

ONE | BEGINNING | THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Proverbs 1:1-7

The '*fear of God*' for those who are *not* in right relationship with him...

Isaiah 33:14

The '*fear of the LORD*' for those who *are* in right relationship with him...

1 Peter 1:17

1 Peter 2:17

Philippians 2:12

God's people are to be God-fearers.

Living rightly in God's world is rooted in relating rightly to God.

TWO | ABOVE ALL ELSE | GUARD YOUR HEART

Proverbs 4:23

Your heart is the source of all *output*; your heart is the destination of all *input*.

Your heart is what God *desires*: Matthew 22:37

Your heart is what God *sees*: 1 Samuel 16:7

Your heart is what God will *judge*: 1 Corinthians 4:5

GETTING WISDOM INTO YOUR HEART

The son is to be a *student* – his heart must be educated;

The son is to be a *lover* – his heart must be won;

The son is to be an *investor* – his heart must be undivided.

KEEPING WICKEDNESS OUT OF YOUR HEART

Wisdom is sometimes best expressed in *avoidance*.

See Psalm 1:1 – too close; too casual; too comfy...