

REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR



In The Days Of Your Youth

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14

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✦ Our Youth Are Faced With Numerous Dangers and Temptations:

❖ Ungodly friends, entertainment, TV, Movies, alcohol, drug use, pre-marital sex, pornography, pride, violence, lack of respect for authority . . .

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Ecclesiastes 11:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment.

¹⁰ Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, And put away evil from your flesh, For childhood and youth *are* vanity.

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Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 (NKJV)

¹ Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": ² While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened, And the clouds do not return after the rain;

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Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 (NKJV)

³ In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong men bow down; When the grinders cease because they are few, And those that look through the windows grow dim;

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⁴ When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound of grinding is low; When one rises up at the sound of a bird, And all the daughters of music are brought low;

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Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 (NKJV)

⁵ Also they are afraid of height, And of terrors in the way; When the almond tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a burden, And desire fails. For man goes to his eternal home, And the mourners go about the streets.

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Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 (NKJV)

⁶ *Remember your Creator* before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well. ⁷ Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

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⁸ "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "All is vanity." ⁹ And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out *and* set in order many proverbs. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and *what was* written was upright--words of truth.

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Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 (NKJV)

¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads,
and the words of scholars are like well-
driven nails, given by one Shepherd. ¹²

And further, my son, be admonished by
these. Of making many books *there is*
no end, and much study *is* wearisome
to the flesh.

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Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 (NKJV)

¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

¹⁴ For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

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Rejoice, O young man, in your youth.



✦ Does remembering God in all that we do take the joy out of youth?

- ❖ One does not have to engage in “SIN” to be happy!!!!!!!!
- ❖ In FACT – true and abiding happiness and joy can ONLY be found by serving God!!!!!!

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Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes;



- ➡ As a teen
- ➡ In Education
- ➡ In Dating
- ➡ In Marriage
- ➡ In Your Home
- ➡ In your Profession
- ➡ In Your Location
- ➡ In Pleasure
- ➡ In Religion

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- ✦ Foundations for the rest of your life are laid – (habits, values, character formed, relationships developed)
- ✦ We reap what we sow – Gal. 6:7-9

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**CHOICES CAN BE MADE THAT
WILL MAKE LIFE HARDER!!**



- ✦ You are building your life now & the materials you use today will determine the quality of your life –
- ✦ The choices you make will effect your life & the lives of others!

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- ✦ Serve God Like Samuel – 1 Sam 2:18
- ✦ Trust in God like David – 1 Sam 17:33-37
- ✦ Recognize need for God like Solomon - 1 Kin 3:7-10
- ✦ Stand against temptation, refusing to be defiled like Joseph & Daniel - Genesis 39:1-13; Daniel 1:8
- ✦ Be brave like Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah - Daniel 3
- ✦ Seek after, fear, and love God in youth like Josiah - 2 Chronicles 34:1-3

It Can Be Done!!

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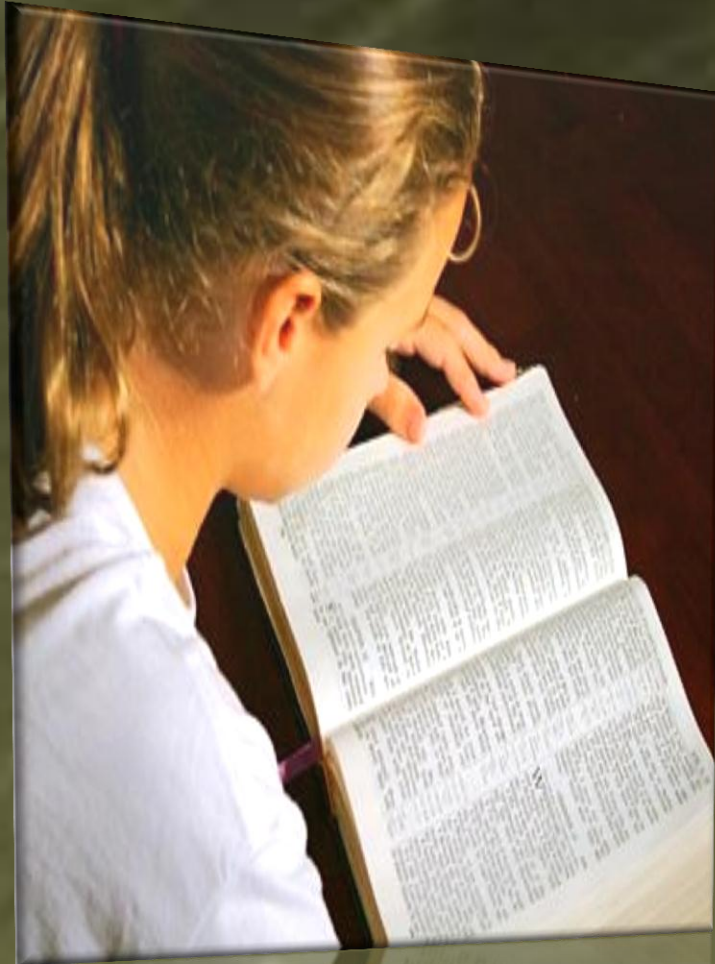
Think About What's Coming



