

Seek Wisdom In Your Heart

Proverbs 2

God's Wisdom Must Get Into Your Heart To Affect Your Life

A. The Preparation Needed For Wisdom (2:1-4)

1. Must be willing (2:1)

a. Grant admission

b. Take this instruction to heart

Psalm 119:11, Proverbs 4:20-21

2. Must follow through (2:2-4)

a. Open your ears

b. Open your heart

c. Open your mouth and ask

d. Open your eyes

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

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B. The Products of Seeking Wisdom (2:5-9)

- 1. Regard for God's ways (2:5-6)**
- 2. Receipt of God's blessings (2:7-8)**
- 3. Realization of God's will (2:9)**

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C. The Protection of Wisdom (2:10-19)

1. A decision required (2:10)

2. A direction reflected (2:11)

1 Peter 4:1-4

3. A deliverance realized (2:12-19)

a. From the evil man (2:12-15)

b. From the evil woman (2:16-19)

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D. The Promises of Wisdom (2:20-22)

- 1. Good company (2:20)**
- 2. Good country (2:21)**
- 3. Good continuance (2:22)**

Walking In Wisdom

Proverbs 3

God's Wisdom Is Obtained By Trusting God

I. Walk Rightly With God (3:1-10)

Proverbs 3:1-4

1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

I. Walk Rightly With God (3:1-10)

A. By remembering (3:1-4)

1. The way (3:1, 3)

a. Do not forget (v 1)

b. Do not forsake (v 3)

2. The benefits (3:2, 4)

a. Longevity (v 2)

b. Peace (v 2)

c. Favor and understanding (v 4)

I. Walk Rightly With God (3:1-10)

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

B. By trusting

1. The preeminence (vv 5-6)

2. The path (v 6)

I. Walk Rightly With God (3:1-10)

Proverbs 3:7-8

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

C. In humility and reverence

1. A change in perspective (v 7)

2. A change in direction (v 7)

3. A change in welfare (v 8)

Micah 6:8

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

I. Walk Rightly With God (3:1-10)

Proverbs 3:9-10

9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

D. In regard to your possessions

1. The concept of a sacrifice (v 9)

2. The continuance of God's blessings (v 10)

Malachi 3:10

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

II. Receive The Lessons of Wisdom (3:11-18)

A. Receive God's correction with the right heart

Proverbs 3:11-12

**11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD;
neither be weary of his correction:**

**12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a
father the son in whom he delighteth.**

God wants us to do his will

Isaiah 30:21

**And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying,
This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right
hand, and when ye turn to the left.**

II. Receive The Lessons of Wisdom (3:11-18)

B. The benefits of God's wisdom

1. Emotionally (v 13)

Proverbs 3:13

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

II. Receive The Lessons of Wisdom (3:11-18)

B. The benefits of God's wisdom

2. Physically (vv 14-16)

Proverbs 3:14-16

14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

II. Receive The Lessons of Wisdom (3:11-18)

B. The benefits of God's wisdom

3. Spiritually (vv 17-18)

Proverbs 3:17-18

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

III. Value Wise Living (3:19-35)

A. By beholding God's wisdom (3:19-22)

1. In creation (vv 19-20)

Proverbs 3:19-20

19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

III. Value Wise Living (3:19-35)

A. By beholding God's wisdom (3:19-22) – continued

2. In context (vv 21-22)

Proverbs 3:21-22

**21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep
sound wisdom and discretion:**

**22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy
neck.**

III. Value Wise Living (3:19-35)

**B. By seeing the safety (benefit) in God's wisdom
(3:23-26)**

Proverbs 3:23-26

23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

III. Value Wise Living (3:19-35)

C. By exercising God's wisdom (3:27-30)

Proverbs 3:27-30

27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

III. Value Wise Living (3:19-35)

D. By choosing wise living (3:31-35)

Proverbs 3:31-35

31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

32 For the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.

33 The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

34 Surely he scorneth the scorers: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

Proverbs 8:33
Hear instruction,
and be wise, and
refuse it not.