

# Seeking Wisdom is the Most Important Concern of Your Life

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desired are not to be compared to it. 12 I wisdom dwell  
with prudence, And find out knowledge of witty inventions.  
13 **The fear of the Lord *is* to hate evil:**  
Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, And the froward  
mouth, **do I hate.** 14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound  
wisdom: **I *am* understanding; I have**  
**strength.** 15 By me kings reign, And princes decree  
justice. 16 By me princes rule, And nobles, *even* all the  
judges of the earth. 17 I love them that love me; And those  
that **seek me** early shall find me. 18 Riches and honour  
*are* with me; *Yea*, durable riches and righteousness. 19 My  
fruit *is* better than gold, *yea*, than fine gold; And my

revenue than choice silver. 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of judgment: 21 **That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; And I will fill their treasures.** 22 The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, Before his works of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, Or ever the earth was. 24 When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; When *there were* no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills was I brought forth: 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, Nor the highest part of the dust of the world. 27 When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: When he set a compass upon the face of the depth: 28 When he established the clouds above: When he strengthened the fountains of the deep: 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, That the waters should not pass his commandment: When he appointed the foundations of the earth: 30 Then I was by him, *as one brought up with him*: And I was daily *his* delight, Rejoicing always before him; 31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his

earth; And my delights *were* with the sons of men. 32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: For blessed *are they that* keep my ways. 33 **Hear** instruction, and be wise,  
And refuse it not. 34 Blessed *is* the man that **heareth** me,  
Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. 35 For whoso **findeth** me **findeth** life, And shall obtain favour of the Lord. 36 But he that sinneth against me *wrongeth* his own soul: All they that hate me love death.

1. Wisdom continues to call! Proverbs 8:1 Doth not **wisdom** cry? And understanding put forth her voice?  
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# Unto you, O men, I call; And my voice is to the sons of man.

- a. Our Lord doesn't want any to perish [II Peter 3:9](#) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**
- b. Wisdom is calling out so all my hear
- c. Wisdom specifically addresses the simple and the fools [5](#)  
O ye **simple**, understand wisdom: And, ye **fools**, be ye of an understanding heart.
- d. The scorers are not mentioned
  - i. They had laughed and turned away
  - ii. Apparently their opportunities are over
  - iii. God was still speaking but they didn't want to hear
  - iv. Their hearts were too hard [Hebrews 4:7](#) Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so

long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice,  
**harden not your hearts.**

- v. Listen when He speaks [Hebrews 12:25](#) **See that ye refuse not him that speaketh.** For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not we escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:

## 2. Wisdom's message

- a. You can trust her words [6](#) **Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; And the opening of my lips shall be right things.** [7](#) For my mouth shall speak **truth;** And wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips. [8](#) All the words of my mouth *are* in **righteousness;** *There is* nothing froward or perverse in them. [9](#) They *are* all

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- i. Wisdom's words are excellent **6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; And the opening of my lips shall be right things.**

- 1. The idea of excellent is that they are worthy
- 2. The words are like words from the king, they truly are

- ii. Her words give right things

- 1. That means that they are straight, direct, correct **7**

For my mouth shall speak **truth;** And wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips. **8** All the words of my mouth *are* in **righteousness;** *There is* nothing froward or perverse in them.

- 2. Right things means that they are true and righteous
- 3. Folly uses crooked words, deceptive words

iii. Wisdom's words are clear and plain **9** *They are all*

**plain** to him that understandeth, And **right** to them that find knowledge.

1. There is no confusion about what wisdom is saying

2. The Bible is only hard to understand for those that reject God and His Word **I Corinthians 2:12** *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are **freely given to us of God.*** **13**

Which things also we speak, **not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth,** but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** But **the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are **spiritually discerned.**** **15** But he that is



spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. **16** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

3. The problem with the Word of God is the hearer not the speaker

b. Wisdom calls on us to seek eternal wealth instead of gold, silver, and precious stones **10 Receive** my instruction, and not silver; And knowledge rather than choice gold. **11** For wisdom *is* better than rubies; And all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

i. We are not to seek material things **Matthew 6:33** But **seek ye first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and **all these things shall be added** unto you.

ii. We can't serve two masters **Matthew 6:24** **No man can serve two masters:** for either he will **hate** the one, and **love** the other; or else he will

**hold** to the one, and **despise** the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

iii. What wisdom offers is far better **Proverbs 8:18** Riches and honour *are with me; Yea, durable riches and righteousness.* **19** My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; And my revenue than choice silver.

