

Proverbs 1:1-7 Value of Wisdom, Knowledge, Instruction & Understanding

The Beginning of Knowledge

1. The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
 - 2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding,
 - 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity;
 - 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion –
 - 5 A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
 - 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.
- 7 The fear of Yahweh (the LORD) *is* the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: [\[Proverbs 1:1\]](#)
- ✧ Identity of the writer of the Proverbs.
- ✧ To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion [\[Proverbs 1:2-4\]](#)
- ✧ The purpose of the Proverbs is to impart wisdom, instruction, perception, and understanding.
- ✧ These include justice, judgment, and equity (fairness).
- ✧ To the simple (humble) it provides prudence (caution, carefulness).
- ✧ For the young it provides knowledge and discretion (good judgment).
- ✧ A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. [\[Proverbs 1:5-6\]](#)
- ✧ A wise man is described as one who will listen to instruction and increase in learning.
- ✧ A man of understanding will attain (achieve) wise counsel.
- ✧ He will understand a proverb and an enigma (riddle), the words of the wise and their riddles.
- ✧ The proverb encourages the hearer to show diligence (attentiveness) to the words of the wise that they may gain knowledge and discern the understanding of their proverbs and riddles.
- ✧ The fear of Yahweh (the LORD) *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction. [\[Proverbs 1:7\]](#)
- ✧ Knowledge begins with the fear of Yahweh and it grows by careful study of Holy Scriptures.
- ✧ In contrast, the fools despise wisdom and instruction refusing Scripture study which would give them knowledge of Yehowah.