



# Wisdom's Surpassing Value

Proverbs 2

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# What is Wisdom?

- Truth in action
- Biblical truth skillfully applied to the situations of life
- Wisdom is a divine gift of God whereby He imparts through His Word and the Holy Spirit an accurate and growing understanding of His own character, work, and expectations enabling His true children to competently obey His commands in all circumstances of life.
- Purpose of Proverbs: To know wisdom and instruction in order to skillfully interpret and navigate life situations to achieve godly outcomes

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  - A Father's appeals
    - Appeal 1 - Receive and treasure godly instruction (1a).
    - Appeal 2 – Decide to prize, prioritize, and internalize Biblical truth (2)
    - Appeal 3 – Fervently pray for God to give you much needed wisdom (3).
    - Appeal 4 – Diligently seek to develop biblical wisdom as your highest priority (4).

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  - God will grant you wisdom! (5-7a, 9)
    - The foundation of biblical wisdom (5) – the Fear of the Lord
    - The source of biblical wisdom (6-7a)
    - The skill of developed wisdom (9)
  - God will use wisdom to guard and preserve you (7b-8, 11)
  - God will use wisdom to satisfy your soul (10)

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- The reasons/value of pursuing true wisdom. (12-22)
  - God uses wisdom to guard you from evil influences (12-15)
  - God uses wisdom to guard you from sexual sin (16-19).
  - God will bless the wise through godly fellowship and will reward with eternal life (20-22)

# Conclusions/Lessons

- Wisdom is readily available!
- Pursuing wisdom requires diligence, hard work, painful self-reflection, perseverance, and fervent and frequent prayer.
- Pursuing wisdom requires repentance and faith in God and His Son Jesus. True wisdom is rooted in the gospel.
- What steps are you willing to take to pursue wisdom in the manner that Solomon outlined for his son?
- Is there something in your life that is holding you back from pursuing wisdom?
- On this side of the cross we can include pursuing knowing Christ with pursuing biblical wisdom. (2 Cor 4:5)
- What do you truly want out of this life?