



# PERSONIFICATIONS IN PROVERBS

## THE SLUGGARD





**Proverbs is Wisdom Literature.**

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**The structure of Proverbs is  
associated with wisdom.**

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**Hebrew poetry uses  
*thought* rhymes  
instead of *sound* rhymes.**

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

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# PROVERBS 4:5-13

**“Acquire wisdom!  
Acquire understanding!  
...  
Take hold of instruction;  
do not let go.”**

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# PROVERBS 16:16

**“How much better it is to  
get wisdom than gold!**

**And to get understanding is  
to be chosen above silver.”**

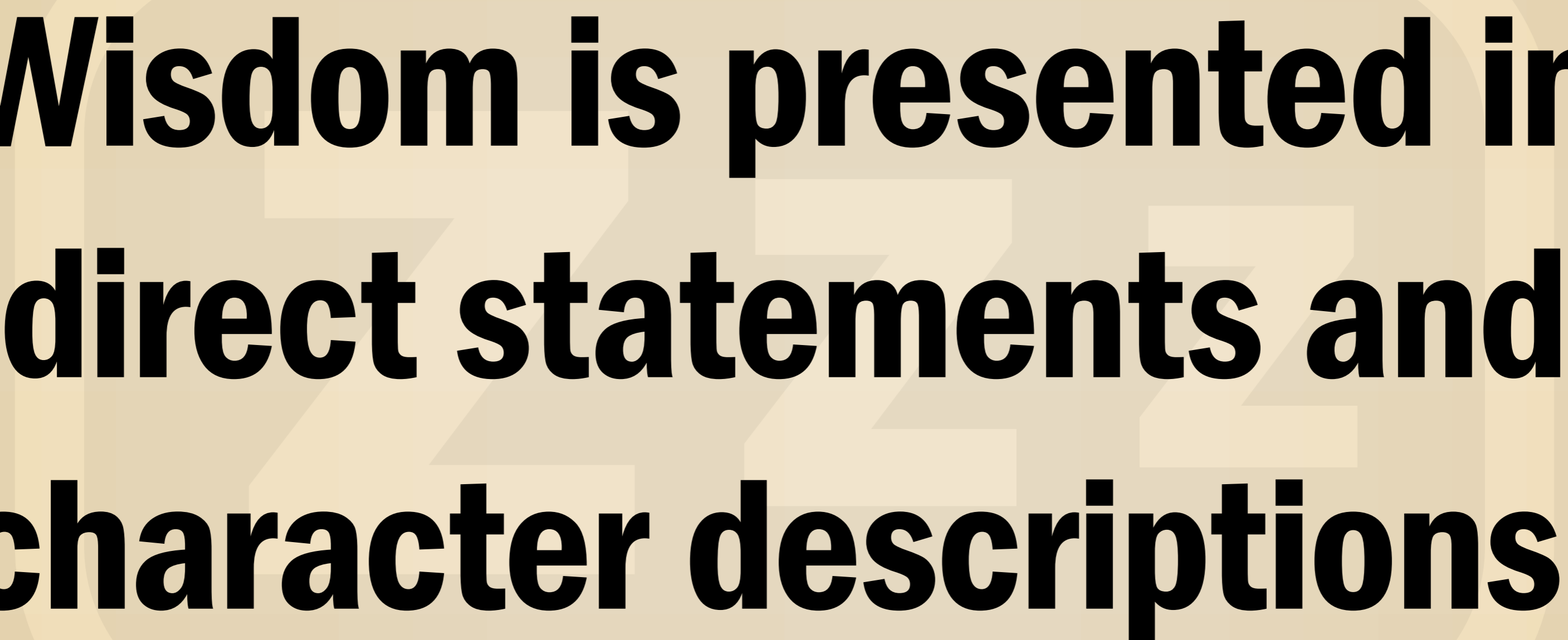
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# PROVERBS 23:23

**“Buy truth, and do not sell [it],  
[Get] wisdom and instruction  
and understanding.”**

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**Wisdom is presented in  
direct statements and  
character descriptions.**

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# **Personifications in Proverbs:**

