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PROVERBS

WISDOM FOR LIFE & EVERYDAY LIVING

Proverbs 1 Wisdom Presented

Introduction: I have entitled this chapter: Wisdom _____.
What is _____? The ability to know how God wants you to live — seeing life from God’s perspective.

We all need divine wisdom (James 3:13–18). James wrote about three types of wisdom:

- _____ wisdom
- _____ wisdom
- _____ wisdom

I. The _____ of Wisdom — 1:1–7

A. Understanding _____ Key Words — 1:2–4

1. _____ (Skillfulness) — skill or expertise in living
“The ability to use knowledge aright.” — J. Vernon McGee
2. _____ — carries the idea of _____ (Prov. 13:24; Heb. 12:3–11)
3. _____ — from a root meaning “discern”; also translated _____
4. _____ (Understanding) — learning through unhappy experiences

5. _____ — speaks of _____; Scripture defines what is right
6. _____ — sound _____ and decisions; see the BIG picture
7. _____ — summed up by the word “_____”
 - I will honor the Lord in all that I do — 1 Timothy 1:17
 - I will take counsel from God’s Word — Psalm 1
 - I will use my words appropriately — Proverbs 18:21
8. _____ — good judgment; look before we act
9. _____ — wise planning; find the facts, then decide
10. _____ — also translated “_____”; plan with foresight

B. Desire to _____ and learn — 1:5–6

Want wisdom? Decide to _____ these Proverbs. God wants us to know, perceive, receive, give, and understand (vv. 2–6).

C. _____ of the LORD — 1:7

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge ...”

“The fear of the LORD” — _____ times in Proverbs; “fear the LORD” — _____ times (Ps. 111:10; Eccl. 12:13).

“To fear the Lord means that we recognize God’s character and respond by respecting Him, placing our full trust in Him, worshiping Him, obeying Him, and serving Him.” — Sid Buzzell

- Recognize God’s _____
- _____ Him — with reverence
- _____ in Him — day by day
- _____ Him — meeting with God
- _____ Him — doing what He asks
- _____ Him — ministering to others

II. _____ Practical Steps of Wisdom — 1:8–19

A. I Will _____ to My Parents — 1:8–9

“My son ...” Children, listen to your parents. God does not honor disobedience!

B. I Will _____ the Way of the Sinner — 1:10–19

1. “My son, if sinners _____ you, do not consent.” — 1:10

“‘Do not consent’ lays the responsibility for sin squarely with the individual.” — W. A. Criswell

2. “Do not _____ in the way with them.” — 1:15

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.” — Psalm 1:1

3. “Keep your foot from their _____.” — 1:15

C. I Will Accept as _____ the Word of God

III. _____ for the Call of Wisdom — 1:20–33

3. Wisdom Calls _____ Outside — 1:20–21

“Outside” literally means “in the _____.”

1. “She raises her _____ in the open squares.” — 1:20
2. “She cries out in the chief _____.” — 1:21
3. “At the openings of the _____ in the city.” — 1:21
4. “She speaks her _____.” — 1:21

B. Wisdom Calls to _____ Types of People — 1:22

1. The _____ Ones — 1:22

“The simple refers to a person who is I and untaught... Because of inexperience he is gullible and easily influenced.” — Sid Buzzell

J. Vernon McGee: “How long will you be stupid?” People are _____ if they will not heed the voice of wisdom.

2. The _____ — “For scorers _____ in their scorning.”
3. The _____ — “And fools hate knowledge.” (AMP)

The _____ is self-confidence; the _____ is ignorance of Biblical truth.

C. The Consequences of _____ Wisdom — 1:23–33

1. “I also will _____ at your calamity.” — 1:26

2. “I will _____ when your terror comes ... like a storm.” — 1:26–27

3. “I will not _____.” — 1:28

“They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.” — Proverbs 1:28

Four Reasons Why God Will Not Answer

- They _____ knowledge — v. 29
- They did not _____ the fear of the LORD — v. 29
- They would have _____ of my counsel — v. 30
- They _____ my every rebuke — v. 30

People can only neglect God for so long — they don’t always have a tomorrow.

Conclusion: As we bring Proverbs 1 to a close, I want to draw your attention to verse 33 once again. We read,

“But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.”

_____ are you with God? Do you have your ears on? Have you heard wisdom calling, and are you really listening?

Wisdom has been presented; will you take _____ of her?

Notes: What are the takes aways for you?