

## Wisdom: How to Get it and What it Does

Text: Proverbs 2:1-22

### Introduction

The Book of Proverbs reveals that knowledge and wisdom are products of fearing God (1:7; 9:10). However, God does not dispense these qualities randomly or without conditions. James reminds us that there is a requirement of “asking” (Jam. 1:5).

Likewise, in this chapter, there are six provisions that must be met, in order for wisdom to be dispensed. There are also some protections that wisdom provides. It will be seen that the wiser we are, the safer we are.

In the opening of this chapter, we find the fourth time Solomon’s commands his son’s attention with the phrase “My son.” Here is a father that is seeking to give his son (i.e., Rehoboam) Biblical instruction.

In this section, there are “If...Then” statements (vv. 1, 3, 4, 5, 9). He exhorts his son to make right decisions, based upon what is right. To do so, there are some basic decisions to be made. He must make a...

### **I. Decision to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-2).**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ & conceal the words of instruction (v.1).

B. Incline & apply the words of \_\_\_\_\_ & understanding (v.2).

### **II. Decision to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.3-4).**

A. Have a desire for \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3).

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ desire.

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ desire.

B. Seek wisdom like \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ search.

—“seekest” = to search out (by any method, specially by worship or prayer); to strive after.

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ search.

—“searchest” = to seek; to conceal oneself, to mask.

C. Decision to \_\_\_\_\_ God (vv. 5-9).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of God (v.5; cf. 9:10; Php. 3:10).

a. Understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ the knowledge of God.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ from God (vv. 6-7).

a. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom (v.6; cf. Jam. 1:5).

b. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom (v.7).

3. \_\_\_\_\_ in God (v.8; cf. 2:10-22).

a. Protection from \_\_\_\_\_ man (vv. 10-15).

b. Protection from \_\_\_\_\_ woman (vv. 16-22).

4. \_\_\_\_\_ by God (v.9).

a. Understand life's \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9a).

b. Understand life's \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9b).

**Life Principle #4:** \_\_\_\_\_