

Who, Not What
Proverbs 1:1-7; 9:10

Introduction:

The road to wisdom begins with _____. (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10)

To have holy _____.

To hold in highest _____.

To give deep _____.



1. To fear the LORD is to recognize His _____.
(Proverbs 21:30; 3:6, 11-12, 19; 10:22; 15:3, 9; 19:21; 24:12)

2. To fear the LORD is to realize my _____.
(Proverbs 3:7; 14:12; 15:33; 16:25; 20:9; 22:4)

3. To fear the LORD is to reject what is _____.
(Proverbs 16:6; 3:7; 8:13; 14:16, 27)

4. To fear the LORD is to pursue what is _____.
(Proverbs 14:2; 16:6; 23:17; 31:30)

5. To fear the LORD is to receive His _____.
(Proverbs 10:22; 14:26-27; 19:23; 22:4; 28:14; 31:30)

**WISDOM IS NOT MERELY _____ YOU KNOW;
WISDOM IS PRIMARILY _____ YOU KNOW!**

Jeremiah 9:23-24; John 17:3

Group Discussion Questions

1. Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." Why do you think wisdom begins with our view of God rather than with our knowledge, experience, or intelligence?
2. How does a small view of God produce foolish living? How might a growing awareness of God's greatness change the way you make decisions?
3. Read Proverbs 3:7 and 14:12. Where are you most tempted to trust your own wisdom rather than God's wisdom? Why is it sometimes difficult to recognize this in ourselves?
4. Read Proverbs 16:6 and 8:13. What is the difference between avoiding sin because we fear its consequences and actually learning to hate what God calls evil?
5. Is there an area of your life where you know what God says but find yourself rationalizing, resisting, or making exceptions? What would fearing the Lord look like in that area?
6. What does your everyday life reveal about what you most highly regard? Consider your time, money, relationships, entertainment, work, words, and private decisions. Where does the fear of the Lord need to grow?
7. Read Proverbs 14:26–27 and 19:23. Even though these are not promises of a "perfect" life, what are the blessings of living out God's wisdom?
8. Read Jeremiah 9:23–24 and John 17:3. If "wisdom is not merely what you know; wisdom is primarily who you know," what is the difference between knowing about God and truly knowing Him? How should knowing Christ change the way we live?
9. If the fear of the Lord became more real in your life this week, what is one specific thing that would change?

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Introduction:

The road to wisdom begins with **FEAR**. (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10)

To have holy **Reverence**.

To hold in highest **Regard**.

To give deep **Respect**.

1. To fear the LORD is to recognize His **Greatness**.
(Proverbs 21:30; 3:6, 11-12, 19; 10:22; 15:3, 9; 19:21; 24:12)

2. To fear the LORD is to realize my **Smallness**.
(Proverbs 3:7; 14:12; 15:33; 16:25; 20:9; 22:4)

3. To fear the LORD is to reject what is **Evil**.
(Proverbs 16:6; 3:7; 8:13; 14:16, 27)

4. To fear the LORD is to pursue what is **Godly**.
(Proverbs 14:2; 16:6; 23:17; 31:30)

5. To fear the LORD is to receive His **Blessing**.
(Proverbs 10:22; 14:26-27; 19:23; 22:4; 28:14; 31:30)



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