

IS IT WISE?

Proverbs 1:1–7; 4:5–9; Ephesians 5:15–21



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wisdom

(The world's definition)

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Essential Meaning of *wisdom*

- 1 : knowledge that is gained by having many experiences in life
// She has gained a lot of *wisdom* over the years.
- 2 : the natural ability to understand things that most other people cannot understand
// a young person of great *wisdom*
- 3 : knowledge of what is proper or reasonable
// He had the *wisdom* to stop before he said too much.
: good sense or judgment
// I fail to see the *wisdom* in doing that.

Proverbs 1:1–7 (NKJV)

¹ The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: ² To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, ³ To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; ⁴ To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion— ⁵ A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, ⁶ To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷ The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 4:5–9 (NKJV)

⁵ Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. ⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. ⁷ Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. ⁸ Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. ⁹ She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you.”

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- The foundation of all true wisdom is respecting God for being God! (Prov. 1:7; 9:10; 15:33; Job 28:28; Ps. 111:10; Eccl. 12:13)
- One has TRUE wisdom when they HEAR, UNDERSTAND, PROPERLY APPLY, and OBEY God's word. (Mat. 7:24-27)

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Psalm 119:97–104 (NKJV)

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day. ⁹⁸

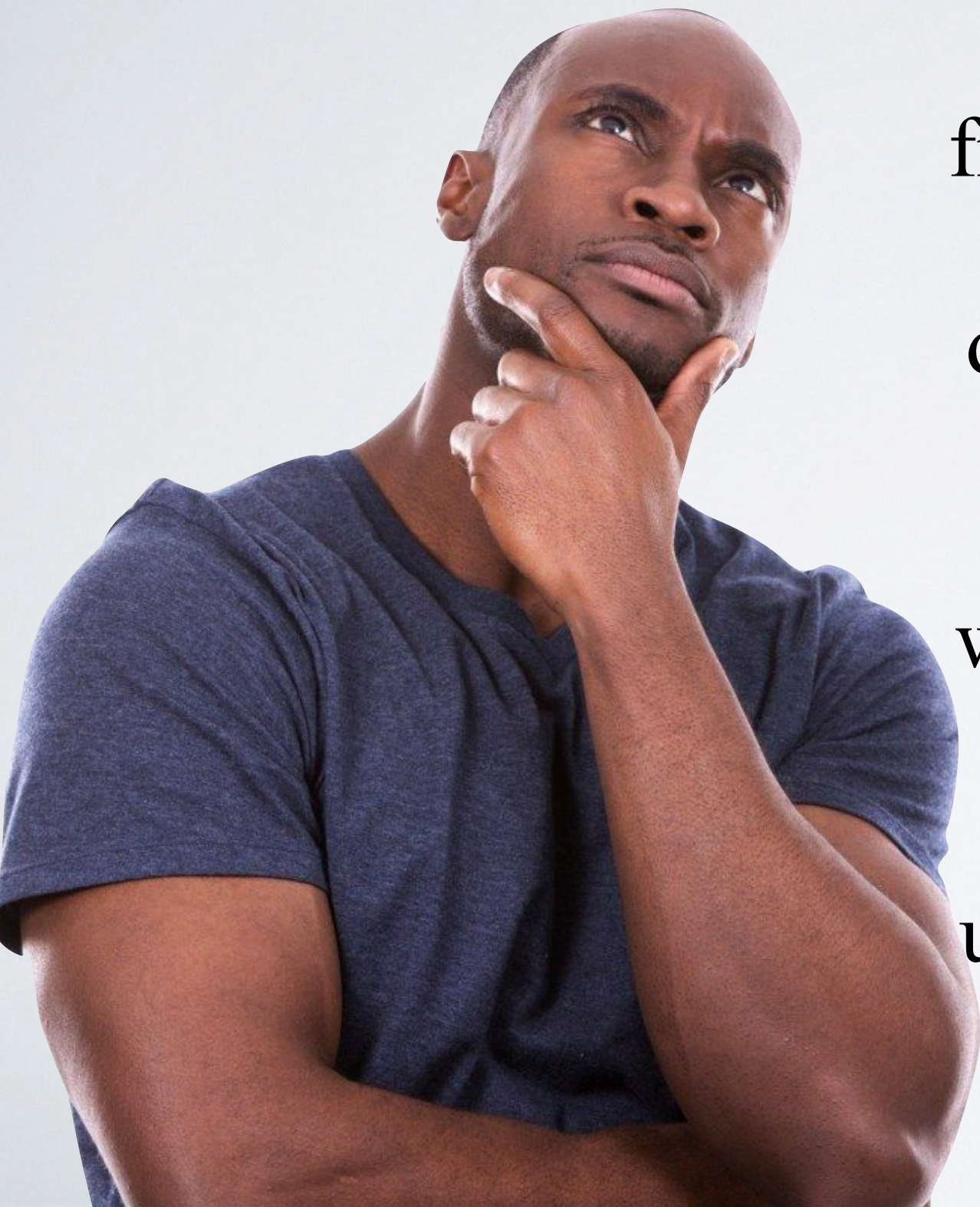
You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.



