

The Way of Wisdom

#1 – Introduction

Proverbs 1:1-7

1. The _____ of the book of Proverbs – Benefits and blessings await those who fear the LORD.
To _____, to _____, and to _____ – vs. 1-3
 - a. To know _____ and _____ requires the fear of the LORD.
 - i. Proverbs invites readers to know wisdom and instruction; while the fool despises wisdom and instruction (vs. 7b).
 - ii. True wisdom and instruction is rooted in the _____. A curriculum that is not rooted in the Lord despises true wisdom.
 - iii. The way of wisdom begins with the _____.
 - iv. By his actions the fool in Proverbs declares that he doesn't know wisdom and instruction.
 1. Proverbs 4:19
 2. Proverbs 7:23
 3. Proverbs 9:18
 4. Proverbs 30:4
 - b. Proverbs is written so that we will know wisdom and instruction, but also so that we will perceive the _____.
 - i. Perceive comes from a verb which means to _____.
 - c. To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment and equity.
 - i. Wisdom is _____.
 - ii. Justice – what is _____.
 - iii. Judgement – _____ favorably or unfavorably.
 - iv. Equity – _____ or _____ of the way – there is the straight path and there is the crooked or perverted path.
2. The _____ of the book of Proverbs - vs. 4-5
 - a. To the simple – naïve, easily swayed, open-minded – they gain prudence – you won't be tricked and easily deceived.
 - b. To the _____ – youth, (from infancy to adolescence)
 - c. A _____ – even when we as fathers who have learned will increase. We will know that we should hear it.
 - d. A man of understanding will attain _____ – There is counsel and then there is wise counsel.
3. The _____ of the book of Proverbs - vs. 6
 - a. To understand – to distinguish between
 - i. A proverb – ethical maxims or sentences of ethical wisdom in a poetic way.
 - ii. Enigma – an obscure saying that needs interpretation.
 - iii. Words of the wise
 - iv. And wise riddles – perplexing sayings, hard sayings

Discussion Questions:

- Why are you personally looking forward to studying the book of Proverbs?
- What part of Proverbs 1:1-7 was the greatest encouragement to you? And why?

July Memory Verse:

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.” – John 5:24