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PROVERBS PROJECTS

One begins to read through the Book of Proverbs and becomes very aware of the multitude of topics that are covered. Because of the way in which the book is written, there are many different ways in which it can be studied and the truths reinforced. These are some projects that can be done either individually, or in group form.

1. Memorize and meditate on them.
2. Discuss the meanings and applications.
3. Categorize them in topics (see other side).
4. Illustrate them from Scripture or real life situations today.
5. Draw pictures of them, about them, or illustrating them.
6. Make cartoons about them.
7. Act them out in play form - skits. One way to do this is to have one group select one proverb from a specific chapter and the other groups guess which one it is.
8. Paraphrase them - record them to expand the message.
9. Cut out newspaper clippings that illustrate the same truth.
10. Find as many verses on one particular topic and make up one all inclusive definition.
11. Act them out in groups playing charades.
12. Make up your own proverb.
13. Write a story or parable built upon a proverb.
14. Make up crossword puzzles and acrostics.
15. Use a color code throughout the book highlighting topics.
16. Use symbols to identify topics (see other side).
17. List God's reaction to certain types of people.
18. List what the righteous do.
19. Put them to music.
20. List how certain people respond to others or life situations.
21. List the consequences of doing evil.
22. List the benefits of righteous living.
23. List the benefits and values of wisdom.
24. List the consequences of rejecting wisdom.
25. List the contrasts.
26. Read them in other translations.
27. List the illustrations from nature.
28. List the verses that explain the fear of the Lord.
29. List the types of people (rebel, crook, hard worker, mother...).
30. Use a Concordance or Topical Bible to get started discovering topical patterns and arrangements throughout the Book of Proverbs. Also check into Psalms and Ecclesiastes.

ARRANGING THE PROVERBS IN TOPICS

The following is a list of suggested topics for you as a group or individual to begin categorizing the proverbs:

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| communication
speech
tongue
family living
warnings
commands
finances
friendships
marriage
husband
wife
father
mother
children
discipline
diligence
laziness
abominations
justice | encouragement
motivation
pride
love
temper
anger
self control
planning
hate
government
sleep
nature
food
health
animals
heart
counsel
life
work | righteousness
wickedness
humility
fear of the Lord
attitudes
responses
thought life
child discipline
interpersonal relationships
woman
alcohol
adultery
honor
kindness
wisdom
knowledge
understanding
prudence
fear
protection (safety) |
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CONTRASTS

Wise (benefits)	Fool (consequences)
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

- Put the subject that you're contrasting in here

SUBJECTS TO CONTRAST

- Rich/Poor
- Fool/Wise
- Honesty/Dishonesty
- Hate/Love
- Righteous/Wicked
- Blessing/Cursing
- Laziness/Diligence
- Pride/Humility
- Wealth/Poverty
- Benefits/Consequences

List observations of the contrasts in the 2 columns. This is a great way of building your knowledge about a topic, as well as a motivational exercise to discover deeper insights into how life works!

One of the best ways to study "topically" through the book of Proverbs, is by using your own key such as a color code system or different symbols in the columns of your Bible next to the verse. This will help you find specific verses related to topics easier for quick reference. For example:

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| P - Pride
* - a wise person (rewards)
X - a wicked fool (penalties)
(+) - positive advice "do ___"
(-) - negative advice "don't ___"
T - tongue, speech
\$ - money, finances, riches
zzz - lazy | O - Poverty
L - liars, dishonesty
F - friendships
- contrasts
!! - what <u>God</u> will do something about
() - types of people
/ - child discipline (a rod) |
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Use whatever word pictures or symbols that would best depict the topic or subject matter, Be creative and enjoy your study!