

Wisdom and our Relationship with God

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Theme: Growth in wisdom is a product of a vital relationship with the Lord

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- I. Obey the Word of the Lord from your Heart (1-4)
 - A call to remember (1a)
 - A call to consistent obedience from the heart (1b)
 - The reward of longevity and peace (2)
 - A call to godly behavior (3)
 - The reward of godly character: a good reputation (4)

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- II. Grow your Relationship with the Lord (5-12)
 - Trust in the Lord, not in yourself (5)
 - Come to know Him personally (6)
 - Maintain an accurate assessment of yourself and of God (7-8)
 - Worship the Lord through giving (9-10)
 - Submit to the Lord's loving discipline (11-12)

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- III. Recognize the Benefits the Lord Gives through Wisdom (13-26)
 - Great blessings (13)
 - Unequaled return on investment (14)
 - Unequaled worth (15)
 - Longevity wealth and acclaim (16)
 - Pleasing quality of life (17)

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- Life and happiness (18)
- Interlude: the Lord's incomparable wisdom(19-20)
- True spiritual life (21-22)
- Spiritual protection (23)
- Absence of anxiety (24)
- Freedom from fear (25-26)

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- IV. Honor the Lord in your Relationships with Other People (27-32)
 - Don't fail to act in love, but serve others when opportunities arise (27)
 - Don't delay in offering aid (28)
 - Don't plot anything harmful against your neighbor (29)
 - Don't make an issue when there is none (30)
 - Don't envy the wicked (31-32)

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- V. Understand the Lord's View of the Wise and the Wicked (32-35)
 - The devious versus the upright (32)
 - The wicked versus the righteous (33)
 - The scoffers versus the afflicted (34)
 - The wise versus the fools (35)

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Implications & Application

1. The benefits the Lord bestows on those who pursue wisdom are innumerable
2. The Lord offers blessing and grace to those who pursue wisdom but He views the foolish and wicked with disdain and will ultimately bring judgment on them
3. These realities point to the importance of growing in our relationship with the Lord, which is the path to wisdom