

# Digging for Treasures of Wisdom

Proverbs 2:1 My son, **if thou wilt receive my words**, And **hide** my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou **incline** thine ear unto wisdom, And **apply** thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou **criest after** knowledge, And **lifest up** thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou **seekest her as silver**, And **searchest for her** as *for* hid treasures; 5 **Then shalt thou understand** the fear of the Lord, And **find the knowledge of God**. 6 For the **Lord giveth wisdom**: Out of his **mouth cometh knowledge and understanding**. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: **He is** a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 **He keepeth** the paths of judgment, And preserveth the way of his saints. 9 **Then** shalt thou **understand** righteousness, and judgment, And equity; *yea*, every good path. 10 **When** wisdom entereth into thine heart, And knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; 11 Discretion shall **preserve thee**, Understanding shall **keep thee**: 12 **To deliver** thee from the way of the evil *man*, From the man that speaketh froward things; 13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, To walk in the ways of darkness; 14 Who

rejoice to do evil, *And* delight in the frowardness of the wicked; 15 Whose ways *are* crooked, *And they* froward in their paths: 16 **To deliver** thee from the strange woman, *Even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words; 17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, *And* forgetteth the covenant of her God. 18 For her house inclineth unto death, *And* her paths unto the dead. 19 None that go unto her return again, *Neither* take they hold of the paths of life. 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, *And* keep the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, *And* the perfect shall remain in it. 22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, *And* the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

- God takes care of us and protects those of us that are His saints 8 **He keepeth** the paths of judgment, *And* preserveth the way of his saints.

1. 8 commands that show our responsibility towards God's truth and wisdom. The if of an if then clause!

- a. We are to receive His Words **1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, And hide my commandments with thee;**
- i. Receive means to accept them
  - ii. We accept them and treat them as exactly what they are **1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth,** the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.
  - iii. Receiving or accepting has the idea that you treat them like what they are-the Word of God. It is more than just listening to them, knowing them, it is obeying them!
- b. Not only do we receive His Words but we hide them in our hearts **1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, And hide my commandments with thee;**
- i. We are to fill our hearts and minds with what the Word of God says
  - ii. The Word of God should transform us

- iii. We hide His Word in our hearts that we might not sin against Him
- iv. We hide His Word in our hearts that it might transform our way of thinking **Romans 12:2** *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
- v. Hiding them meant to store them up in our hearts and minds
- c. We are to incline our hearts **2** *So that thou **incline** thine ear unto wisdom, **And apply** thine heart to understanding;*
  - i. Means to give attention, to be fully alert
  - ii. To acquire knowledge
- d. We are to apply our hearts **2** *So that thou **incline** thine ear unto wisdom, **And apply** thine heart to understanding;*
  - i. Apply is the idea of stretching your heart
  - ii. It is work
  - iii. Apply is the idea of putting it into action

- e. We are to cry after knowledge **3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, And liftest up thy voice for understanding;**  
Crying after is the idea of saying it out loud
- i. You are summoning the knowledge
  - ii. Calling for it and asking it to come
- f. We lift up our voice for understanding **3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, And liftest up thy voice for understanding;**
- i. The idea is again effort as you desire and seek out understanding
  - ii. It is the idea of giving your voice in the search for wisdom
  - iii. Holler for it
- g. Seek and Search like it was treasure **4 If thou seekest her as silver, And searchest for her as for hid treasures;**
- i. How often do we treat God's Word like it was real money, like it really made a difference
  - ii. We are to go after the truth like a miner goes for treasure
- h. Our relationship with the Bible and truth can't be a week end hobby or we will never get it. It takes a habit of

investing time and energy in digging deeply into the Word of God and learning God's wisdom.

2. If we seek Him and His wisdom then He gives us promises

a. We will get understanding, knowledge, wisdom, and protection

i. We will understand what it means to fear the Lord **5**

**Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord,  
And find the knowledge of God.**

1. Many find even the term difficult to understand but it is usually because they haven't paid the price of prayerful study

2. Knowing God and understanding what it means to fear Him will not come quick or easy. It will be the result of diligent, dedicated, disciplined study

ii. We have the promise that God Himself will give us wisdom, knowledge and understanding **6 For the Lord giveth wisdom: Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.**

- iii. Wisdom is for the truly born again **7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *He is*** a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
  - iv. He protects us and keeps us from sin by the wisdom we learn from Him **8 He keepeth** the paths of judgment, And preserveth the way of his saints.
  - b. Diligent study and seeking Him will give us wisdom, discernment, holy living, doing right, and direction **9 Then** shalt thou **understand** righteousness, and judgment, And equity; yea, every good path.
  - i. Knowing God and His Word will be pleasing to us **10 When** wisdom entereth into thine heart, And knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
  - ii. We will learn discretion which will keep us out of trouble **11 Discretion shall preserve thee, Understanding shall keep thee:**
3. There is a personal application here
- a. We will not fall so easily for the evil man who speaks crooked, perverse, twisted words **12 To deliver** thee

from the way of the evil *man*, From the man that speaketh froward things;

- i. There are men that will get you away from serving God and believing the Bible **13** Who leave the paths of uprightness, To walk in the ways of darkness;
  - ii. It will be there desire to get you back into a life of sin
  - iii. It will be a far higher price to pay than that of seeking God and His wisdom
  - iv. You can learn the hard way, by the cruel hand of circumstance or by the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of God **14** Who rejoice to do evil, *And* delight in the frowardness of the wicked; **15** Whose ways are crooked, *And they* froward in their paths:
- b. There is a strange woman who would destroy your life if you allow her to do so **16** **To deliver** thee from the strange woman, *Even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words;
    - i. This woman will flatter you. Lie to you to make you feel good about yourself. She is speaking out of turn about things that are not hers to say



- ii. She has forgotten what she was taught as a girl 17  
Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, And forgetteth  
the covenant of her God.
- iii. It matters not to her the promises and the decisions  
she made for God when she was young
- iv. She is the very path to death 18 For her house inclineth  
unto death, And her paths unto the dead.
- v. She totally destroys men 19 None that go unto her  
return again, Neither take they hold of the paths of life.
- c. God has a good path for you to walk on 20 That thou  
mayest walk in the way of good *men*, And keep the paths  
of the righteous.
  - i. His truths will cause you to prosper 21 For the upright  
shall dwell in the land, And the perfect shall remain in  
it.
  - ii. If you are mature enough, wise enough God will bless  
you to stand where others can't and haven't
- d. Those that do not know God and His truth will die and  
there will be no escape 22 But the wicked shall be cut off  
from the earth, And the transgressors shall be rooted out  
of it.

4. What decisions do I need to make right now
  - a. Be sure that I am really His and can enjoy His promises and His protection **8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, And preserveth the way of his saints.**
  - b. Decide right now to seek after God, His wisdom, His truth, and everything about Him with all that is in me
    - i. Receive His Words
    - ii. Hide them in my heart
    - iii. Make myself pay attention to the Word of God
    - iv. Stretch my heart and mind to get into the Word of God and to get it into me
    - v. Hunger and cry after the things of God more than I do other things
    - vi. Dig in the Word of God and work and getting the truths so that I find them to be as beautiful as they are
    - vii. Decide to make God, His church, His Word, etc as more than just a hobby or extra thing I do but the meaning of my life
  - c. Realize that I am a husband, dad, and leader so I need wisdom to lead my family and to protect them
  - d. Quit acting like a boy who will not have the discipline and dedication to do what God has for him to do

- e. From the Word of God learn how to recognize the evil man who speaks crookedly
- f. Learn how to recognize the strange woman and keep her far from me and my family