



Trinity Kids Resource Pack

Sunday May 17, Proverbs 1:1-7

Passage Pointers

(helping you consider how you might read the Bible together as a family)

Over the next 6 weeks we will be looking through the Old Testament book of Proverbs. Today is an introduction to the book and the first 7 verses of the book tell us a lot about what Proverbs is all about.

While giving reasons why the book of Proverbs is worth reading, the main take-away point is verse 7 where we read that, 'The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.' 'The fear of the LORD,' refers to having a rightful respect for and attitude towards God who is ... well, GOD, all-powerful Creator and King of everything!

Take some time to read through Proverbs chapter 1 verses 1-7 with your children before settling down to enjoy the interactive video together. The International Children's Bible provides an accurate but simplified translation as a translation to read alongside the NIV or a more literal translation such as the ESV. (these translations can all be found at online such as at www.biblegateway.com) Take time to talk through words and phrases that are tricky or unfamiliar to children. You might even want to take time with older children before or after the talk to re-write the passage in your own words.

God Talk

(Helping you chat through the passage and its implications)

To help you to guide your children through the talk, here are a few questions to ask. Some questions may not be suitable for all age groups so be discerning... you know your child best:

- What is a proverb?
 - A proverb is simply a wise saying ... and of course, King Solomon, to whom verse 1 tells us these verses are attributed, was very wise. (Read 2 Kings chapter 3)

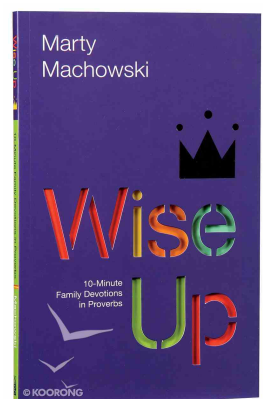
- Who can the proverbs in this book benefit?
 - EVERYONE ... look at verses 4-6 to see that they will benefit those who are easily persuaded (simple) or the wise, the young, the wise. That should cover most people.
- How can the proverbs in this book benefit us?
 - TEACHING wisdom, self-control and understanding of wise sayings with deep meanings (verse 2).
 - HELPING us to live a life of self-control, to think carefully about the future and to do what is right, honest and fair (verse 3)
- Where does knowledge begin?
 - Respecting and obeying God, who should be afforded this response from us as he is our all-powerful (omnipotent), Creator and King. This is the meaning of the term, 'the fear of the LORD', from verse 7.
- How does it look in your life to 'respect' and 'obey' God?
 - Think through:
 - personal time with God
 - life at home
 - life in public (school or out with friends)
- What are you hoping for as you read through the rest of Proverbs over the next 6 weeks?
 - Explore what impact you can look out for with your children in both your own life and their lives and agree to revisit this over the coming weeks.

The quiz below helps recap the teaching and memory verse from the video as well as your family discussion.

Devotional Resource

If you'd like to spend even more time in Proverbs as a family, author and pastor Marty Machowski has published an excellent book of family devotions : 'Wise Up' by Marty Machowski. New Growth Press.

In the 'Suggested Songs' section below is a recommendation for the album "Walking With The Wise" which has 12 songs to complement this devotional guide



Quiz

This quiz helps re-enforce the teaching and memory verse in the video as well as your family discussion. Put the answers in your own words to affirm or correct your child's responses.

Question 1 – Where in the Bible might you find the book of Proverbs?

- In the middle of the Bible, just after the Old Testament book of Psalms.

Question 2 – Whose proverbs do we find in the book of Proverbs?

- King Solomon (mention why he was so wise from 2 Kings 3).

Question 3 – Who can benefit from the book of Proverbs?

- EVERYONE (young, old, those not sure about what is actually wise and those already very wise).

Question 4 – What was today's memory verse?

- "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs chapter 1 verse 7"

Question 5 – According to the memory verse, where does knowledge start?

- 'The fear of the LORD' ... the next question asks for further clarification of this term!

Question 6 – What does it mean to 'FEAR THE LORD'?

- Respect and obey God who, as Creator and King, we recognise as being worthy of our worship.

Question 7 – How are those who despise wisdom and discipline described in verse 7?

- FOOLS.

Question 8 – What is it called when we think we know best and do our own thing rather than respecting and obeying God?

- SIN.

Finish the quiz by repeating the memory verse one last time. I reckon a good performance across the quiz deserves a treat, don't you?

Suggested Songs

Walking With The Wise by Sovereign Grace Music is an excellent album of 12 tracks that help kids and families reflect on the wisdom of God in Proverbs. These 12 tracks were commissioned to complement the 'Wise Up' devotion guide mentioned above, but whether you use the devotions or not, this is a good album to add to your family music collection.