- ✦ Before the difficult and sorrowful days come – (12:1,2)
- ✦ Strength is lost, lose teeth – (12:3)
- ✦ Everything becomes more difficult, hearing loss – (12:4)
- ✦ Weak and feeble, gray headed, everything hard, no pleasure in things once enjoyed – (12:5)
- ✦ Death, people mourn – (12:6)

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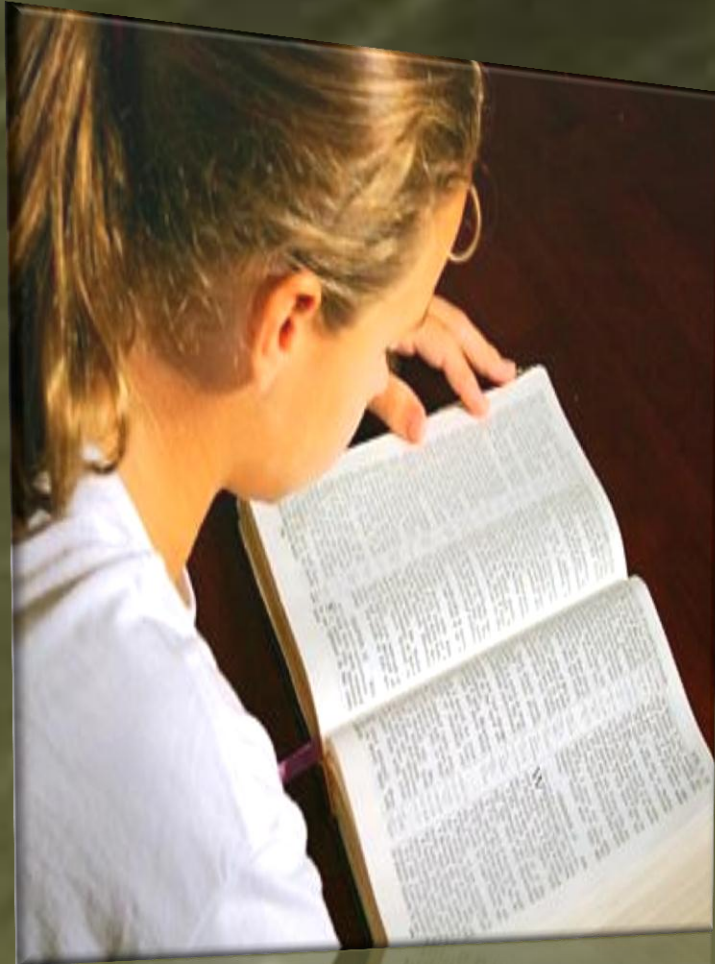
Think About What's REALLY Important



- ✦ Everything NOT spiritual is VANITY! – 12:6-12
 - ❖ This life will end SOON – (12:6,7; James 4:14-17)
 - ❖ Your body will return to dust and your spirit will return to God Who gave it – (12:7; Luke 16:19-31)
 - ❖ Everything UNDER the sun is worthless – (12:8; Luke 12:16-21)

