

Protection for your Soul (#3)

Proverbs 2:1-22
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How to Get Wisdom

- Be receptive to instruction
- Ask for wisdom
- Seek wisdom diligently

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Contrast:

²⁴“Because I called and you refused,
I stretched out my hand and no one paid
attention;

²⁵And you neglected all my counsel
And did not want my reproof;
(Prov. 1:24-25)

The Results of Seeking Wisdom

1. Knowledge of God
 - The source of wisdom
 - The protection of wisdom
2. Moral Discernment
 - Guidance for living
 - Protection for your soul

⁷He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a shield to those who walk in
integrity,

⁸Guarding the paths of justice,
And He preserves the way of His godly
ones.

⁹Then you will discern righteousness and
justice
And equity *and* every good course.

¹⁰For wisdom will enter your heart
And knowledge will be pleasant to your
soul;

¹¹Discretion will guard you,
Understanding will watch over you,

The Deliverance of Wisdom

1. Deliverance from the evil man
 - His path
 - His heart

“The danger lies not in what the men will
do to the young man but in their invitation
to join them on their evil way.” [Koptak]

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2. Deliverance from the seductive woman
 - Her character
 - Her destiny

“Once again the problem is influence. Like the wicked men, she has left the good path and wants to take the young man along.” [Koptak]

The Reward of Wisdom

“The final reward is good company, walking together on the paths of righteousness.” [Koptak]

The Reward of Wisdom

“Knowledge and love of God protects us from the seductions urging us to chase after irresponsible wealth and pleasure” primarily by giving us “the ability to say no, to refuse to join the voices that would lead us astray.” [Koptak]

Lessons from Proverbs 2

1. Training in wisdom begins with a desire to have it.
2. God is the One who gives wisdom, and it begins in a relationship with Him.
3. Knowledge of God and of God’s ways provides protection against the lies that will ultimately cause our downfall.

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