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Transforming Daily
“ . . . the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge . . . ”
Proverbs 1:7

The book of Proverbs is categorized as wisdom literature and for obvious reason. Proverbs is a compilation of Solomon’s wisdom sayings to his children specifically and other readers in general. Wisdom is the premise of the book precisely because wisdom is what Solomon asked from God when enthroned as King over Israel after his father King David died. Hence, Solomon’s moniker, “wisest man in the world.” His wisdom was based on a reverential fear of the Lord like his father before him.

Solomon passed the precept of gaining knowledge down to those who would listen, and he did so not just for the sake of knowledge, but through a godly respect for the ways of the Lord (v.1-6) for His glory and for His blessing on all those who would keep His commandments. Solomon’s wisdom sayings cover every area of life. His instruction addresses matters concerning the young and the old, rich and the poor, male and female, and the wise and the foolish.

One of the wisest comments I recently heard was in the aftermath of the horrific massacre in the Amish community in Nichols, Pennsylvania, where several children were murdered by a deranged truck driver (I could print his name, but I do not wish to honor his memory). It was truly an unbelievable event (now years later, it still causes me to choke up and get misty eyed). The comment that was made was made by a grandfather of one of the children in the single-room school house (which was immediately demolished after the investigation was over). His comment was simple, humble, non-vengeful and wise. The grandfather, when asked his opinion on the matter said, “There is evil in the world, and he made a bad decision.” Oh to be filled with that kind of wisdom and restraint! Praise the Lord!

What about you and your decision making process. Is it based on the wisdom of God? Is it based on your understanding of His Word? Do you have a reverential fear for Him and His instruction? For the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.