

# Proverbs 2 Use in conjunction with WISDOM study

## The Value of Wisdom NKJV

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;  
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.

**Questions:** It is easy to think we already know or come up with - I have no idea. As you answer the questions look to the text to help. Each of the numbers of the questions here correlate to the verses

1. The words my son - were written here by Solomon who was King David's son. He became the next King of Israel. Proverbs are written for anyone wanting to learn wisdom and the words my son are intended for anyone who wants to be a son or child of God. If we accept Christ, letting God adopt us as His child and adopting Him as our Father and His family as our family, we can see these words are addressed to us. Will you do so?  
    Treasuring commands/precepts/principles of God will deposit treasures in us, in our hearts, minds, attitudes, actions, words, souls and spirits.  
    What does if you receive my words imply?
2. Just reading them is an introduction. To incline means to lean toward, to listen carefully for. What do you listen for? Sometimes we listen for the negative or for someone to agree with our resentments. How can we listen for wisdom and for good? Why does it take applying what we already understand or what we come to understand in order for things to work out well?
3. What does it mean to cry out for something?  
    Discernment means to distinguish, to separate out, to look into particulars, to determine excellence or defects, right or wrong (Vine's dictionary) Why is it important to think about, to understand or to discern if thoughts and actions are beneficial in the long run?  
    Why is important to use our voice to ask and gain understanding? Our voice is also what we speak up for,  
    What are you using your voice for?
4. When we seek silver or money it is one thing. How does seeking wisdom benefit just as much or more?  
    What are the hidden treasures found in wisdom? Why do you think they are not really obvious? And are you willing to search for them as much as you have searched for other things that have not paid off very well?
5. The fear of the LORD means high respect that we honor and lean who He really is. We are in awe of Him - Fear of Him causes us to love what He loves and hate what He hates.  
    Knowledge of God includes both an intellectual understanding of who He is, His invisible qualities and also a relationship with Him - Knowing who He is and Knowing Him. Has your concept of God been one that has drawn you away from Him or one of who He really is that draws you to Him?

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Do you see knowledge as something you do not care much about or do you take pleasure in it? – especially knowledge of God.

6. What are the specifics of wisdom, knowledge and understanding? Why is important to go with all three? Where do these come from?

7. Here it says He stores up wisdom for the upright. In the book of James, it says that if we ask for wisdom, God will not upbraid or scold us for not having it but will give it generously. Then we need to trust and not go back and forth. Who is God a shield to? If you have been walking with Him in righteousness, how has He shielded you? If you have not been walking with Him in righteousness, you can repent – change your mind and turn the way you are going towards Him, becoming a friend. Christ provided the way for us to do that when He lived as a man, took our sins and mistakes on Himself and died for us and them. Are you willing to go to Him to receive this wisdom from God?

8. What injustices have you seen that need forgiveness from God that Christ provides? Answer for yourself then think of others to answer that question for. How does justice relate to preservation?

9. Righteousness (think the right way) How does God provide this for us. Philippians 3:8-9 says Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage/rubbish, so that I could gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on the basis of faith.

10. Has wisdom entered your heart? If so, How so? Will you be open minded and open your heart and mind to receive God's Words/ commands/precepts/principles and the wisdom they bring?

11. discretion comes from discernment – see question 3. Understanding here includes that it makes sense to our minds, cooperate with our attitude and do with our actions. Often things don't make sense until we work with them for a while.

12-17. What are the eight or nine things that wisdom delivers us from?

13. What is walking in the way of darkness? What do you struggle with that is dark? Jesus is the light of the World Will you turn to Him to turn your dark to light?

14. What do you rejoice in?

15 Deception is from satan the liar and deceiver. John chapter 3 talks about coming to the light to expose our darkness. Much of faith is coming to understand what we believe that is not true and letting God's truth replace that so we can love Him and love others. Will you ask God to show you what you believe that is not true and to replace that with Him, His truth, light, life and love?

16. Flattery and words (that are not the full truth). How do they hurt us?

17. Who is the companion of your youth? Who is your God? Have you made an agreement or covenant with someone or something other than the God that created you, saves you and loves you? Are you willing to break that and go to the agreement and covenant with God?

18 What do seducers do to others?

What did the seducer forsake?

What does that or going with someone who did that, lead to?

19. Do you feel you have reached the point of no return? Jesus was dead and Father God resurrected Him and He gives us that same power.

**Romans 8 :11** The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

**Ephesians 1: 19-21** I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else— not only in this world but also in the world to come.

20. How do we walk in the way of goodness?

How do we keep to the paths of righteousness?

21. What or who is it tempting to blame?

22. How the wicked or unfaithful are not there for you or others? Are you/we willing to ask God to help you be righteous and faithful and to trust and take in and rely on Christ's Spirit so you can have these in your/our life?