

Sunday Notes:		
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•	Sunday Morning:	
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Lesson 2:

The Key to Wisdom - The Fear of the LORD

The Beginning of Wisdom (Proverbs 1:1-7)

- Begin by knowing the genre & author (v. 1).
- Begin by seeing the purpose of Proverbs (vs.2-6).
 - o Live skillfully (vs. 2-4).
 - o Think discerningly (vs. 2b, 5).
- Begin by seeing the audience of Proverbs (vs. 4-5)
 - o The simple, whose mind is an open door (v. 4)
 - o The wise, who continue to listen and learn (v. 5)
- Begin by seeing the <u>wisdom</u> of Proverbs (vs. 2-6).
- Begin by seeing the <u>key</u> to Proverbs: the Fear of the LORD (v. 7).
 - o The wise embrace it.
 - o Fools <u>despise</u> it (1:29-32).

Understanding the "Key"

- "Reverential Awe"—Jerry Bridges
- "The fear of the Lord is a state of mind in which one's own attitudes, will, feelings, deeds, and goals are exchanged for God's."—MacArthur Study Bible
- "A reverence for God expressed in submission to His will."—Ryrie
- "...Shrinking back in fear and of drawing close in awe."—Expositor's Bible Commentary

The fear of the Lord is a vital part of our relationship with God where we are **terrified** and in **awe** of Him.



Fear of the LORD in Proverbs

- The fear of the LORD is where wisdom begins (v. 1:7, 9:10, 15:33; Ps. 110:10; Job 28:28).
- The fear of the LORD brings wonderful benefits.
 - o It brings <u>happiness</u> (28:14).
 - o It brings confidence (14:26).
 - o It brings life (14:27; 19:23).
 - o It brings <u>long</u> life (9:11; 10:27).
 - o It brings satisfaction (15:26; 19:23).
 - o It brings material blessings and honor (22:4; 31:30).
- The fear of the Lord fuels Godly living.
 - o Walking in <u>holiness</u> (14:2)
 - o Separating from <u>evil</u> (8:13; 14:16; 16:6)
 - o Separating from wrong influences (24:21-22; 23:17-18)
 - o Respect of <u>authority</u> (24:21-22).
 - o Proper motivations (23:17-18).



Prayer	
Scripture:	Happy is the man that feareth alway: But he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. Proverbs 28:14
Single Focu	s/Cross Impact Requests:
	S Impact
	Evangelistic Bible Studies
	Officer Elections
0	3 new girls who have been coming
	e Focus
	Broad Ripple Activity
	Guys and Girls Weekend
	ue Cross Impact Effort
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Specific Re	quests:
 Dorn 	birers as dad recovers from surgery and prepares for more radiation.
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