



Syllabus

Course: Mastering the English Bible: Proverbs to Song of Solomon

Student: _____ **Instructor/Proctor:** _____

Videos and Pictorial Bible PowerPoints for this course can be found on the Media List at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>

Course Description: - A highlights study of Proverbs, the book of practical wisdom, and an introduction to Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. Proverbs is covered extensively, with a passage-by-passage study of chapters 1-9, plus topical studies on child discipline, counsel, the fool, friendship, the poor, the sluggard, the talebearer, the tongue, and wine. There is also a practical study on the Proverbs 31 wife.

Texts Required:

The King James Bible

Mastering the English Bible: Proverbs to Song of Solomon by David W. Cloud

Additional Material (Suggested):

Pictorial Bible (PowerPoints/Keynotes) *see link above*

Outcomes - At the end of the course the student will be able to:

- State the major themes and lessons of Proverbs and Song of Solomon

General Course Procedure:

Review Questions are "open Book"

Tests are to be taken "closed Book"

Reading assignments - As the student reads the material in the book, the corresponding review questions are to be answered. Key verses appearing on review questions should be memorized.

Additional Resources Resources referred to in textbook should be studied.

Review for test - The student should study the material until the Review Questions can be answered without having to look up the answer.

Tests - The student will take tests during the course. There are a total of five tests. Final score for the course is an average of the five tests.

Evaluation:

The grade will be the average score of three tests.

100-90 = A; 89-80 = B; 79-70 = C; below 70 = D (failing)

The Necessity of a Supervisor (Proctor) - If the student is taking the course by himself and not as part of a class, it is imperative that he or she find someone to supervise the studies. The supervisor can be a relative, pastor, teacher, or friend. The individual must be capable, dependable, and committed to the task of supervising the student's progress through the course. This entails (1) making sure that the student completes the studies in a timely fashion, (2) checking the assignments, and (3) overseeing the testing.

Schedule: This course may be taken at a pace which is decided by the student. If the student has a Supervisor (proctor) all timeframes and requirements should be fully agreed upon before the student begins the course.

To encourage a steady progress to finish the course, it is suggested that at the end of each week the student should complete a self-report. This report should reflect the work that was accomplished. A determination should be made as to if the student is on schedule.

Course outline: A suggested course outline is provided on the last page of this syllabus.

Student Assignments:

- Do a study on the subject of Anger in Proverbs by the following method: (1) Collect all of the verses dealing with anger (include the words "anger," "angry," "wrath"). (2) List the verses that warn about anger and describe the warnings. (3) List the verses that show how to have victory over anger and describe what these verses say.
- Do a study on the subject of Pride in Proverbs by the following method: (1) Collect all of the verses dealing with pride (include the words "pride," "proud," "haughty"). (2) List the evils that come by pride.
- Answer the review questions.
- Take the tests and find the answer to every question you miss.

Review Questions: The review questions are designed to draw the student's attention to the most important points of the lessons and to help him remember these after the course is finished. They are also designed to prepare the student for the tests. The student should first go through the review questions and try to answer them without the textbook. Afterward, he should go back and find the answers using the textbook. Finally, he should check his answers against the review question answer sheet.

Study Plan: You may study and complete the course at your own pace. The important thing is to set a daily schedule and stick to it. God requires first place ("But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness," Mt. 6:33). And since He has magnified His Word above His very name (Ps. 138:2), it is evident that He intends that we should make the study of His Word the very highest priority. Tips: 1.) Make Bible study a high priority, 2.) Establish a time, 3.) Establish a place, 4.) Have your study tools at hand, 5.) Set a schedule and stick to it.

We offer a course plan (below) simply as reference. It has 36 "days" or "sessions." If you complete a session a day it will take 36 days to complete the course. If you complete a session every two days it will take 72 days to complete the course. Make the plan your own. Perhaps you prefer to build in a "day off" or an extra study day to review before a test. Make a plan that works for you and be faithful to it.

This is a quite a detailed course so you may elect to define a "session" as two days. There are a lot of review questions so don't just do the assigned reading for each "session." Be sure to cover and be able to answer the review questions as you move from session to session. You cannot limit your time to one review day just before the test. Reviewing and memorizing should occur in each session.

Consider Your Plan: There are a total of 361 review questions. If you want to do the course in 36 days (as outlined below) you would need to learn an average of 12 questions/answers per day ($361/30$). If that is too much for your schedule then simply do a session every two days doing 6 questions per day. As we stressed above, do what works for you.

Study plan follows on next page.

Proverbs to Song of Solomon - 36 Day Course Plan (suggestion)

Session	start page	end page	Stop/Start Reading	Review Questions
1	8	11	Introductory Material	--
2	12	18	Proverbs Introduction	1-39
3	19	24	Proverbs Introduction	"
4	25	31	Proverbs Introduction	"
5	31	37	Proverbs Chapter 1	1 - 23
6	37	44	Proverbs Chapter 2-3	1 - 36
7	45	53	Proverbs Chapter 2-3	"
8	-		Review	"
9	-		Test #1	
10	53	61	Proverbs Chapter 4-5	1 - 23
11	62	70	Proverbs Chapter 4-5	"
12	70	77	Proverbs Chapter 6	1 - 32
13	78	84	Proverbs Chapter 6	"
14	85	91	Proverbs Chapter 7	1 - 25
15	91	98	Proverbs Chapter 8-9	1 - 34
16	99	106	Proverbs Chapter 8-9	"
17	-		Review	"
18	-		Test #2	
19	106	112	Child Discipline - Fool	1 - 36
20	113	118	Child Discipline - Fool	"
21	118	124	Child Discipline - Fool	"
22	124	130	Friendship, Poor, Sluggard	1 - 31
23	131	136	Friendship, Poor, Sluggard	"
24	136	142	Friendship, Poor, Sluggard	"
25	142	149	Talebearer, Tongue, Wine	1 - 40
26	150	156	Talebearer, Tongue, Wine	"
27	-		Review	"
28	-		Test #3	
29	156	160	Proverbs 31	1 - 16
30	161	165	Proverbs 31	"
31	-		Review	"
32	-		Test #4	"
33	166	170	Ecclesiastes/Song of Solomon	1 - 26
34	171	176	Ecclesiastes/Song of Solomon	"
35			Review	"
36			Test #5	