

Scripture

Proverbs 2:1-22 (NLT)

The Benefits of Wisdom

- 1 My child, listen to what I say,
and treasure my commands.
- 2 Tune your ears to wisdom,
and concentrate on understanding.
- 3 Cry out for insight,
and ask for understanding.
- 4 Search for them as you would for silver;
seek them like hidden treasures.
- 5 Then you will understand what it means to fear
the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God.

- 6 For the Lord grants wisdom!
From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- 7 He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest.
He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.
- 8 He guards the paths of the just
and protects those who are faithful to him.
- 9 Then you will understand what is right, just,
and fair, and you will find the right way to go.
- 10 For wisdom will enter your heart,
and knowledge will fill you with joy.
- 11 Wise choices will watch over you.
Understanding will keep you safe.

- 12** Wisdom will save you from evil people,
from those whose words are twisted.
- 13** These men turn from the right way
to walk down dark paths.
- 14** They take pleasure in doing wrong,
and they enjoy the twisted ways of evil.
- 15** Their actions are crooked,
and their ways are wrong.
- 16** Wisdom will save you from the immoral
woman, from the seductive words of the
promiscuous woman.
- 17** She has abandoned her husband
and ignores the covenant she made
before God.

- 18** Entering her house leads to death;
it is the road to the grave.
- 19** The man who visits her is doomed.
He will never reach the paths of life.
- 20** So follow the steps of the good,
and stay on the paths of the righteous.
- 21** For only the godly will live in the land,
and those with integrity will remain in it.
- 22** But the wicked will be removed from the land,
and the treacherous will be uprooted.