

The Beginning of Wisdom

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The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

- ²To know wisdom and instruction,
To discern the sayings of understanding,
- ³To receive instruction in wise behavior,
Righteousness, justice and equity;
- ⁴To give prudence to the naive,
To the youth knowledge and discretion,
- ⁵A wise man will hear and increase in learning,
And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,
- ⁶To understand a proverb and a figure,
The words of the wise and their riddles.
- ⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.