

# **The Fear Of The Lord**

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### **A. An Overview Of The Book Of Proverbs**

**1. Wisdom For Young People (Chapters 1 - 9)**

**2. Wisdom For All People (Chapters 10 - 24)**

**3. Wisdom For Leaders (Chapters 25 - 31)**

**4. Practical suggestions for effective living based on spiritual insight**

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### **B. Introduction to Proverbs (1:1-6)**

**1. Solomon's gift of wisdom - 1 Kings 4:29-32**

**2. The purpose of the book**

- a. To know wisdom, know instruction, and perceive words of understanding (v 2)**
- b. To be instructed in wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity (v 3)**
- c. To give prudence to those who are naïve, and knowledge and discretion to the young (v 4)**
- d. To increase the wisdom of the wise and give those who have understanding wise counsel (v 5)**
- e. The fourfold benefits of the book (v 6)**

**1 Corinthians 2:14-16**

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### **C. Fear God And Honor Parents (1:7-9)**

#### **1. Knowledge starts from the fear of the Lord (v 7)**

**a. Knowledge is information**

**b. Wisdom is the proper godly application of that knowledge**

**c. All information is to be used to the glory of God.**

**Psalms 111:10, Job 28:28**

**2. Despising God's wisdom and instruction is foolish (v 7) - 2 Timothy 3:7**

**3. Wisdom early in life will bring lifelong benefits**

**Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-3**

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### **D. Avoid Bad Influences (1:10-19)**

**1. Tempters are all around (vv 10-15)**

**2. Tempters will take you where you should not go  
and do what you should not do (vv 16-19)**

**3. Defenses from tempters**

**a. Walk away**

**Romans 13:13-14**

**b. Prayer**

**Psalm 140:1**

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### **E. The Call of Wisdom (1:20-33)**

**1. On the outside wanting in**

**2. The warning to those wanting (lacking)**

**a. A threefold refusal (vv 24-25)**

**b. A tragic result to of those who refuse (vv 26-33)**

**Galatians 6:7**

## **James 3:13**

**Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.**

**Seek Wisdom In Your Heart**  
**Proverbs 2**

**God's Wisdom Must Get Into Your Heart To Affect  
Your Life**

# **I. The Preparation Needed For Wisdom (2:1-4)**

## **Proverbs 2:1-4**

**1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;**

**2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;**

**3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;**

**4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;**

# **I. The Preparation Needed For Wisdom (2:1-4)**

## **A. Must be willing (2:1)**

**1. Grant admission**

**2. Take this instruction to heart**

### **Psalm 119:11**

**Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.**

### **Proverbs 4:20-21**

**20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.**

**21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.**

# **I. The Preparation Needed For Wisdom (2:1-4)**

## **B. Must follow through (2:2-4)**

- 1. Open your ears**
- 2. Open your heart**
- 3. Open your mouth and ask**
- 4. Open your eyes**

### **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

**9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**

**10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.**

## **II. The Products of Seeking Wisdom (2:5-9)**

### **Proverbs 2:5-9**

**5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.**

**6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.**

**7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.**

**8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.**

**9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.**

**A. Regard for God's ways (2:5-6)**

**B. Receipt of God's blessings (2:7-8)**

**C. Realization of God's will (2:9)**

### **III. The Protection of Wisdom (2:10-19)**

#### **A. A decision required (2:10)**

**Proverbs 2:10**

**When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;**

#### **B. A direction reflected (2:11)**

**Proverbs 2:11**

**Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:**

## **1 Peter 4:1-4**

**1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;**

**2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.**

**3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:**

**4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:**

# **III. The Protection of Wisdom (2:10-19)**

## **C. A deliverance realized (2:12-19)**

### **1. From the evil man (2:12-15)**

#### **Proverbs 2:12-15**

**12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;**

**13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;**

**14 Who rejoyce to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;**

**15 Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:**

### **III. The Protection of Wisdom (2:10-19)**

#### **C. A deliverance realized (2:12-19)**

##### **2. From the evil woman (2:16-19)**

#### **Proverbs 2:16-19**

**16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;**

**17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.**

**18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.**

**19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.**

## **IV. The Promises of Wisdom (2:20-22)**

### **Proverbs 2:20-22**

**20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.**

**21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.**

**22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.**

**A. Good company (2:20)**

**B. Good country (2:21)**

**C. Good continuance (2:22)**

**Psalm 90:12**

**So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.**