



"The Gracious Garland"

Proverbs 1:1-7; 4:7-9

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Questions for Application & Fellowship

QUICK REVIEW

To help us prize wisdom, let's get to know:

1. The Author of Proverbs (1:1)
2. The Purpose of Proverbs (1:2-6)
3. The Theme of Proverbs (1:7; 9:10)

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. King Solomon wrote most of the proverbs that fill this book. Early in his life, he showed great wisdom before God (I Kings 3:1-15). But later in life he sinned grievously (I Kings 11:1-13). How can we continue to study the book of Proverbs in view of Solomon's struggles and failures?

Romans 3:1-4

II Timothy 3:14-17

2. The fear of the LORD is at the heart of wisdom and true knowledge of this world. What is the fear of the LORD? How do these passages add to a broad, nuanced understanding of it?

Job 28:28

Psalm 34:11-14

Psalm 111:9-10

Proverbs 8:13

Proverbs 9:10

Proverbs 10:27

Proverbs 14:26-27

Proverbs 16:6

3. Reflect on Isaiah 11:1-5. What is the Messiah's experience of the fear of the LORD like? Have you experienced anything like this? When do Spirit-filled believers experience the fear of the LORD?
4. Like all of Scripture, the Proverbs lead us to Jesus. Reflecting on I Corinthians 1:26-31, how can the book of Proverbs lead you into a deeper dependence on Jesus?
5. The Hebrew concept of wisdom is all about skill for attractive fruitful living. Proverbs teaches such wisdom for a whole array of everyday life issues such as communication, work ethic, finances, parenting, marriage, sexual purity, anger, pride, gossip, and more. What areas of life do you discern your need for more skill? What does God promise if you will pursue and prize His wisdom (Proverbs 4:7-10)? Pray the Lord will teach you wisdom, and start reading Proverbs daily for this series!