

# The Value of Wisdom

Various Scriptures

“He stores up success for the upright; He is a shield for those who live with integrity.”

-Proverbs 2:7

**What are some indicators of how much we value something or someone?**

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\*We often \_\_\_\_\_ about them/it in a positive manner.

\*We are willing to spend \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 Ways to understand the meaning and application of Proverbs:

*Comparing:* Meaning and application come from the similarities or comparison between the two statements of the proverb.

For example: better/than/like/as/so; Proverbs 16:8,16

*Contrasting:* Meaning and application come from the differences or contrast between two statements of the proverb.

For example: But; Proverbs 16:25

*Complementing:* Meaning and application come from the way the second statement complements the first.

For example: And; Proverbs 16:13

As we move on in our reading, Solomon continues to reflect more of his father/son conversations. In looking at chapter 2, he now moves on to get him to see the overwhelming value of wisdom.

### ● The Start of Wisdom: Proverbs 2:1-5

**What did king Solomon say would be the indicator for whether or not his son valued wisdom?**

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\*L\_\_\_\_\_ to God's word.

Meaning to treasure and store them up in our minds and hearts. Psalm 119:11

\*C\_\_\_\_\_ on what is being said.

Meaning to give careful thought to ensure a proper understanding. Psalm 119:47-48

\*C\_\_\_\_\_ out to God for more understanding.

Meaning to lean and depend on God. Psalm 142:1

\*Search and S\_\_\_\_\_ for it like hidden treasure.

Meaning to hold it in high regard. 1 Chronicles 16:11

**What did he say would happen if he did his part?**

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\*You will \_\_\_\_\_ the fear of the Lord.

\*You will \_\_\_\_\_ the knowledge of God.

**As you reflect on this, what are some ways Satan and the world instructs humanity to achieve wisdom and receive the knowledge of God?**

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● **The Source of Wisdom: Proverbs 2:6-9**

**Where does King Solomon declare true wisdom comes from?**

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\*The \_\_\_\_\_ gives wisdom;

\*From His \_\_\_\_\_ come understanding.

Meaning true wisdom and knowledge comes from knowing and obeying our creator. James 1:5

**What does God do for those who come to him for wisdom?**

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\*He stores up \_\_\_\_\_ for the upright.

\*He is a \_\_\_\_\_ for those who live with integrity.

\*He guards their path and \_\_\_\_\_ the way of his faithful followers.

**Why is it difficult for most people to see the benefits of coming to God for wisdom?  
What would you say to someone who is struggling today?**

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Matthew 11:28

● **The Strategy of Wisdom: Proverbs 2:10-19**

**As we look at these verses, what does wisdom want to do?**

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\*Come into our \_\_\_\_\_.

\*D \_\_\_\_\_ us.

\*W \_\_\_\_\_ over us.

\*G \_\_\_\_\_ us.

\*R \_\_\_\_\_ us from the way of evil;

- This includes anyone who says *perverse things*, from those who *abandon the right paths to walk in darkness*, from those who *enjoy doing evil and celebrate perversion*, whose *paths are crooked and whose ways are devious*.
- Even a forbidden woman, a wayward woman with flattering talk, who abandons her companion and forgets the covenant with her God.

**As you reflect on the strategy of wisdom, how should this encourage us all the more?**

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● **The Summation of Wisdom: Proverbs 2:20-22**

**What are the main actions Solomon wants his son to take away from this conversation and why?**

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\*F \_\_\_\_\_ the way of the good.

\*K\_\_\_\_\_ the paths of the righteous.

Notice the reason, complementing and contrasting:

“For the upright will inhabit the land and those of integrity will remain in it, but the wicked will be cut off from the land and the treacherous ripped out of it.”

In other words, the most safest place in a fallen and sinful world is with wisdom.

**As you consider those who appear to be getting away evil and sinful behavior, how would you encourage someone who is suffering for doing good?**

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“Do not be agitated by evildoers; do not envy those who do wrong. For they wither quickly like grass and wilt like tender green plants. Trust the Lord and do what is good; dwell in the land and live securely.” -Psalm 37:1-3

**“Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching.”**