



# TREASURE HUNTERS - Treasure Wisdom

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- Introductory points on Proverbs
  - Proverbs are \_\_\_\_\_ – meant for reflection not just refrigerator  
“A proverb is like hard candy: If you just bite down on it, you get little out of it and may even get a broken tooth. Instead you must meditate on it until the sweetness of insight comes.” – Tim Keller
  - Proverbs use \_\_\_\_\_ – the second line clarifies and sharpens the first, often through contrast (1:7, 15:1)
  - Proverbs are \_\_\_\_\_, not a playbook – they do not address every specific situation but help readers to grow in discernment and apply principles to every area of life
  - Proverbs are \_\_\_\_\_, not promises (10:27, 22:6)
  - Proverbs 1-9 is a “\_\_\_\_\_” that prepares your heart to receive the wisdom in the rest of the book

## TREASURE WISDOM - Proverbs 1:7

- Wisdom starts with \_\_\_\_\_ (1:7, 2:6, 3:5-6)  
  
“Fear the Lord” means we revere and respect the Lord as God. We center our lives around our relationship with Him instead of anything else, and we evaluate everything else in light of that defining relationship.
- Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ (2:4, 3:13-18)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ us
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- Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ (1:20-21)

- Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the ultimate Wisdom of God (Luke 11:31, 1 Corinthians 1:24)

## FOR FURTHER ACTION

- Memorize Proverbs 1:7 and read a chapter of Proverbs each day
- Read Proverbs 1:1-7, 3:1-8, 4:20-27
- Read *God’s Wisdom for Navigating Life* by Tim Keller (makes for a great gift!)
- Watch this outstanding intro to Proverbs by the “Bible Project” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzmYV8GNAlM>
- Read Spurgeon’s sermon on “Christ – the Wisdom and Power of God” - <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/christ-the-power-and-wisdom-of-god#flipbook/>
- Check out the great kids album “Walking with the Wise” by Sovereign Grace Music - <https://sovereigngracemusic.org/music/albums/walking-with-the-wise/> - the songs are on YouTube as well.

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Share something that has stood out to you in your own reading of Proverbs this past week.
2. What stood out to you most from the message?
3. Which “introductory point” seems most important to remember as we get into Proverbs?
4. In your own words, explain what it means to “fear the Lord.”
5. On a scale of 1-10, how might you rate yourself on “fearing the Lord” in the past week? Why?
6. When have you gotten into trouble by “leaning on your own understanding?”
7. Who is someone you know who seems to “trust in the Lord with all their heart”? What does it look like for this person to do this?
8. What other voices are calling out for your attention and competing with the voice of wisdom? How can you “turn up the volume” of the voice of wisdom in your life?
9. If wisdom is really more precious than gold and rubies, how are you prioritizing the pursuit of wisdom in your life?
10. Read Colossians 2:2-3. What does it mean that all wisdom is hidden in Christ? (See also Luke 11:31, 1 Corinthians 1:24)