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Psalm 119:97–104 (NKJV)

¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet
from every evil way, That I may
keep Your word. ¹⁰² I have not
departed from Your judgments,
For You Yourself have taught
me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are Your
words to my taste, *Sweeter* than
honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴
Through Your precepts I get
understanding; Therefore I hate
every false way.

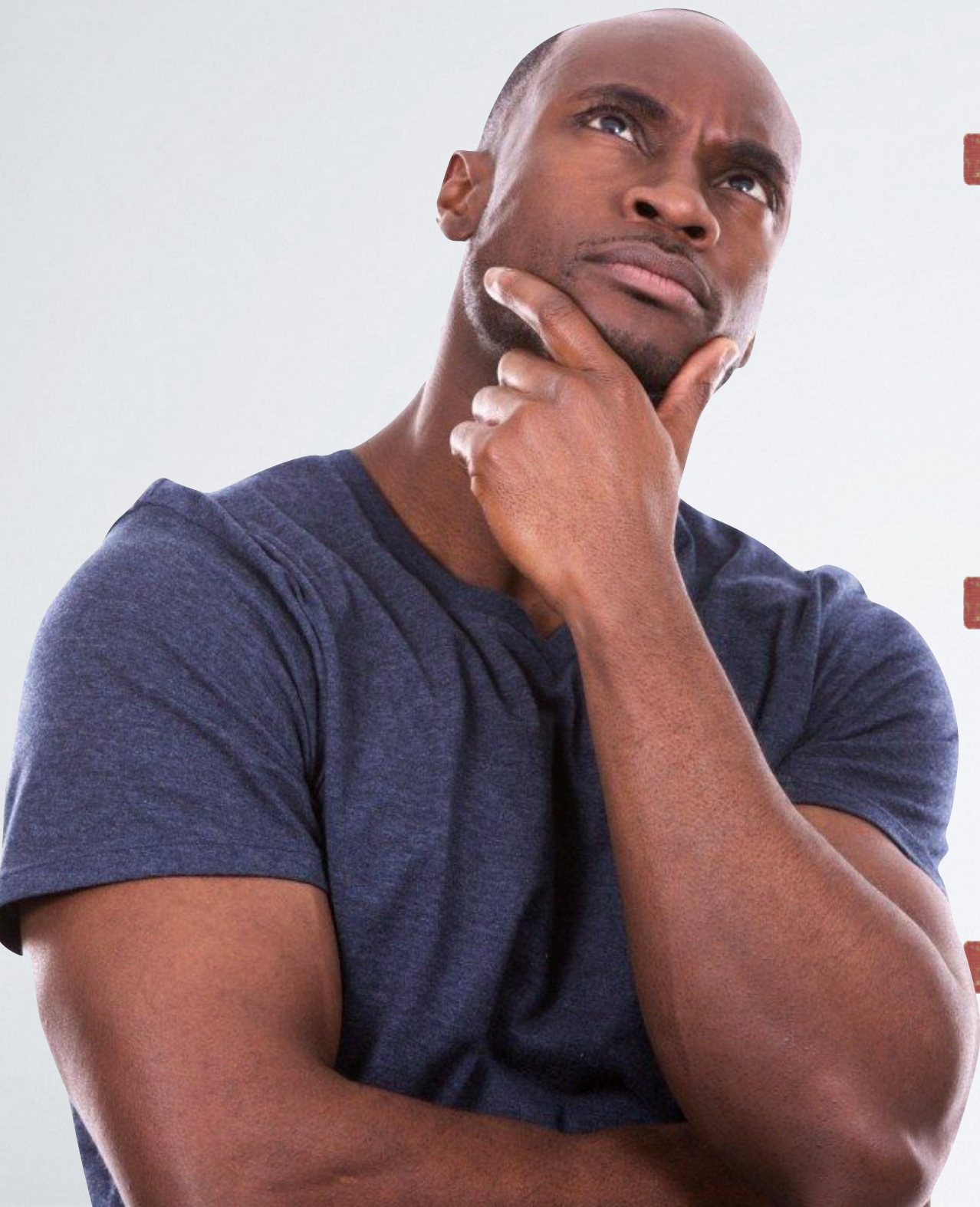


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- To defend a practice by saying “God doesn’t say we CAN’T?” (cf. Col. 3:17; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; Lev. 10:1-4)
- To neglect Biblical exhortations by saying “God doesn’t say we have to?” (Heb. 10:24,25; 2 Pet. 1:5-11)
- To engage in a thing that can hinder my spiritual growth, damage my influence, or could cause another to stumble? (Heb. 12:1-3; Mt. 5:13-16; Rom. 14)

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- It is NEVER wise to commit SIN! (1 Jn 3:4; Rom. 6:23)
- It is NEVER wise to engage in a practice which we cannot affirm as being authorized from the scriptures (Col. 3:17; 1 Chron. 13:7; 15:2,12,13)
- It is NEVER wise to place ourselves in spiritual danger (Gen. 13:11-12; 1 Co. 6:18; 10:14; 1 Ti. 6:11; 2 Ti. 2:22)
- It is NEVER wise to put someone else in spiritual danger (Mat. 18:7; Lu. 17:2; Rom 14:13)

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James 3:13 (NKJV)

¹³ Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom.



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FOUR QUESTIONS

IS IT SINFUL?

IS IT AUTHORIZED?

IS IT DANGEROUS?

IS IT GOOD?

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A young man and woman are lying in a field of tall grass, about to kiss. The man is wearing a blue denim shirt over a red t-shirt, and the woman is wearing a dark top. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass and yellow wildflowers.

