




PROVERBS 2:1-5

WISDOM

FOR 2025



Walk in the Fear of the Lord

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PROVERBS

Wisdom/skill for living

General truisms

Two paths in life

PROVERBS 11:22

22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous ends only in good, but the hope of the wicked only in wrath.

24 One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

26 People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.

27 He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it.

28 Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

29 He who brings trouble on his family will inherit only wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise.

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

31 If the righteous receive their due on earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner!

12 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.

2 A good man obtains favor from the LORD, but the LORD condemns a crafty man.

3 A man cannot be established through wickedness, but the righteous cannot be uprooted.

4 A wife of noble character is her husband's crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.

Health
Money

Reputation

Future

Health

Money

Discipline
Parenting

Health
Money

Parenting
Marriage

Who Not To
Dilemma

Both
Counsel

Giving

Selfishness

Money
Pursuing
Work

Jealousy
Complacency

Tongue

Work
Pride
Pursuing

Tongue

Healthy

5 The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.

6 The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them.

7 Wicked men are overthrown and no more, but the house of the righteous stands firm.

8 A man is praised according to his wisdom, but men with warped minds are despised.

9 Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant than pretend to be somebody and have no food.

10 A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

11 He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment.

12 The wicked desire the plunder of men, but the root of the righteous flourishes.

13 An evil man is trapped by his own talk, but a righteous man escapes trouble.

14 From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things, as surely as the work of his hands rewards him.

15 The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

16 A fool shows his annoyance at the LORD, but a prudent man overlooks insult.

17 A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies.

18 Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

19 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is only for a moment.

20 There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil, but joy for those who promote peace.

21 No harm befalls the righteous, but the wicked have their fill of trouble.

22 The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

23 A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools blurs out folly.

24 Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.

25 An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.

26 A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

27 The lazy man does not roast his game, but the diligent man prizes his possessions.

28 In the way of righteousness there is life; along that path is immortality.

29 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

30 From the fruit of his lips a man enjoys good things, but the unfaithful have a craving for violence.

31 He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.

32 The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.

33 A man is a guide to his neighbor, but an unfaithful man does not endure.

34 The meaning of the Hebrew for this word is uncertain.

Or man is a guide to his neighbor
Or unfaithful does not endure

PROVERBS 13:18

5 The righteous hate what is false, but the wicked bring shame and disgrace.

6 Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

7 One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.

8 A man's riches may ransom his life, but a poor man hears no threat.

9 The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.

10 Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

11 Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.

12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

13 He who scorns instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command is rewarded.

14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard.

16 Every prudent man acts out of knowledge, but a fool exposes his folly.

17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy brings healing.

18 He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.

19 The meaning of the Hebrew for this word is uncertain.

Work

Work

Parenting

Parenting

Parenting / Teachability

Parenting / Teachability

PROVERBS 13:19

19 A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.

20 He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

21 Misfortune pursues the sinner, but prosperity is the reward of the righteous.

22 A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

23 A poor man's field may produce abundant food, but injustice sweeps it away.

24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

25 The righteous eat to their hearts' content, but the stomach of the wicked goes hungry.

14 The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.

2 He whose walk is upright fears the LORD, but he whose ways are devious despises him.

3 A fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.

4 Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest.

5 A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.

6 The mocker seeks wisdom and finds none, but knowledge comes easily to the discerning.

7 Stay away from a foolish man, for you will not find knowledge on his lips.

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.

9 Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.

10 Each heart knows its own bitterness, and no one else can share its joy.

11 The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.

12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

13 Even in laughter the heart may ache, and joy may end in grief.

14 The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways, and the good man rewarded for his.

15 A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps.

16 A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.

17 A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 Evil men will bow down in the presence of the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor are shunned even by their neighbors, but the rich have many friends.

21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy. Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.

23 All hard work brings a profit,

22 Or show

PROVERBS 15:15

629 but mere talk leads only to poverty.

2 The wealth of the wise is their crown, but the folly of fools yields folly.

3 A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.

4 He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.

5 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.

6 A large population is a king's glory, but without subjects a prince is ruined.

7 A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.

8 A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

9 He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

10 When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down, but even in death the righteous have a refuge.

11 Wisdom reposes in the heart of the discerning and even among fools she lets herself be known.

12 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

13 A king delights in a wise servant, but a shameful servant incurs his wrath.

15 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,

but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.

3 The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

4 The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

5 A fool spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.

6 The house of the righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings them trouble.

7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge, but the hearts of fools are not so.

