

New Series:  
“WORD TO THE WISE”

Sermon 1 – A HEALTHY FEAR

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**Opening Scripture:** *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”* Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)

*“Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.”* Psalm 33:8 (NIV)

**Defining the Fear of the Lord: FEAR MEANS**  
\_\_\_\_\_ – *profound, adoring, awed respect.*

I. THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE \_\_\_\_\_  
OF WISDOM.

*“The Lord says to Joshua, ‘Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.’”* Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

*“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”* 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

II. THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE \_\_\_\_\_  
OF KNOWLEDGE.

*“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”* Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

III. THE FEAR OF THE LORD WILL PRODUCE  
GOOD \_\_\_\_\_.

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”*  
Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)

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