

## Wisdom- Living in the Fear of the Lord



MEMORY VERSE: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.  
Only fools despise wisdom and discipline.  
Proverbs 1:7



### Proverbs 1:1-7 — The Purpose of Proverbs

1. What is the purpose of the book of Proverbs? vv. 1-2
2. What is the meaning of “wisdom?” Use a dictionary for help.
3. What does the wisdom of Proverbs do for people who choose to listen? vv. 3-7
4. How are those who lack wisdom described? vv. 4, 7
5. What does it mean to fear the Lord, according to these verses?

Exodus 20:18-21

Joshua 2:1-14

Psalms 112:1

Psalms 128:1

## **B** Proverbs 1:8-19 — Our Choice: To Acquire or Reject Wisdom

6. What are young people admonished to do? vv. 8-9
  
7. What is the reward of choosing wisdom?
  
8. What warning does God give young people? vv. 10-15
  
9. How do sinners entice, or tempt, people?
  
10. Why do you think it is so easy to fall for this?
  
11. What is the true character and fate of those who entice others? vv.16-19

## **C** Proverbs 1:20-33 — The Result of Our Choice

12. How available is wisdom? vv. 20-21
  
13. What message does wisdom cry out to the simple-minded? vv. 22-23
  
14. What consistent habits result in choosing to reject wisdom? vv. 24-25

15. Conversely, what habits can we develop if we realize we are lacking in wisdom?
16. What is the consequence of consistently choosing to ignore God's wisdom? vv. 26-31
17. What is the final reality for those who turn away from God? v. 32
18. What do you think the promise in verse 33 means? What does it not mean?
19. What hope does 1 John 1:8-9 give to the one who has ignored God?
20. Who do you know that seems to have the wisdom of God? Describe them.

## WALK IN TRUTH



Are you acquiring wisdom? Or rejecting it? The world's methods can seem attractive and intelligent, even beautiful at times, but do not be deceived- this path leads to death. God's ways are infinitely better. His path is the key to life. If you feel you have been foolish and ignored God, repent and ask for forgiveness. He is ready to forgive and to help you. Do you want to be wise? Take Proverbs to heart. Listen, pay attention, embrace the powerful truths in Proverbs. Diligently apply them to your life. Most importantly, seek to know the HEART of God. He gave you this book of wisdom because He loves you and wants you to live an abundant, fruitful and satisfying life!