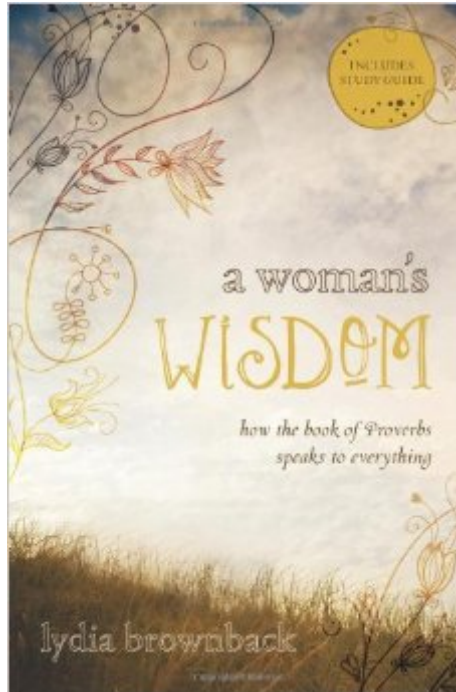


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A Woman's Wisdom: How The Book Of Proverbs Speaks To Everything



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Advice books are no short-lived trend, even though much of the advice parading as "wisdom" proves shallow in the long run. What we need is biblical wisdom, and even more than that we need hearts set on the One who governs all our practicalities. The book of Proverbs unlocks the key to both, helping us to face very real challenges such as: handling our freedom, independence, and material resources wisely keeping ourselves sexually pure practicing biblical femininity in a world that scorns us for it sustaining God-glorifying marriages elevating biblical priorities ahead of day-to-day pressures Exploring the timeless counsel in the book of Proverbs, *A Woman's Wisdom* teaches us to know the very Author of wisdom and to apply his relevant, how-to riches.

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Customer Reviews

Although the book of Proverbs was written as advice to young men in ancient Israel, it provides wisdom for all human beings. In *A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything*, Lydia Brownback takes that advice and applies it to the lives of 21st century women. But this is not just a book of helpful hints for an easier life. As Lydia writes in the preface: Because the book of Proverbs provides us with a poetic road map of how God has designed the world to work, following its practical day-to-day guidance will surely make your life more pleasant. But disconnected from its divine source, even this will prove hollow in the end. Throughout the book, Lydia takes us through the book of Proverbs, but more importantly points us to our ultimate hope, found only in Christ. The nine chapters of this book are divided in three parts. Part one discusses

what wisdom is and why it matters. The heart of the book, part two, explores six things wise women know. These six chapters cover our words, friendship, self-control, feelings, finances, and sex. The final part is an in-depth look at Proverbs 31. All the book is solidly biblical and helpful. The final chapter on Proverbs 31 was, in my opinion, the strongest chapter in the book. This chapter is often boiled down to a giant, unrealistic "to-do" list, but Lydia managed to bring out the heart issues behind the actions, all while grounding it in the gospel. I also enjoyed the study guide at the end. This is not just a handful of discussion questions tacked on the end, but a thorough exploration of the principles in every chapter. The questions meatier than those of many Bible studies on the market today. The book also provides a web address where the study guide can be printed out at a larger size, which would be very helpful. And though we're not supposed to judge books this way, I found the cover to be exceptionally pretty, which is a plus. This book would be a good choice for a book study or to use in a discipling setting. Even if you feel you don't need advice in say, finances, you might find something to think about. This is a solid resource for Christian women.

Wow what an awesome book! I loved every page and will be reading this book again and again. There is so much to learn and it is very easy to understand. The author, Lydia Brownback, does an excellent job making this a definite read for every woman. We all need wisdom in different areas of our lives. This book will show you that by understanding Christ, we will better understand the principles He is teaching in the book of Proverbs. Every chapter has helpful information but the last chapter of the book delves into Proverbs 31 and is the best chapter. This chapter alone is worth buying the book for. I have read many books on Proverbs 31 and found this particular chapter in this book to have very realistic advice. Her explanations of the verses are practical and enlightening as well. The study questions at the end of the book are also excellent. There are extra verses to look up and questions to think about. A great way to really explore each chapter is to go through these study questions as well. I gave this book 5/5 stars because it is exceptional and deserves it! I would like to thank NetGalley and the publisher for the copy of this book I enjoyed reading. I gave an honest review based on my opinion of what I read.

I am so excited I was able to review this book before it was released last week. *A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything* is an excellent women's devotional or bible study tool. This book may be mistaken for an easy read. Style wise it certainly is clearly written and easily understood, but the content is far from easy. As I read through a portion I have to stop, ponder on the truth presented, repent, praise the Lord, and then read on. It's taking a little more time

than the average "Chicken Soup for a Chicken's Soul" book. She starts, as should all books of this sort, by laying a clear foundation of the gospel, and clearly laying out the truth upon which all studies of wisdom must be built: the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. In the Preface, she says, "The point of [Proverbs] is to direct us to the Giver of wisdom. . . . Wisdom is a Person, and wise is what we become through our union with him. The outworkings of wisdom - it's fruit - discussed in the following chapters are all rooted in this truth." With such a root, this book is a firm tree of biblical direction. The book itself is laid out in a very clear manner. Part One is "What is Wisdom and Why Does It Matter" a fairly detailed comparison of wisdom and folly as found in Proverbs 1-3 and 8-9. Part Two is "Six Things Wise Women Know" dealing with her words, her friendships, her physical appetites, her emotions and her money and her sexuality. Finally, in Part Three, "A Portrait of Wisdom" Brownback takes a detailed look at the Proverbs 31 woman who has terrified and/or enraged women for millennia. As Lydia Brownback lays out the wisdom of scripture in these areas, and then contrasts them with what the Lord says is folly, I am having to stop and repent of my own folly. As soon as I do, I find her pointing me to Christ as the only one who can bring me out of folly and into wisdom. This is a fantastically gospel centered book that contains quotes from John Calvin, and the Larger Catechism. I am going to recommend it to our women's ministry team as a bible study for next year and you may want to do that as well.

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