



**“TEACH US TO
NUMBER OUR
DAYS, THAT WE
MAY GAIN A
HEART OF
WISDOM.”**

— PSALM 90:12

DEVOTION:

Proverbs 9:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”

The book of Proverbs teaches us that **wisdom is not merely intelligence or experience**, but a way of living that begins with reverence for God. Over and over, Scripture reminds us that wisdom starts when we acknowledge that God, not ourselves, is the ultimate source of truth, direction, and understanding.

To “fear the LORD” is not to live in terror, but to walk in **humble awe**, trusting His ways above our own. Proverbs contrasts this posture with self-reliance, warning us not to be “wise in our own eyes.” True wisdom grows when we surrender our understanding and allow God to shape our choices, attitudes, and paths.

Wisdom is also described as something to **pursue intentionally**.

“Get wisdom,” Proverbs urges, suggesting effort, desire, and commitment. Like a treasured companion, wisdom guards, preserves, and keeps those who love her. She offers far greater value than wealth, status, or possessions.

Ultimately, Proverbs shows us that wisdom is relational. It flows from knowing God, listening to His instruction, and walking daily in obedience. When we choose wisdom, we choose life shaped by God’s truth, peace, and direction.

Prayer

Lord, teach me to fear You rightly and to seek Your wisdom above all else. Help me trust You with my whole heart and walk in understanding that honors You. Amen.