

Proverbs

**The Mind of Wisdom:  
Fearing God and Desiring Righteousness and Life**

# The Treasure House of Biblical Values

**Conceptual summary:**

Wisdom begins with a deep reverence for the Lord God. Wisdom is the culmination of knowledge, understanding, righteousness, justice, humility, and faithfulness. It results in truthfulness, purity, peace, prosperity, responsibility, and love. It involves the skills of discernment and discretion motivated by deep conviction for truth and grace to the glory of God.

**Key instructions: “My son, listen...., do not forget my teaching, keep my commands, do not forsake your mother’s teaching”**

Introductory lessons: (chs.1-9)		
<b>The Need for Wisdom/ the Supremacy of Wisdom [Creating a desire for the best]</b>		
<b>Chapter</b>	<b>First and last verse</b>	<b>Prominent thought</b>
1	The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel... But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.	
2	My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you... But the wicked will be cut off from the earth, and the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.	
3	My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands... But the wise shall inherit glory, but shame shall be the legacy of fools.	
4	Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and give attention to know understanding... Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.	
5	My son, pay attention to my wisdom; lend your ear to my understanding... He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.	
6	My son, if you become surety for your	

	friend, if you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger... He will accept no recompense, nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.	
7	My son, keep my words, and treasure my commands within you... Her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death.	
8	Does not wisdom cry out, and understanding lift up her voice?... But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death.	
9	Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars... But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of hell.	
What is the purpose of the first nine chapters?		
9/31 chapters (29%) spent on this purpose emphasize the importance of _____.		
<b>Formal instruction on wisdom (chs.10-31)</b>		
10	The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is the grief of his mother... The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.	
11	Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight... If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner.	
12	Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid... In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.	
13	A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke... The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul, but the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.	
14	The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands... The king's favor is toward a wise servant, but his wrath is against him who causes shame.	
15	A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger... The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.	Correction
16	The preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord...	

	The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.	
17	Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife... Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; when he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.	
18	A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; he rages against all wise judgment... A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.	
19	Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool... Judgments are prepared for scoffers, and beatings for the backs of fools.	
20	Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise... Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, as do stripes the inner depths of the heart.	
21	The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes... The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but deliverance is of the Lord.	
22	A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold... Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before unknown men.	
23	When you sit down to eat with a ruler, consider carefully what is before you... "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; they have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"	
24	Do not be envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them... So shall your poverty come like a prowler, and your need like an armed man.	
25	v.2 – It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter... Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls.	
26	As snow in summer and rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool... A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, and a flattering mouth works ruin.	
27	Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth... You shall have enough goats' milk for your food, for the food of your household, and	

	the nourishment of your maidservants.	
28	The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion... When the wicked arise, men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous increase.	
29	He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy... An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, and he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.	
30	v.2 – Surely I am more stupid than any man, and do not have the understanding of a man... For as the churning of milk produces butter, and wringing the nose produces blood, so the forcing of wrath produces strife.	
31	v.2 – What, my son? And what, son of my womb? And what, son of my vows?... Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.	

**Reflection assignment:**

1. Formulate a list of values from each chapter and email to me.
2. In light of this book's teachings, with regards to education, what should be one primary component of our teaching?

# Wisdom is living righteously with [God and Man]

**“...Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.” 1 Corinthians 1:30**

**Proverbs 1:**  
Acquiring

# *A life of Discipline, Prudence, Righteousness, and Understanding*

## **Guidelines on how to become wise**

- Determine to be an example and a leader through God's instructions.
- We should still be learning in all areas, intellectually, emotionally, socially, spiritually, relationally.
- Be open to growth and challenges.
- We should guard ourselves against temptations and the danger of rejecting wisdom.

Wisdom is healthy living.

Health always involves balance.

Balance is embodied by Christ Jesus

- In Christ, justice and mercy unite harmoniously and perfectly
- Discipline and understanding (care) are exercised and implemented effectively

## **Psalm 85:8-13**

8 I will listen to what God the LORD will say;  
he promises peace to his people, his saints—  
but let them not return to folly.

9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Love and faithfulness meet together;

**righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

11 Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,  
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed give what is good,  
and our land will yield its harvest.

13 Righteousness goes before him  
and prepares the way for his steps.

When justice and mercy unite [righteousness and peace kiss each other], faithfulness arises and God is pleased. A life of discipline, prudence, righteousness, and understanding will yield a harvest. This is a sure WAY that has been tried, tested, and proven. It suffered persecution at the hands of many wicked people. They have been blown away like chaff in the wind but the WAY has remained. He even rose from the grave! Hallelujah!

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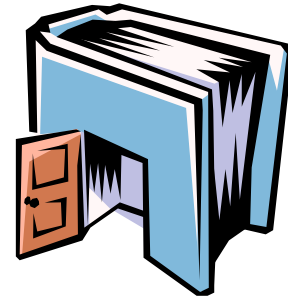
# The Education of the Will is the Object of Our Existence!

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Proverbs 2 – 8

## What to want?

# Why...



## ... should we desire wisdom?

**Ch.2** If you really want wisdom, you'll get it and it will...

**Ch.3** If you're wise, love and faithfulness will ...

**Ch.4** If you have wisdom, you will become...

**Ch.5:1 – 6:19**

If you maintain discretion, your ways will be...

**Ch.6:20 – 35**

If you bind wisdom upon your heart and fasten it around your neck, you will avoid...

**Ch.7** If you guard the Father's teachings as the apple of your eye, you will not be...

**Ch.8** If you choose wisdom rather than worldly riches, you will fear the Lord and walk...

**More  
than  
Anything**

*“For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death.”*

*Proverbs 8:35, 36*

✂ In the first 8 chapters, the Father uses “listen” 12 times. The “adulteress” is referred to 7 times. Who is the adulteress? The woman folly? This personification of a spiritual entity is described by the following passages: Nahum 3, Revelation 14:8-12, 17:1-6

✂ What can we infer from the multiple uses of these two words? What application can we draw for our vocational endeavor here in Cornerstone Academy?

✂ Why should we desire wisdom more than anything?