8 The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.

9 The LORD detests the way of the wicked, but he loves those who pursue righteousness.

10 Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path; he who hates correction will die.

11 Death and Destruction lie open before the LORD—how much more the hearts of men!

12 A mocker resents correction; he will not consult the wise.


13 A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.

14 The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.

15 All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast.

43 Hebrew; Septuagint and Syriac / but in the heart of fools she is not known

41 Hebrew Sheol and Abaddon



Walk in the Fear of the Lord

WISDOM FOR 2025



*THE FEAR OF
THE LORD*

- Reverential Awe
- Holy Respect
- Personal Awareness of the Awesome Sovereignty of God
- Awareness of God's Transcendence & Immanence



*THE FEAR OF
THE LORD*

The humble awareness of
& response to God's presence
in all of life

WHAT IS IT?
WHY DO WE NEED IT?
HOW DO WE GET IT ?

Proverbs 1:7 ^{ESV}

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10 ^{ESV}

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 15:33 ^{ESV}

The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

WHAT IS IT?
WHY DO WE NEED IT?
HOW DO WE GET IT ?

Proverbs 1:29-31 ^{ESV}

Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
³⁰ would have none of my counsel
and despised all my reproof,
³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,
and have their fill of their own devices.

WHAT IS IT?
WHY DO WE NEED IT?
HOW DO WE GET IT ?

Proverbs 8:13 ^{ESV}

The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Proverbs 16:6 ^{ESV}

By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

WHAT IS IT?
WHY DO WE NEED IT?
HOW DO WE GET IT ?

Proverbs 10:27 ^{ESV}

The fear of the LORD prolongs life, but
the years of the wicked will be short.

WHAT IS IT?
WHY DO WE NEED IT?
HOW DO WE GET IT ?

Proverbs 14:26-27 ^{ESV}

In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence,
and his children will have a refuge.

²⁷ The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life,
that one may turn away from the snares of death.

WHAT IS IT?

WHY DO WE NEED IT?

HOW DO WE GET IT ?

Proverbs 15:16 ^{ESV}

Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than
great treasure and trouble with it.

WHAT IS IT?

WHY DO WE NEED IT?

HOW DO WE GET IT ?

Proverbs 19:23 ^{ESV}

The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

WHAT IS IT?

WHY DO WE NEED IT?

HOW DO WE GET IT ?

Proverbs 23:17 ^{ESV}

Let not your heart envy sinners, but
continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.

*WALK IN THE
FEAR OF THE LORD*

To Glorify God

To Experience Fullness of Life

To Help Us Turn From Sin

To Experience Contentment/Satisfaction

To Walk In Confidence/Security

WHAT IS IT?
WHY DO WE NEED IT?
HOW DO WE GET IT?

Proverbs 2:1-5 ^{ESV}

My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,
² making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
³ yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,
⁴ if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,
⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.

*WALK IN THE
FEAR OF THE LORD*

Walk in the Word – Select a Theme/Verse

Walk in Community – Invite a Friend

Walk in the Spirit – Pray it

DECISIONS/FUTURE

PROVERBS 15:22 - PLANS FAIL FOR LACK OF COUNSEL,
BUT WITH MANY ADVISERS THEY SUCCEED.

PROVERBS 16:1 - TO MAN BELONG THE PLANS OF THE
HEART, BUT FROM THE LORD COMES THE REPLY OF THE
TONGUE.

"FATHER, WE NEED CLARITY FOR THIS DECISION. BY
YOUR SPIRIT + IN THE NAME OF JESUS, GUIDE US
TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE FOR COUNSEL." PAM

SPEECH/TONGUE/MOUTH

PROVERBS 15:1 - A GENTLE ANSWER
TURNS AWAY WRATH, BUT A HARSH
WORD STIRS UP ANGER.

"FATHER, I'M HUMBLY AWARE + ACCOUNTABLE
TO YOU FOR MY WORDS, BY YOUR SPIRIT +
IN THE NAME OF JESUS, HELP ME BE GENTLE
+ NOT HARSH WITH MY MOUTH."

JEFF

WEALTH + GENEROSITY

PROVERBS 11:24-25 - ONE MAN GIVES FREELY, YET
GAINS EVEN MORE; ANOTHER WITHHOLDS UNOULY, BUT
COMES TO POVERTY. A GENEROUS MAN WILL PROSPER;
HE WHO REFRESHES OTHERS WILL HIMSELF BE REFRESHED.

"FATHER, YOU ARE MY PROVIDER. I AM A STEWARD
OF WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME. BY YOUR SPIRIT + IN
THE NAME OF JESUS, HELP ME BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS."

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