #2 = departing)

2:15, 3:32

(word #3 = perversion)

4:24, 6:12, 11:20, 17:20, 22:5

(word #4 = wrestling)

8:8

Perverseness*(word #1 = perversion)*

8:8, 10:9, 19:1, 28:6, 18

(word #2 = crookedness)

17:20, 23:33

(word #3 = departure)

4:24, 14:2

(word #4 = distortion)

12:8

(word #5 = subversion)

11:3, 15:4, 19:3

(word #6 = inclination)

17:23

(word #7 = mutation)

31:5

Crookedness*(perversion)*

2:15

Naughtiness*(word #1 = worthlessness, "belial")*

6:12

(word #2 = ruin)

11:6, 17:4

(word #3 = evil)

20:14

Mischief*(word #1 = device)*

10:23, 24:8

(word #2 = trouble, toil)

24:2

(word #3 = evil)

4:16, 6:14, 18, 11:27, 12:21, 13:17,

17:20, 24:16, 28:14

Ungodliness*("belial")*

16:27, 19:28

Unfaithfulness*(treachery)*

25:19

Darkness*(see page)***Unrighteousness***(word #1 = evil)*

11:7

(word #2 = iniquity)

29:27

Guiltiness

30:10

Filthiness

30:12

Hypocrisy

11:9

Subtilty

1:4, 7:10

Vanity*(word #1 = vanity)*

13:11, 21:6, 31:30

(word #2 = nothingness)

1:17

(word #3 = emptiness)

12:11, 28:19

(word #4 = lying)

30:8

(word #5 = evil)

22:8

General Descriptions of Sin

DESCRIBING THE SINNER'S LACK OF WISDOM

<p>Refusing wisdom's call 1:24</p> <p>Disregarding wisdom's pleas 1:24</p> <p>Declining from wisdom's words 4:5</p> <p>Hating (despising) wisdom 1:7, 8:36, 23:9</p> <p>Sinuing against wisdom 8:36</p> <p>Forsaking wisdom 4:6</p> <p>Forgetting wisdom 4:5</p> <p>Not learning wisdom 30:3</p> <p>Lacking (being void of) wisdom 10:21, 11:12, 15:21</p> <p>Being without discretion 11:22</p> <p>Not going to the wise 15:12</p> <p>Being wise in one's own eyes (conceit) 3:7, 26:5, 12, 16, 23:4, 28:11</p> <p>Being instructed in folly 16:22</p> <p>Thinking foolishness 24:9</p> <p>Feeding on foolishness 15:14</p> <p>Dealing foolishly 14:17</p> <p>Laying open one's folly 13:16</p>	<p>Justifying oneself in folly 12:15</p> <p>Being confident in folly 14:16</p> <p>Rejoicing in folly 15:21</p> <p>Exalting folly 14:29</p> <p>Returning to folly 26:11</p> <p>Honouring a fool 26:1, 8</p> <p>Contending with a fool 29:9</p> <p>Being a Companion of fools 13:20</p> <p>Loving simplicity 1:22</p> <p>Forgetting understanding 4:5</p> <p>Lacking (being void of) understanding 6:32, 7:7, 10:13, 12:11, 17:18, 24:30</p> <p>Leaning on one's own understanding 3:5</p> <p>Not delighting in understanding 18:2</p> <p>Hating Knowledge 1:22, 29</p> <p>Knowing nothing 9:13, 19:2</p> <p>Hating (despising) instruction 1:7, 5:12, 15:5</p> <p>Not hearing instruction 5:13</p>
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Hearing erring instruction 19:27	Despising chastening 3:11
Letting go instruction 4:13	Wearying of correction 3:11
Refusing instruction 8:33, 13:18, 15:32	Grieving at correction 15:10
Refusing counsel 1:25, 30	Refusing verbal correction 29:19
Hating (despising) reproof 1:30, 5:12, 9:8, 12:1, 15:10, 12	Not choosing the fear of the Lord 1:29
Refusing reproof 1:25, 30, 10:17, 13:18	Fearing men 29:25
Not hearing rebuke 13:1, 8	

