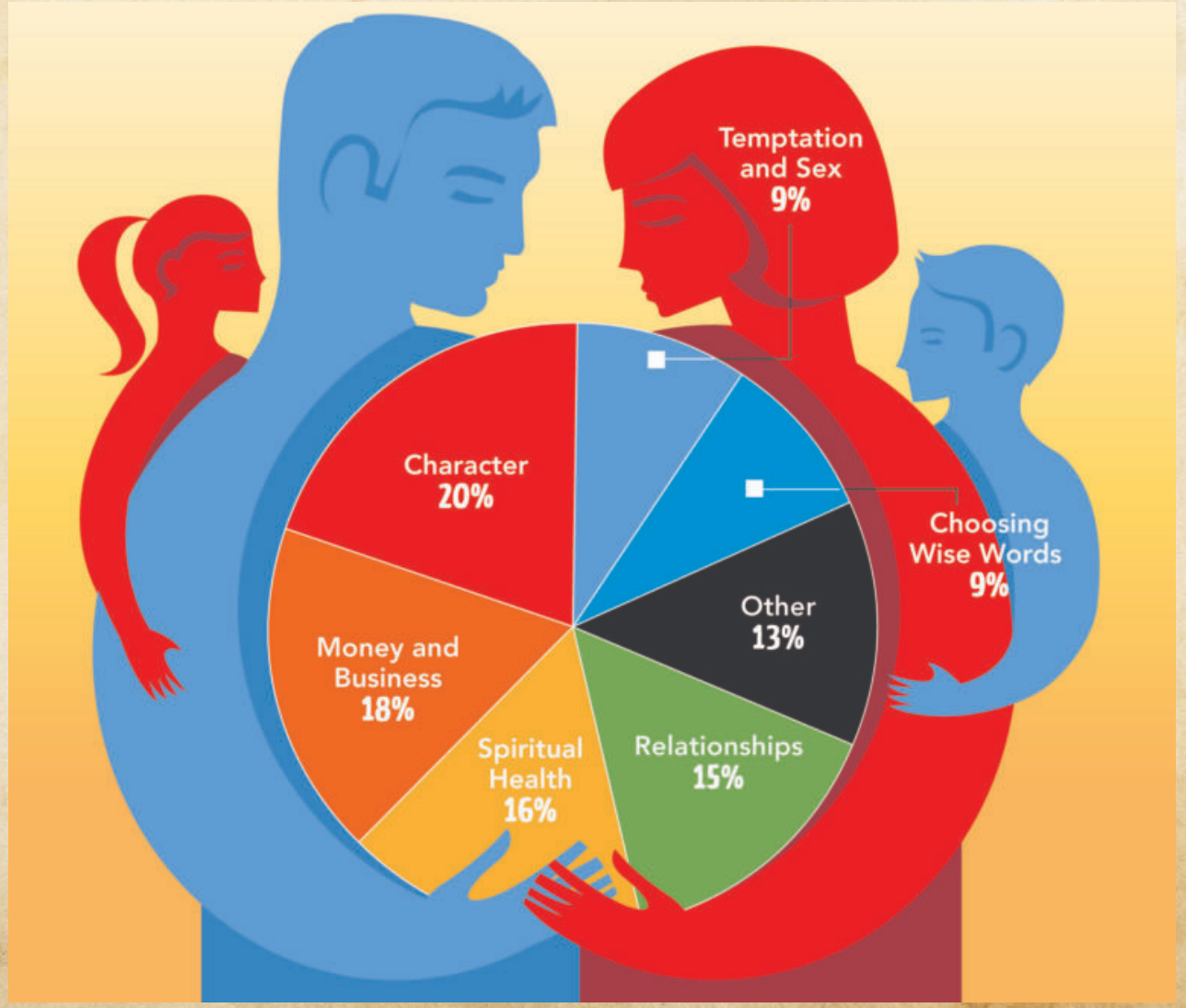

Proverbs

(Pro 20:12) The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The LORD has made both of them.

PROVERBS AT A GLANCE

FOCUS	PURPOSE OF PROVERBS	SOLOMON'S PROVERBS TO YOUTH	ADDITIONAL PROVERBS OF SOLOMON*	PROVERBS OF SOLOMON (HEZEKIAH)	WORDS OF AGUR	WORDS OF LEMUEL
REFERENCE	1:1 - 7	1:8 – 9:18	10:1 – 24:34	25:1 – 29:27	30:1 – 33	31:1 – 31
DIVISION	PURPOSE AND THEME	FATHER'S EXHORTATIONS	FIRST COLLECTION OF SOLOMON	SECOND COLLECTION OF SOLOMON	NUMERICAL PROVERBS	VIRTUOUS WIFE
TOPIC	PROLOGUE	PRINCIPLES OF WISDOM			EPILOGUE	
	COMMENDATION OF WISDOM	COUNSEL OF WISDOM			COMPARISONS OF WISDOM	
LOCATION	JUDAH					
TIME	c. 950–450 b.c.					

Topics in Proverbs (Main Themes)



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Anger, Quarrel, Strife

- Pro 27:4 Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood…
- Pro 25:28 *Like* a city that is broken into *and* without walls Is a man who has no control over his spirit.
- Pro 29:11 A fool always loses his temper, But a wise man holds it back.
- Prov 14:29, 15:18, 16:32, 19:11: be "slow to anger". Psalm 103:8 "slow to anger"
- Pro 22:24-25 Do not associate with a man given to anger; Or go with a hot-tempered man, Or you will learn his ways And find a snare for yourself.
- Pro 30:33 For the churning of milk produces butter, And pressing the nose brings forth blood; So the churning of anger produces strife.
- Pro 20:3 Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man, But any fool will quarrel.

Anger: Six Questions that can make a difference

1. **What is happening?** Don't pretend that you are not upset.
2. **What are my thoughts about this situation?** Am I interpreting what is happening or not happening through a biblical grid, or am I leaning on my own understanding? Am I bringing my every thought into captivity and making myself think the way God would have me think?
3. **What am I not getting that I would like to get, and what am I getting that I don't want?** What compelling desires of mine are driving me, ruling me, demanding to be fulfilled? What compelling desires of min are being thwarted? Am I being motivated by the love of God or the love of self Am I being controlled by a desire to please and glorify God or a desire to please and glorify self? What desires of mine have become demands? What wants of mine have become must-haves, can't live without desires?
4. **Right now, what am I tempted to do?**
5. **What would be the biblical and God-honoring response in this situation?** What is the Christ-like response?
6. **What will I choose to do at this time?** Will I obey God or self? Will I do God's will and please Him, or will I do my will and please myself?

Diligence, Laziness

- Pro 20:4 The sluggard does not plow after the autumn, So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.
- Pro 20:13 Do not love sleep, or you will become poor; Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with food.
- Pro 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, But everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty.
- Pro 24:30-34 I passed by the field of the sluggard And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense, And behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles; Its surface was covered with nettles, And its stone wall was broken down. When I saw, I reflected upon it; I looked, and received instruction. "A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest," Then your poverty will come as a robber And your want like an armed man.
- Pro 26:14-16 As the door turns on its hinges, So does the sluggard on his bed. The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; He is weary of bringing it to his mouth again. The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can give a discreet answer.