TO “MAKE OUT”

IS IT SINFUL?

- Sex outside of marriage is SIN! (1 Co. 6:9; Gal. 5:19, 21; Heb. 13:4)

IS IT AUTHORIZED?

- Some try to defend fornication by claiming “everyone does it!”

IS IT DANGEROUS?

- The danger of “making out” (Job 31:1; Mat. 5:28; 1 Co. 6:18)

IS IT GOOD?

- Run from temptation (Ge. 39:12–18; Pr. 5:3–15; 6:24–32; 7:5)

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IS IT SINFUL?

- Covetousness is sin! (1 Co. 6:10; Ep. 5:5; Co. 3:5; 1 Ti. 6:9, 10)

IS IT AUTHORIZED?

- Some try to defend moderate gambling (Acts 1:26)

IS IT DANGEROUS?

- It violates Biblical principles (Ep. 4:28; Pr. 13:11; 2 Th. 3:11, 12)

IS IT GOOD?

- It is dangerous on multiple levels (1 Ti. 6:9,10; 2 Ki. 5:27; Pr. 1:31)

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TO “DRINK ALCOHOL”

IS IT SINFUL?

- Drunkenness is a sin! (1 Cor. 6:10; Gal. 5:21; Ep. 5:18)

IS IT AUTHORIZED?

- Social drinking is also condemned (1 Pet. 4:3)

IS IT DANGEROUS?

- Many try to defend moderate drinking (John 2:6-10; 1 Tim. 3:8)

IS IT GOOD?

- It is dangerous on multiple levels (Prov. 23:29-35)

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Proverbs 23:29–35 (NKJV)

²⁹ Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? ³⁰ Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. ³¹ Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, *When* it swirls around smoothly; ³² At the last it bites like a serpent, ...

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Proverbs 23:29–35 (NKJV)

And stings like a viper. ³³ Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. ³⁴ Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, *saying*: ³⁵ “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*?”

