

INTRODUCTION

- * Google Self-Help Books ... 5.1 Billion results!!!! ... Self-Improvement Industry - \$11.6 Billion in 2019
- * Scriptures are "God-Breathed" and written via holy men moved by the Holy Spirit to complete and equip the man of God to all good works (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Tim 3:16-17)
- * The Wisdom recorded in the book of Proverbs has stood the test of time. It was "written" to provide us with: wisdom, knowledge, instruction, understanding, discernment and discretion.
- * Last week, we began an Introduction into the book of Proverbs by considering the Purpose of the writing and beginning to consider the primary Principle and Precept.
- * Today, our goal is to continue our consideration of the primary Principle and Precept of the book.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE PURPOSE (v. 2-6)**

- A. **To Know** (yada) ... Wisdom and Discipline
- B. **To Understand** (h-biyn emer biynah) ... to understand words of understanding
- C. **To Receive** (laqakh - to take or receive) ... DISCIPLINE OF UNDERSTANDING; RIGHTEOUSNESS; JUSTICE; and UPRIGHTNESS
- D. **To Give** (nathan - as a gift) ... TO THE SIMPLE: Prudence ... TO THE YOUNG MAN: Knowledge & Discretion

II. THE PRINCIPLE (v. 5-7)**A. The Wise Will Seek Wisdom (v. 5-6)**

1. HE WILL _____
2. HE WILL _____
3. HE WILL _____

B. The Fool Will Despise Wisdom (v. 7b; Proverb 1:29)**III. THE PRECEPT (v.7a)****A. The Meaning of the Word**

- * cf. Genesis 3:10; 15:1; 18:15; Daniel 1:10; 1 Samuel 11:7; Proverbs 23:17-18
- * cf. Psalm 19:9; Proverbs 2:1-5
- * cf. Job 28:28; Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 9:10; 15:33

B. The Impact of the Precept

1. THE FEAR OF YHWH IS THE BEGINNING OF K _____
 - a. Knowing G _____ (cf. Exodus 14:31; 1 Kings 18:37-39; Proverbs 2:1-5)
 - b. Knowing G _____ (Proverbs 8:13; 16:6; 23:17-18)
2. THE FEAR OF YHWH IS THE BEGINNING OF J _____ (cf. 2 Chronicles 19:7,9)
3. THE FEAR OF YHWH IS THE BEGINNING OF E _____ (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:7-11,20; Ezekiel 33:1-9)
4. THE FEAR OF YHWH IS THE BEGINNING OF B _____
 - * cf. Exodus 1:15-21; 9:20; Psalm 34:7-9
 - * cf. Proverbs 10:27; 14:26-27; 19:23; 22:4
 - * cf. 2 Chronicles 14:1-14; 17:1-10
 - * cf. Acts 9:26-31

INTROSPECTION

- * Have you begun reading a chapter of Proverbs each day? Are you spending time in God's Word?
- * What does the "Fear of the LORD" mean to you? What would the choices of your life declare?
- * Are you willing to ask God to help you to "learn" wisdom and understanding?
- * Are you willing to submit to the "Fear of the LORD"?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think ... and therefore act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * Read Deuteronomy 4:1-10. Consider the challenge to Israel. How does it apply to our discussion today and to the church?

