

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

THE INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM AND THE APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE
TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN ALL THAT WE THINK, SAY AND DO TO THE HONOR OF OUR
LORD AND SAVOIR JESUS CHRIST

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE WAY OF WISDOM WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE

The instruction of wisdom and the application of knowledge to the glory of God,
and all that we think, say, and do to the honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Wisdom, Knowledge, Discipleship, Maturity, Growth, Family, Life

Let's Stand & Turn In Our Bible's To The Reading of Our Text Today

We are going to hear several words repeated in our reading, as well as several words restated a different way. All of this is given to us that we might avoid the way of death that comes from living an immoral life.

The word; "Paths" speak of a journey, a course, a trail. In this case – It's Journey Life. The most important experience you are on or ever will be on.

Proverbs 2:1-22

My son, IF YOU receive my words, and treasure my commands within you,
2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; 3 Yes, IF YOU cry out
for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, 4 IF YOU
seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; 5 Then you will understand the fear of
the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.
6 For the LORD gives wisdom -- from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; 7 He stores up
sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; 8 He guards the paths of

justice and preserves the way of His saints. 9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path.

10 When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, 11 discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you, 12 to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things,

13 from those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness;

14 who rejoice in doing evil, and delight in the perversity of the wicked;

15 whose ways are crooked, and who are devious in their paths; 16 to deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words, 17 who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God. 18 For her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead; 19 none who go to her return, nor do they regain the paths of life –

20 So you may walk in the way of goodness and keep to the paths of righteousness.

21 For the upright will dwell in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; 22 but the wicked will be cut off from the earth, and the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

THE WAY OF WISDOM WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE

1.) Wise up vs. 1-5

THE WAY OF WISDOM WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE WISE UP

1a.) By being receptive vs. 1-2

Verse 1

My son, IF YOU receive my words, and treasure my commands within you,
2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding

Receive Heb: laqach
to take root or to accept, to capture or to take and to keep,
to procure, seize for yourself.

John 8:42-43

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. **43** Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are **not able** to listen to My word.

Treasure Heb: tsaphan
to put in a safe place that which is of the utmost value. A treasure well-hidden to store away for safe keeping.

Verse 2

2 So that you **incline** your ear to wisdom,
and **apply** your **heart** to **understanding**

Incline Heb: qashab
to bend or to cup the ears, to give all attention to, to fix your eyes and ears upon the subject or the issue so as to learn.

Psalm 119:9-11

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. **10** With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! **11** Your word I have **hidden** (treasured up) in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

God's Rx = Is The Word of God

The Word of God acts like a spiritual antibiotic against sin and sinful conduct. apply the Word of God to the cancer, the pain, the sorrow, the evil

Apply Heb: na'tah
as in application by spreading out, extending, by turning towards with intent or intention. to be deliberate.

Psalm 107:20

He sent His word and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.

Understanding Heb: tebunah
to have the ability / skill to apply what you know, to have the ability to be reasonable, discerning.

The Meaning Is;

We must be willing to give ourselves over to being receptive

Genesis 18:19

For I (The LORD) have known him (Abraham), in order that he **may** command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”

John 15:7-8

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

THE WAY OF WISDOM WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE WISE UP

1b.) By being **active**

vs. 3-4

Verse 3-4

3 Yes, **IF YOU** cry out for **discernment**, and lift up your voice for **understanding**,
4 **IF YOU** seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures;

“God’s promises are eternal, but our possession of those promises - is contingent upon us, - they are waiting for us to lay hold of them.”

Verse 3

3 Yes, **IF YOU** cry out for **discernment**,
and lift up your voice for **understanding**,

Cry Out Heb: qa'ra
to make known, to make famous, broad,
well known, not hidden or aloof.

Psalms 18:6

In my distress I **called** upon the LORD, and **cried out** to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my **cry** came before Him, *even* to His ears.

Discernment Heb: bi'nah
clear knowledge of or to have clear understanding of that which is otherwise not easily knowable. Most often in relation to divine insight of a matter or a situation.

He will not withhold this requests

Philippians 1:9

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all **discernment**,

Discernment grk: aesthesis
to have clear perception, to see vividly that which is needed to know.

Lift Up Heb: Nathan
to shout forth toward God, to be aloud, to make public

What are we really crying out for {actually} from the inside out?
When no one's around, when none can hear – what is God hearing from the deep – from the inside of our souls ?

Verse 4

4 IF YOU **seek her** as silver,
and **search for her** as for hidden treasures;

Seek Heb: baqash
to beg, begging, to demand, to desire with great eagerness, to search back and forth, to grope for something of great importance, to be in search of.

Matthew 7:7-11

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. **9** Or

what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? **10** Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? **11** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Search Heb: chapas
to devise a plan, to formulate a strategy, to make every effort to locate and uncover to possess.

Jeremiah 29:12-14a

Then you will **call** upon Me and go and **pray** to Me, and I will listen to you. **13** And you will **seek** Me and **find** Me, when you **search** for Me with all your heart. **14a** I will be **found** by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity.

THE WAY OF WISDOM WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE WISE UP

1c.) By being **complete** vs. 5

Verse 5

5 Then you will **understand** the **fear** of the **LORD**,
and find the **knowledge** of God.

Fear Heb: yi'rah
total or extreme awe, absolute reverence, a beautiful fear of or awe of in the extreme. the ultimate complete appreciation of, to be overwhelmed by (God)

To Be Made Complete by

Can An Artificial “Complete” Make You Whole?
- make you truly complete or does it {satisfy you just enough}
to deceive you into thinking – you are complete?

Proverbs 8:13

The fear of the LORD is to **HATE** evil; {IS}
pride and **arrogance** and the **evil way** and the **perverse** mouth I **HATE**.

The Blessedness of His Life in Us

Colossians 1:9-14 & Ephesians 1:3-12

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10** that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; **12** giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Ephesians 1:3-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, **4** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, **5** having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, **6** to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. **7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace **8** which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, **9** having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, **10** that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth - in Him. **11** In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, **12** that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

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