



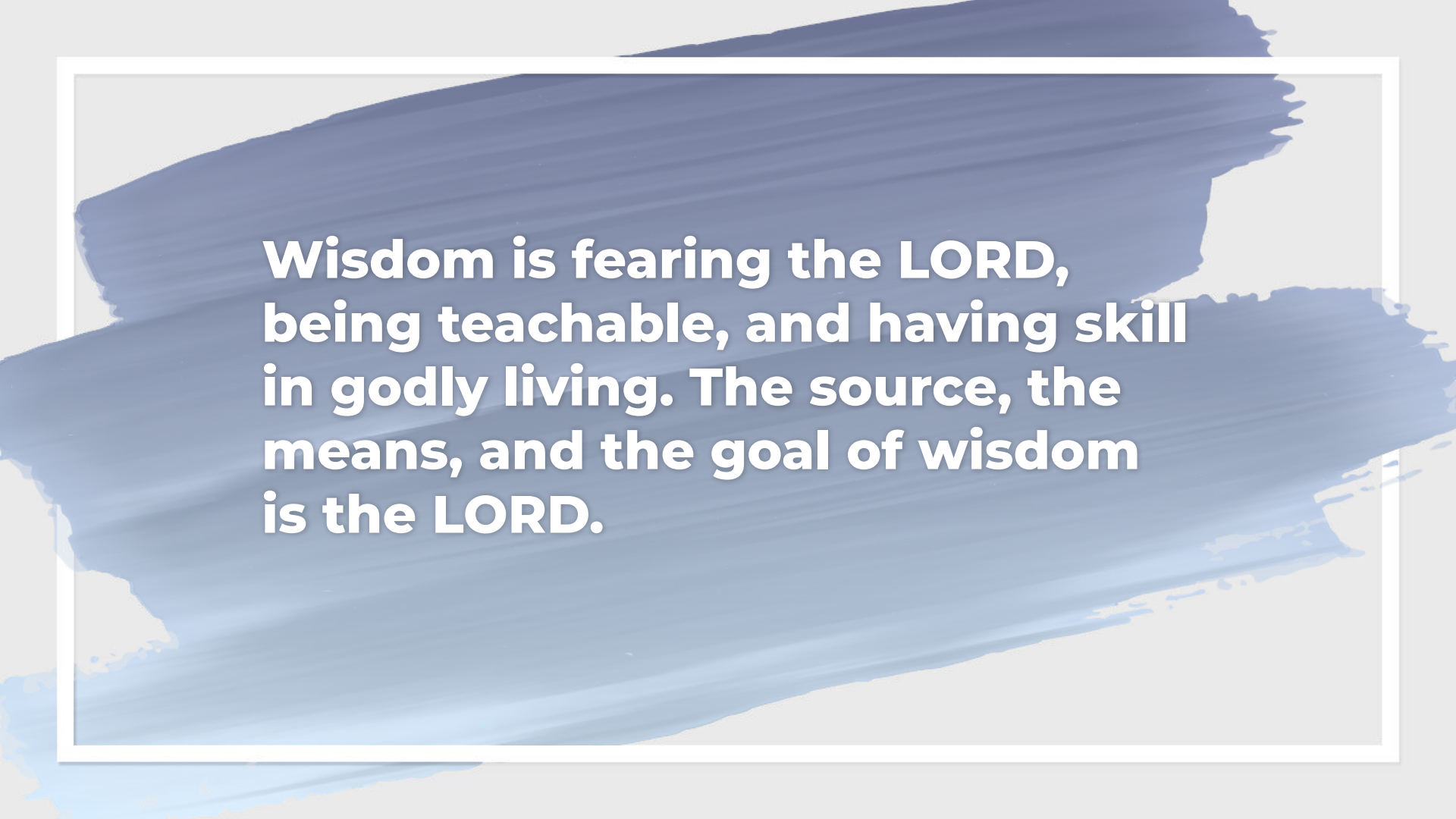
HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

UNDERSTANDING GENRE

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LESSON 6

INTERPRETING PROVERBS



**Wisdom is fearing the LORD,
being teachable, and having skill
in godly living. The source, the
means, and the goal of wisdom
is the LORD.**



WHAT ARE THE PROVERBS?

- Most are general principles and observations. Example: Proverbs 26:27
- Some do contain eternal truths that always strictly apply. Example: Proverbs 16:33



**HOW ARE THE
PROVERBS
INTERPRETED?**

- They are general principles- not guarantees
- Often horizontal in nature-
- Often utilize parallelism-
 - “The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin” – Proverbs 10:8



**HOW ARE THE
PROVERBS
INTERPRETED?**

- Often utilize Figures of Speech
- Seek to summarize
- Always apply (slow down, think, meditate)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible*
by Robert L. Plummer
- *ESV Study Bible*



Where to Start

Read Proverbs 1-5. What main themes do you see? How does the writer define wisdom? How does the fear of the Lord make us wise? What figures of speech or imagery is used? How can you apply the wisdom you learn in Proverbs?



**Resources
to Get You
Started**

- *God's Wisdom for Navigating Life* by Tim Keller
- *A Survey of the Old Testament* by Andrew E. Hill and John H. Walton



QUESTIONS!

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