1”I did not come with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:1-2)

Proverbs

“And more than that, the preacher was wise; he still taught the people knowledge. Yes, he listened, and looked, and set in order many proverbs. The preacher sought to find out pleasing words; and words of truth written by the upright. The words of the wise are like goads; yes, their collected words are like nails driven home; they are given from one Shepherd” (Ecclesiastes 12:9-11 MKJV).

In the middle of the night of April 15-16 of 2007, it was given me to write proverbs. Like a tap of water turned on, they came, one after the other, 78 in all. Then, as fast as they began, they ended, like a tap turned off. There was no premeditation, no expectation and when the end came, there was nothing I could do to continue. They were just there.

Since then the Lord has given me more, when I am quiet, in His way, and when He wills.

The principles of life have many manifestations, each of which can be expressed as a proverb. A proverb can appear simple on the surface, stating the obvious, as even to give the impression that a simpleton speaks. As one contemplates the words and seeks a deeper meaning, however, he or she can be rewarded with counsel and understanding that serve well in many applications of life, should God give to that one.

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PROVERBS

2001. It is a grievous thing to rule over the rebellious, but it is even more grievous for a ruler to oppress the righteous.

2002. What ruler has joy in a stubborn and cunning servant? What parent has pleasure in a rebellious son?

2003. Some children are born wicked to righteous parents, but some are the fruit of wicked parents.

2004. The Sabbath day is greater than the six of labor altogether.

2005. The Sabbath cannot atone for wicked works, but gives rest to workers of righteousness.
2006. The wicked presume to gather up a Sabbath sustenance, not considering it is the gift of a righteous God.

2007. The righteous are at peace with the death sentence, but the wicked crave to live.

2008. The Sabbath is a haven of rest granted, not a refuge taken.

2009. A refuge may be discovered by chance, but the Sabbath is provided by purpose.


2011. Reality ignores nobody and includes everybody, whether they ignore or include themselves.

2012. Quality is to be met and surpassed for everyone’s sake, not rejected for selfish sake.

2013. Quality is to be embraced and not resisted; met and not forbidden.

2014. The righteous before God are not without unrighteousness. The righteous before God keep themselves from their unrighteousness. (2 Samuel 22:21-27; 1 Corinthians 9:27; Romans 7:18, 8:1)

2015. Are you seeking strength in the Lord or strength for yourself before the Lord?

2016. Vipers do not come staunchly stomping; they come smoothly slithering.

2017. “You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar,” say the flies. And I say to the flies, “If you have problems with what you call ‘vinegar,’ what will you say when God brings the swatter?”

2018. The issue is never one’s circumstances, but one’s attitude toward them.

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2019. We are formed not by the actions of others upon us, but by our reactions to them.


2021. How terrible the darkness of those in captivity, and how glorious the brightness of those walking in light.

2022. Better to live in a car under the hand of the Lord than in a palace as a prince of this world.

2023. Blessed are those the Lord loves and keeps, but cursed are those He casts off.

2024. What color is a chameleon? Is a mother killdeer injured as it hobbles away from its nest of young? Does a great bear flee when circling behind? Do appearances deceive, or are observers deceived in their judgment?

2025. Truth is the goodness and wisdom of God lived and shared for the benefit of others.

2026. It is said, “The devil is in the details.” Better put, “God is in the details; the devil is in their lack.”

2027. Children of faith surrender not only the worst, but also the best.

2028. The sluggard refuses to make decisions and take responsibility.

2029. The Sabbath is the secret of the Lord.

2030. Would you like to offend anyone? Speak the truth. Would you like to preserve relationships? Don’t speak the truth. Are you doing well in society? If so, have you wondered why?

2031. The Sabbath is the work of Heaven.
2032. It is vain for man to measure True Value on his own terms - money, time, energy, territory, family, number of souls, even happiness.

2033. The rich man’s wealth is his poverty and his strength, weakness.

2034. The Sabbath is the harbinger and taste of Heaven.

2035. Truth is truth; those who resist it can only fail, and those who believe it can only prosper.

2036. Man will readily give his life for a lie, but would rather die than believe the truth.

2037. Fear is the fulfillment of the unfulfilled reality.

2038. Those who do evil are their first and greatest victims.

2039. Liars and cowards find it easier to pretend than to be honest.

2040. The humble look to their God, but the proud have another.

2041. Truth condemns the works of darkness, and the darkness blames the truth for its exposure.

2042. The Sabbath is to refrain from doing anything for money.

2043. Take away excess food from a glutton and he has nothing to live for. Make a sluggard do his necessary work and he will despise you.

2044. The proud seek praise and glory because they have none of their own.

2045. Knowledge of good serves to deceive and condemn when not acted upon.
2036. **B**lessed is the one who trembles at God’s Word; he will be at rest and the world shall tremble.

2046. **W**hatever you do, don’t do it for money.

2047. **T**he anointing is not about the anointed but the Anointer.

2048. **A**s sure as the sun rises, vindication comes for those speaking the truth.

2049. **T**he only way to receive the day is to take the night with it.

2050. **H**ow pleasant it is to give counsel to those who receive it!

2051. **T**he covetous man focuses not on what he has, but on what he doesn’t have; therefore he’s always poor. The liberal man focuses not on what he has given, but on what he has left to give; he’s rich, always having something. The amount one possesses is irrelevant to contentment.

2052. **N**ature can never be changed from without, only from within.

2053. **T**he Sabbath is the Strength of God in the weakness of man.

