

# Wiser Living Thru Proverbs

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## Wiser Living

<sup>5</sup> That night the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!" <sup>6</sup> Solomon replied, "You showed faithful love to your servant my father, David, because he was honest and true and faithful to you. And you have continued your faithful love to him today by giving him a son to sit on his throne. <sup>7</sup> "Now, O LORD my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn't know his way around. <sup>8</sup> And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! <sup>9</sup> Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?" <sup>10</sup> The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. <sup>11</sup> So God replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— <sup>12</sup> I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! <sup>13</sup> And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! <sup>14</sup> And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life."

1 Kings 3:5-14

Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you. Proverbs 4:7-8

Wisdom is seeing and responding to life  
from \_\_\_\_\_.

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. Proverbs 14:12

### What Will Wisdom Do For Me?

<sup>16</sup> She offers you long life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left. <sup>17</sup> She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying. <sup>18</sup> Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly. Proverbs 3:16-18

- I) \_\_\_\_\_.
- II) \_\_\_\_\_.
- III) \_\_\_\_\_.
- IV) \_\_\_\_\_.
- V) \_\_\_\_\_.
- VI) \_\_\_\_\_.

VII) \_\_\_\_\_.

### How Do I Get Wisdom?

I) \_\_\_\_\_

- A) These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Proverbs 1:1-2
- B) Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. Proverbs 1:3

II) \_\_\_\_\_(Do What It Says)

- A) <sup>1</sup> Follow my advice, my son; always treasure my commands. <sup>2</sup> Obey my commands and live! Guard my instructions as you guard your own eyes. <sup>3</sup> Tie them on your fingers as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Proverbs 7:1-3
- B) But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22

III) \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Proverbs 1:2
- B) Start with GOD—the first step in learning is bowing down to GOD; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning. Proverbs 1:7 (MSG)
- C) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)

**Action step: Make \_\_\_\_\_ a life goal.**

But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:24