

Game Changers Part 1: The Beginning of Wisdom

(Proverbs 4:7 NIV) "**Wisdom** is supreme; therefore get **wisdom**. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

"Knowledge is horizontal, but wisdom is vertical - it comes down from above." - Billy Graham

(Proverbs 26:12 NKJV) "Do you see a **man** wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him."

4 Types of People in Proverbs

1. The Simple.

(Proverbs 7:7 NIV) "I saw among the simple, I noticed among the **young** men, a **youth** who had no sense."

"When you're **fifteen**, somebody tells you they love you, you're gonna believe them." - Taylor Swift

The Cure: Time

2. The Fool.

(Proverbs 10:23 NIV) "A fool finds **pleasure** in wicked schemes."

(Proverbs 13:20 NIV) "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a **companion of fools** suffers harm."

The Cure: Tragedy

"Every **tragedy** has a **lesson** equal in significance to its heartbreak."

3. The Mocker.

(Proverbs 9:7-8 NIV) "Whoever corrects a **mock**er invites insults; whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse. Do not rebuke **mockers** or they will hate you."

The Cure: God

4. The Wise.

(Proverbs 9:9 NIV) "Instruct the **wise** and they will be **wiser still**; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning."

The wise are teachable.

The Fear of the Lord

(Proverbs 9:10 NIV) "**The fear of the LORD** is the **beginning** of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

1. God is awesome.

(Psalm 33:8 NLT) "Let the whole world **fear the LORD**, and let everyone stand in **awe** of him."

(Isaiah 40:28 NIV) "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the **Creator** of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom."

2. God is holy.

(Psalm 99:5 NLT) "Exalt the LORD our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!"

(Hebrews 12:28-29 NIV) "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God **acceptably** with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

3. God is right.

(Psalm 19:7-11 NIV) "The law of the LORD is **perfect**, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are **trustworthy**, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are **right**, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are **radiant**, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, **enduring** forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."

Game Changer #1: When I understand what it means to fear God, I can live fearlessly.