

AND SINCE WE SO

IN GOD WE TRUST

**POWERFUL PERSPECTIVE
FROM PROVERBS**

Proverbs Prologue: Title

¹The proverbs of Solomon, son of David,
king of Israel:

Proverbs 1:1

Proverbs Prologue: Purpose & Method

²To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, ³to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; ⁴to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—⁵Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ⁶to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.

Proverbs 1:2-6

Proverbs Prologue: Thesis

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Proverbs 1:7

For more on the Fear of the LORD

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The Fear of the LORD: Nuts & Bolts

1:29 - Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of My counsel and despised all My reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.

2:3-5 - ...if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

The Fear of the LORD: Nuts & Bolts

3:7 - Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

8:13 - The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

9:10 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

The Fear of the LORD: Nuts & Bolts

10:27 - The fear of the LORD prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.

14:2 - Whoever walks in uprightness fears the LORD, but he who is devious in his ways despises him.

The Fear of the LORD: Nuts & Bolts

14:26-27 - In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.

The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.

15:16 - Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it.

15:33 - The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

The Fear of the LORD: Nuts & Bolts

16:6 - By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

19:23 - The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

22:4 - The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life.

The Fear of the LORD: Nuts & Bolts

23:17 - Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.

24:21-22 - My son, fear the LORD and the king, and do not join with those who do otherwise, for disaster will arise suddenly from them, and who knows the ruin that will come from them both?

31:30 - Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

The Fear of the LORD: Nuts & Bolts

Observations:

- Fearing the Lord is a choice
- Fearing the Lord requires intentional action
- Fearing the Lord requires dying to pride
- Fearing the Lord involves turning away from evil
- Fearing the Lord outweighs/outshines all else

In God We Trust...With Discipline

¹¹My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of His reproof, ¹²for the LORD reproves him whom He loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 3:11-12

Two Paradigms

The way of the...

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Wise

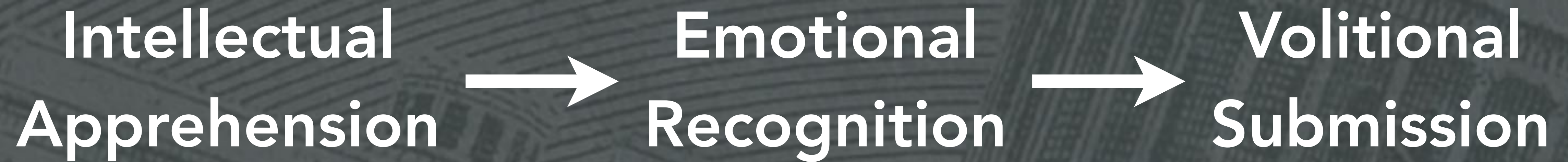
Fool

Reasons we choose the way of the wise

Presupposition: God is the repository of wisdom. We can only find wisdom in God ultimately.

Inevitable Deduction: If wisdom is perfect and complete in God, then the way man exercises wisdom is by fearing God.

Reasons we choose the way of the wise



Reasons we choose the way of the fool

⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.

Genesis 3:4-7a

Reasons we choose the way of the fool

¹⁰Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity. ¹¹Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.

¹²Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him. ¹³But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

Ecclesiastes 8:10-13

¹³The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:9-14

Next Steps

I will identify the reason(s) why
I choose the fool's paradigm

Next Steps

I will identify the step(s) I need to take to choose the wise paradigm

Next Steps

I will share these things
with someone