

*God's Wisdom: More Valuable Than Gold*

***"The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom"*** David Owens

Proverbs 1:1-7

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- A. Robert Ingersoll was nicknamed "The Great \_\_\_\_\_."
- B. One of the saddest statements in the bible about a person's position in life is the statement: "There is no \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ before their eyes." (Ps. 36:1; Ro. 3:18)
- C. Our society has raised an entire generation without a consciousness of \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore a generation without a \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. In the Chronicles of Narnia, Aslan the Lion (who represents Jesus) is described this way: "of course, he isn't \_\_\_\_\_. But he's \_\_\_\_\_. He's the king, I tell you."
- E. Our God is a God of love and justice; a God of grace and wrath, and sometimes we need to hear Him \_\_\_\_\_ to remind us of His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. In Proverbs 1:1-6, we are told that by learning the wisdom of God, we learn the art of skillful \_\_\_\_\_, we gain \_\_\_\_\_ alertness, \_\_\_\_\_ insight and maturity.
- G. How and where do we begin to have God's wisdom? It begins with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 1:7)
- H. Proverbs 1:7 has two parts and the second part says that "\_\_\_\_\_ wisdom and discipline."
- I. There are \_\_\_\_\_ different types of \_\_\_\_\_ in the book of Proverbs conveyed by five different Hebrew words.
- J. The kind of fool in 1:7 is the \_\_\_\_\_ fool who despises \_\_\_\_\_ and won't listen to anyone's \_\_\_\_\_.
- K. In contrast to the fool is the person who knows they are not \_\_\_\_\_ and who knows that \_\_\_\_\_ is most \_\_\_\_\_ of all.
- L. To fear the Lord is to \_\_\_\_\_ God for who He is - it is understanding that God is God and you and I are \_\_\_\_\_.
- M. Respect and reverence for God is where knowledge \_\_\_\_\_, it is where knowledge \_\_\_\_\_, and it is where all knowledge \_\_\_\_\_.
- N. The need to fear the Lord is a \_\_\_\_\_ that runs throughout the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 20:20; Lev. 19:14; Ps. 128:1; Eccl. 3:14; 12:13; Jer. 2:19; 2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 5:21)
- O. Proverbs lists a number of practical \_\_\_\_\_ that result from \_\_\_\_\_ in the fear of the Lord.
  - 1. The first benefit is "\_\_\_\_\_." (Pr. 3:7; 8:13; 16:6; 2 Cor. 7:1)
  - 2. The second benefit is "\_\_\_\_\_." (Pr. 14:26; Ps. 34:11; Job 4:6)
  - 3. The third benefit is "\_\_\_\_\_." (Pr. 15:16; 23:17; 19:23)
- P. A challenge to action.
  - 1. To \_\_\_\_\_ People
  - 2. To \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Answer Key: A. Agnostic. B. fear, God. C. God, conscience. D. safe, good. E. roar, holiness, power. F. living, mental, moral. G. fear, Lord. H. fools, despise. I. five, fools. J. arrogant, instruction, advice. K. wise, God, wise. L. respect, not, God. M. begins, continues, ends. O. benefits, living. O.1. consecration. O.2. confidence. O.3. contentment. P.1. young. P.2. parents, grandparents. P.3. disciples. P.4. men.