General Descriptions of Sin

DESCRIBING THE SINNER'S PROGRESS IN SIN

<p>Leaving the paths of uprightness 2:13</p> <p>Forsaking the way 15:10</p> <p>Wandering from understanding's way 21:16</p> <p>Wandering from one's place 27:8</p> <p>Despising one's ways 19:16</p> <p>Devising one's own way 16:9</p> <p>Learning the ways of the wicked 22:25</p> <p>Being seduced by wicked ways 12:26</p> <p>Choosing wicked ways 3:31</p> <p>Entering the paths of the wicked 4:14</p> <p>Going astray in one's ways 28:10</p> <p>Going in the way of evil men 4:14</p> <p>Following vain persons 12:11, 28:19</p> <p>Being a companion of the wicked 13:20, 28:7</p> <p>Eating the bread of evil men 23:6</p> <p>Consenting with sinners 1:10</p>	<p>Casting one's lot with sinners 1:14</p> <p>Walking with sinners 1:15</p> <p>Walking in darkness 2:13</p> <p>Walking in crooked ways 2:15</p> <p>Perverting one's ways 10:9, 14:2, 19:3, 28:6, 18</p> <p>Being froward in one's (ways) paths 2:15, 21:8</p> <p>Being strange in one's ways 21:8</p> <p>Having moveable ways 5:6</p> <p>Being given to change 24:21</p> <p>Passing on to evil 22:3, 27:12</p> <p>Running to evil 1:16</p> <p>Running to mischief 6:18</p> <p>Seeking mischief 11:27</p> <p>Pursuing evil 11:19</p> <p>Hating to depart from evil 13:19</p> <p>Declining in one's ways 7:25</p>
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General Descriptions of Sin

DESCRIBING THE SINNER'S ATTITUDE TO SIN

Covering one's sins 28:13	Delighting in folly 19:10
Winking with the eye 6:13, 10:10	Honouring a fool 26:1, 8
Desiring evil 21:10	Loving transgression 17:19
Digging up evil 16:27	Confiding in the Unfaithful 25:19
Rejoicing in doing evil 2:14	Mocking at sin 14:9
Delighting in the wicked's frowardness 2:14	Praising the wicked 28:4
Delighting in scorning 1:22	Hating the upright 14:2, 29:10, 27

General Descriptions of Sin

DESCRIBING THE INWARD CHARACTER OF SIN

Having a foolish heart 12:23, 15:7, 22:15	Having a backsliding heart 14:14
Having a worthless heart 10:20	Hardening one's heart (neck) 28:14, 29:1
Having a wicked heart 26:23	Trusting one's own heart 28:26
Having a subtle heart 7:10	Having a haughty spirit 16:18
Having a deceitful heart 12:20	Having an unruléd spirit 25:28
Having a froward heart 6:14, 11:20, 17:20	Being hasty of spirit 14:29
Having a perverse heart 12:8	Thinking evil 30:32
Having a devising heart 5:12, 6:18, 16:9, 21:4, 19:21	Having a wicked mind 21:27
Having a proud heart 16:5, 18:12, 28:25	Having wandering eyes 17:24
Having a declining heart 7:25	Hardening one's face (heart, neck) 21:29, 28:14, 29:1

General Descriptions of Sin

DESCRIBING THE SINNER'S PLANNING OF SIN

Lacking judgment 13:23	Working iniquity 21:15
Not understanding judgment 28:5	Working deceitful works 11:18
Devising evil against a neighbor 3:29	Eating the bread of wickedness 4:17
Devising mischief 6:14	Eating bread of deceit 20:17
Devising wickedness (evil) 14:17, 14:22, 24:8	Drinking the wine of violence 4:17
Devising wicked imaginations 6:18	Devouring iniquity 19:28
Devising froward things 16:30	Feeding on foolishness 15:14
Doing mischief (as sport) 4:16, 10:23	Sowing iniquity 22:8
Being filled with mischief 12:21	Being in all evil 5:14
Falling into mischief 13:17, 17:2-, 24:16, 28:14	

