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Proverbs: Written With Purpose!

Solomon was indeed a wise man of which none can deny. In writing the inspired words of Proverbs, he began with God's purpose in doing so. If we believe these to be the inspired words of the Holy Spirit; then we realize they are Solomon's words, but inspired by God. In chapter one, verse 2 Solomon gives us that purpose, **"To know wisdom and instruction;..."** The meaning of the word **"wisdom"** as used here means having those skills necessary for living a life which is pleasing to God in the midst of a sinful world. The writing of Proverbs was intended also to impart **"instruction"** -meaning guidance in disciplining our lives.

Those who are labeled as fools reject and despise its words. Proverbs 15:5 says, **"A fool despiseth his father's instruction..."** Then further down in Proverbs 15:32 it states, **"He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul..."**

Notice the latter part of Proverbs 1:2, **"to perceive the words of understanding;..."** Continuing with the purpose of these words of wisdom and instruction, Solomon will share with us what might be called "a moral foundation" which we can use to make proper choices as we face critical decisions. The various choices we make in life have different consequences. In Proverbs you will find instruction of proper attitudes, how to raise children, work ethics, dealing with finances, relationships, and many other every day type decisions which should be made with spiritual discernment.

Read closely verse three through six of chapter one as Solomon lays the ground work of the purpose and benefits of reading Proverbs. Verse 7 is the bottom line of the foundation which has been laid in Proverbs 1-6, **"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."**

Where do you stand? Have you taken the wisdom and instruction of Proverbs seriously? The church is a body of believers designed to give praise, honor, and glory to God. The church needs wiser elders/preachers, better informed deacons,

more knowledgeable parents, better instructed children; all of which would be better equipped to deal with the ever increasing moral and life changing decisions we all face daily.

Reading and studying Proverbs is a step in the right direction in the beginning of adding to your godly knowledge. **“Think About IT!”**