



What Does Wisdom Say?

Proverbs 1:20-21

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PROVERB: A short saying that expresses a wise general truth about life from a divine _____. (The origin of Proverbs is 1 Kings 3:5-15)

- Proverbs are not _____, but suggestions and insights about life.

THE PROVERB'S PURPOSE

Proverbs 1:1-4

WISDOM: God's _____ into every situation of your life.

DISCIPLINE: The ability to diligently persevere in a task. Wisdom helps to know the benefits and methods of discipline.

UNDERSTANDING: Proverbs will enable you to distinguish between a wise _____ and a _____.

JUSTICE/FAIRNESS: Proverbs will help you determine rightness and fairness.

PRUDENCE: The act of choosing appropriate words and actions according to a given circumstance.

KNOWLEDGE AND DISCRETION: Proverbs will provide knowledge about how to conduct yourself.

DISCERNMENT: The ability to perceive, comprehend, recognize and understand the true nature of things.

HOW DO WE GET WISDOM?

Proverbs 1:7 *The _____ of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

W I S D O M

W **WARNINGS TO HEED** - Rejecting wisdom is foolish.
Proverbs 1:22-33

I **INSIGHTS FROM GOD** - Wisdom is insight from God's perspective. Proverbs 3:19-20 & 21:30

S **SUGGESTIONS TO CONSIDER** - Wisdom will provide you with new options

- Wisdom is _____ to all. Proverbs 8:17
- Do not trust _____. Proverbs 3:5-6

D **DETOURS AND SHORTCUTS** - Wisdom makes things _____.

- A smoother path - Proverbs 3:21-23, 4:10-12

O **OBSTACLES TO AVOID** - Wisdom will help you avoid _____ obstacles.

- Wisdom delivers you from evil. Proverbs 2:11-12
- *There is a way that seems _____ to a man, but its end is the way of _____.* Proverbs 16:25

M **METAPHORS TO REMEMBER** - A word picture

- *As a dog returns to his own _____, so a fool repeats his _____. Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.* Proverbs 26:11-12