

## Proverbs 1:1-7 (HCSB)

### The Purpose of Proverbs

- <sup>1</sup> *The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:*
- <sup>2</sup> *For learning what wisdom and discipline are; for understanding insightful sayings;*
- <sup>3</sup> *for receiving wise instruction in righteousness, justice, and integrity;*
- <sup>4</sup> *for teaching shrewdness to the inexperienced, knowledge and discretion to a young man—*
- <sup>5</sup> *a wise man will listen and increase his learning, and a discerning man will obtain guidance—*
- <sup>6</sup> *for understanding a proverb or a parable, the words of the wise, and their riddles.*
- <sup>7</sup> *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

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### **GOD-FEARING WISDOM**

#### **Proverbs 1:1-7**

#### **I. Introduction to Proverbs**

- A. Importance of Proverbs –
- B. Authorship of Proverbs – \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1; 1 Kings 4:29-34)
- C. Meaning of “Proverb” –
- D. Key Word in Proverbs: “\_\_\_\_\_”
- *Knowledge* – the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth in one’s \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Wisdom* – the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth to one’s \_\_\_\_\_
- Wisdom is seeing ...

#### **II. Purpose of Proverbs (1:2-6):** To encourage others ...

- A. To acquire a disciplined skill in \_\_\_\_\_ (3-5)
- B. To gain \_\_\_\_\_ (6)

#### **III. Theme of Proverbs (1:7)**

-- *The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is the beginning of knowledge.*

#### **IV. Benefits of the Fear of the Lord**

- A. It Is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (1:7; 9:10; 15:33)
- B. It \_\_\_\_\_ Us to \_\_\_\_\_. (3:7; 16:6)
- C. It \_\_\_\_\_. (10:27)
- D. It Produces a Sense of \_\_\_\_\_. (14:26)
- E. It Produces \_\_\_\_\_. (14:27)
- F. It Makes \_\_\_\_\_ of Life \_\_\_\_\_. (15:16)
- G. It Produces \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (19:23)
- H. It Brings Great \_\_\_\_\_. (22:4)

- V. A Decision Related to the Fear of the Lord** – one \_\_\_\_\_ must make for \_\_\_\_\_.

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**I. Introduction to Proverbs (1:1)**

- A. Importance of Proverbs – short instructions for living an effective life on earth
- B. Authorship of Proverbs – Solomon (1:1; 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 4:29-34)
- C. Meaning of “Proverb” – a moral maxim, a prudent precept, or a wise saying
- D. Key Word in Proverbs: “Wisdom”
- *Knowledge* – the apprehension of truth in one’s mind
  - *Wisdom* – application of truth to one’s life; seeing who God is, how He rules the world, and responding accordingly.

**II. Purpose of Proverbs (1:2-6):** To encourage others ...

- A. To acquire a disciplined skill in right living (vv. 3-5)
- B. To gain mental acumen (v. 6)

**III. Theme of Proverbs (1:7)**

-- “*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.*” The fear of the Lord is a deep seated reverence for God that causes us to want to please Him at all costs.

**IV. Benefits of the Fear of the Lord**

- A. It’s the Beginning of Wisdom (1:7; 9:10; 15:33).
- B. It Motivates Us to Holiness (3:7; 16:6).
- C. It Prolongs Life (10:27).
- D. It Produces a Sense of Security (14:26).
- E. It Produces Life (14:27).
- F. It Makes All of Life Better (15:16)
- G. It Produces Satisfaction and Safety (19:23).
- H. It Brings Great Blessings (22:4).

**V. A Decision to Fear the Lord:** To live in holy, reverential respect for God is a decision that we must make for ourselves.