Specific Sins

FIRST COMMANDMENT

Pride

(word #1 = pride)

8:13, 14:3, 15:25, 16:5, 18, 19, 29:23

(word #2 - presumption)

11:2, 13:10, 21:24 (2)

(word #3 = being high)

6:17

(word #4 = being wide)

21:4, 28;25

Haughtiness

(word #1 = haughtiness)

21:24

(word #2 = being high)

16:18, 18:12

Arrogance

(= pride)

8:13

Conceit

(2 words)

18:11, 26:5, 12, 16, 28:11

Scorning

1:22, 3:34, 9:7, 8, 12, 13:1, 14:6,
15:12, 19:25, 28, 29, 21:11, 24, 22:10,
24:9, 29:8

cf. also:

1:29, 8:36, 17:19, 20:23, 21:27, 25:27,
30:9

THIRD COMMANDMENT

Taking God's Name in Vain

30:9

cf. also:

1:25, 13:13, 20:25, 30:6

FIFTH COMMANDMENT

Stubbornness

7:11

Rebellion

17:11

Impudence

7:13

cf. also:

2:17, 3:11, 5:12, 13, 8:33,
10:1, 5, 17, 12:1, 13:1, 18, 24, 14:1,
15:5, 10, 12, 20, 32, 16:12, 17:2, 15,
25, 26, 18:5, 19:13, 26, 20:1, 20,
24:24, 28:7, 24, 29:1, 2, 3, 15, 30:11,
17, 31:4, 5

SIXTH COMMANDMENT

Oppression

(word #1 = oppression)
14:31, 22:16, 28:3, 16

(word #2 = bruising)

22:22

(word #3 = violence)

3:31

Violence

(word #1 = violence)

4:17, 10:6, 11, 13:2, 16:29

(word #2 = oppression)

28:17

Strife

(word #1 = strife)

10:12, 15:18, 16:28, 17:14, 22:10,
26:20, 28:25, 29:22

(word #2 = debate)

17:19

(word #3 = defending a cause)

3:30, 15:18, 17:1, 20:3, 25:8,

26:17, 21, 30:33

Discord

(same word as "strife" #1)

6:14, 19

Contention

(word #1 = stirring up)

28:4

(word #2 = taking into judgment)

29:9

(same word as "strife" #1)

18:18, 19, 19:13, 21:19, 22:10, 23:29,

26:21, 27:15

(same word as strife #2)

13:10

Brawling

(same word as strife #1)

21:9, 25:24

Bloodthirstiness

29:10

Cruelty

5:9, 11:17, 12:10, 17:11, 27:4

Lurking

1:11, 18

Laying wait

1:11, 18, 7:12, 12:6, 23:28, 24:15

Enticement

1:10, 16:29

Seduction

12:26

Hatred

1:22, 29, 5:12, 8:36, 9:8, 10:12, 18,
12:1, 13:24, 14:20, 15:10, 17, 19:7,
25:17, 26:24, 26, 28, 29:10, 24

Despising

(word #1 = tread on)

1:7, 11:12, 13:13, 14:2, 21, 15:20,
19:16, 23:9, 22, 30:17

(word #2 = reject)

3:11, 15:32

(word #3 = to despise)

1:30, 5:12, 15:5

Wrath

(word #1 = anger)

14:29, 29:8, 30:33

(word #2 = raging)

19:12

(word #3 = fury)

15:1, 18, 19:19, 21:14, 27:4

(word #4 = provocation)

12:16, 27:3

(word #5 = wrath)

21:24

Fury

22:24, 29:22

SIXTH COMMANDMENT
(continued)

Anger

(word #1 = anger)

15:1, 18, 16:32, 19:11, 21:14, 27:4

(word #2 = provocation)

21:19

(word #3 = wrath)

22:8

Raging

(word #1 = wrath)

14:16

(word #2 = fury)

