



Wisdom: Obedience comes before understanding. Acting before knowing...

Proverbs 9:10 and Proverbs 1:7

"I expected in all areas of my life that **'Understanding comes before obedience'**. You don't buy a car insurance policy before you understand it. It was just common sense, and not the other way around. I realized, **I wanted God to show me on my terms** why homosexuality was a sin. **I wanted to be the judge**, and not the one being judged. ... **Did I really want to understand homosexuality from God's point of view** (I mean that's why this whole research project started), or **did I just want to argue with Him?** So I prayed a scary prayer that night: **that God would give me the faith to obey before I understood.**" — Rosaria Butterfield <https://youtu.be/qiiduN-SRcY?list=PLMzBHmBwuMIU&t=1943>

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. **Obedience comes before understanding! Acting before knowing. Walking/following Jesus before understanding Jesus.**

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of **wisdom**,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."
— Proverbs 9:10

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of **knowledge**,
but fools [\[1\]](#) despise wisdom and instruction."
— Proverbs 1:7

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- What it means:
 - Reverence over terror: "Fear" here does not mean being scared or terrified of God in a harmful way. It means having deep respect, awe, and honor for God's power and holiness.
 - The starting point: Just as a foundation is the start of a building, respecting God is the first step to truly understanding life and making good choices.
 - Understanding right and wrong: A healthy respect for God helps people avoid bad actions and look past selfish human desires.
- Why it matters:
 - **Foundation for living: Without this respect, people tend to rely only on themselves and make foolish choices. [f.ex.: worldly dating coaches & worldly relationship advice]**
 - Growing closer: This type of **awe draws a person closer to God** rather than pushing them away.
 - Next steps: The verse continues by saying that **knowing the Holy One leads to true understanding.**

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