

# Interesting Facts About Proverbs

**MEANING:** “Comparison, similar, parallel.”

**AUTHOR:** The principle author is Solomon.

- Agur wrote chapter 30.
- Lemuel Wrote chapter 31 about the worthy woman.

**TIME WRITTEN:**

- Solomon’s proverbs were written by 931 B.C.
- The proverbs in chapters 25-29 were collected by Hezekiah about 230 years later. Hezekiah reigned from 715 B.C. to 686 B.C.

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 20th Book in the Bible
- 20th Book in the Old Testament
- 3rd of 5 Poetical books (Job - Song of Solomon)
- 46 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 31

**VERSES:** 915

**WORDS:** 15,043

**OBSERVATIONS ABOUT PROVERBS:**

- Concerning the proverbs of Solomon:
  - According to 1 Kings 4:32, Solomon spoke:
    - 3,000 proverbs.
    - 1,005 songs.
  - Only about 800 of Solomon’s proverbs are included in this Book of Proverbs.
  - Therefore, 2,300 of his proverbs are not contained in the Book of Proverbs.
- There is no Biblical information about Agur or Lemuel.
- Solomon’s great wisdom was well known during his day.
  - In 1 Kings 3:9-12, Solomon asked for wisdom and it was granted.
  - 1 Kings 10:24 - “Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.”

## PROVERBS

- The key word in Proverbs is “wisdom,” meaning “the ability to live skillfully.”
  - “Wisdom” means skill.
  - “Instruction” means discipline.
- Proverbs provides detailed instructions for His people to deal successfully with the practical affairs of everyday life.
  - How to relate to God.
  - How to relate to neighbors.
  - How to relate to parents.
  - How to relate to government.
  - How to relate to children.
- The Book of Proverbs is designed to:
  - Prevent ungodly life-styles.
  - Remedy ungodly life-styles.
- Included in Proverbs is instruction regarding:
  - Wisdom and folly
  - Righteousness and wickedness
  - The tongue and speech
  - Pride and humility
  - Justice and vengeance
  - The family
  - Laziness and work
  - Poverty and wealth
  - Friends and neighbors
  - Love and lust
  - Anger and strife
  - Masters and servants
  - Life and death
  - Drunkenness
- Proverbs 31 includes an acrostic of 22 verses (the first letter of each follows the complete Hebrew alphabet) portraying the virtuous woman.