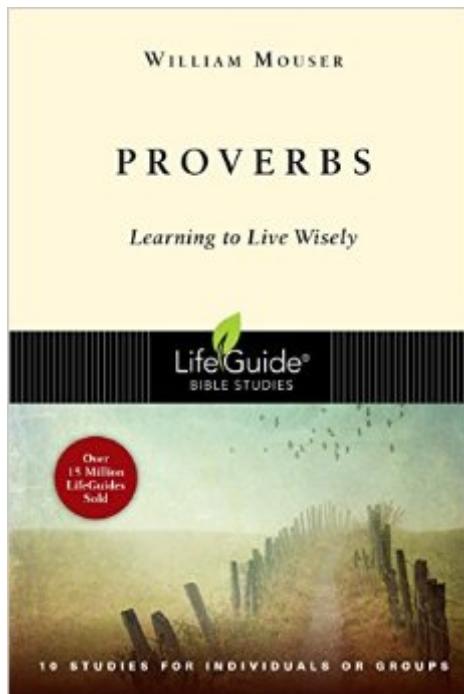


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# Proverbs: Learning To Live Wisely (Lifeguide Bible Studies)



## **Synopsis**

Where do you turn when you need to replace a fuse, cook dinner, eradicate ants, or soothe your child's upset stomach? If you are like many others, you have a shelf full of "how-to" books to supplement your own knowledge and experience. Now it's time to add Proverbs to that shelf! Proverbs is the Bible's own how-to manual. The wisdom contained in its practical and simple instructions will help you to be successful and prosperous in your work, your dealings with family and friends, and your relationship with God. As William Mouser opens up this treasure-store of godly guidance, you'll wonder how you ever survived without it. Now available in IVP's revised LifeGuide Bible Study format, Proverbs features questions for starting group discussions and for personal reflection, as well as a new "Now or Later" section following each session.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The author has a tendency to speak down to his readers and get very deep into some subjects. Beginners may be a little intimidated. Some of the subject matter is a little repetitious as well. Please note this is a study on wisdom in Proverbs, not just Proverbs, which means a few verses from different chapters are studied, not a chapter by chapter study. That being said, I believe if God is present, any study can be beneficial, this one included. Our small group has mixed experience levels and we are all growing, learning and being challenged with this study.

If a person has trouble understanding proverbs which is one of the most profound books of the Bible, then this is for you. My online Bible Study group is using this as basis for weeks of discussion and find it to be incredibly enlightening.

Excellent survey of Proverbs and its application for modern living. This is a guide book which advances questions at the end of each chapter asking timely and relevant questions of one's life. It hopes to generate an inner conversation with oneself on how the wisdom of Proverbs might be applied to everyday situations and events. Further, this book can be read independently or within a group of spiritual seekers. My guess is that used within a group might spark inner spiritual development and support. This small book is not some fluff piece of writing. It takes its readers deep in the text, and asks one to ponder how these sayings can benefit one's life. If you are a person who takes the Bible seriously, my guess is anyone can benefit.

When I was approached by a group of women where I had been leading a monthly Bible Study for a study on Proverbs, I chose this one. It has ten studies (perfect for groups who meet 10 months a year), but best of all, it is set up in a way that anyone can lead the study. Since I was leaving the area, this was an important consideration for me. You can use this study as either an independent study, or as a part of a group. The book includes the passages being studied before each chapter, and has leader notes at the end of the book. I used it for a small group of women, but it is gender-neutral and is very applicable to any group. The studies are practical and applicable to all ages. I was working with an older group, but they all had stories about their kids and grandkids, so it was a lively discussion. In fact, they enjoyed the format so much that it was their intent to purchase another LifeGuide Bible Study when they complete this one.

I have used many Life Guide bible studies before and have been quite pleased with them. However, this one disappointed me. In almost every lesson there were a few questions that were very difficult to answer or confusingly worded. I had numerous ladies in my bible study group calling me asking for clarification. The leader's section in the back tended to dance around these difficult questions without giving specific answers. If I had it to do over, I would not use this particular study guide on Proverbs.

I've used this particular series for three Bible studies at my church (the other books I used were on Ecclesiastes and on the Fruit of the Spirit) and everyone loves it. The Proverbs used in the lessons

are printed in this book which makes it easy for the participants to carry the book with them to read the weekly Scriptures. The author even recommends not using other reference resources, which makes the study less threatening to new Bible students. The questions are thought provoking and lead to really in depth discussions. Since this book was part of 's buy 3, get 4 promotion, I even saved the church money when I bought it. I strongly recommend it.

Used for a Bible Study. Encourages group discussion and individual thinking. Most questions were right on and helpful in the study.

I am using this for my Sunday School Study, everyone seems to be interested. Has brought out a lot of discussions.

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