1. We are to diligently seek for wisdom **Proverbs 2:4** If thou **seekest her as silver,** and

**searchest** for her as *for* **hid treasures;** **5**

**Then** shalt thou **understand** the fear of the LORD, and **find** the knowledge of God.

2. Wisdom brings great joy **Proverbs 3:13** **Happy** *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. **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.**

iv. Too many from the Bible days till now have a prosperity gospel idea

1. They think that having money is the proof of God's blessings on them
2. Job was a great sinner when he lost all that he had
3. The rich man in Luke was the saved man and the beggar was the lost man in their theology
4. While the religious crowd focused on the rich Jesus focused on the poor **Matthew 19:23** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That **a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.** **24** And again I say unto you, It is **easier for a camel** to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. **25** When **his disciples** heard *it*, they were **exceedingly amazed**, saying, Who then can be saved? **26** But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

- v. Wisdom offers better gifts **12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge of witty inventions.**
  - 1. The godly man may be poor in this world's goods but rich in the things that matter most
  - 2. Nothing wrong with the things that money can buy as long as you do not lose the things that money can't buy
  - 3. Witty inventions here is discretion

3. How do we obtain the wealth that wisdom offers?

a. We hear the Word of God **6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; And the opening of my lips shall be right things.**

b. We receive instruction **10 Receive** my instruction, and not silver; And knowledge rather than choice gold.

c. We love truth and wisdom **17 I love them that love me; And those that seek me** early shall find me.

d. We seek God and His wisdom daily

- i. Get into His Book
- ii. Be faithful to hear it taught and preached
- iii. Meditate on what it says
- iv. Discuss it with your friends and family

4. We see the power of wisdom **22** The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, Before his works of old. **23** I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, Or ever the earth was. **24** When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; When *there were* no fountains abounding with water. **25** Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills was I brought forth: **26** While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, Nor the highest part of the dust of the world. **27** When he prepared the heavens, I was there: When he set a compass upon the face of the depth: **28** When he established the clouds above: When he strengthened the fountains of the deep: **29** When he gave to the sea his decree, That the waters should not pass his commandment: When he appointed the foundations of the earth: **30** Then I was by him, *as one brought up with him*: And I was daily *his* delight, Rejoicing always before him; **31** Rejoicing in the

habitable part of his earth; And my delights were with the sons of men.

- a. Wisdom is not Jesus or a description of Him
  - i. Because He is the eternal Son of God
  - ii. He was never created
- b. Wisdom is a picture of how Christ brought everything into existence **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** The same was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were **made by him;** and **without him** was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- c. The creation is the evidence of what God's wisdom can do
- d. He made the creation, everything old, and now He works in us as His new creation
  - i. We are new creation **2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
  - ii. It is Christ working in us **Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,

which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

iii. Live out who you are in Christ [Ephesians 4:24](#) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

e. When we belong to Jesus Christ and walk in His wisdom then all of creation works for us

f. In rebellion against His wisdom and will we will see all of creation working against us

5. Time to make a decision now [32](#) **Now** therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: For blessed *are they that* keep my ways. [33](#) **Hear** instruction, and be wise, And refuse it not. [34](#) Blessed *is* the man that **heareth** me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. [35](#) For whoso **findeth** me **findeth** life, And shall obtain favour of the Lord. [36](#) But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: All they that hate me love death.

- a. You have heard enough, you know the truth, what will you do with it **32 Now** therefore hearken unto me, *O ye children: For blessed are they that keep my ways.*
- b. Decide now that you will listen, pay attention, take the steps, and not walk away from what God is saying **33 Hear** instruction, and be wise, And refuse it not. **34 Blessed is** the man that **heareth** me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.
- c. Look till you find **35 For** whoso **findeth** me **findeth** life, And shall obtain favour of the Lord.
- i. This is the purpose of life to seek God and His blessings in our life
  - ii. This is not a passive lifestyle but an aggressive one
- d. If you sin against wisdom then you wrong your own soul **36 But** he that sinneth against me **wrongeth** his own soul: **All they that hate me love death.**
- i. You will be making your own decision
  - ii. You will be bringing about your own suffering
  - iii. This is a message of life or death
  - iv. This message has eternal consequences



- v. Real decision will completely change your life
- e. If you refuse to believe God's truth then only death and hell await you [Revelation 20:11](#) And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. [12](#) And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. [13](#) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. [14](#) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. [15](#) And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.