**Wisdom/Wise Person.**

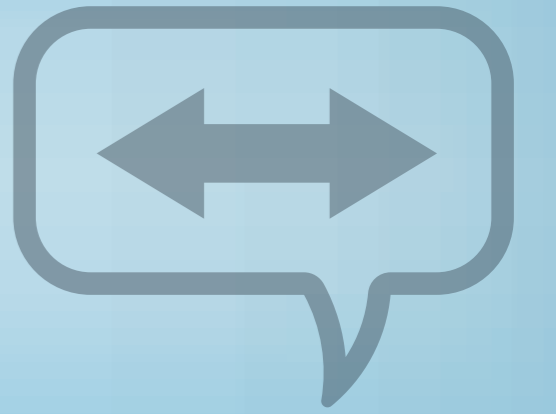
**Folly/The Foolish Person.**

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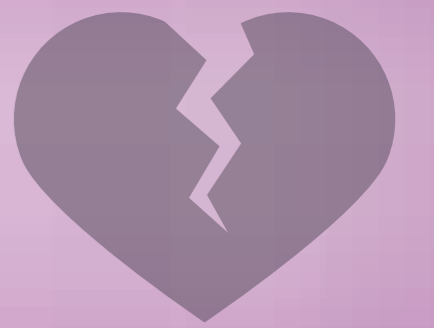
**THE SCOFFER**



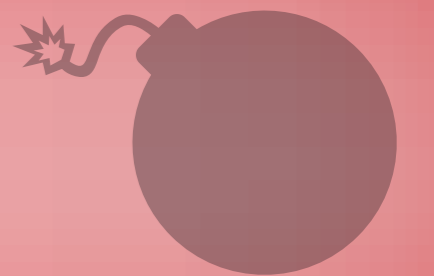
**THE LIAR**



**THE IMMORAL WOMAN**



**THE VIOLENT AGGRESSOR**



**THE SLUGGARD**



**THE DISHONEST MERCHANT**



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- **Regards Rest over Responsibility.**



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- **Regards Rest over Responsibility.**
- **Decides to be Detrimental to the Diligent.**
- **Selfishly Stays Senseless.**

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**REGARDS REST OVER RESPONSIBILITY.**

**Proverbs 6:6-11**



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**REGARDS REST OVER RESPONSIBILITY.**

**Proverbs 6:6-11**

**The sluggard is encouraged to  
learn lessons from nature that  
will ensure his survival.**

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**REGARDS REST OVER RESPONSIBILITY.**

**Proverbs 24:30-34**



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**Proverbs 24:30-34**

**Being slack in attending to our responsibilities diminishes our capacity to produce and provide.**

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**REGARDS REST OVER RESPONSIBILITY.**

**Proverbs 20:4, 13**



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**REGARDS REST OVER RESPONSIBILITY.**

**Proverbs 20:4, 13**

**Without diligence, planning  
and execution, the result is  
likely to be destitution.**

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**DECIDES TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE DILIGENT.**

**Proverbs 10:4-5, 26**



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**Proverbs 10:4-5, 26**

**Our actions are ultimately an extension of our decision to be a blessing or a detriment.**

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**DECIDES TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE DILIGENT.**

**Proverbs 18:9**

***“He also who is slack  
in his work  
is brother to him  
who destroys.”***

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**Proverbs 12:24, 27**



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**Proverbs 12:24, 27**

**Laziness is not a  
sustainable position for  
any great length of time.**

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**DECIDES TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE DILIGENT.**

**Proverbs 15:19**

***“The way of the lazy  
is as a hedge of thorns,  
But the path of the upright  
is a highway.”***

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**Proverbs 21:25-26**



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**Proverbs 21:25-26**

**Having something you want will  
never do you any good if you won't  
get up and work for it.**

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**DECIDES TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE DILIGENT.**

**Proverbs 13:4**

***“The soul of the sluggard  
craves and [gets] nothing,  
But the soul of the diligent  
is made fat.”***

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**Proverbs 16:26**

***“A worker’s appetite  
works for him,  
For his hunger  
urges him [on].”***

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**Proverbs 19:15**

***“Laziness casts into  
a deep sleep,  
And an idle man  
will suffer hunger.”***

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**SELFISHLY STAYS SENSELESS.**

**Proverbs 23:17-21**



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**Proverbs 23:17-21**

**We can be fooled by the deceit  
presented by sin that we can be  
successful without hard work.**

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**Proverbs 26:12-16**



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**SELFISHLY STAYS SENSELESS.**

**Proverbs 26:12-16**

**The same attitude that  
produces arrogance also  
brings about laziness.**

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# **BONUS APPLICATION**

**Philippians 3:17-21**



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## **Philippians 3:17-21**

**An attitude that avoids spiritual self-sacrifice in favor of fleshly indulgence is destructive.**

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# BONUS APPLICATION

**Titus 2:11-14**



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## **Titus 2:11-14**

**The grace God provided was  
not a license to act with  
insolence or indolence.**

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**Are we being Loyal or Lazy?**

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