

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

BIG TRUTH: THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

Proverbs 1:29-31; 3:7; 8:12-14; 10:27; 19:23; 23:17-18; 24:21-22; 28:14; Ecclesiastes 8:12

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 9:10

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.”

BIG IDEAS

- Wisdom is more than knowledge and experience.
- Wisdom begins with seeing God with awe, wonder, and reverence.
- Wisdom begins as God becomes the center and pursuit of our lives.

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 1:1-7; PSALM 111:10; ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14

KNEEL: LIVING IN WISDOM

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28) and to use our influence to lead others to do the same. We know that as we pursue a life of worship, we will pursue a life of both wisdom and mission. Throughout this year we will study and pursue the wisdom of God through the book of Proverbs and the mission of God through the book of Acts, and we will learn how both of these things must inform and shape our influence as Jesus followers!

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- What wisdom is.
- Why wisdom is worthy to be pursued.
- How to grow in wisdom.



Every student should feel...

- Love for God who gives all wisdom.
- Satisfied and secure in the wisdom of God.
- Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone.



Every student should strive to...

- Read through the book of Proverbs one time each month.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Repent of the ways they have not pursued God and His wisdom.



Every student should want...

- To fear the Lord and keep His commandments.
- To live their lives in pursuit of true wisdom.
- To guard their heart from all impurity.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what it means to fear the Lord. We will pray with them to grow in their wonder and awe of the Lord and as we lead them to practice pursuing God daily.

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Read Proverbs 1:1-7, Psalm 111:10, and Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. Make notes in your journal and use the questions below to help you discuss these passages with your son or daughter:

- What does Solomon mean when he says that the “fear of the Lord” is the beginning of wisdom? How is fearing the Lord the beginning of wisdom?
- How does having a right view of God lead to an awe of Him? How does this lead to Godly wisdom?
- What does Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 mean when it says that the “whole duty of man” is to fear God and keep His commands? How does this lead to wisdom?

Read and meditate on Proverbs 1:1-7, Psalm 111:10, and Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how you can discuss with your son or daughter what it means to fear God. How can you help them understand what it looks like to have an awe of God?
- Consider how you can model pursuing God and growing in wisdom. How can you lead them to pursue God daily?



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to help them have an awe and wonder of God and to pursue Him daily.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to lead them to make Him the center of their lives.



Memorize Proverbs 1:7 this week.

- Write the verse on an index card. Review each day to help your son or daughter memorize the verse.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some of the ways you experienced and awe and wonder towards God. Share with them some ways you’ve put off the things of the world and sought to make God the center of your life. Help them think of ways to put off the world and to make God the center of their lives.
- Meet with your student and discuss ways they can pursue God in order to grow in Godly wisdom. Discuss the importance of growing in Godly wisdom and of rejecting worldly wisdom. Help them identify ways they embrace worldly wisdom.