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Fearing the LORD is the beginning of discernment, but fools have despised wisdom and moral instruction.

(Proverbs 1:7)

At the beginning of his kingship, Solomon asked for a discerning heart to distinguish between right and wrong. He did not ask for long life, or wealth, or for the death of his enemies but for discernment. Not only was he given a great mind for administering justice, but he was also lavished with riches, honor, and a long life.

To Solomon, wisdom is thinking and living as God designed us to live. It is the appropriate application of knowledge everyday, everywhere. Solomon writes that wisdom comes from knowing and trusting God and living moment by moment in right relationship with him. Knowing God leads to the uncommon ability to view life from His perspective and to follow his path. This intimacy with the Almighty results in a very practical discernment and guide for making the best life choices: wisdom begins with love for God, which leads to a life of integrity.

Do people consider you wise? Do you think you have discernment and an understanding mind? Are you living the way you were designed to live? What are you doing to increase your wisdom? If God granted you one desire, what would you ask for?