

## Do You Think You're Smart?

### **Ready:**

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction."  
-Proverbs 1:7

### **Set**

Sitting in a job interview I was asked by the president of the school, "Do you think you're smart?" I had never been asked that in a job interview. Not knowing how to respond, I quickly said, "My mother thinks I am!" After the laughter stopped (and I got the job), he explained to me what he had meant. He told me the job would require great depth of knowledge, and the person hired would have to understand on how to attack the position effectively. The job required a great deal of discipline and dedication.

The book of Proverbs is full of wisdom, and it presents many challenges to us as believers. It provides a great foundation in the first chapter. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. . ." This does not mean that we are to be afraid of the Lord, but rather respectful of His teachings. We must learn to apply the knowledge we find in order to become wise.

Due to his years of experience, the school president knew that his question was a wise one. Similarly, over the years I have learned that being "smart" is much more than knowing things. You have to be able to apply what you learn. This is a disciplined practice. As a coach, father, husband and follower of Christ, I've found that knowing about Christ is one thing, but applying Christ to life leads to a spiritual wisdom that is only provided by Christ.

Today, don't be wise in your own eyes. That only leads to foolish mistakes. Rather, dwell in the knowledge and truth of the Lord and watch your spiritual IQ soar higher in Him!

### **Go**

1. Do you have all the answers?
2. Do you lack discipline in your fear of and respect for the Lord?
3. Today, how can you start growing in knowledge and wisdom as a believer?

### **Workout**

Proverbs 1

### **Overtime**

Lord, forgive me for thinking I have all the answers. Instruct me in the way I should go with

Your wisdom as my guide. Help me to dwell in the knowledge and truth of Your Word. Amen.

**Bible Reference:**

Proverbs 1



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