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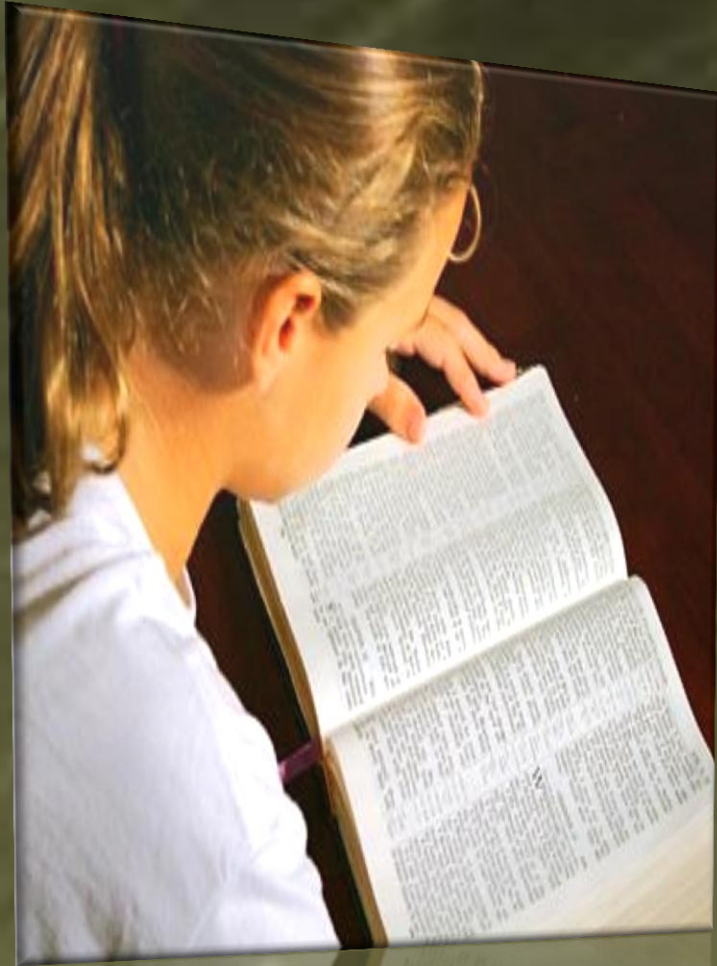
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- ✦ Everything NOT spiritual is VANITY! – 12:6-12
 - ❖ There is a source of true wisdom that we may find and experience a truly joyful and fulfilling life – (12:9-12)
 - ❖ Lasting success requires much effort!! (Phili 2:12)

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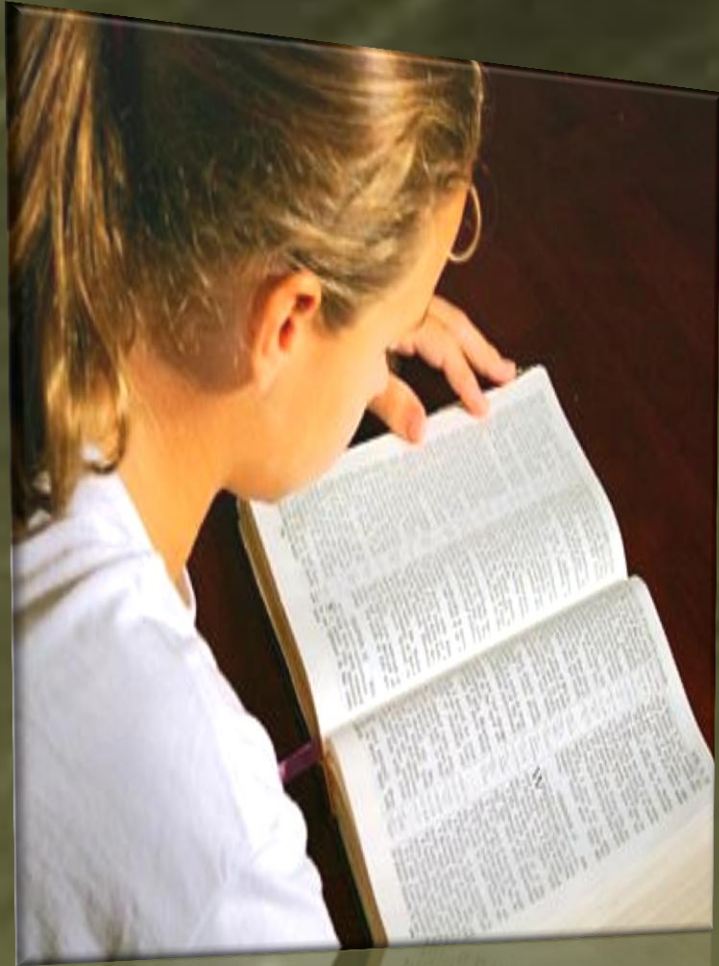
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❖ The bottom line – “Fear
God, and keep His
commandments” –
(12:13)

