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Wisdom is capability of using knowledge and understanding to act and think in a manner that the choices one makes are productive or beneficial (Grossmann, 2017). Wisdom is gained through experience, and it also begins when a person fears and respects God as per the book of ² **Proverbs 9:10**. It posit that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" (*King James Bible*, 2017, Proverbs 9:10). This is because where there is fear, there is obedience. God values obedience more than sacrifice. There can never be true wisdom if a person lacks the fear of God. The fear of God means acknowledging God's presence, respecting, and living according to His word. When a person follows through this, they begin to see life differently beyond their ordinary human understanding as they have gained a new purpose and perspective. A person who has gained wisdom will listen to increase their level of understanding and learning. Lastly, wisdom cannot be given to a person if they do not long for it.

This verse is helpful in life because it teaches a person to seek wisdom first above everything else. After all, their years in life shall increase. In that wisdom helps people to make decisions that will benefit and improve their lives in the long run. Without wisdom, their lives will be meaningless and full of suffering caused by the bad choices they made. Wisdom guides how a person lives their life while providing them with protection. Additionally, it gives insight into the people who long for wisdom by allowing them to live a life of no regrets and guilt from their choices. Besides, when a person seeks wisdom through the fear of God, they gain understanding, as mentioned earlier. This type of knowledge helps individuals learn how the world works, giving them the upper hand in dealing with life issues. This is because humankind is prone to react first instead of understanding why things are not going as planned.

In this modern time, very few people possess and use wisdom in their life. This is partly because everyone is driven by their agendas and goals that they hardly seek wisdom to lead a fulfilled life. For one to apply the verse in this modern time, they need to drop everything, seek God's forgiveness, grace, and mercy to gain wisdom. God does not value money or gold, but instead, he desires that people should let go of these things and seek Him by obeying his word and following His instructions (Sanchez, 2017). That way, one will gain wisdom, and their life will have new meaning because they have identified their purpose in life. Second, after gaining wisdom, the verse can help one understand and accept criticism instead of lashing out with abusive words or hate since it is human nature to justify their actions. In this situation, one can use wisdom to learn and where they went wrong to improve their ways. This action will help in strengthening one's relationship with God while increasing their wisdom levels.

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