

Proverbs - Chapter 1

Father's Advice to His Son The book of Proverbs opens with a fatherly appeal to a child. It is not an abstract or complicated analysis but rather a straightforward appeal for the reader to not associate with criminals and pursue wisdom.

1. What does 1:8-9 imply about the manner in which wisdom was taught?
2. How would you characterize the lure of becoming a thief as Solomon depicts it in 1:10-19?
3. What is the reality of the thief's situation?
4. If you were to give your child advice on practical living, where would you start?
5. Perhaps the easiest and most common excuse for falling into trouble is ignorance, *I didn't know any better*. What does 1:20-21 imply about the validity of this excuse?
6. What is wisdom offering? to whom? at what cost?
7. According to wisdom as personified in 1:20-33, why is it that people find themselves in need of wisdom but are unable to find it? How can we fall prey to this trap?
8. Please select and copy a Proverb to commit to memory this week.