- "Trust in the Lord" Mark Altrogge, Sovereign Grace Music, *Walking With The Wise* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9u8oqlTxUJ4>
- "W-I-S-D-O-M" Zach James Sovereign Grace Music, *Walking With The Wise* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2WgkR_BGjQ
- "God Sits In The Highest Place" Colin Buchanan, *God Rock* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-lv_hUxQF4

Activity/Craft

We've put together a selection of activities for different age groups so please review the pages that follow to decide which pages you want to print off. We'd love to see pictures of any of your creations - share them on the '10:30am Community - Trinity Church Adelaide' Facebook group, or email them to adelaide@trinity.church

All ages: Cupcake Baking!

- Having your own baking session at home to recreate the cupcakes from the video is a great opportunity to have some fun chatting about the big idea of listening to God's instructions for life. You could use your favourite recipe, or you can recreate the cupcakes from the video here: <https://www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/egg-recipes/vanilla-cupcakes/>
- Have some fun playing spot the difference with the baking ingredients!

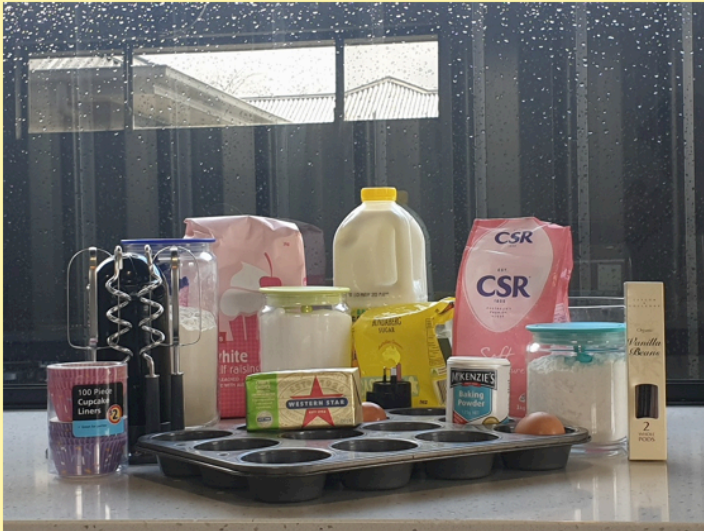
Minis: Cupcake craft and Rainbow Trace the Bible Verse.

R-2s: Print, cut and fold to make an Origami Heart.

3-5s: Lenny the Lion activity pages.

Spot The Difference

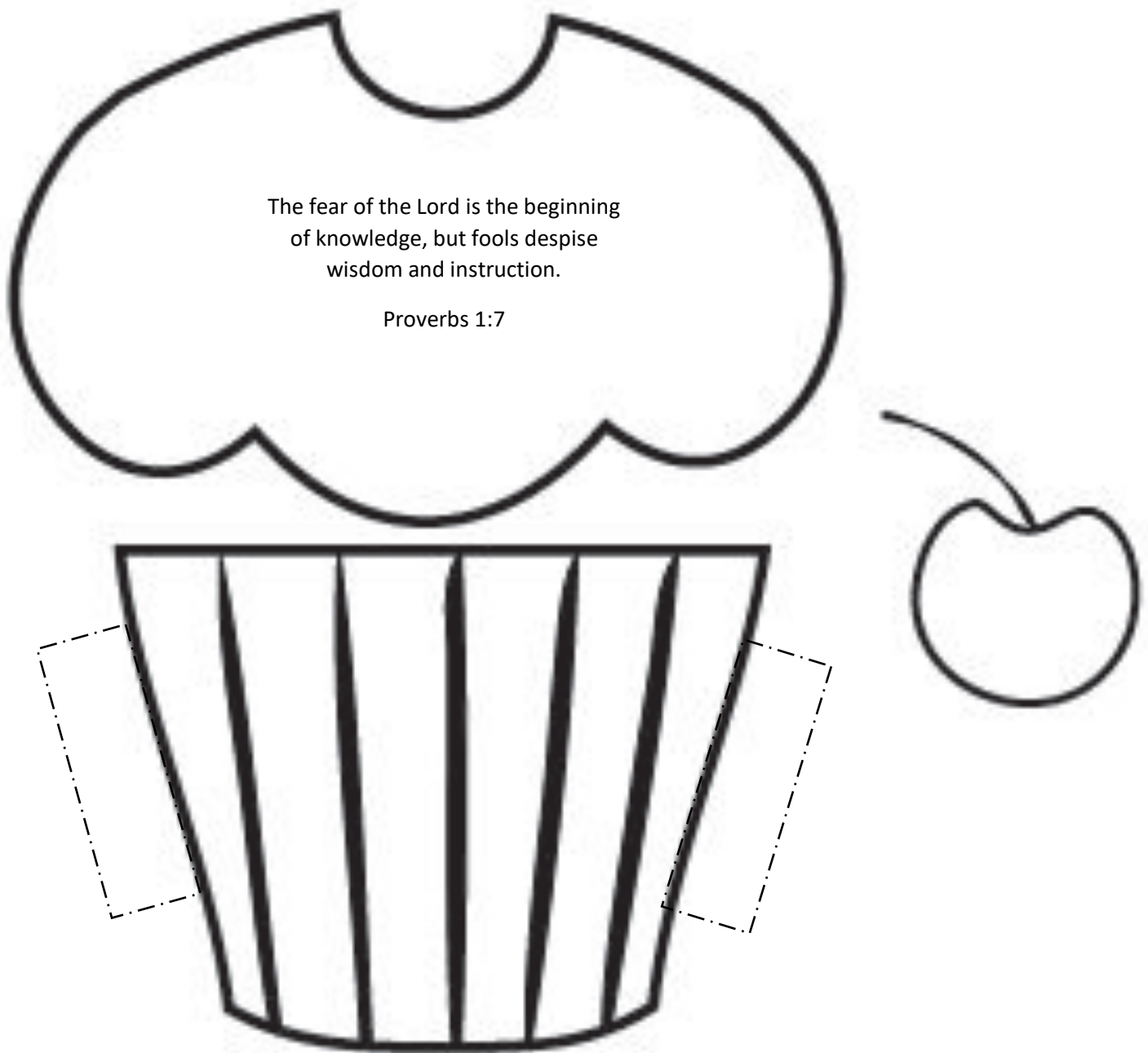
Spot the 9 differences in the pictures (answers below):



