

## Proverbs 2:1-22

My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands.  
Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding.  
Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them  
as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures.  
Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord,  
and you will gain knowledge of God. For the Lord grants wisdom!  
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

## Proverbs 2:1-22

He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to Him. Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. Wise choices will watch over you.

Understanding will keep you safe.

## Proverbs 2:1-22

Wisdom will save you from evil people, from those whose words are twisted. These men turn from the right way to walk down dark paths....So follow the steps of the good, and stay on the paths of the righteous. For only the godly will live in the land, and those with integrity will remain in it. But the wicked will be removed from the land, and the treacherous will be uprooted.

1. What is wisdom?
2. Where is wisdom found?
3. How is wisdom acquired?

## What is wisdom?

- Understanding
- Insight
- Knowledge
- Common Sense
- What is right, just, and fair
- The right way to go

## What is wisdom?

The ability to assess any situation  
and make the best decision.

"Wisdom is the skill of living. It is a practical knowledge that helps one know how to act and how to speak in different situations. Wisdom entails the ability to avoid problems, and the skill to handle them when they present themselves. Wisdom also includes the ability to interpret other people's speech and writing in order to react correctly to what they are saying to us. Wisdom is not intelligence pure and simple. It does not necessarily exclude intelligence, but that is not the focus. " -Tremper Longman

What is wisdom?

It is not just IQ, it goes beyond that.



## What is wisdom?

It is not just moral obedience, it goes beyond that.

## What is wisdom?

It's not good enough to just follow the rules. Wisdom goes beyond that. And most of your decisions go beyond that.

# What is wisdom?

- Hidden Treasure
- Silver
- A shield
- Protection
- Joy
- Safety from evil people
- Life

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## Where is wisdom found?

Proverbs 2:6 - "For the LORD grants wisdom.  
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding."

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Proverbs 2:20

So follow the steps of the good,  
and stay on the paths of the righteous.

**How is wisdom acquired?**

Wisdom is a path you must walk,  
not a door you just open.



How is wisdom acquired?

Listen proactively, not reactively.

## The Holy Spirit wants:

- a connection that's relational, not transactional.
- to be constantly loved, not occasionally called on.
- to be the voice of God, not a strategic consultant.

**1. What is wisdom?**

The ability to assess any situation and make the best choice.

**2. Where is wisdom found?**

God's voice.

**3. How is wisdom acquired?**

One step at a time over time.

"Yea, but my motives are jacked up."

“Yea, but I don’t know what to do.”

“I’m not a reader.”

“What if I do it wrong?”

“Well, I can’t focus early in the morning.”



"I'm angry with God."

"I'm a skeptic though."

"I'm full of sadness and anxiety."

“I feel like I just want to die.”

“God doesn’t want to talk to me.  
I’ve failed so many times.”

“I don't understand the Bible.”

"My wife is the only Christian I know."

"I can't focus that long."



"It doesn't work."

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**  
**Never stop praying.**

Acts 17:11

The people of Berea searched the Scriptures  
day after day...

## Galatians 6:1-2

If another believer is overcome by sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall in the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

## Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world,  
but let God transform you into a new person by changing  
the way you think. Then you will learn to know  
God's will for you...

1 Corinthians 1:24

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# THE HOLY SPIRIT

Inspired Scripture

Controlled Conscience

Spiritual People

X PRAYER

X COMMITMENT

Prayerful  
Daily Reading  
of the Scripture

+

Regular  
Contemplative  
Introspection

+

Longstanding  
Relationships with  
a Spiritual Family