

Passage Outline:

Vs. 1

The proverbs of Solomon, who reigned in Israel ...

Vs. 2-3

To know wisdom and instruction
To understand words of insight
To receive good sense of words
To understand true righteousness
and direct judgment

Vs. 4-6

In order that one might give tricks to the innocent
Perception and purpose to a young child
The wise one will be wiser when hearing
of such things
And the one who understands
will acquire
administrative guidance
He/she will understand both parable
and dark words, both wisdom of the
wise and enigmas

Vs. 7

A beginning of wisdom—the fear of the LORD
[And a good understanding to all those who do it
A beginning of perception godliness unto God
The ungodly deny wisdom and instruction]

Key words and Thoughts: proverb (מִשְׁלָּה/ παροιμία); wisdom (σοφία/ חָכְמָה); understanding (בִּינָה/ φρόνησις); instruction (מוֹסֵר/ παιδεία); insight (νοέω/ שָׂכַל); judgment (κρίμα/ מִשְׁפָּט); craftiness (עָרְמָה/ πανουργία); guidance (תְּחִלָּה/ κυβέρνησις); satire (מְלִיצָה/ σκοτεινός λόγος); enigma (αἰνιγμα/ חֵידָה); fear (הִרְאָה/ φόβος); knowledge (דַּעַת/ σοφία); despise (בִּוֵּז/ ἐξουθενέω); fool (אֶוִיל/ ἀσεβής)

Questions:

What is the difference between ‘wisdom’ and ‘knowledge’?

What is ‘fear’? Is ‘fear’ good, bad, or indifferent?

What is the purpose of ‘wisdom’?