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs ch 1 v 7





.....FOLD HERE.....FOLDHERE.....

1. Vanilla Essence switched in for Vanilla Pods
2. Salted Butter switched in for Unsalted Butter
3. Plain Flour switched in for Self-Raising Flour
4. Pink Lid Jar switched in for Blue Lid Jar
5. Egg missing behind butter
6. One Twisted Attachment missing from hand beater
7. Glass Bowl removed behind smallest jar
8. Baking Powder removed
9. Australian Plug Adaptor removed from hand beater plug



Instructions

- Colour in the cupcake pieces
- Cut out the cupcake pieces
- Fold the cupcake wrapper (concertina) and glue down the dotted flaps on a piece of paper
- Glue the cupcake top and cherry onto the paper
- Decorate the cupcake with sequins, coloured paper pieces or anything you can find around the house

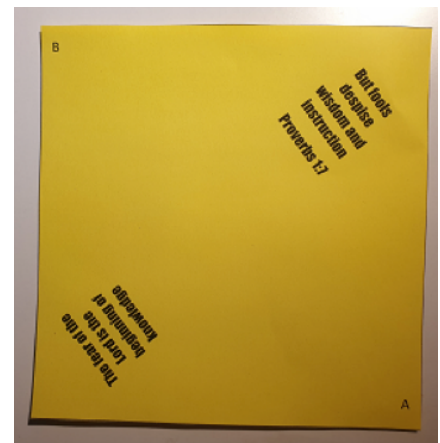
Share the cakes between the children



Origami Heart

What you need: Access to printer, paper and pair of scissors.

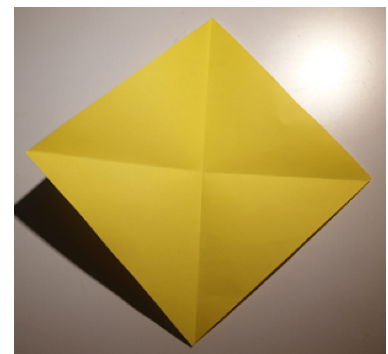
Print the template below. Please ask an adult to help you as you cut the square. You should get this:



Fold the paper in half by folding the top corner to the bottom corner, then unfold.



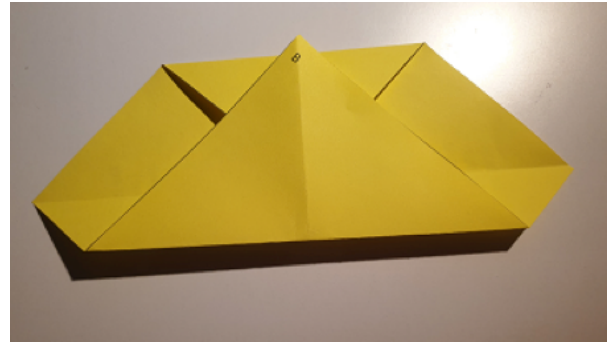
Fold the right corner to the left corner, then unfold.



