

The Struggle for wisdom is real..

Joshua 24:11-18 | 1 Kings 18:21 | James 1:8 | Proverbs 1:1-7

Where does wisdom come from?

1 Kings 3:1-15 | Proverbs 1:1-7

The purpose of the Proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel: *To make us wise in our day in and day out living.*

Proverbs 1:1-7 | Proverbs 3:1-4 | Proverbs 10:3-4 | Proverbs 22:6

How to become wise:

1. Fear the Lord
Proverbs 1:7 | Proverbs 9:10 | Matthew 10:28
2. Follow the Lord
Proverbs 1:20-33; 3:5-7; 4:18-19 | Jeremiah 18-1-8 | Isaiah 55:6-7
3. Make wisdom a priority
Proverbs 2:1-22

We invite you to use these notes to continue the conversation throughout the week. Whether online or in person, we need to connect together! So take that Next Step and find yours today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

What was your greatest fear from childhood? Does it still haunt you today? If not, how did you master it?

What's your greatest fear today? What do you think lead you to that place of fear?

Connect to God's story

To "fear of the Lord" is to live in awe and reverence of all that God is (his holiness, righteousness, justice, love, mercy, grace, compassion, patience, etc.) which leads us to respond in trust and obedience.

Read Psalm 111:10.

What is foundational to true wisdom? Why do you think the "fear of the Lord" is an important place to begin?

How do you grow in wisdom? How does life typically go for people who don't grow in wisdom?

Read the following passages and then write down what you learn about the "fear of the Lord":

Proverbs 1:7 –

Proverbs 1:24-33 –

Proverbs 2:2-6 –

Proverbs 8:12-14 –

Proverbs 9:10-12 –

Proverbs 10:27 –

Proverbs 14:26-27 –

Proverbs 15:16 & 33 –

Proverbs 16:5 –

Proverbs 19:23 –

Proverbs 22:4 –

Proverbs 23:17-18 –

Look over what you wrote and spend some time talking with the Lord about what you've read. What are ways you can respond this week to the Lord in trust and obedience?

*Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom.
Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.*

- Proverbs 9:10 (NLT)

SEEKING GODLY WISDOM • A Proverbs Reading Plan

This week we launched our new series called "Proverbs – the Way of Wisdom". Most of us have experienced the powerful and even calming effect of the insight of a person with godly wisdom. The big question is how does one gain this kind of wisdom? Scripture makes it clear that it does not happen by accident, but rather on purpose when we seek it, like searching for a hidden treasure. (Proverbs 2:1-22)

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

*What applies to me today?
Where have I seen this in others?
Where have I experienced this?*

As you do this from day to day, know that you will be storing up for yourself insight on how to handle life as God would want you to as well as helping others to live out the wisdom and love of God in their life.

OPTIONS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR READING OF PROVERBS:

- Pick a Time - If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen.
- Mark it Up - Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you've done this over time.
- Write Down Your Thoughts - Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.
- Use an App- YouVersion bible app has many proverbs reading plans with audio options to listen to the word as well.
- Ease Up - If you miss a day reading, don't stress and say, "Forget about it". Just pick it up the next day and keep going!