

# PROVERBS: FEAR THE LORD

## Proverbs 1:7

1. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Fools despise \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Fools despise \_\_\_\_\_.

## Review & Study

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- A. Begin to put to memory **Proverbs 1:7**: *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.* <sup>ESV</sup>
- B. Answer the following questions about **Proverbs 1:1-7**:
1. According to verse 1, who is the human author of this section of the book of Proverbs? Who is this person and by what authority does he instruct God's people? What do you know about this author that made him a good person for God to give us instruction on wisdom?
  2. What reasons are given for the writing of these proverbs in verse 2? What do each of these terms mean?
  3. What reasons are given for these proverbs in verse 3? How do each of these virtues affect the relationships that we have with other people?
  4. What reasons are given for these proverbs in verse 4? Who do you think "the simple" refers to? Why do you think that "youth" are singled out here as being in need of knowledge and discretion?
  5. According to verse 5, what two things do the wise still need to do? What does verse 5 go on to say that the one who understands needs to obtain?
  6. What else is needed according to verse 6? How will these things be beneficial?
  7. What does verse 7 give as the beginning of knowledge? What is this calling for? Why is this just "the beginning" of knowledge? In sharp contrast to this, what do fools do? Why do you think people choose to hold wisdom and instruction in contempt, as being without value?
- C. Application
1. Would you say that you are one that lives in wisdom like Proverbs refers to?
  2. Are there any ways that you have seen yourself despise wisdom and instruction?
  3. How might you begin to pray for God to impact you with the wisdom and instruction found in His written Word?