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DEFINITION OF KEY WORDS IN PROVERBS

- WISDOM** - mentioned 37 times in Proverbs
- special knowledge from God
 - seeing life from God's view point
 - the skillful application, of God's perspective on life, to any given situation
 - "seeing the relationships between the problems of life and the principles of Scripture which have been violated" - Bill Gothard
- UNDERSTANDING** - a depth of insight and maturity in one's response to life
- to gather clear meaning concerning one's response to life
- INSIGHT** - seeing deeply into life's problems and the needs of man
- connecting solutions to root causes
 - knowing how life works
- KNOWLEDGE** - a clear range and awareness of useful information
- ability to connect insight with sound character
 - learning with perception
- DISCERNMENT** - keen, accurate perception in judging a matter
- distinguishing between right and wrong
- DISCRETION** - careful and thoughtful consideration after weighing the facts that results in tactful action which accomplishes the desired goals
- acting without impulse
 - "the ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences." - Bill Gothard
- JUDGEMENT** - making decisions by examining the facts before a correct choice is made
- ability to foresee the results/consequences of action before it is taken
- JUSTICE** - right living through being fair and righteous
- PRUDENCE** - sound judgement in practical matters
- cautious and careful management based on values
 - literally, "subtleness", "craftiness", ability to see through motives and gimmicks of others
 - to detect craftiness, subtlety in others
- EQUITY** - fairness, worth, uprightness
- formulating the right solutions to unique situations by using the already established principles and guidelines
 - when being placed in unique situations never faced before, acting on principles, in order to do the right thing or make the right decision
- PERCEPTION** - sensitivity to other's reactions and intended meaning from their attitudes
- keen, acute discernment of a person's inner motives
 - not a sinful or foolish judgement

INSTRUCTION - mentioned 26 times in Proverbs

- the specific practical application and arrangement of God's truth to bring about wise behavior (conduct or conversation) in that area of need
- literally means "to teach by discipline" or "chastening"

PROVERB - a concluding summation (in statement form) of observations from one of life's instances

- a short statement (2-3 lines)

UNDERSTANDING - a depth of insight and acuity in one's response to life

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PRIGHTFULNESS - sensitivity to others' reactions and intended meaning from their attitudes