



Biblical Authority—

The True Power of Proverbs

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Read the article *The True Power of Proverbs* on page 80 of *Answers* (Vol. 8 No. 1) before answering the questions.

1. Read 1 Kings 3:5–14. Do you think these verses indicate that Solomon saw real repentance in his father David? Why? _____

2. Why did God grant Solomon his request? _____

3. Expand upon the comparison of Proverbs 1:7 and Exodus 20:20. _____

4. What are some practical ways you can live out Deuteronomy 6:4–9 in your home? _____

5. Describe Solomon's failings according to Deuteronomy 17:14–20 and 1 Kings 10:14–11:6. _____

6. How does human failure point us to Christ? Give an example of a way you might use a personal failure as a means to point your kids to Christ. _____

7. How does knowing Christ give us true hope despite our hopeless condition? See 1 Corinthians 1:30–31. _____

8. When Solomon focused on his wealth and position (including amassing a large harem), he turned away from God and by his hypocrisy and idolatry undermined his godly teaching. How do we recognize when our own concern for respect or reputation gets in the way of the gospel? _____

9. In the future, how might you study Proverbs in a way that points people to their need for Christ rather than simply moral principles to live by? _____