❖ Your whole purpose –
created by God for Him -
(12:13; Mark 12:29-31;
Mat 6:33)

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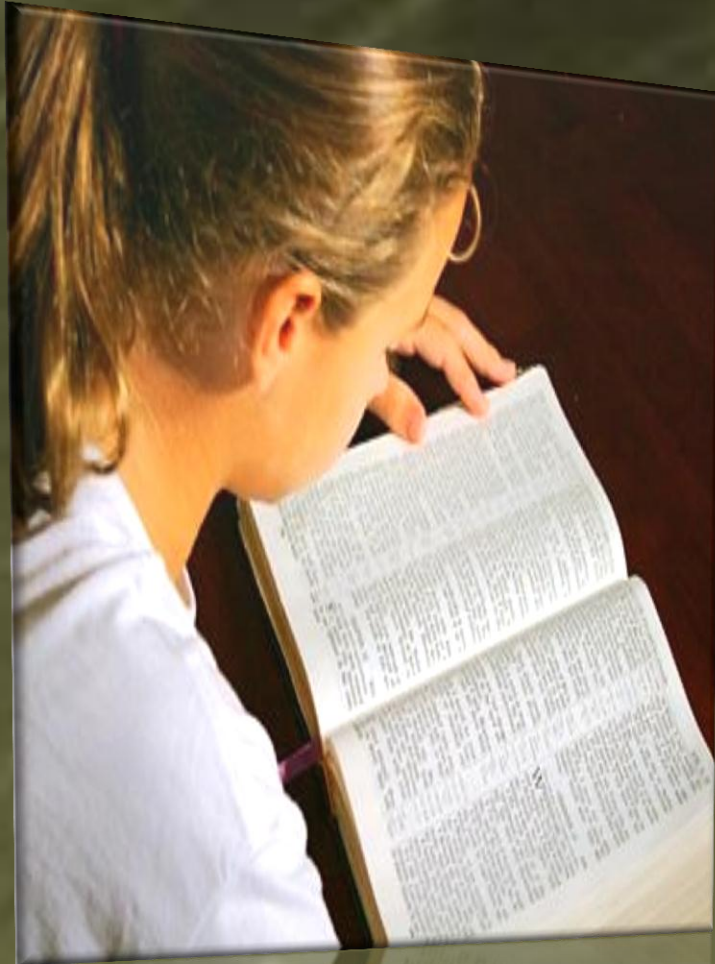


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Acts 17:30,31; Rom. 2:16; 14:10-12;
2 Cor. 5:10; Heb 4:13

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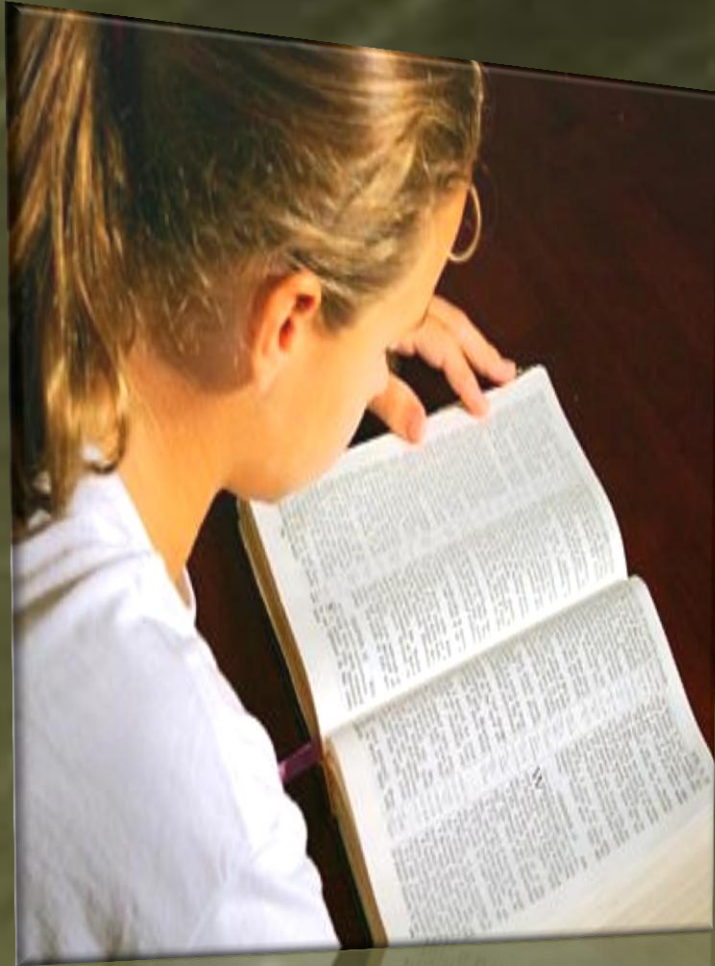
Who You Are & Become Is Your Choice



