



WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY
“A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.”
 – **Proverbs 1:5**

Men have always needed wisdom. We need help to make decisions about work; all relationships – in speech and conduct; who to trust - or avoid; along with being measured by the plumb line of true character. Wisdom from Proverbs offers insight into the concrete experiences of human life that help us take charge of our lives. Proverbs is about **how to** live out your faith in God. There is no true wisdom apart from Jesus. Fools are those who rely on their own knowledge to navigate life. In this study, we will look and listen to hear God’s voice and see his Son shining through the book of Proverbs. We will be equipped in every way for our journey! So, let’s dig in!

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WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: WISDOM SEEKS YOU!
 A man needs wisdom for his journey. We can find that wisdom in Proverbs as we are pointed to Jesus.

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Scripture: Proverbs 1:7; Joshua 2:4-7; Joshua 4:23, 24; Psalm 42:1-3; Psalm 130:3, 4; Proverbs 19:23; Proverbs 14:26, 27; Proverbs 21:30
Music: Zach Williams - Fear Is a Liar - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1srs1YoTVzs>
Video: The Heart of Man Official Trailer (2017) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYDvRgj35OM>
Resources - GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE by Timothy Keller
PROVERBS FOR YOU by Kathleen Nielson

THE FEAR OF THE LORD – THE REALITY OF GOD – Proverbs 1:7.

1. _____ → This kind of fear is not the dread of punishment (Joshua 2:4-7), but a standing awe of someone (Joshua 4:23, 24), with the resulting fear of doing anything to grieve or dishonor the person. You can “let the Lord be your fear” (Isa. 8:13)—your life center—or something else will be.
2. _____ → The Key to Proverbs is understanding how the fear of the Lord increases the more grace and forgiveness are experienced (Psalms 42:1-3, 130:3, 4). Only a belief that we are lost but freely saved sinners creates a joyful yet awe-filled assurance of his saving love.
3. _____ → The difference between slavish, self-interested fear and the true fear of the Lord is the difference between a mere moralist and a real Jesus follower. Only a faith sight of Jesus’ sacrificial love for us both humbles us and yet affirms us into the joyful fear of the Lord.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD – THE LIFE OF WISDOM – Proverbs 19:23; 14:26, 27.

1. _____ → Those who fear God find God satisfying, and they are contented. God is like a haven for the storm. If God is to you a greater safety, a deeper security, and a more powerful hope than anything else in the world, you fear no trouble.
2. _____ → What it means—is accepting what He allows to come into our lives, whether we understand it or not (Romans 8:28). Trust in God is like a secure fortress.
3. _____ → We must learn to delight in Him, enjoying His presence and love as a fountain.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD – CONFIDENT IN GOD’S PLAN – Proverbs 21:30.

1. _____ → No true synthesis (wisdom), analysis (insight) or policy (plan) can be arrived at in defiance of God. Without faith in God, even the most sophisticated and diligent thinker is going to leave out too much of reality to be genuinely wise about life. The next time you experience the pain of worry and anxiety, consider that it may be fueled by too much confidence that your plans are wiser than God’s. Pray every day that God would open your eyes and hearts to His truth.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. How is the fear of God at the center of every circumstance and decision in your life?
2. Is there a difficulty in your life now that you can accept, not as a good thing in itself but as part of God’s wise plan for your life?
3. When people who know you well watch you under pressure, what do they see?



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SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 1:7 - 7 Start with God - the first step in learning is bowing down to God; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning.

Joshua 2:4-7 - 4 The woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, two men did come to me, but I didn't know where they'd come from. **5** At dark, when the gate was about to be shut, the men left. But I have no idea where they went. Hurry up! Chase them - you can still catch them!" **6** (She had actually taken them up on the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax that were spread out for her on the roof.) **7** So the men set chase down the Jordan road toward the fords. As soon as they were gone, the gate was shut.

Joshua 4:23, 24 - 23 "Yes, God, your God, dried up the Jordan's waters for you until you had crossed, just as God, your God, did at the Red Sea, which had dried up before us until we had crossed. **24** This was so that everybody on earth would recognize how strong God's rescuing hand is and so that you would hold God in solemn reverence always."

Psalm 42:1-3 - 1 A white-tailed deer drinks from the creek; I want to drink God, deep draughts of God. **2** I'm thirsty for God-alive. I wonder, "Will I ever make it - arrive and drink in God's presence?" **3** I'm on a diet of tears - tears for breakfast, tears for supper. All day long people knock at my door, Pestering, "Where is this God of yours?"

Psalm 130:3, 4 - 3 If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? **4** As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshiped.

Proverbs 19:23 - 23 Fear-of-God is life itself, a full life, and serene - no nasty surprises.

Proverbs 14:26, 27 - 26 The Fear-of-God builds up confidence, and makes a world safe for your children. **27** The Fear-of-God is a spring of living water so you won't go off drinking from poisoned wells.

Proverbs 21:30 - 30 Nothing clever, nothing conceived, nothing contrived, can get the better of God.

"Fear Is a Liar" By Zach Williams

<p>When he told you you're not good enough When he told you you're not right When he told you you're not strong enough To put up a good fight When he told you you're not worthy When he told you you're not loved When he told you you're not beautiful You'll never be enough Fear, he is a liar He will take your breath Stop you in your steps Fear, he is a liar He will rob your rest Steal your happiness Cast your fear in the fire 'Cause fear, he is a liar When he told you were troubled You'll forever be alone</p>	<p>When he told you you should run away You'll never find a home When he told you you were dirty And you should be ashamed When he told you you could be the one That grace could never change Oh, fear, he is a liar He will take your breath Stop you in your steps Fear, he is a liar He will rob your rest Steal your happiness Cast your fear in the fire 'Cause fear, he is a liar Let your fire fall and cast out all my fears Let your fire fall, your love is all I feel Let your fire fall and cast out all my fears</p>	<p>Let your fire fall, your love is all I feel Let your fire fall and cast out all my fears Let your fire fall, your love is all I feel Oh, let your fire fall and cast out all my fears Let your fire fall, your love is all I feel Oh, fear, he is a liar He will take your breath Stop you in your steps Fear, he is a liar He will rob your rest Steal your happiness Cast your fear in the fire 'Cause fear, he is a liar 'Cause fear, he is a liar</p>
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