6:34

(word #3 = noise)

20:1

(word #4 = trembling)

29:9

Meddling

(word #1 = go to)

26:17

(word #2 = mix with)

20:19, 24:21

(word #3 = meddle)

17:14, 20:3

Being Glad at Calamities

17:5

cf. also:

1:12, 16, 19, 4:16, 6:17,

24:11, 12, 29, 30:14

SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Adultery

6:26, 32, 30:20

Whoredom

6:26, 23:27

Harlotry

7:10, 29:3

Lust

6:25

Indiscretion

11:22

cf. also:

5:17, 20, 6:29, 7:18, 12:4, 23:33

EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

Stealing

6:30, 9:17, 30:9

Theft

6:30, 29:24

Robbery

(2 words used)

21:7 22:22, 28:24

False Weights and Measures

11:1, 20:10

Removing Landmarks

22:28, 23:10

Withholding

3:27, 11:24, 26, 23:13

Usury

28:8

Suretyship

(word #1 = pledge)

6:1, 11:15, 17:18, 20:16

(word #2 = striking hands)

11:15

Striking Hands

6:1, 17:18

Idleness

(word #1 = sloth)

19:15

(word #2 = idleness)

31:27

Sluggardness

(= sloth)

6:6, 9, 10:26, 13:4, 20:4, 26:16

Sloth

(word #1 = sloth)

15:19, 19:15, 24, 21:25, 22:13, 24:30,

26:13, 14, 15

(word #2 = idleness)

12:24, 27

(word #3 = feebleness)

18:9

Slackness

(= idleness)

10:4

Wasting

18:9, 19:26

Rioting

23:20, 28:7

Haste

1:16, 19:2, 28:20, 22

cf. also:

1:13, 3:28, 10:2, 11:28, 13:7, 15:6,

17:23, 20:13, 21, 21:6, 13, 22:23,

28:27, 29:4, 7

NINTH COMMANDMENT

Lying

(word #1 = deceit)

6:19, 14:5 (2), 19:5, 9, 30:8

(word #2 = falsity, false witness)

6:17, 10:18, 12:19, 22, 13:5, 17:7,
21:6, 26:28, 29:12

Deceit

(words #1-3 = deceit)

11:18, 12:5, 17, 20, 14:8, 25,
26:19, 24, 26, 31:30

(word #4 = falsity, false witness)

20:17

(word #5 = lying)

23:3

(word #6 = fraud)

29:13

(word #7 = abundant)

27:6

(word #8 = persuasion)

24:28

(word #9 = straying)

20:1

Falsity

(word #1 = iniquitous)

17:4

(word #2 = lying)

21:28

(word #3 = deceit)

11:1, 20:23

(word #4 = falsity, false witness)

25:14

False witness

12:17, 14:5, 19:5, 9, 25:18

Dissembling

26:24

Hypocrisy

11:9

Boasting

20:14, 25:14, 27:1

Cursing

20:20, 29:24, 30:10, 11

Mockery

14:9, 17:5, 30:17

Reproach

14:31, 17:5, 22:10, 27:11

Slander

10:18

Whispering

(= talebearing)

16:28

Talebearing

(word #1 = talebearing)

18:8, 26:20, 22

(word #2 = slander)

11:13, 20:19

Backbiting

25:23

Flattery

2:16, 6:24, 7:5, 21, 20:19, 26:28,
28:23, 29:5

Loudness

7:11, 27:14

Clamouring

9:13

Prating

10:8, 10

cf. also:

2:12, 4:24, 5:3, 6:12, 8:8, 13, 10:11, 14, 19, 31, 32, 11:9, 11, 12:5, 6, 13, 18, 13:3,
14:3, 7, 23, 15:2, 4, 14, 28, 16:27, 30, 17:4, 9, 20, 18:6, 7, 13, 23,
19:1, 28, 20:1, 22:14, 23:33, 24:28, 25:9, 26:23, 24, 29:12, 20

TENTH COMMANDMENT

Covetousness

(word #1 = covetousness)

