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Dear Friends,

After reading one of my Proverb devotionals on Facebook, a pastor friend called me and said, "Harold, you should write a commentary on Proverbs. There is nothing out there that adequately deals with the issues." I agreed and replied that I was already in the process.

I have been aware for years that there is a scarcity of commentaries that deal with the abstractness of Proverbs, leaving much of it bereft of accurate interpretation. Most frequently a proverb is quoted and directly applied by using a New Testament verse to make the interpretation. Comments then derive from the New Testament without interpretation of the Hebrew language in the proverb itself. Unfortunately, many (if not most) of the proverbs remain lack adequate interpretation, because of a failure to use the rules of Hermeneutics. Hermeneutics is the branch of study that deals with how to properly interpret the Bible. The object of Hermeneutics is to discover the meaning of a text by seeking to understand the author's one intended meaning. To do this it is necessary to understand the genre (i.e. history, poetry, epistles, prophecy) a passage is written in. There is only one intended meaning of any passage of Scripture, though there may be many applications. And those applications should derive from the one intended meaning of the author under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Although I completed the commentary on Proverbs more than two years ago, I didn't send it for publication until recently, mostly for financial reasons. Since I am not a known author, I will be personally responsible for the publishing costs. The commentary should be available in about a month. It is entitled: *PROVERBS: The Rules of Wisdom*. It is about 345 pages in length. The book will be used to raise support for Higher Ground Bible Ministry. The publishing cost is \$7200. I paid for it on my personal credit card, even though all profits will go to HGBM.

If you would be interested in helping with the publishing costs, please send your offering to

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Designate your gift for the Proverbs book. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. I appreciate your partnership with Higher Ground.

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"The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those who proclaimed it." Psalms 68:11