Proverbs 1:1-7

*The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:*

*2for gaining wisdom and instruction;*

*for understanding words of insight;*

*3for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,*

*doing what is right and just and fair;*

*4for giving prudence to those who are simple,*

*knowledge and discretion to the young—*

*5let the wise listen and add to their learning,*

*and let the discerning get guidance—*

*6for understanding proverbs and parables,*

*the sayings and riddles of the wise.*

*7The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,*

*but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Sermon Outline

* The purpose of the Proverbs
* What does it mean to be wise?
* The young, the wise, and the foolish
* The starting point for wisdom