

Where Wisdom Begins

Proverbs 1:1-7

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Proverbs 1:1-6

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young— let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance— for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.

Purpose of the Book

Solomon says this is for:

- **gaining wisdom and instruction**
- **understanding words of insight**
- **receiving instruction in prudent behavior**
- **doing what is right, just, and fair**
- **giving prudence to the simple**
- **knowledge and discretion to the young**
- **and guidance for the wise who still want to grow**

Verse 4

Wisdom is "for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young."

Verse 5

**"Let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance."**

Verse 7a

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.”

Hebrew Word For Fear

Yir'ah is used to communicate a posture of reverence, awe, and submission toward God, not necessarily being scared of God.

Verse 7b

“But fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Benediction

As you go today, may you walk in the wisdom that comes from fearing the Lord.

When you face difficult decisions, may you seek God's voice above every other voice. May you trust that He sees what you cannot and follow Him with confidence.

May the Lord give you a teachable heart, the courage to obey His Word, and the faith to trust His leading.

Go this week asking not, "What do I want?" but, "God, what are You leading me to do?" And may His wisdom guide your steps, His grace sustain you, and His peace fill your heart.

Go in the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.