

Getting Wisdom

What have you found to be a good source of wisdom?

Read Proverbs 1:1-33.

1. What is the purpose of the proverbs in the Bible?
 - A. They reveal the coming of the promised Messiah.
 - B. A way to get some common sense.
 - C. The source of wisdom.
 - D. A way to get better grades in school.
 - E. Prepare people for life.
 - F. A shortcut instead of learning the hard way—through consequences.
 - G. Promote self-discipline.
 - H. Figure out what is right vs. what is wrong; good vs. bad.
 - I. Other.

2. “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge” (vs 7) means:
 - A. Knowledge isn’t the same as wisdom (see Proverbs 9:10).
 - B. Knowledge and wisdom can be used interchangeably.
 - C. We need to fear God.
 - D. We need to respect God.
 - E. We need to put God in the highest position in our lives.
 - F. The starting point for wisdom is choosing God.
 - G. Students should pray before they take a quiz or test.
 - H. Making God first is how a person becomes wise.
 - I. Other.

3. What wisdom can a father or mother provide that God can’t?
 - A. Nothing.
 - B. Quite a few things.
 - C. God gave us parents to teach us wisdom.
 - D. Parents don’t get wisdom until they have children.
 - E. Parents show us tangible examples of God’s wisdom.
 - F. How to be a father or mother.
 - G. How to relate to authority figures in our lives.
 - H. How to get along with siblings and peers.
 - I. Other.

4. What warning(s) does Proverbs give regarding “sinners”?
 - A. They will entice you—try to lure you to join them.
 - B. Sinners hurt others.
 - C. Sinners are greedy.
 - D. They are the opposite of those who are wise.
 - E. Stay away!
 - F. It won’t hurt if you do it a little.
 - G. They turn out to be their own worst enemy.
 - H. Other.

5. Where do you find wisdom?
 - A. It’s already in my head.
 - B. I learn from the mistakes others make.
 - C. I learn from the good choices others make.
 - D. My parent(s).
 - E. Some of my teachers.
 - F. Just pay attention.
 - G. Ask God for it (vs 23 and James 1:5).
 - H. I watch little children.
 - I. Other.

6. What happens when people ignore or reject wisdom?
 - A. Nothing.
 - B. They end up farther and farther down a bad road.
 - C. Their lives become superficial.
 - D. Everything works out in the end.
 - E. When they need insight, they are clueless.
 - F. Life becomes bitter.
 - G. They find themselves having lots of friends.
 - H. Other.

7. What wisdom have you received from your parent(s) or parental figures? What wisdom have they tried to pass on to you, but which you haven’t accepted?

8. Where and how will you seek wisdom this week?