#### FOUNDATIONS

# THE ABCs OF LIFE

Proverbs 1:7 Jeff Schreve

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7

#### Have you discovered the ABCs of life?

## 1. The fear of the LORD is <u>critically important</u>.

- A. It is the <u>beginning of it all</u>.
- B. It is an indispensable aspect of a successful life. The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death. Proverbs 14:27

## 2. The fear of the LORD is <u>sadly misunderstood</u>.

- A. God does not want you to be afraid of Him.
- B. God wants you to fear Him in reverence and awe.
- C. God wants you to understand who He is and who you are.
  - 1. He wants you to obey Him.
  - 2. He wants you to enjoy Him.

# 3. The fear of the LORD is <u>blatantly disregarded</u>.

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks ... and their foolish heart was darkened. Romans 1:21

- A. It is very <u>foolish</u> to reject the fear of the LORD.
- B. It is very <u>devastating</u> to reject the fear of the LORD.

## As you assess your life, are you living in the fear of the LORD?