

Let us be Wise

James 1:5-6

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men **liberally**, and upbraideth not; and **it shall be** given him.

6 But let him **ask in faith**, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

James 3:13-18

13 Who is a **wise man** and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a **good conversation** his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and **lie not** against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, **but is earthly**, sensual, devilish.

16 For where **envying and strife is**, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But **the wisdom** that is from above is first **pure**, then **peaceable, gentle**, and **easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality**, and **without hypocrisy**.

18 And the **fruit of righteousness** is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Proverbs 1:1-5

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

2 To **know wisdom and instruction**; to perceive the words **of understanding**;

3 **To receive** the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

4 To give **subtlety** to the simple, to the young man **knowledge** and **discretion**.

5 A wise man **will hear**, and **will increase learning**; and a man of understanding shall attain unto **wise counsels**:

Proverbs 1:20-29

20 **Wisdom crieth without**; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She crieth in the **chief place of concourse**, in the **openings of the gates**: in the **city** she **uttereth her words**, saying,

22 **How long, ye simple ones**, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 **Turn you** at my reproof: behold, **I will pour out** my spirit unto you, I will make known **my words** unto you.

24 Because I have called, and **ye refused**; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought **all my counsel**, and would none of my reproof:
26 I also will **laugh at your calamity**; I will **mock when your fear cometh**;
27 When your fear cometh as **desolation**, and your **destruction** cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.
28 Then shall they call upon me, but **I will not answer**; they shall seek me early, but **they shall not find me**:
29 For that they **hated knowledge**, and **did not choose** the fear of the LORD:

Proverbs 2:1-5

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 liftest 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.

Proverbs 2:10-12

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;

Proverbs 3:13-18

13 **Happy** is the man that **findeth wisdom**, and the man that **getteth understanding**.
14 For the merchandise of it **is better** than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
15 She is **more precious** than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire **are not to be compared unto her**.
16 **Length of days** is in her right hand; and in her left hand **riches and honour**.
17 Her ways are **ways of pleasantness**, and **all her paths are peace**.
18 She is a **tree of life** to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that **retaineth her**.

Proverbs 4:7-9

7 Wisdom is the **principal thing**; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting **get understanding**.

8 **Exalt her**, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost **embrace her**.

9 She shall give to thine head an ornament **of grace**: a crown **of glory** shall she deliver to thee.

Proverbs 5:1-13

1 My son, **attend unto my wisdom**, and **bow thine ear to my understanding**:

2 That thou mayest **regard discretion**, and that thy lips may keep **knowledge**.

3 For the lips of a **strange woman** drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

4 **But her end** is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.

5 **Her feet** go down to death; **her steps take hold on hell**.

6 Lest thou shouldst ponder the path of life, **her ways are moveable**, that thou canst not know them.

7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and **depart not** from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove thy way **far from her**, and **come not nigh** the door of her house:

9 **Lest thou give thine honour unto others**, and thy years unto the cruel:

10 Lest strangers be filled **with thy wealth**; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;

11 And thou mourn **at the last**, when thy flesh and thy body **are consumed**,

12 And say, How have I **hated instruction**, and my heart **despised reproof**;

13 And have **not obeyed** the voice of **my teachers**, nor inclined mine ear **to them that instructed me!**

Proverbs 7:4-5

4 Say unto wisdom, **Thou art my sister**; and call understanding **thy kinswoman**:

5 That they may **keep thee** from the strange woman, **from the stranger** which flattereth with her words.

Proverbs 9:10-18

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of **wisdom**: and **the knowledge** of the holy is **understanding**.

11 For **by me** thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

12 **If thou be wise**, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.

13 A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.
14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,
15 **To call** passengers who go right on their ways:
16 **Whoso is simple**, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth **understanding**, she saith to him,
17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.
18 But **he knoweth not** that the dead are there; and that **her guests** are in the depths of **hell**.

Proverbs 10:13-14

13 **In the lips** of him that hath understanding **wisdom is found**: but a rod is for the back of him that is **void of understanding**.
14 **Wise men lay up knowledge**: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

Proverbs 11:8-12

8 The righteous **is delivered** out of trouble, and the wicked **cometh in his stead**.
9 **An hypocrite** with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: **but through knowledge** shall the just be delivered.
10 When it goeth well with the righteous, **the city rejoiceth**: and when the wicked perish, **there is shouting**.
11 By the blessing of the upright the **city is exalted**: but it is overthrown **by the mouth** of the wicked.
12 He that is **void of wisdom** despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding **holdeth his peace**.

Proverbs 12:1-7

1 **Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge**: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.
2 A good man **obtaineth favour** of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices **will he condemn**.
3 A man **shall not be** established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous **shall not be** moved.
4 A virtuous woman **is a crown** to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed **is as rottenness in his bones**.
5 **The thoughts** of the righteous **are right**: but **the counsels** of the wicked **are deceit**.
6 **The words** of the wicked are to **lie in wait** for blood: but **the mouth** of the upright shall **deliver them**.
7 The wicked are overthrown, and **are not**: but the house of the righteous **shall stand**.

