

Proverbs 2:1-22 NIV

- ¹ My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, ² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding,
- ³ and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,
- ⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,
- ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, ⁸ for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.
- ⁹ Then you will understand what is right and just and fair -- every good path. ¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. ¹¹ Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.
- ¹² Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, ¹³ who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways, ¹⁴ who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, ¹⁵ whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways.
- ¹⁶ It will save you also from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words, ¹⁷ who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God. ¹⁸ For her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead. ¹⁹ None who go to her return or attain the paths of life.
- ²⁰ Thus you will walk in the ways of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous. ²¹ For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it;
- ²² but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be torn from it.

The Benefits of Wisdom

Three ways to pursue wisdom

1. _____ the words of wisdom.
2. _____ for wisdom.
3. _____ for and _____ wisdom.

Four benefits to pursuing wisdom

1. _____ will give wisdom and _____.
2. _____ _____ become wise and wisdom will protect you.
3. Wisdom will _____ you from wicked _____ and _____.
4. Wisdom will deliver you from _____
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