



## 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 perspective. (The origin of Proverbs is 1 Kings 3:5-15)

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

#### THE PROVERB'S PURPOSE

Proverbs 1:1-4

**WISDOM:** God's insight 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 person and a fool.

**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 fear 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 available to all. Proverbs 8:17
- Do not trust yourself. Proverbs 3:5-6

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

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

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

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

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

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