

COMMUNITY GROUPS

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Text: Proverbs 1

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Proverbs 1 addresses a topic that is central to the rest of Proverbs and ultimately central to all of scripture. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge (Proverbs 1:7a)." This proverb encourages future generations to seek true wisdom from God and warns against being drawn away with the distractions of the world.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to "Fear God?" Have you ever found this concept uncomfortable? Why is this concept so often uncomfortable? Reference Proverbs 1:7,28-29, Matthew 10:28, and Hebrews 10:31.
2. Proverbs 1 and much of scripture contain bold warnings about getting drawn away from Godly wisdom into the ways of the world. Why is this warning given? Hint: what happened to Solomon? How do we resist being drawn away?
3. How do we get loving correction, and why should we welcome it? Reference Proverbs 1:8-9,23-25, Proverbs 27:6.
4. Solomon asked for wisdom and received it from God (1 Kings 3:5-9). What happened to Solomon later? Reference 1 Kings 11:1-3. If God's chosen wise king could not fear God first, what hope do we have to find Godly wisdom and resist being drawn away? Reference Matthew 12:42 and 1 Corinthians 1:22-24.

Scripture References (citation order): Matthew 10:28, Hebrews 10:31, Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 9:10, Matthew 6:33, 1 Corinthians 1:18, Proverbs 3:9, Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 1:22-23, 2 Corinthians 10:5, Isaiah 5:21. James 4:7, Proverbs 3:5-7, Proverbs 2:6, James 1:5, Proverbs 27:6, 1 Kings 3:5-9, 1 Kings 11:1-3, Proverbs 5:3-23, Romans 3:3-4, Matthew 12:42, 1 Corinthians 1:22-24, Ecclesiastes 12:13.