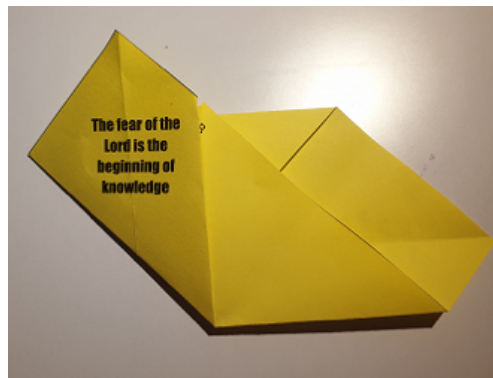
Look for the corner marked 'A' and make sure that corner is at the top. Turn paper over so that the blank side is facing you. Fold corner A (which should be at the top) into the centre of the paper.



Fold the bottom corner (marked 'B') to the top.



Fold the bottom left and right edges to the centre crease.



Fold the top and side corners back.

Instructions based on <https://www.origamiway.com/origami-heart.shtml>

You can use this heart as a bookmark or stick it by your bed. Whenever you see it, remember that God loves you so much and following and listening to Him is the wise thing to do.

If you found that heart easy and want something more challenging, try your hand at a more complex one. You will need a piece of A4 size paper to create this.

Instructions are available on: <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-an-Origami-Heart>



But fools
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Proverbs 1:7

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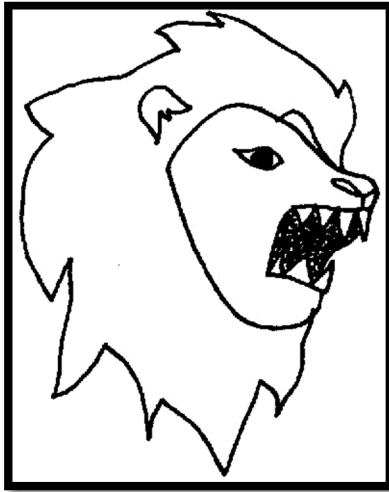
The Fear of
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knowledge

B

The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom

Activities in Proverbs

Here is my attempt at drawing a fierce lion:



Lenny the lion

Now you have a go at drawing a fierce lion:



Leo the lion

Which lion would you fear more? (circle your answer) Lenny / Leo

Would it be wise to steal a lion's food? (circle your answer) Yes / No

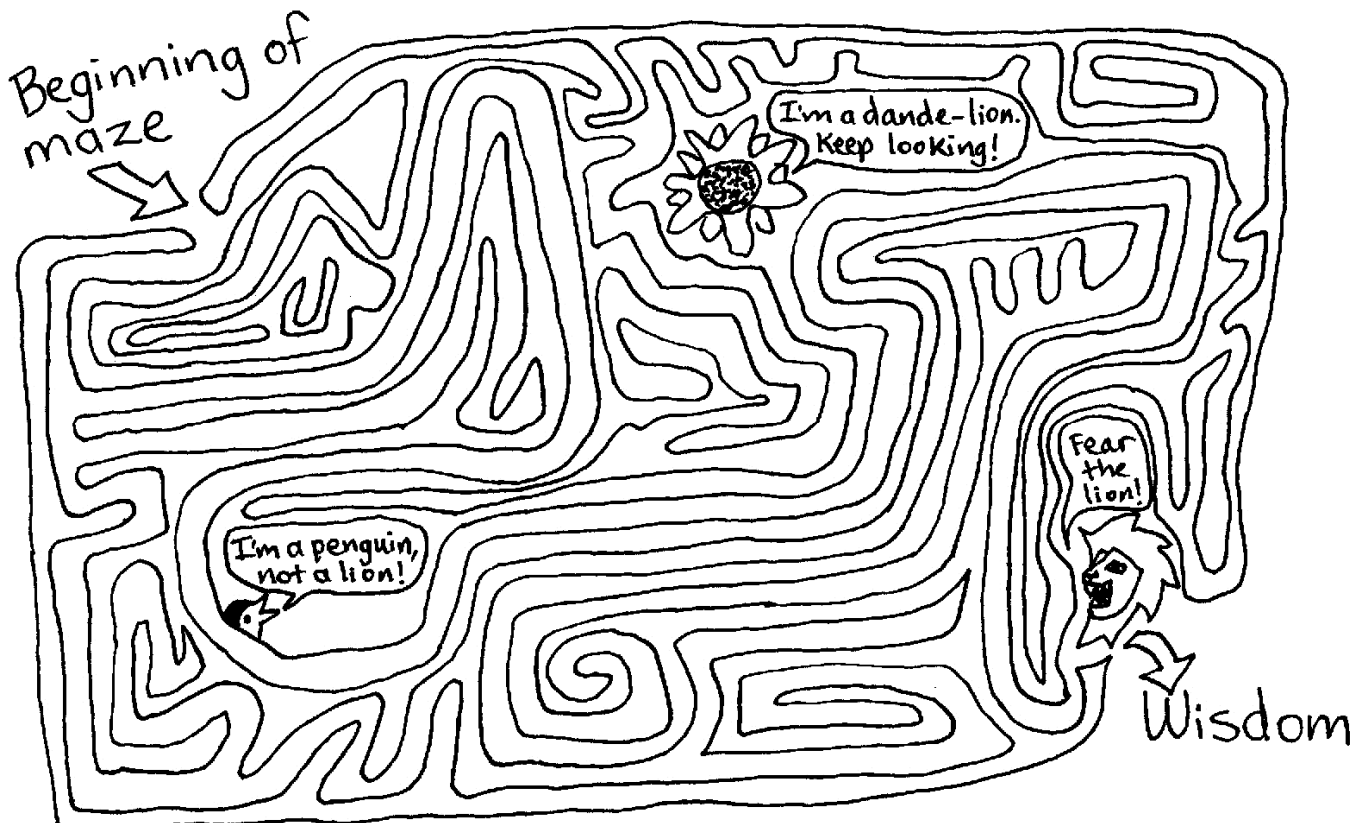
By the way, Lenny says...