H3372 (yare) and/or H3373 (yare) and/or H3374 (yirah) ... 334x, 43x, 45x respectively
Genesis 3:10; 15:1; 18:15; 19:30; 20:8,11; 21:17; 22:12; 26:7,24; 28:17; 31:31; 32:7,11; 35:17; 42:18,35; 43:18,23; 46:3; 50:19,21;
Exodus 1:17,21; 2:14; 3:6; 9:20,30; 14:10,13,31; 15:11; 18:21; 20:20; 34:10,30;
Leviticus 19:3,14,30,32; 25:17,36,43; 26:2;
Numbers 12:8; 14:9; 21:34;
Deuteronomy 1:19,21,29; 2:4,25; 3:2,22; 4:10; 5:5,29; 6:2,13,24; 7:18,19,21; 8:6,15; 10:12,17,20,21; 13:4,11; 14:23; 17:13,19; 19:20;
20:1,3,8; 21:21; 25:18; 28:10,58; 31:6,8,12,13;
Joshua 4:14,24; 8:1; 9:24; 10:2,8,25; 11:6; 22:25; 24:14;
Judges 4:18; 6:10,23,27; 7:3,10; 8:20; 13:6;
Ruth 3:11;
1 Samuel 3:15; 4:7,20; 7:7; 12:14,18,20,24; 14:26; 15:24; 17:11,24; 18:12,29; 21:12; 22:23; 23:3,17; 28:5,13,20; 31:4;
2 Samuel 1:14; 3:11; 6:9; 7:23; 9:7; 10:19; 12:18; 13:28; 14:15; 23:3
1 Kings 1:50,51; 3:28; 8:40,43; 17:13; 18:3,12;
2 Kings 1:15; 4:1; 6:16; 10:4; 17:7,25,28,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,41; 19:6; 25:24,26;
1 Chronicles 10:4; 13:12; 16:25; 17:21; 22:13; 28:20;
2 Chronicles 6:31,33; 19:9; 20:3,15,17; 32:7,18;
Nehemiah 1:5,11; 2:2; 4:14; 5:9,15; 6:9,13,14,19; 7:2; 9:32;
Job 1:1,8,9; 2:3; 4:6; 5:21,22; 6:14,21; 9:35; 11:15; 15:4; 22:4; 28:28; 32:6; 37:22,24;
Psalms 2:11; 3:6; 5:7; 15:4; 19:9; 22:23,25; 23:4; 25:12,14; 27:1,3; 31:19; 33:8,18; 34:7,9,11; 40:3; 45:4; 46:2; 47:2; 49:5,16; 52:6;
55:5,19; 56:3,4,11; 60:4; 61:5; 64:4,9; 65:5,8; 66:3,5,16; 67:7; 68:35; 72:5; 76:7,8,12; 85:9; 86:11; 89:7; 90:11; 91:5; 96:4;
99:3; 102:15; 103:11,13,17; 106:22; 111:5,9,10; 112:1,7,8; 115:11,13; 118:4,6; 119:38,63,74,79,120; 128:1,4; 130:4;
135:20; 139:14; 145:19; 147:11
Proverbs 1:7,29; 2:5; 3:7,25; 8:13; 9:10; 10:27; 13:13; 14:2,16,26,27; 15:16,33; 16:6; 19:23; 22:4; 23:17; 24:21; 31:21,30;
Ecclesiastes 3:14; 5:7; 7:18; 8:12,13; 9:2; 12:5,13;
Isaiah 7:4,25; 8:12; 10:24; 11:2,3; 18:2,7; 21:1; 25:3; 29:13; 33:6; 35:4; 37:6; 40:9; 41:5,10,13,14; 43:1,5; 44:2; 50:10; 51:7,12; 54:4,14;
57:11; 59:19; 63:17; 64:3;
Jeremiah 1:8; 3:8; 5:22,24; 10:5,7; 23:4; 26:19,21; 30:10; 32:39,40; 40:9; 41:18; 42:11,16; 44:10; 46:27,28; 51:46;
Lamentations 3:57;
Ezekiel 1:18,22; 2:6; 3:9; 11:8; 30:13
Daniel 1:10; 9:4; 10:12,19;
Hosea 10:3;
Joel 2:11,21,22,31;
Amos 3:8;
Jonah 1:5,9,10,16;
Micah 7:17;
Habakkuk 1:7; 3:2;
Zephaniah 2:11; 3:7,16;
Haggai 1:12; 2:5;
Zechariah 8:13,15; 9:5;
Malachi 1:14; 2:5; 3:5,16; 4:2,5