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The _____ **proverb** - Truth given by a comparison.

Ex: Proverbs 15:17, Proverbs 16:32, Proverbs 27:5

The Best Approach to Proverbs:

Proverbs 2:1-5

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Proverbs 1:1-7

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_____ **and** _____ - It is going to take **work** - but it will be rewarding!

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