2054. **T**he Sabbath is a taste of the coming Peace of God.

2055. **T**he Sabbath is the freedom of nothing left to lose.
2056. **The Sabbath is the Declaration of the Sovereignty of God.**

2057. **Life originates and is regenerated in the Sabbath of God.**

2058. **Only in the Sabbath is there the complete victory of God.**

2059. **The Sabbath is the blessed union and harmony of soul and spirit.**

2060. **There is only faith and no fear in the Sabbath.**

2061. **Both the day and the night proclaim the Quiet Might of God.**

2062. **The streets of the Sabbath are paved with pure gold.**

2063. **Unauthorized wings cannot overcome the walls of the Sabbath.**

2064. **Only the Sabbath-keeper dines on the Bread of God.**

2065. **The Sabbath Potion of Heaven is too powerful to be diluted by less than six to one.**
2066. **Man’s rulership** presumes to impose every day of the week on the Sabbath and pretends to gift the Sabbath on days of labor.

2067. The acceptance of reality is a thing of beauty; it is the essence of emancipation.

2068. Thankfulness is eyes for seeing, an ear for hearing, a mouth for eating, and a heart for living.

2069. The Sabbath is a banquet of thankfulness.

2070. I have learned that no man forgives another’s offenses, great or small, but for the grace of God.

2071. The Sabbath is the Declaration of Dependence on God.

2072. The Sabbath is the Declaration of Independence from Self.

2073. The Sabbath is the Acceptance of the Charter of Responsibilities.

2074. The Sabbath is to know and to do the will of God.

2075. The Sabbath is to reside in the throne room of God.
2076. The Sabbath is to agree with the will and perspective of God.

2077. The Sabbath is the joy of being as God intended His children to be.

2078. There’s no success without failure.

2079. Make sure your steps; they each lead in a certain direction, whether good or evil.

2080. Prisons don't leave open doors or post maps for the exit.

2081. The righteous will know the goodness of the Lord, but the rebellious will not be partakers.

2082. Our shortages are our greater provisions.

2083. The proud labors for pride, and the sluggard in pretense to escape labor.

2084. Those who judge after the appearance are the greater offenders in those things for which they fault others.

2085. One doesn’t go hanging apples on a willow; apples are gathered only from an apple tree and that not just any time, but in season.
2086. It is the nature and duty of every lover of good and right to do battle with evil.

2087. Losers always lose and winners always win.

2088. He who builds his house before he tills his land reaps desolation.

2089. Sugar makes the world go round, like water spiraling down a drain.

2090. Fear of anything other than God subjects us to the thing we fear.

2091. He who sacrifices, trusts in himself and expects reward, but he who obeys, surely trusts in God, knowing his unworthiness.

2092. Obedience comes with faith, but faith comes with obedience.

2093. Those who deny others the right to judge have no judgment or right to judge.

2094. If you say, “Yes,” it will be yes; if you say, “No,” it will be no; if you say, “Yes/No,” it will be that, too.
2095. Ignorance is bad, but knowledge may be worse; ignorance can be dispelled, but knowledge gives false security.

2096. The Bible is an external aid for the outer man made subject to the inner man.

2097. Thoughts led me to write, and writing led me to think.

2098. Swords can move a few words, but a few words can move many swords.

2099. To conceal the truth about evil does not serve good.

2100. When you are what you are, there’s no competition. You’re the only show in town.

2101. If you believe, you’re worth far more than your weight in gold.

2102. It’s more important for the left to protect the right of murderers to kill than to uphold the right of victims to live.

2103. To not hear what is good is bad enough; to hear and not do is much worse; to hear and do is the Sabbath.
2104. **Better to die from what you fear than to die a thousand times by the fear.**

2105. **Fear is the fulfilment within of suffering that which one is afraid of without.**

2106. **You don't give thanks only because you're thankful - you also give thanks to become thankful.**

2107. **The proud get religious, but the humble get real.**

2108. **The wicked will take anything they can get, except the truth freely offered.**

2109. **He who holds the violin also holds the bow.**

2110. **Don't look back to see who's following but look ahead to see who's leading.**

2111. **There's nothing wrong with ignorance unless one is content with it.**

2112. **Ignorance is bliss but for a short time.**

2113. **Complexity is to be conquered with simplicity, and pride with humility.**

2114. **In vain do men seek after their own glory - they demand that God withholds it from them.**
2115. A pitcher may be beautiful but what good is it if empty?

2116. Men have understanding to make clothing, yet fail to understand that clothing doesn't make a man.

2117. Take away excesses and man is bettered for it; take away the basics and he perishes.

2118. Knowledge, like water, can enter and destroy much good.

2119. It is not for a king to do the dirty work but it is his to assign it.

2120. Knowledge without action is like water without a container.

2121. The Sabbath is the hidden Tree of Life, clothed in righteousness.

2122. Men have made Hell of Heaven and Heaven of Hell.

2123. Some men have greatness; all have their faults.

2124. The Sabbath is the beginning of new things.

2125. Many can argue but few can speak truth.
2126. **The Sabbath is trading all other options for the Last One.**

2127. **To tell the truth to commit evil is not good, but to tell a lie to do good is acceptable in God's sight.**

2128. "Thou art the man" is ever the issue.

2129. **People don't just retire and die - they die and retire.**

2130. **Without the higher life, the lower cannot exist. But the higher also needs the lower.**

2131. **Heart strings are formidable chains with no weak link.**