

# Proverbs 1:1-7

## Prologue

For learning about wisdom and instruction,  
for understanding words of insight,

for gaining instruction in wise dealing,  
righteousness, justice, and equity;

to teach shrewdness to the simple,  
knowledge and prudence to the young—

let the wise also hear and gain in learning,  
and the discerning acquire skill,

to understand a proverb and a figure,  
the words of the wise and their riddles.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.**