Proverbs Bible Quiz

14 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. What is the main theme emphasized throughout the book of Proverbs?

Ⓐ Wisdom and understanding
Ⓑ Faith and salvation
Ⓒ Prophecy and future events
Ⓓ Miracles and signs

2. Which literary style is most characteristic of Proverbs?

Ⓐ Parables
Ⓑ Historical narrative
Ⓒ Poetry and couplets
Ⓓ Apocalyptic visions

3. What does Proverbs 3:5-6 say about trusting in the Lord?

Ⓐ Trust partially
Ⓑ Trust only yourself
Ⓒ Trust is unnecessary
Ⓓ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding

4. What is a unique feature of Proverbs 31:10-31?

Ⓐ A historical account
Ⓑ A poetic description of a wise woman
Ⓒ A list of laws
Ⓓ A prophecy about the Messiah

5. What should you do with the Lord in all your ways according to Proverbs 3:6?

Ⓐ Acknowledge Him
Ⓑ Ignore Him
Ⓒ Avoid Him
Ⓓ Question Him

6. How is the literary style of Proverbs primarily characterized?

Ⓐ Historical narrative
Ⓑ Apocalyptic imagery
Ⓒ Poetry and parallelism
Ⓓ Legal codes

7. In what way does Proverbs connect to the concept of righteousness?

Ⓐ Righteousness is unrelated to wisdom
Ⓑ Righteousness is achieved through rituals
Ⓒ Righteousness is linked to living wisely and morally
Ⓓ Righteousness is only about legal justice

8. What is the significance of the 'fear of the Lord' as described in Proverbs?

Ⓐ The beginning of knowledge and wisdom
Ⓑ A mystical experience
Ⓒ A reverence for nature
Ⓓ A respect for authority

9. How does Proverbs address the relationship between material wealth and spiritual wisdom?

Ⓐ Wealth always brings wisdom
Ⓑ Better to have little with fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil
Ⓒ Only the poor can be wise
Ⓓ Wealth is always evil

10. How does Proverbs describe the relationship between wisdom and the fear of the Lord?

Ⓐ Fear contradicts wisdom
Ⓑ Wisdom replaces fear
Ⓒ Fear of the Lord is both the beginning and foundation of all true wisdom
Ⓓ They are unrelated

11. What does Proverbs say about the value of wisdom compared to material wealth?

Ⓐ Wisdom is only for the wealthy
Ⓑ Wealth and wisdom are equal
Ⓒ Wisdom is less valuable
Ⓓ Wisdom is more precious than silver or gold

12. What does Proverbs teach about the power and responsibility of speech?

Ⓐ Only actions count
Ⓑ Words don't matter
Ⓒ The tongue has power of life and death; wise speech brings healing and blessing
Ⓓ Speech is uncontrollable

13. What does Proverbs teach about the relationship between divine sovereignty and human responsibility in moral choices?

Ⓐ Only God determines outcomes

Ⓑ Humans are completely autonomous

Ⓒ Choices don't matter

Ⓓ God directs the heart's inclinations while humans remain responsible for their choices and their consequences

14. What is the significance of the term 'wisdom' (hokmah) in Proverbs?

Ⓐ Practical skill and moral insight

Ⓑ Legal authority

Ⓒ Prophetic vision

Ⓓ Supernatural gift

Answer key: Proverbs Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **A. Wisdom and understanding**

Proverbs extensively focuses on gaining wisdom, understanding, and moral insight (e.g., Proverbs 4:7).

2. **C. Poetry and couplets**

Proverbs is primarily written in short, poetic couplets designed for memorization and teaching (e.g., Proverbs 10:1).

3. **D. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding**

Proverbs 3:5-6 - '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.'

4. **B. A poetic description of a wise woman**

Proverbs 31:10-31 describes the qualities and deeds of a virtuous woman, often called the 'Proverbs 31 woman'.

5. **A. Acknowledge Him**

Proverbs 3:6 - 'In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.'

6. **C. Poetry and parallelism**

Proverbs is composed mainly of poetic sayings, often employing parallelism for emphasis and clarity (Proverbs 10:1).

7. **C. Righteousness is linked to living wisely and morally**

Proverbs equates righteousness with living according to God's wisdom and moral integrity (e.g., Proverbs 21:21).

8. **A. The beginning of knowledge and wisdom**

Proverbs 1:7 states that 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,' highlighting its foundational role.

9. **B. Better to have little with fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil**

Proverbs 15:16 - 'Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.' Proverbs values spiritual riches over material wealth while not condemning prosperity gained righteously.

10. **C. Fear of the Lord is both the beginning and foundation of all true wisdom**

Proverbs 1:7; 9:10 - 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' and 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.' This reverent awe provides the proper foundation for understanding life.

11. **D. Wisdom is more precious than silver or gold**
Proverbs 3:13-15 highlights that wisdom is more valuable than rubies or riches.

12. **C. The tongue has power of life and death; wise speech brings healing and blessing**
Proverbs 18:21 - 'The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.' Also Proverbs 12:18 - 'The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.'

13. **D. God directs the heart's inclinations while humans remain responsible for their choices and their consequences**
Proverbs 16:1, 9 - 'To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the proper answer of the tongue' and 'In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.' This shows God's sovereignty working through human responsibility.

14. **A. Practical skill and moral insight**
Hokmah in Proverbs refers to skillful living, moral discernment, and understanding of God's way (Proverbs 3:13-18).

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