

# WISDOM

## ***“Making life work God’s way”***

The Book of Proverbs is the most practical book in the Bible.

*Proverbs 3:28 (tev) Never tell your neighbours to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.*

*Proverbs 11:1 (nlt) The Lord hates cheating, but He delights in honesty.*

*Proverbs 20:4 (nlt) If you are too lazy to plough in the right season, you will have no food at the harvest.*

## **What is Wisdom?**

- Wisdom is good correct judgement.
- Using knowledge correctly.

*Proverbs 1:1-4 (nlt) 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. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. These proverbs*

*will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young.*

## **Foolishness (folly) is the opposite of Wisdom.**

We all came into this world with a definite bent towards foolishness.

*Proverbs 22:15 (mev) Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction will drive it far from him.*

The path of a fool is a downward spiral.

*Proverbs 14:14 (nlt) Backsliders get what they deserve, good (wise) people receive their reward.*

*Proverbs 16:22 (cev) Good sense is a fountain that gives life, but fools are punished by their foolishness.*

There is a danger in associating with fools.

*Proverbs 17:12 (nlt) It is safer to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than to confront a fool caught in folly.*

Be aware not to form the habitual ways of a fool.

*Proverbs 26:11 (nlt) As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.*

## **Choose friends wisely.**

*Proverbs 13:20 (nlt) Whoever walks with the wise will become wise, whoever walks with fools will suffer harm.*

*Proverbs 18:24 (nlt) There are friends who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.*

*Proverbs 2:20 (erv) Wisdom will help you follow the example of good people and stay on the right path.*

## **Ask for wisdom.**

*James 1:5 (erv) Do any of you need wisdom? Ask God for it. He is generous and enjoys giving to everyone. So he will give you wisdom.*

The Greeks had two common words for wisdom: '**sophia**' and '**gnosis**'.

'**sophia**' was used to describe an inner intuitive or inner understanding; '**gnosis**' was related more to external knowledge.

**'sophia'** wisdom is where we instinctively know what the Lord wants.

God seeks, not more, but less direct control over our lives.

***Proverbs 2:6-10** (erv) The Lord is the source of wisdom; knowledge and understanding come from His mouth. **7:** He gives good advice to honest people and shields those who do what is right. **8:** He makes sure that people are treated fairly. He watches over His loyal followers. **9:** If you listen to Him, you will understand what is just and fair and how to do what is right. **10:** You will gain wisdom, and knowledge will bring you joy.*