

**DAILY RENEWING THE MIND WITH
GOD'S WISDOM**

PROVERBS 2:1-9

Wisdom

- **Understanding causes and effects and then taking the decisions with the most beneficial effects and/or least harmful effects**
- **Worldly wisdom seeks carnal, temporary effects for self and disregards harmful effects upon self and/or others**
- **Worldly wisdom also avoids harmful physical and emotional effects upon self regardless of benefits for self and/or others**
- **Contrast between worldly wisdom and *the wisdom from above* (from God) James 3:13-18**

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Who is **wise** and understanding among you? Let him show by **good conduct** that his works are done in the **meekness of wisdom**. **14** But if you have **bitter envy** and **self-seeking in your hearts**, do not boast and lie against the truth. **15** This wisdom does not descend from above, but is **earthly, sensual, demonic**. **16** For where **envy** and **self-seeking** exist, **confusion** and **every evil thing** are there. **17** But **the wisdom** that is **from above** is **first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy** and **good fruits**, without **partiality** and without **hypocrisy**. **18** Now the **fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace**.

Spiritual Wisdom

- **Understanding** causes and effects and then **taking** the decisions with the most beneficial and least harmful spiritual effects
- Spiritual wisdom seeks spiritual, eternal effects for self and others while disregarding harmful, temporal, physical effects upon self
- Most importantly, spiritual wisdom also seeks to glorify God by choosing to love God and showing that love by pleasing God by knowing and submitting to God's will

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- The desire to do God's will Proverbs 9:10:
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*But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that **from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures**, which **are able to make you wise for salvation** through **faith** which is in **Christ Jesus**.*

***16 All Scripture is given** by **inspiration of God**, and is **profitable** for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction in righteousness**, 17 that the **man of God** may **be complete**, **thoroughly equipped** for **every good work**.*

Proverbs 1:1-6

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.

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

8 *My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother; 9 for they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck.*

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Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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So **Elihu**, the son of Barachel the Buzite, answered and said: “I am **young** in **years**, and **you** are very old; **therefore I** was **afraid**, and **dared not declare my opinion** to **you**. **7** I said, ‘Age **should speak**, and **multitude of years should teach wisdom**.’ **8** But there is a **spirit** in **man**, and **the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding**. **9** **Great men are not always wise**, nor **do the aged always understand justice**.”

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In the multitude of counselors there is safety

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Proverbs 2:1-5

My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, 2 so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; 3 yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 3:13-18

Happy is the man who finds **wisdom**, and the man who gains understanding; **14** for her proceeds are **better** than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. **15** **She** is **more precious** than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with **her**. **16** **Length of days** is in **her** right hand, in **her** left hand **riches** and **honor**. **17** **Her** ways are ways of **pleasantness**, and all **her** paths are **peace**. **18** **She** is a **tree of life** to those who **take hold of her**, and **happy** are **all** who **retain her**.

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Proverbs 3:5-8

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

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Proverbs 2:10-15

When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, 11 discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you, 12 to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things, 13 from those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; 14 who rejoice in doing evil, and delight in the perversity of the wicked; 15 whose ways are crooked, and who are devious in their paths;

Proverbs 2:16-19

16 *to deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words, 17 who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God. 18 For her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead; 19 None who go to her return, nor do they regain the paths of life —*

Proverbs 3:21-26

*My son, let **them** not depart from **your eyes** — **keep sound wisdom** and **discretion**; **22** so **they** will be **life** to **your soul** and **grace** to **your neck**. **23** **Then you will walk safely in your way**, and **your foot** will not stumble. **24** When you lie down, **you will not be afraid**; yes, you will lie down and **your sleep** will be **sweet**. **25** **Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes**; **26** for **the LORD** will be **your confidence**, and **will keep your foot from being caught**.*

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...so you may walk in the way of goodness, and keep to the paths of righteousness. 21 For the upright will dwell in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; 22 but the wicked will be cut off from the earth, and the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

Proverbs 4:20-27

My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. 24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. 26 Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.

Daily Renewing Your Mind with God's Wisdom

- **1** chapter of **Proverbs** every day
- **Proverbs 2:1-9** diligently **seek wisdom**
- **Proverbs 4:1-13** **priority** of **wisdom**
- **Ecclesiastes 3:1-15** **depth** of **God's wisdom**
- **Romans 11:33-36** **depth** of **God's wisdom**
- **Phil. 1:9-11; Col. 1:9-14** **wisdom** → **growth**
- **2 Timothy 3:14-17** **word's wisdom** → **life**
- **James 1:2-8; 3:13-18** **ask God; then use it**

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- **How wisdom leads you to eternal life in Christ** **Colossians 2:3; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31** **Christ is our wisdom; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 17:2-3,11; Hebrews 5:9; Mark 16:16; Luke 24:46-47; Acts 2:38**

