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Proverbs: Your Smart Guide for Living: The Fear of the Lord

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Memory Verse:

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Purpose of Proverbs: Wisdom Literature

Proverbs 1:1-6

1. To gain wisdom
2. To gain discipline
3. To gain understanding
4. To acquire a prudent life
5. To learn to do what is right, just & fair
6. To gain knowledge
7. To gain discretion
8. To grow in learning
9. To gain guidance

The premise of the book of Proverbs is that wisdom leads to prosperity of life and foolishness destroys life.

Types of Proverbs:

1. A General Observation

Proverbs 1:20-21

2. Evaluating Conduct

Proverbs 1:29-31

3. Describing Consequences

Proverbs 1:32 For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them

4. Comparing & Contrasting

Proverbs 1:33 But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.

Q: What wisdom of God, if any, am I ignoring right now in my life?

Q: What area in my life is suffering, dying or broken?

5. A Behavioral Command

Proverbs 3:1-10 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

6. Similes & Metaphors

Proverbs 25:28 (simile) Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.

Proverbs 10:11 (metaphor) The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.

7. Numerical

Proverbs 6:16-19

Wisdom starts with Reverence for God!

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Unbeliever Fear of God: fear of judgment, eternal death, separation from God

Hebrews 10:31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Believer Fear of God: reverence, awe, respect, hatred of sin, awareness of judgment on sin

Hebrews 12:28-29 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

Fearing God means having such a reverence for Him that it has a great impact on the way we live our lives. The fear of God is respecting Him, obeying Him, submitting to His discipline, and worshipping Him in awe. The fear of God means we honor his word as supreme truth and the final authority on every aspect of our lives and we seek to learn and obey it/him.

Life Group Discussion

1. Discuss the memory verse of the week:
Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.
2. Discuss this statement: "The premise of the book of Proverbs is that wisdom leads to prosperity of life and foolishness destroys life."
3. Read the following verses and summarize the lesson to be learned or the benefits from the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 8:13

To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 10:27

The fear of the Lord adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.

Proverbs 14:2

Whoever fears the Lord walks uprightly, but those who despise him are devious in their ways.

Proverbs 14:26

Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.

Proverbs 14:27

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death.

Proverbs 15:33

Wisdom's instruction is to fear the Lord, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 16:6

Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord evil is avoided.

Proverbs 19:23

The fear of the Lord leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Proverbs 22:4

Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life.