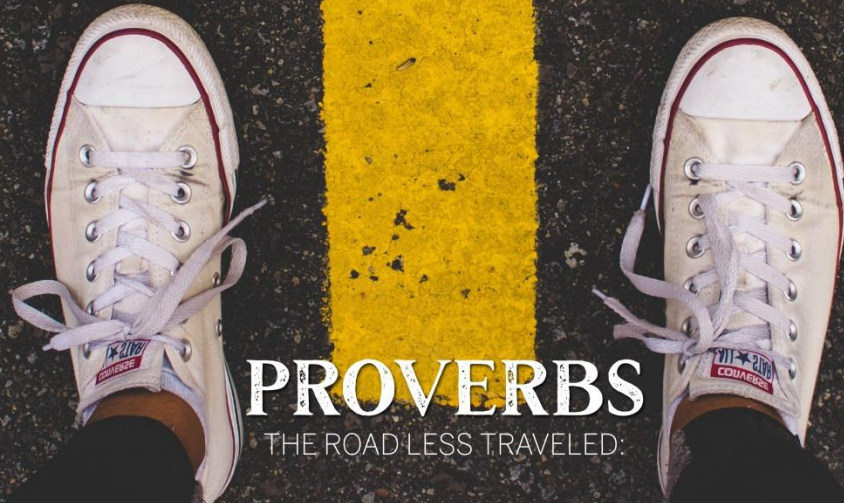


Wisdom: Life 101



PROVERBS

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The Beneficiaries: Potentially everyone

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