Proverbs 12:23-25

23 A prudent man **concealeth knowledge**: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

24 The **hand of the diligent** shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

25 **Heaviness in the heart** of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

Proverbs 15:2-16

2 The tongue of the wise **useth knowledge** aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3 The eyes of the LORD are in **every place**, beholding the evil and the good.

4 A wholesome tongue is a **tree of life**: but perverseness therein **is a breach** in the spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof **is prudent**.

6 In the house of the righteous is **much treasure**: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 **The lips of the wise disperse knowledge**: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

8 The sacrifice of the wicked **is an abomination** to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright **is his delight**.

9 The way of the wicked **is an abomination** unto the LORD: but **he loveth** him that **followeth after righteousness**.

10 **Correction is grievous** unto him that forsaketh the way: and **he that hateth reproof** shall die.

11 **Hell and destruction** are before the LORD: **how much more** then the hearts of the children of men?

12 A scorner **loveth not** one that reproveth him: **neither will he go** unto the wise.

13 **A merry heart** maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart **the spirit is broken**.

14 **The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge**: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is **of a merry heart** hath a **continual feast**.

16 Better is little **with the fear of the LORD** than great treasure and trouble therewith.

Proverbs 17:27-28

27 He that **hath knowledge** spareth his words: and a **man of understanding** is of an **excellent spirit**.

28 Even a fool, when he **holdeth his peace**, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips **is esteemed** a man of understanding.

Proverbs 18:15

15 The heart of the prudent **getteth knowledge**; and the ear of the wise **seeketh knowledge**.

Proverbs 19:1-2

1 Better is **the poor** that walketh **in his integrity**, than he that is **perverse in his lips**, and **is a fool**.

2 Also, that **the soul** be without knowledge, **it is not good**; and he that hasteth with his feet **sinneth**.

Proverbs 6:23-29

23 For the commandment **is a lamp**; and the law **is light**; and reproofs of instruction **are the way of life**:

24 **To keep** thee from the **evil woman**, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 **Lust not** after her beauty in thine heart; **neither let her** take thee with her eyelids.

26 For **by means of a whorish woman a man is brought** to a piece of bread: and the adulteress **will hunt for the precious life**.

27 **Can a man take fire in his bosom**, and his clothes not be burned?

28 **Can one go upon hot coals**, and his feet not be burned?

29 So he that **goeth in** to his neighbour's wife; whosoever **toucheth her** shall not be innocent.

Proverbs 8:10-11

10 **Receive my instruction**, and not silver; **and knowledge** rather than choice gold.

11 For **wisdom is better** than rubies; and all the things that may be desired **are not to be compared to it**.

Proverbs 15:32-33

32 He that **refuseth** instruction **despiseth** his own soul: **but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding**.

33 The fear of the LORD **is the instruction of wisdom**; and before honour **is humility**.

Proverbs 19:20

20 **Hear** counsel, and **receive** instruction, that thou mayest be wise **in thy latter end**.

Proverbs 23:12

12 **Apply thine heart** unto instruction, **and thine ears** to the words of knowledge.

Proverbs 23:23

23 **Buy the truth**, and **sell it not**; also **wisdom**, and **instruction**, and **understanding**.

Proverbs 4:1-6

1 **Hear**, ye children, **the instruction** of a father, **and attend** to know understanding.

2 For I give you **good doctrine**, forsake ye not my law.

3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me also, and said unto me, **Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live**.

5 **Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not**; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, and **she shall preserve thee**: love her, and **she shall keep thee**.

Psalms 34:11-19

11 Come, ye children, **hearken** unto me: **I will teach you** the fear of the LORD.

12 **What man is he that** desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

13 **Keep thy tongue** from evil, and **thy lips** from speaking guile.

14 **Depart from evil**, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon **the righteous**, and his ears are open unto **their cry**.

16 The face of the LORD **is against** them that do evil, **to cut off the remembrance** of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and **the LORD heareth, and delivereth** them out of **all their troubles**.

18 The LORD **is nigh** unto them that are of a **broken heart**; and **saveth such** as be of a **contrite spirit**.

19 **Many are the afflictions** of the righteous: but **the LORD delivereth** him out of them all.

Proverbs 13:14

14 The law of the wise is a **fountain of life**, to depart from **the snares of death**.

Proverbs 5:21-23

21 For **the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD**, and he pondereth all **his goings**.

22 **His own iniquities** shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with **the cords of his sins**.

23 **He shall die** without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Proverbs 20:24

24 **Man's goings are of the LORD**; how can a man then understand his own way?

Psalms 37:23-24

23 The steps of a good man **are ordered by the LORD**: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: **for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand**.

1 Chronicles 28:9

9 And thou, Solomon my son, **know thou** the God of thy father, and **serve him with a perfect heart** and **with a willing mind**: for **the LORD searcheth** all hearts, and **understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts**: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. You can have all the wisdom in the world and still not act wisely!!

1 Kings 11:4

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that **his wives turned away his heart** after other gods: and **his heart was not perfect** with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

13 **Let us hear the conclusion** of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man**.