PERSONIFICATIONS IN PROVERBS

#### Proverbs is Wisdom Literature.

## The structure of Proverbs is associated with wisdom.

# Hebrew poetry uses thought rhymes instead of sound rhymes.

#### PROVERBS 1:5-7

A wise man will hear and increase in learning,
And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel
(A=B)

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To understand a proverb and a figure,
The words of the wise and their riddles.

(A >> B)

#### PROVERBS 1:5-7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;

Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

$$(B = A^{-1})$$

### Solomon's dedication to wisdom is evident in Proverbs.

#### PROVERBS 4:5-13

"Acquire wisdom!
Acquire understanding!

Take hold of instruction; do not let go."

#### PROVERBS 16:16

"How much better it is to get wisdom than gold!

And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver."

#### PROVERBS 23:23

"Buy truth, and do not sell [it],

[Get] wisdom and instruction and understanding."

# Wisdom is presented in direct statements and character descriptions.

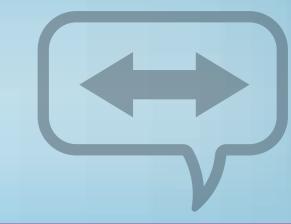
#### Personifications in Proverbs:

# Wisdom/Wise Person. Folly/The Foolish Person.

#### THE SCOFFER



#### THELIAR



#### THE IMMORAL WOMAN



THE VIOLENT AGGRESSOR

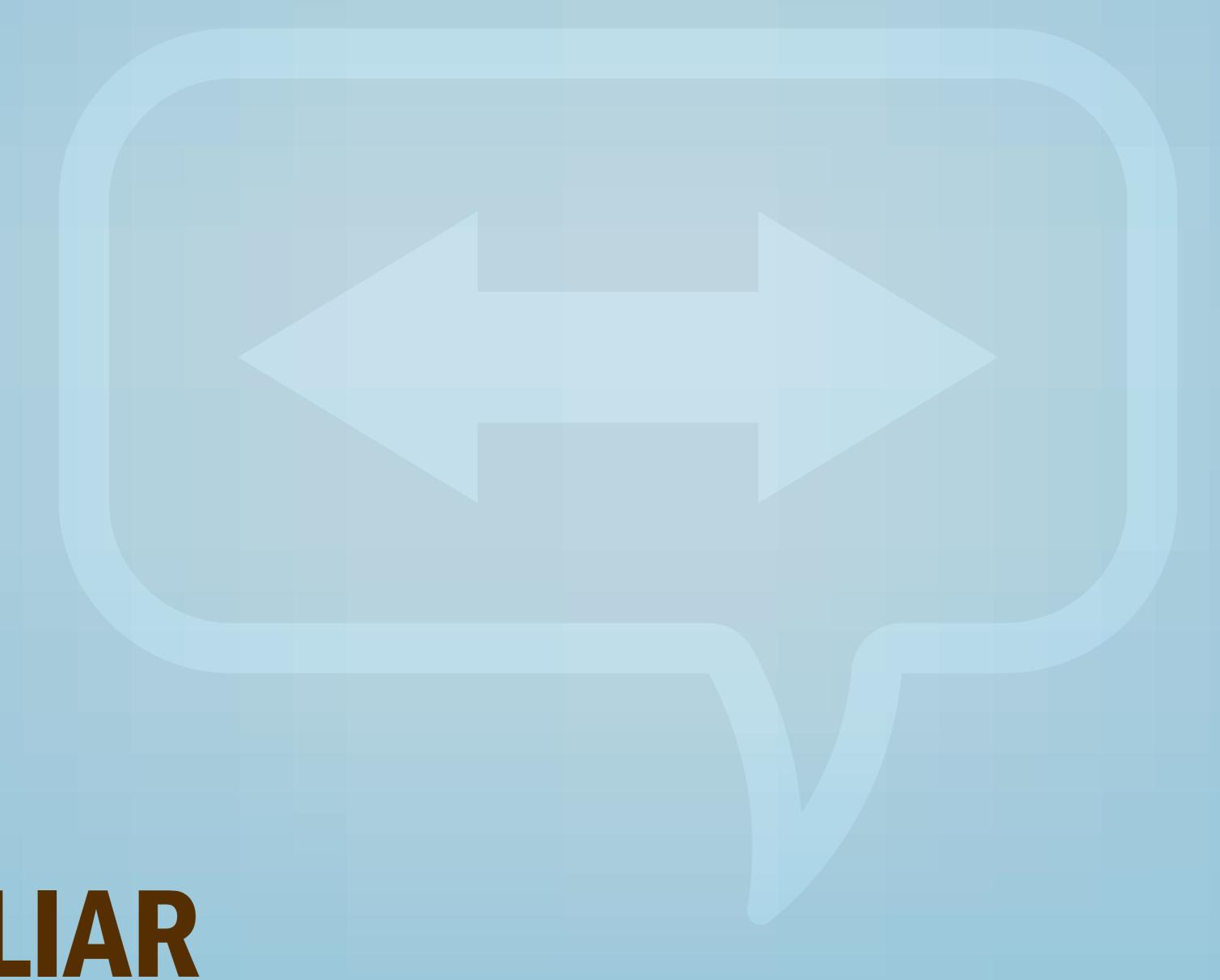


#### THE SLUGGARD



THE DISHONEST MERCHANT





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Sinful in Speech and Wicked in Words.

Proverbs 8:1-11



Psalm 1:1-2

# Wisdom's message is characterized as truth without the influence of falseness or distortion.

Proverbs 10:18-21, 31

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Speech that is characterized by truth and wisdom is a benefit to the speaker <u>and</u> hearer.

#### Luke 6:45

"The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil [man] out of the evil [treasure] brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart."

Proverbs 6:16-19

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Lying takes its place among actions that show hatred, disregard or a lack of love for others.

Proverbs 14:5, 8

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Lying keeps others from being able to respond to reality, and is a breach of loyalty.

Proverbs 17:4, 7



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Our attitude toward truth correctly defines what kind of person we are.

Proverbs 19:22



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# Any hardship in life is more tolerable than deciding to twist the truth.

Proverbs 12:17-22

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Even the appearance of power through falsehood and lies is separated from reality.

Proverbs 26:17-28

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### Integrity is instilled and upheld by our love for the LORD.

Proverbs 30:5-9



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The only kind of guarantee we can expect concerning truth is that God will always provide it for us.

## Are we using our tongue with wisdom?