

Proverbs 1

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, praise the name of The Lord for His salvation and wisdom. I pray for strength and understanding from Your Holy Spirit as I sit at Your feet and obtain that which will sustain me for eternity. Open my ears and eyes to the wonder of Your Word.

Comments/Insights: Imagine an elementary school. It is recess and children are playing, running around with no concern for where they are going or where they have been. Paying no attention to the interests or fears of others, they are giving only enough discernment to one another as they're short attention spans will allow. Then the principal screams, "Gather round children! Settle down, and pay close attention-school is in!" This is backdrop of Proverbs 1.

Basic Scripture Truth: Proverbs 1 gives us the introduction to the will of God for all His children. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom" v7. This is the milk of scripture which the apostle Paul tells the church in Corinth. It is critical that we return daily to the milk of the Word, for even the most solid of houses will not stand if the foundation is weak. "My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them" v10. My little children, stay away from the seductress of evil and her friends! You will know them by how they act and what they do. If you follow them, sure as fire burns you will be harmed!

Application to my Life: I must continue in prayer and study to get the basic wisdom and understanding of the Word of God. While I may wish to be a biblical scholar, bringing insights into the revelations of God, I must not let my pride get in the way of admitting that I am a sinner and can fall at any time for any reason. Only a solid foundation built on the basics of God's word will save my soul and insure safe and joyous living. "Let the **little children** come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as **these**." Mark 10:14

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, I look unto You as a child who is in need of instruction and understanding. Please allow me to come to Your feet to learn, leaving all pretense and pride at the Cross. Let me come to you as a child in need of his Father's love and admonition. I pray that in all learning You are glorified. Amen.

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