- ✦ Seeking to please God is a choice
– Eccles. 12:1
- ✦ Obeying your parents is a choice
– Ephe 6:1-3
- ✦ You choose your friends – 1 Cor. 15:33
- ✦ You choose your likes and dislikes
– Mark 12:29-31; Col 3:1,2
- ✦ You choose how external things will effect you – Gen 37:28

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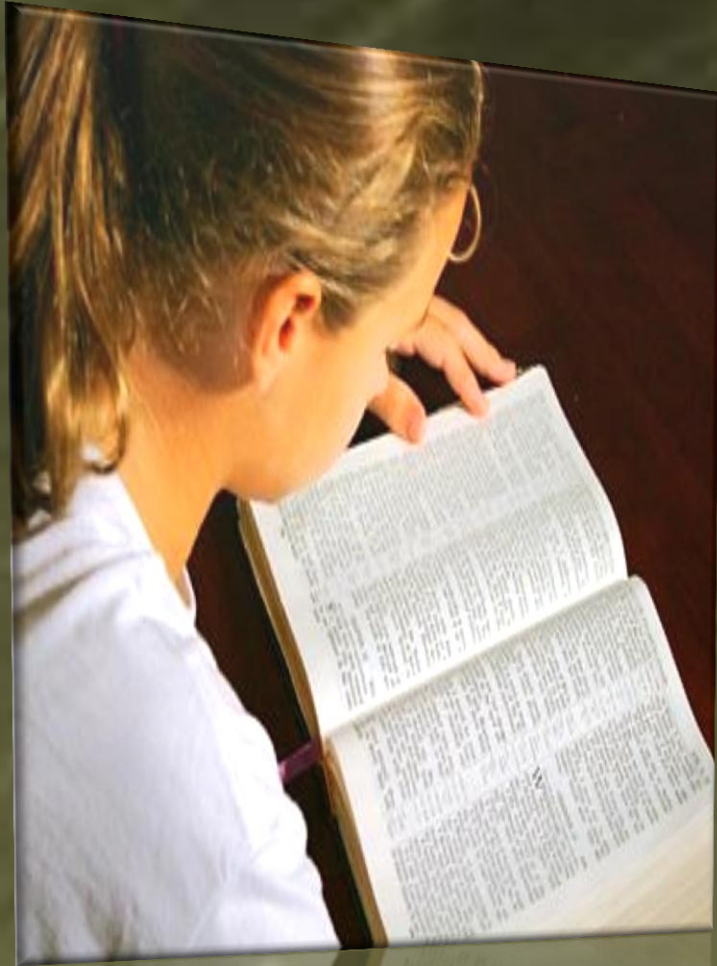
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- ✦ It takes no planting, watering, or cultivating to grow weeds,
- ✦ It takes NO effort to grow worthless character and to become a person on the road to hell.
- ✦ Careful attention and diligent effort to even the seemingly small things is required for noble character and faithfulness.

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Who You Are & Become Is Your Choice



- ◆ Your attitude towards God & His word
- ◆ Your attitude towards those in authority
- ◆ Your values
- ◆ Your character
- ◆ Your course of life
- ◆ Your destiny

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Guard against pride & materialism!

Listen to God!

Listen to your parents!

Listen to those knowledgeable of God's word!

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Proverbs 2:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ 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;

Proverbs 2:1-11 (NKJV)

⁵ Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding; ⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly;

Proverbs 2:1-11 (NKJV)

⁸ He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. ⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity *and* every good path.

¹⁰ When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

¹¹ Discretion will preserve you;
Understanding will keep you,