21:26

(word #2 = greed)

28:16

Greed

(word #1 = greed)

1:19, 15:27

(word #2 = covetousness)

21:26

Envy

3:31, 14:30, 23:17, 24:1, 19, 27:4

Jealousy

6:34

Fretting

(2 words)

19:3, 24:19

Winebibbing

23:20

Loving Wine

21:17

Looking on Wine

20:1, 23:31

Tarrying at Wine

23:30

Drunkenness

20:1, 23:21, 26:6, 9

Gluttony

23:21

cf. also

23:4, 5, 6, 30, 25:16, 28:22

THE FOOL AND HIS WICKEDNESS

His Reward - Proverbs 26:10

General Words

punishment
11:21, 19:19, 21:11, 22:3, 27:12

judgment
19:29, 29:26

reward
26:10

recompense
11:31

Phrases Emphasizing God's Attitude

guilt
28:20

condemnation
12:2

not being found of them
1:28

laughter at their calamity
1:26

mockery of their fear
1:26

no answer in trouble
1:28, 21:13

Phrases Emphasising Their Wickedness and Responsibility

lying wait for their own blood
1:18

lurking for their own lives
1:18

eating the fruit of their own way
1:31

being filled with their own devices
1:31

being destroyed by their prosperity
1:32

being slain by their turning (ease)
1:32

being taken by their iniquities
5:22

being held by the cords of their sins
5:22

destroying their own souls
6:23

loving death
8:36

wronging their own soul
8:36

troubling their own flesh
11:17

hating their own soul
15:32, 29:24

falling into their own pit
26:27, 28:10

Phrases Emphasising Eternal Punishment

hell	overthrow of one's house
5:5, 7:27, 9:18, 15:11, 24, 23:14, 27:20	14:11
the pit	darkness
1:12, 28:17	2:13, 4:19, 20:20
woe	guilt
23:29	6:29, 30:10
burning	destruction
6:27, 28	(word #1 = <i>abaddon</i>)
coals of fire	6:32, 11:3, 15:11, 27:20
25:22	(word #2 = <i>ruin</i>)
death	10:14, 15, 29, 13:3, 14:28, 18:7, 21:15
2:18, 5:5, 23, 7:27, 8:36, 9:18, 10:2, 21, 11:4, 19, 12:28, 13:14, 14:12, 27, 32, 15:10, 16:25, 19:16, 21:6, 16, 25, 23:13, 24:11	(word #3 = <i>calamity</i>)
slaughter	1:27
1:32, 7:22, 26, 24:11	(word #4 = <i>breaking</i>)
consumption of body and flesh	16:18, 17:19, 18:12
5:11	(word #5 = <i>spoiling</i>)
not returning from death	24:2
2:19	(word #6 = <i>passing on</i>)
not taking hold of life	31:8
2:19	desolation
perishing of hope	1:27, 3:25
10:28, 11:7 (2)	cursing
having one's hope cut off	3:33, 11:26, 24:24, 26:22, 27:14, 28:27
23:18, 24:14	calamity
being cut off from the earth	1:26, 6:15, 24:22
2:22	ruin
being rooted out of the earth	24:22
2:22	wrath
not inhabiting the earth	11:4, 23, 14:35, 16:14
10:30	perishing
overthrow	11:10, 19:9, 21:28, 28:28, 29:18
12:7, 13:6, 14:11, 21:12, 22:12	being taken in sin
	11:6
	spoiling of soul
	22:23

