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Keller and Kellers' "God's wisdom for navigating life: A year of daily devotions in the book of Proverb" (book review)

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Book Reviews



Keller, T., & Keller, K. (2017). *God's wisdom for navigating life: A year of daily devotions in the book of Proverbs*. New York: Viking. 379 pp. \$20.00. ISBN 9780735222090

Timothy Keller, the founder of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, provides one of the most readable introductions to Proverbs. Designed in the format of a 366-day devotional, the style and manner of coverage is like a cross between a study guide and a layman's commentary. Proverbs being the literary structure that it is, the organization of this devotional is according to themes as they develop. Prior to the daily presentation, the 7-page introduction describes Proverbs sequentially as poetry, puzzle, pedagogy, and part of the Bible, before showing the outline of themes. Following the calendar, Kellers' work sequentially covers wisdom, knowing God, knowing others, knowing the times and seasons, knowing the spheres (marriage, sex, parenting, money and work, power, and justice), and "knowing Jesus the true wisdom of God").

Each day has a verse or two, a highlighted topic, three paragraphs, and a prayer. The last paragraph has a question for reflection and application. Where they use transliterated Hebrew words, an English translation is provided. The authors of this devotional demonstrate very readable scholarship, with 240 endnotes and one page of recommended readings, divided between best books and best commentaries.

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