

Proverbs 1:1-7
The Wise Get Wiser

Let the wise hear ...

- I. The Problem with Proverbs
 - A. The Human Author
 - B. The Nature of Sayings
 - C. Inspired by God
- II. Where Life Begins
 - A. Knowledge
 - 1. Of God
 - 2. Of Human Nature
 - 3. Of How Things Work
 - B. Application
 - 1. Good with God
 - 2. Wise with Mankind
 - 3. Following Jesus

... wisdom from Above.

Children, listen ...

1. What is the most important thing for a person to know?
2. How did Solomon gain wisdom?
3. What is the difference between being smart and being wise?
4. The Bible is the main place to learn wisdom. Can you think of other ways to learn wisdom?
5. What does it mean to "fear the Lord?"

Wisdom from Above

Some of the most educated, intellectual individuals I know are among the most foolish of people and often do the dumbest things that people can do in life. On the other hand, some of the wisest folks I know have little formal education, would never claim to be brainiacs, but they are great stewards of their lives and great examples for the rest of us to follow. The point is that scholarship and the accumulation of information is not the end all when it comes to grasping what really matters in life and living life profitably. If anyone wants to obtain the kind of knowledge that is most meaningful, that has positive lasting implications you must: Know God through Jesus Christ – Study His Word with grace and understanding in your heart – maintain a humble and teachable spirit = associate regularly with godly, wise, edifying people – keep your eyes open to the world around you, making note of your observations and experiences – and you must apply all that you have gleaned from those sources to your daily life. Do you want to be someone who honors God by the way you live life? Do these things with a prayerful and pliable heart and He will grant you wisdom for life that surpasses that of Solomon and glorified your Father in Heaven!