



The Pursuit of Wisdom



Proverbs 1:1-7
Message

Biblical
wisdom has
a source, a
quest and a
foundation

Proverbs - Purpose

Proverbs was written:

- ✓ *to educate God's people on the nature of biblical wisdom,*
- ✓ *to instruct them on the quest for wisdom*
- ✓ *and to orient them to the proper foundation for wisdom*

The Pursuit of Wisdom

I. Biblical wisdom's source is Yahweh (1)

God is the source of Solomon's wisdom (1 Kgs 3:5-15; 4:29-34)

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- II. Biblical wisdom's quest pursues eight objectives (2-6)

“know, understand, receive, give sound judgment, hear, increase in, acquire”

Pursue wisdom. Study the material. Learn to use the tools. Apply them diligently.

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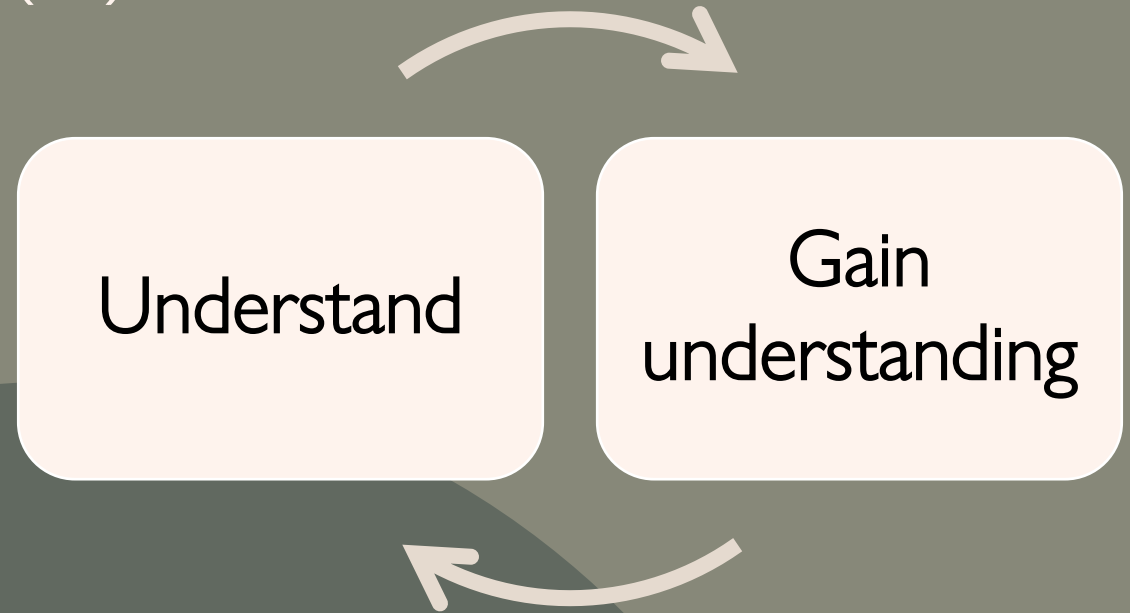
Know – to become aware of something

Discipline – a “chastening lesson”

(Bruce Waltke, *Proverbs*, p. 175)

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Receive – to take it to yourself because you find it valuable

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Simple – gullible, naïve

Prudence – shrewd, clever

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Youth – not yet considered an “elder”

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Acquire – make it your own

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- 8) Familiarize yourself with wisdom's various forms, then think deeply on them (6)

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- III. Biblical wisdom's foundational principle is faith in Yahweh (7)

To fear Him is to orient yourself to Him by faith

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Diagram of Proverbs 10:1

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Line 1	Line 2	Lessons
A wise son	A foolish son	Same child can choose either path
Makes	Is	“Makes” = real impact; “Is” = impact ongoing
Glad	A grief to	Significant impact on parent’s emotions
A father	His mother	Child’s attitude affects both parents

Diagram sample started for 1:7

Line 1	Line 2
The fear of the Lord	
	Ignorant fools
	Despise

Try your hand at Prov 1:7; 11:2; 28:27