

**March 16, 2016**  
**“Seeking God’s Wisdom”**  
**Proverbs 1:1-19**

**I. Purpose**

***“For learning what wisdom and discipline are; for understanding insightful sayings”*** (2)

**II. Themes**

**A. Instructional Wisdom “For receiving wise instruction”** (3) These proverbs are always in the second person, as a teacher to a pupil or a parent to a child (cf. 1-9, 22:17-24; 22; 31:1-9). Often these proverbs use the imperative tense with accompanying motives for obedience. This category may overlap with the following categories.

**B. Moral and Ethical Wisdom “righteousness, justice, and integrity”** (3)  
***“shrewdness”*** (4) ***“knowledge and discretion”*** (5)

**C. Theological Wisdom “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline”** (7)

**III. Worldly Alternative**

**A. Peer Pressure “My son, if sinners entice you, don’t be persuaded”** (1)

**B. Perilous Plans** (11-14)

1. Enticement ***“Come with us”*** (11)

2. Entrapment ***“Let’s set an ambush and kill someone”*** (11)

**C. Proposed Prosperity “We’ll find all kinds of valuable property”** (13)

1. Sanctity of life (Prov. 6:16-17)

2. Substance of prosperity (Matt. 6:21)

3. Seduction of sin (Ps. 16:11; Heb. 11:25)

**D. Predestined Product “My Son, don’t travel that road with them, or set foot on their path”** (15)

1. ***“Their feet run toward trouble”*** (16)

2. ***“It is foolish to spread a net where any bird can see it” (17)***
3. ***“But they set an ambush to kill themselves; they attack their own lives. Such are the paths of all who make profit dishonestly; it takes the lives of those who receive it.” (18-19)***

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