



Wisdom is . . . The Fear of the Lord

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Some foundational things about Proverbs before we begin a teaching series looking at them . . .

-The book is mostly authored by Solomon (1:1), though it has multiple contributors that are identified at the end of the book.

-The book has generally three parts.

-It's critical to know how we are to understand, interpret and apply wisdom literature as followers of Jesus.

1. The fear of the Lord is of first importance to your pursuit of wisdom.



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Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 9:10

Let's define "the fear of the Lord" as "shrinking back in fear and yet drawing close in awe" in response to who God is.

*Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Psalm 111:10, Psalm 36:1,
Psalm 128:1-6*

2. "The fear of the Lord" isn't only the beginning of wisdom, but of a blessed life.

Note the different qualities or values that Proverbs identifies that arise when we fear the Lord accordingly:

It's where wisdom is found.



Proverbs 2:1-5, Proverbs 15:33,

Provides security & long life.

Proverbs 19:23, Proverbs 14:26, Proverbs 10:27,

Proverbs 14:27, Proverbs 22:4

Provides an aversion to sin & evil.

Proverbs 8:13, Proverbs 16:6, Proverbs 23:17,

*Fear the Lord and the king, my son, and do not join
with rebellious officials, for those two will send sudden
destruction on them, and who knows what calamities
they can bring?*

Proverbs 15:16



3. The fear of the Lord was embraced by Jesus as He modeled it for His Church

Isaiah 11:1-3

That was the way of Jesus – to embody and model this “shrinking back and yet drawing close” posture for us so that we would know what it would look like in our lives

Acts 2:47, Acts 8:1, Acts 9:31, 2 Corinthians 5:11

What a great motivator that remains for us today in light of the evaluation that we will face and in light of the salvation that a lost and dying world needs that God has supernaturally and strategically placed in your 8-15, in your relational world

Suggested Resource:

Proverbs: 31 Daily Drips of Wisdom by Aaron Levy