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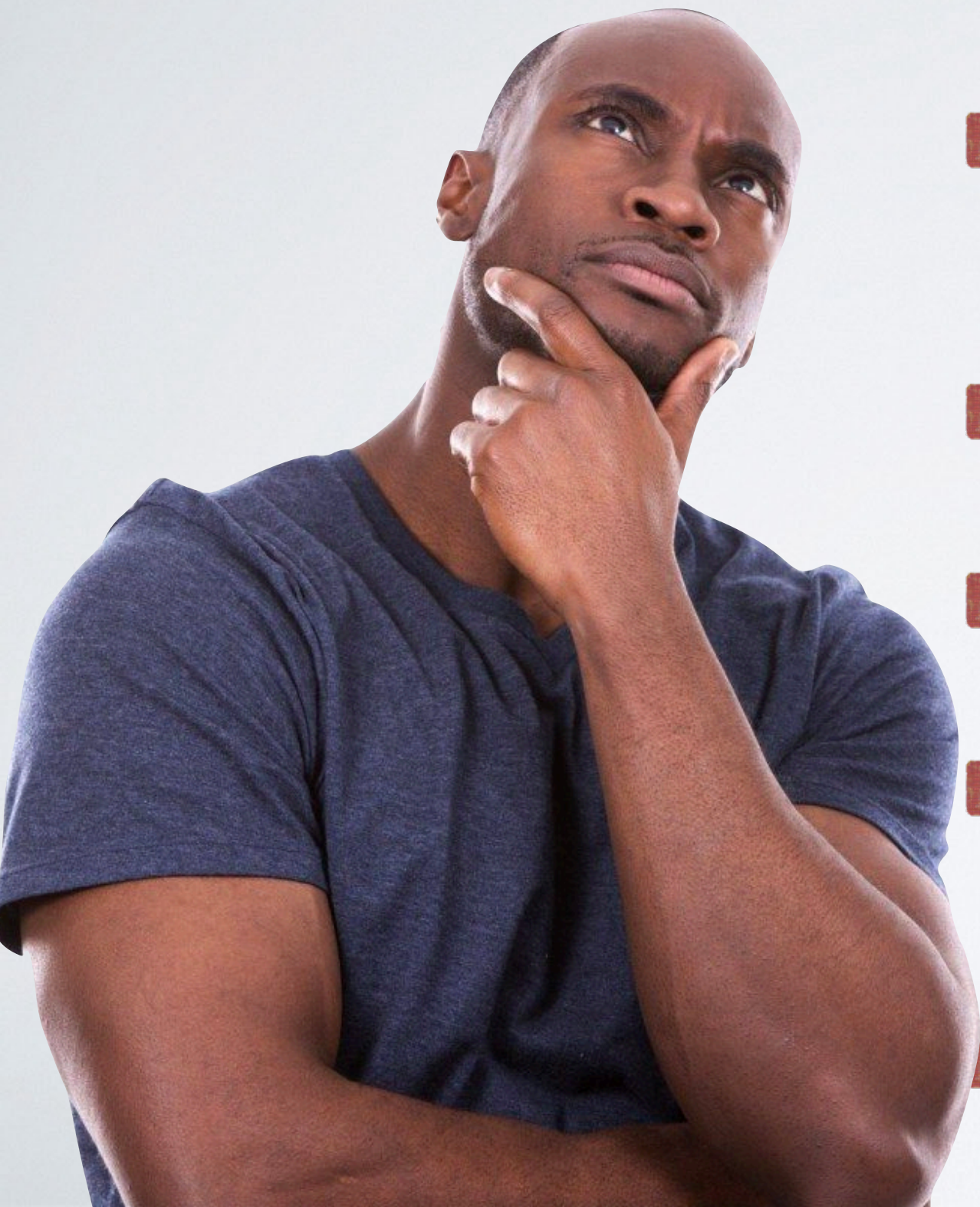
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Proverbs 20:1 (NKJV)

¹ Wine *is* a mocker,
Strong drink *is* a
brawler, And whoever is
led astray by it is not
wise.

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- To go to bars, night clubs, or casinos? (Prov. 23:20)
- To view sexually explicit material, (print / TV / Internet) (Job 31:1; Mat. 5:28)
- To have worldly friends? (Pro. 1:10,14,15; 1 Cor. 15:33)
- For a Christian to marry a non-Christian (1 Cor. 7:12-16)
- To move to a place where there is no spiritual support (Gen. 13:11-12)
- To skip Bible classes? (Heb. 3:12,13; 2 Tim. 2:15; etc.)

Ephesians 5:15–21 (NKJV)

¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God.

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To Walk In Wisdom (Ep. 5:15-21)



- Making good use of our time (16)
- Growing in the knowledge of God's word - (being filled with the Spirit) (17,18)
- Busy in worship and praise (19)
- Busy in prayer giving thanks (20)
- Submitting to one another (21)



Matthew 7:24–27 (NKJV)

²⁴ “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” a

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- TO SEEK THE LORD'S WILL (John 7:17)
- TO OBEY THE GOSPEL (2 Thes 1:7-9; Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38)
- TO CONTINUE TO OBEY THE LORD (Mat. 7:24,27; Heb. 5:8,9)

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