Hey! I bought that
cheeseburger with my
own money!
Watch out, kiddo!



So you can see that the beginning of "lion wisdom" and "lion knowledge" is to fear the lion.

But can you find the lion? I've lost Lenny in this maze...



You found Lenny – well done! Now he has a question for you:



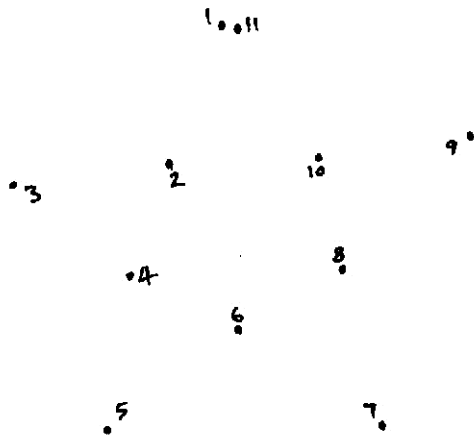
Does God eat cheeseburgers?

No Lenny, not that question. The other question...



Why does the Bible say **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”**?

Complete this dot-to-dot to get a hint at the answer:



What is it a picture of? _____

Does that help you to answer Lenny’s question?

OK, here is another dot-to-dot hint:

What is the next dot-to-dot a picture of? _____

Who created the stars and the earth? _____

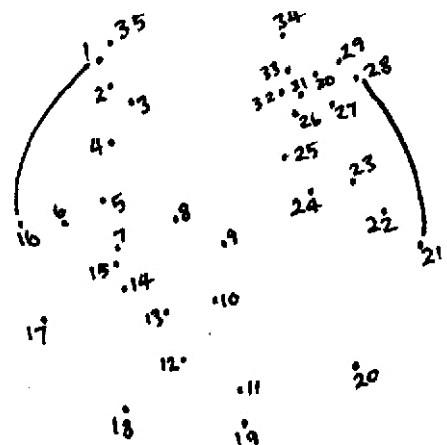


Well, I didn’t create them!

That’s right! God is the all-powerful creator of the universe.

He even created you! God’s power is huge. He has the power to

create fierce lions, the ingredients of a cheeseburger and He has the power to judge us all. It is wise to fear Him.



Gulp!

It’s OK, Lenny. Not only is God’s power huge, but so is his...
(do the dot-to-dot to finish this sentence)

His frog is huge?



Lenny, do you even know how to do a dot-to-dot properly?



Oh wait, that’s a heart – not a frog! So his heart is huge?

His love, Lenny. God’s love is huge.

You know what? **Proverbs 1:7** sums it up nicely. Look it up in your Bible and see if you can fill in the blanks below:

The fear of the _____ is the beginning of knowledge, but _____ despise wisdom and discipline.