



Proverbs: The Beginning I Proverbs 1:1-7

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- 1 The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:
 - 2 To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,
 - 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity;
 - 4 to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth—
 - 5 Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
 - 6 to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.
- 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

“Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make makes you.”—John C. Maxwell

What is wisdom?

Proverbs 1:1-7



Remember when you thought people in their 20s were adults? Hahahahaha (help me)

Remember when you thought people in their 30's were adults?

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(help me)

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Exodus 31:1-3

31 The Lord said to Moses, ²“See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with **ability** and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship

Wisdom: The skill of living well in God’s world

Proverbs 3:19

⁹The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;
by understanding he established the heavens;

Proverbs 8:22-31

²² “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
26 before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28 when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
30 then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.

What is the fear of the LORD?

Proverbs 1:7

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fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Jonathan Edwards

“Holiness is a most beautiful and lovely thing. We drink in strange notions of holiness from our childhood, as if it were a melancholy, morose, sour and unpleasant thing; but there is nothing in it but what is sweet and ravishingly lovely.” –Jonathan Edwards

Rudolph Otto

“[Fear of God is] the hushed, trembling and speechless humility of the creature in the presence of—whom or what? In the presence of that which is a *mystery* inexpressible and above all creature.” –Rudolph Otto

C.S. Lewis, *The Silver Chair*

“I have come,” said a deep voice behind them. They turned and saw the Lion himself, so bright and real and strong that everything else began at once to look pale and shadowy compared with him.”—C.S. Lewis, *The Silver Chair*

How is the fear the LORD the beginning of knowledge?

Proverbs 9:10

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 8:13

¹³The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.

Proverbs 15:33

³³The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom,
and humility comes before honor.

Hebrews 1:1-2

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.