



Proverbs 1:7 NIV

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Proverbs 1:2-4 AT

2 to learn wisdom and discipline,

to understand words of insight

3 to acquire the discipline of good judgment,

righteousness, justice, and fairness

4 to give prudence to the naïve,

knowledge and discretion to the young



Proverbs 1:5-6 AT

5 the wise will listen and increase in learning,
the one who understands will get guidance

6 to understand proverb and parable,
the sayings of the wise and their riddles



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The Fear of the LORD, Bookends



The **fear of the LORD** is the **beginning of wisdom**,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding (Pr 9:10, NIV)

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who **fears the LORD** is to be praised (Pr 31:30, NIV)



Benefits of Fearing the LORD

The reward for humility and **fear of the LORD**

is **riches and honor and life** (Pr 22:4, ESV)

The **fear of the LORD** adds **length to life**,

but the years of the wicked are cut short (Pr 10:27, NIV)

The **fear of the LORD** is a **fountain of life**,

turning a person from the snares of death (Pr 14:27, NIV)

The **fear of the LORD** leads to **life**;

then one rests content, **untouched by trouble**. (Pr 19:23, NIV)



Deuteronomy 6:5 AT

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.



Deuteronomy 10:12 NIV

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to **fear the LORD** your God, to walk in **obedience** to him, to **love** him, to **serve** the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul



John 14:15 NIV

If you **love** me, keep my commands



Exodus 8:1 NIV

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘**This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.**’”



Exodus 20:1-2 NIV

1 And God spoke all these words: 2 “I am **the LORD your God**, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.



Foolish vs. Wise

The **wise** in heart accept commands,
but a chattering **fool** comes to ruin (Pr 10:8, NIV)

Even **fools** are thought **wise** if they keep silent,
and discerning if they hold their tongues. (Pr 17:28, NIV)

Fools find no pleasure in understanding
but delight in airing their own opinions. (Pr 18:2, NIV)



Proverbs 12:15 NIV

The way of **fools** seems right to them,
but the **wise** listen to advice.



Ephesians 6:4 ESV

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the **discipline** and **instruction** of the Lord



Proverbs 3:13-15 NIV

13 Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,

14 for she is more profitable than **silver**
and yields better returns than **gold**.

15 She is more precious than **rubies**;
nothing you desire can compare with her.



Proverbs 3:16-18 NIV

16 **Long life** is in her right hand;
in her left hand are **riches and honor**.

17 Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are **peace**.

18 She is a **tree of life** to those who take hold of her;
those who hold her fast will be **blessed**.



Proverbs 4:6 NIV

Do not forsake wisdom, and she will **protect** you;
love her, and she will **watch over** you



Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways **submit** to him,
and he will **make your paths straight**



Proverbs 3:7-8 NIV

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.

8 This will bring **health to your body**
and **nourishment to your bones**



1 Timothy 4:8 NIV

For physical training is of **some value**, but godliness has value for **all things**, holding promise for **both the present life and the life to come**.



Proverbs 14:26 NIV

Whoever fears the **LORD** has a secure fortress,
and for **their children** it will be a refuge.