

Wisdom is the principal thing

Proverbs 4:5–13 (NKJV)

⁵ Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you.

⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

⁸ Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.

⁹ She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you.”

¹⁰ Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many.

¹¹ I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

¹² When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble.

¹³ Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she is your life.

P roverbs 4:5

• Proverbs 1:22 “How long, **you simple ones**, will you **LOVE simplicity**? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

• **you simple ones: a person lacking intelligence or common sense. simplemindedness**

• The basic verb idea is “be open, spacious, wide,” and might relate to the immature or simple one who is open to all kinds of enticement, not having developed a discriminating judgment as to what is right or wrong. Proverbs 1:23–33 (NKJV)

– 23 Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.

– 24 Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

– 25 Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,

– 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,

– 27 When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.

– 28 “Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

– 29 Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the Lord,

– 30 They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke.

– 31 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

- 32 For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;
- 33 But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

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- Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV)

- 13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
- now the definitions don't dictate the relation of simplicity to the broadway of Jesus' teaching but the principle fits, that the untaught in the truths of scripture, which is the majority of humans are not discerning enough to exclude the vast amount of **human** knowledge to seek out the wisdom that is from above

- LOVE: LIKE - TO FIND VERY ENJOYABLE OR AGREEABLE.

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- Proverbs 1:3 To receive the **instruction** of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity;
- Proverbs 15:33 **The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom**, And before honor is humility.

- Proverbs 4:11 I have taught you in **the way of wisdom**; I have led you in right paths.

- Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)

- 10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

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- Proverbs 2:2-4 (NKJV)

- 2 So that you **incline** your ear to **wisdom**, And **apply** your heart to **understanding**;
- 3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding,
- 4 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures;

- **incline: to listen and pay attention**

- **wisdom: knowledge** - accumulated knowledge or erudition the years/experience of the aged

- **apply: to make receptive or willing towards an action or attitude or belief.**

- **understanding:** The background idea of the verb is to "discern," and this lies behind the derivative nouns and the close relation derived from the substantive bayin (see below) from which comes the preposition bēn "between." The combination of these words, "discern between" is used in I Kgs 3:9, "That I may discern between good and evil." bēn includes the concept of distinguishment that leads to understanding. The verb refers to knowledge which is superior to the mere gathering of data.

- Proverbs 17:16 (NKJV)

- 16 Why is there in the hand of a fool **the purchase price of wisdom**, Since he has no heart for it?

- there is a purchase price for wisdom and knowledge and understanding =
incline, apply,
- (a) We must set our hearts upon wisdom (“apply our hearts to understanding”) (2:2)
- (b) We must cry out for wisdom (be clamorous for wisdom) (2:3)
- (c) We must diligently seek wisdom (seek wisdom as men seek natural riches) (2:4)
- (d) We must incline our ear to words of wisdom (2:2)
- (e) We must receive words of wisdom (2:1)
- (f) We must hide (store up) words of wisdom (2:1)

– Get wisdom! Get understanding!

Proverbs 23:23 (NKJV)

23 Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.

– Ecclesiastes 2:14 The wise man’s eyes are in his head, But the fool walks in darkness. Yet I myself perceived That the same event happens to them all.

– Proverbs 4:26 (NKJV)

– 26 **Ponder** the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.

– **Ponder: to consider – to give thought or consideration to something. this is taking place in our heads**

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