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## **I Need You**

**Do you know it all? Are you full of knowledge? Do you have all you need? Can you guard and guide your own life? Do you know the path to life? Do you know where to walk? Do you know what to avoid? Will you accept wisdom and discipline and instruction from me? Will you make yourself attention to my voice? Will you listen to me? Will you follow and obey me?** You are asking me a lot of questions. **Yes, I am. Do you have any answers?** That is kind of the point isn't it? **What do you mean by saying that?** I don't have the answers. I am not wise. I am not full of knowledge. I desperately need your wisdom and discipline and instruction. I don't know where to walk. I don't know what to avoid. I need you to guard and guide my life. I need to you. **These are good admissions.**

**What do you fear?** I fear that I will live less than the life you have called me to live. I fear that I will waste what you have given to me. I fear that I will miss something because I have not been fully attentive to your voice. I have a healthy awe and respect and fear of you. My fear of you makes me want to be attentive to your voice. My fear of you makes me take seriously everything you have to say to me. **That's good.**

**Want do you want?** I want to know and love you. I want to follow and serve you. I want to live a life that is fully pleasing to you. I want to go where you guide me. I want to do what you ask of me. I want to live in an intimate relationship with you. I want to walk with you through life. **That's good.**

**What do you believe about me?** I believe that you are my Savior and Lord. You are my God and King. You love and care for me. You will guard and guide my life. You will lead me to where you want me to go. You will give me what you want me to do. My life is in your hands. **That's good.**

**What have I done in you, for you and through you?** You have changed me. You have made me new. You have forgiven my sins. You have cleansed my unrighteousness. You have redeemed my life. You have given me a new life to live. You have given me a hope and a future. You are using me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **Yes, I have. Yes, I am. Yes, I will.**

**Keep on loving me. Keep on following me. Keep on serving me.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good. Then you will have nothing to fear.**

*Lord, I do have a healthy awe, respect and fear of you. I am attentive to you. Listening to you is the priority of my life. I want to hear and act on everything you have to say to me. Give me your wisdom and discipline. Guard and guide me as I joyfully follow you. Amen*

**Wisdom** *Fear Of The Lord*

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NIV Proverbs 1:7

**Wisdom** *Fear Of The Lord*

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ESV Proverbs 1:7

**Wisdom** *Fear Of The Lord*

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

NLT Proverbs 1:7

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NRSV Proverbs 1:7

**Wisdom** *Bowing Down To God*

Start with GOD—the first step in learning is bowing down to GOD; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning.

MSG Proverbs 1:7

**Wisdom** *Fear Of The Lord*

The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning and the principal and choice part of knowledge [its starting point and its essence]; but fools despise skillful and godly Wisdom, instruction, and discipline.

AMP Proverbs 1:7

**Wisdom** *Trust And Reverence The Lord*

How does a man become wise? The first step is to trust and reverence the Lord! Only fools refuse to be taught.

TLB Proverbs 1:7

**Wisdom** *Fear Of The Lord*

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NASB Proverbs 1:7

**Wisdom** *Respect For The Lord*

Knowledge begins with respect for the LORD, but fools hate wisdom and self-control.

NCV Proverbs 1:7

# Fear Of The Lord

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Wisdom** – Proverbs 1:7

**In Context:** Read Proverbs 1

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why is it a very good thing to have a healthy awe, respect and fear of the Lord?

**How has having a healthy awe, respect and fear of the Lord made you attentive to Him?**

When have you quickly and foolishly dismissed and rejected wisdom and discipline from the Lord?

What has it cost you to quickly and foolishly dismiss and reject wisdom and discipline from the Lord?

**How are you making yourself accepting and attentive to receiving wisdom and discipline from the Lord?**

How have you been guarded, guided and protected by accepting wisdom and discipline from the Lord?

**Who has the Lord used to speak words of wisdom and discipline into your life?**

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Have a healthy awe, respect and fear of the Lord so you will be attentive to wisdom and discipline from Him.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that fearing the Lord will give you healthy awe and respect that will make you attentive to Him.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord spoken wisdom and discipline into your life.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you make yourself attentive to wisdom and discipline from the Lord.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will make myself attentive to your wisdom and discipline.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I make myself attentive to your wisdom and discipline?*

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