Phrases Emphasizing Temporal Punishment

being cast down	mischief
7:26	11:27, 12:21, 13:17, 17:20, 24:16, 28:14
being cast out	evil
22:10	1:33, 12:21, 13:21, 16:4, 17:13, 19:23
scorn	straying
3:34	5:23, 7:25
reproach	stumbling
6:33, 18:3	3:23, 4:12, 19, 24:17
despite	falling
12:8	10:8, 10, 11:5, 14, 28, 13:17, 16:18, 17:20, 22:14, 24:17, 26:27, 28:10, 14, 18, 29:16
hatred	being driven away
3:32, 6:16, 8:7, 13, 11:1, 20, 12:22, 14:17, 15:8, 9, 26, 16:5, 17:15, 20:10, 23, 21:27, 24:9, 28:9, 29:27	14:32
shame	scattering
9:7, 11:2, 13:5, 18	20:26
dishonour	wounding
5:9, 6:33	6:33, 7:26
a blot	violence
9:7	10:6, 11, 13:2
rotting of one's name	contentions
10:7	23:29
straitening (= distress)	loss of years
4:12	5:9, 10:27
distress	loss of life
1:27	6:26, 7:23
sorrow	loss of wealth
10:22, 23:29	5:10
mourning	loss of labour
5:11	5:10
fear	loss of substance
1:26, 27, 33, 3:24, 25, 10:24	10:3
bitterness	poverty
5	6:11, 26, 11:24, 13:18, 20:13, 23:21, 24:34, 28:19, 22
trouble	
11:8, 17, 12:13, 15:6, 21:23:4	

Phrases Emphasising Temporal Punishment (continued)

want	inheriting the wind
6:11, 13:25, 21:5, 22:16, 24:34 being	11:29
under tribute	having one's tongue cut out
12:24	10:31
a dart	having one's eye picked out
7:23	30:17
the wheel	folly
20:26	14:18
a rod	vanity
10:13, 13:24, 22:8, 15, 23:13, 14, 26:3	22:8
thorns	being a ransom for the righteous
15:19, 22:5	21:18
a snare	
6:2, 7:23, 12:13, 13:14, 14:27, 18:7, 20:25, 22:5, 25, 29:6, 25	

Notes:

1. Many of the judgments listed are suffered both at the hands of God and of men, i.e., scorn, reproach, despite, hatred, etc.
2. Especially in the OT temporal judgments were more often than not signs of eternal judgment.
3. The so-called "temporal" judgments in themselves, however, are not absolute, i.e., they are signs of God's anger but not necessarily of eternal punishment and this is true even in the OT.
 - a. For the ungodly these temporal judgments are fulfilled in eternity, i.e., they suffer eternal poverty.
 - b. For the righteous these temporal judgments work for good (Rom. 8:28).

THE WISE MAN AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

His Names

Wise

cf. pages 30-33

Man of Understanding

(cf. also pages 37-41)

1:5, 10:23, 11:12, 15:21, 17:27, 28,
20:5, 28:2

Man of Knowledge

24:5, 28:2

Righteous

(word #1 = righteous or just)

2:20,

10:3, 11, 16, 21, 24, 25, 28, 30, 32,
11:8, 10, 21, 23, 28, 30, 31,
12:3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 26,

13:5, 9, 21, 25, 14: 19, 32,

15:6, 28, 29, 18:5, 10, 21:12, 18, 26,
23:24, 24:15, 24, 25:26, 28:1, 12, 28,
29:2, 6, 7, 16

(word #2 = upright)

2:7, 3:32, 14:9, 15:19, 28:10

Just

(word #1 = righteous or just)

3:33, 4:18, 9:9, 10:6, 7, 20, 31, 11:9,
12:13, 21, 13:22, 17:15, 26, 18:17,
20:7, 21:15, 24:16, 29:10*, 27

(word #2 = upright)

Upright

(word #1 = upright)

2:21, 11:3, 6, 11, 12:6, 14:11, 15:8,
16:17, 21:18, 29

(word #2 = perfect)

10:29, 28:10, 29:10

Perfect

2:21, 11:5

Saint

2:8

Pure

(2 words used)

15:26, 21:8

Good

2:20, 12:2, 13:22, 14:14, 19

Faithful

11:13, 13:17, 14:5, 20:6, 25:13, 27:6

True

14:25

Gracious

11:16

Virtuous

12:4, 31:10

Prudent

12:16, 23, 13:16, 14:8, 15, 18, 15:5,
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