

Proverbs: Walking in Wisdom to the Glory of God

**“The Beginning of Wisdom”**

Proverbs 1:1-7

The Lord’s Day Morning

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**Terms**

- **Truth** is that which corresponds to reality and accords with the facts. Therefore, truth is objective and absolute. There is no “your truth” or “my truth,” only “the truth” which is “our truth.”
- **Wisdom** is the skillful discernment and application of truth for the glory of God and the good of others (James 3:17).
- **Counterfeit wisdom** is the clever suppression and manipulation of truth for my own glory and good (James 3:13-16).
- **Success** is doing the right thing and trusting God with the outcome (1 Cor. 4:2).
- **Counterfeit success** is doing the things that produce more pleasure, prosperity, praise, and power for myself than other people have.
- **Fear of God** is living every moment with the awareness of God’s constant presence and our future judgment. For the unbeliever, the fear of God initially brings terror and a desire to be protected from God’s wrath. For the believer who trusts in Jesus’ wrath-absorbing sacrifice, the fear of God brings restful confidence that they are protected by God’s grace in Christ. In response to this loving protection, the one who fears God will love, respect, revere, and please God (Job 28:28; Proverbs 9:10; 15:33; Ecc. 12:13).
- **Proverbs** are general principles, not unconditional promises; they tell us what is normally true, not what is absolutely guaranteed. They often depend on the right time and the right circumstances to be true.

**Four Ways to Learn Wisdom**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Creation (Proverbs 3:19-20; 6:6-11).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ from wise people (Proverbs 4:1-4; 22:17-21)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ from our mistakes (Proverbs 10:17; 12:1)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ from God (Proverbs 1:7; 2:6-10; James 1:5)