

The Fear of the Lord > Proverbs 1:1-19

1:1 The point of the Book of Proverbs: to help the reader know what is true, to understand what God has said, and to live in a way that joyfully submits to Him as King.

1:2-6 The need? To gain wisdom and understanding. Who needs this? Anyone who wishes to be wise – certainly every Christian. How can we grow in this? By giving time and attention to what the Lord has said.

1:7 The first – and most crucial – step for wisdom is to orient your life around knowing and being known by the Lord. Any other way of living will never add up.

1:8-19 A case study in wisdom: the temptation to get rich quick, to “get ahead” in life without putting in the time, to go your own way, is a liar – it promises the easy and good life, yet only delivers death.

Context: The Book of Proverbs contains a number of sayings – primarily from Solomon – that point us to how God has made life and how His people are to respond.

Aim: Solomon wants everyone who reads his book to see that wisdom is worth pursuing, that it is rooted in reverence and awe for the Lord, and that it is immensely practical – wisdom is God-given knowledge applied to faithful living.

Gospel: Christ Himself exemplified for us what perfect wisdom looks like and actually is. We will never equal Him, but we should strive to follow the path that He has blazed.

Applications: Do you trust the Lord? Are you asking Him to change you and make you wise?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
