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Proverbs / Wisdom; Instruct; Knowledge; Proverb / Proverbs 1:1–6

Central Idea: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, an introduction.



**Proverbs 1:1–6 ESV**

1 The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: 2 To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; 4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— 5 Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, 6 to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.

**INTRODUCTION**

## 1. There is a great need for wisdom in our society today…

## 2. The walk of the Christian is to be with wisdom as we go through life… - Ep 5:15-17

## 3. The Word of God equips man unto every good work… - 2 Ti 3:16-17

## 4. The book begins by identifying Solomon, son of David, king of Israel, as the author…

## 5. The book also contains proverbs and wisdom from other sources…

# **I. THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK**

## A. STATED IN THE FIRST SIX VERSES...

### 1. “To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding”

### 2. “To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity”

## B. THE BOOK IS DESIGNED...

### To make a person wise!

# **II. THE DEFINITION AND VALUE OF WISDOM**

## A. DEFINING WISDOM...

### 1. “Wisdom...may be defined as a realistic approach to the problems of life...” - 20th Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge

### 2. Homer Hailey offered this definition of wisdom: “Wisdom is insight into the underlying causes and significance or consequence of things, which insight enables one to apply to the best end the knowledge which he has.”

## B. VALUATING WISDOM...

### 1. The first nine chapters of Proverbs are discourses extolling the value of wisdom

### 2. The virtue of wisdom is seen in the prosperous life it can produce - Pro 3:13-18

### 3. Its value is also found in guarding us against many pitfalls - Pro 3:21-26

### 4. Some “pitfalls” frequently warned against in The Book of Proverbs:

# **III.THE VALUE OF THE BOOK**

## A. WISDOM COMES FROM TWO SOURCES...

### 1. Trial and error (personal experience)

### 2. Counsel from others (proven experience)

## B. THIS MAKES THE BOOK OF PROVERBS VALUABLE...

### 1. Instead of wasting our short time here on earth trying to discover wisdom through the process of trial and error, we can go straight to The Book Of Proverbs

### 2. There we can find wisdom that is:

### 3. Yes, the value of The Book Of Proverbs is that it provides the wisdom of God Himself!

**Proverbs 1:7 ESV**

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Colossians 2:3 ESV**

3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**The Wise Plan of Salvation**

1. Hear - Rom. 10:17

2. Believe - Heb. 11:6

3. Repent - Acts 17:30

4. Confess - Mt. 10:32-33

5. Be Baptized - Acts 2:38

6. Remain Faithful - Rev. 2:10