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.

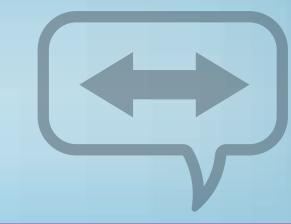
Personifications in Proverbs:

Wisdom/Wise Person. Folly/The Foolish Person.

THE SCOFFER



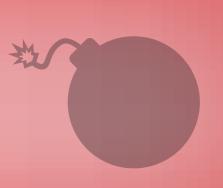
THELIAR



THE IMMORAL WOMAN



THE VIOLENT AGGRESSOR



THE SLUGGARD



THE DISHONEST MERCHANT



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Actively Arrogant Against the Almighty.

Proverbs 1:8-19

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A life of destruction doesn't spare the one doing the destroying.

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Proverbs 4:14-19

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Violence is the habit of people whose character is dominated by evil and wickedness.

Proverbs 22:24-25

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No one is better after learning about violent and uncontrolled anger.

Proverbs 16:27-29, 32

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Real strength is not in being led around by anger, but controlling our emotions.

Proverbs 14:29-30

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Being out-of-control of one's capacity is self-destructive.

Proverbs 19:19

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The danger is constant for one who is a slave to anger.

Proverbs 15:16-18

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Life is not about the blessing you enjoy, but how you understand the blessings that you have.

Proverbs 17:14, 19

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We choose to be out of control when we work to brag and boast about our life and possessions.

Proverbs 20:3

Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man, But any fool will quarrel.

Proverbs 10:11-12

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How we define power in our own understanding changes how we act and react.

Proverbs 26:21

[Like] charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,
So is a contentious man to kindle strife.

Proverbs 19:11

A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

Proverbs 29:22

An angry man stirs up strife, And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.

Proverbs 3:27-35

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Unjust enmity toward others ruins our right relationship with the God of peace.

Proverbs 28:25-26

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Aggression is arrogance because sets us against God by not seeking His favor.

Proverbs 30:32-33

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God provides grace and mercy so that the violent can lay down their arms.

Will you Abandon Aggression?