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PROVERBS 2:1-11

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■ PROFILE ON PROVERBS



AUTHOR: King Solomon

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THEME: Wisdom

Contains about 800 of Solomon's 3,000 proverbs

Solomon wrote all the chapters ^{excluding} except 30 and 31

Solomon's wisdom was greatly sought after during his day

1 Kings 10:24 - "Now all the earth sought the presence of

Solomon to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart."



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■ WISDOM:

The ability to think and act using
knowledge, experience, understanding,
common sense and insight.

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■ SYMPTOMS OF A LACK OF WISDOM

- An epidemic reassigning of truth
- A substitution of fiction for historical facts
- An alarming absence of common sense
- A dangerous reversal of priorities



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NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE,
OUR SOCIETY NEEDS FOLLOWERS
OF JESUS WHO PRACTICE
SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE.

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Proverbs 2:1-11

¹ My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. ² Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. ³ Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. ⁴ Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. ⁵ Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain wisdom of God. ⁶ For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. ⁸ He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him. ⁹ Then you will understand what is right,



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Proverbs 2:1-11

just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go. ¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. ¹¹ Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.

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Vs. 3-4

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PURSUE WISDOM LIKE IT'S CASH

Vs. 5

⁵ Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain wisdom of God.

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PURSUE WISDOM LIKE IT'S CASH

Proverbs 16:16

16 How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

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PURSUE WISDOM LIKE IT'S CASH

GOD'S DESIRE FOR OUR LIVES
IS THAT WISDOM TAKES A
GREATER PRIORITY THAN
MATERIAL POSSESSIONS.

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Vs. 6-7

▫ For the Lord grants wisdom!
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and understanding. ⁷ He grants
a treasure of common sense to
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GOD GIVES WISDOM TO ANYONE WHO ASKS

James 1:5

⁵ If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. God is generous and won't rebuke you for asking.



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GOD GIVES WISDOM TO ANYONE WHO ASKS

HOW MANY OF US LACK WISDOM
SIMPLY BECAUSE WE HAVE
FAILED TO ASK GOD FOR IT?

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GOD GIVES WISDOM TO ANYONE WHO ASKS

James 4:2-3

² Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.
³ And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.



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GOD GIVES WISDOM TO ANYONE WHO ASKS

WISDOM, LIKE ANYTHING WE
ASK GOD FOR, SHOULD BE USED
FOR HIS GLORY, NOT OUR OWN.

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Vs. 7-11

⁷ He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. ⁸ He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him. ⁹ Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way



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WISDOM IS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY

WAYS THAT WISDOM FORTIFIES YOUR LIFE

- **SHIELDS** from attacks against your character
- **GUARDS** the direction of your life from derailment
- **PROTECTS** your faith from erosion
- **WATCHES OVER** your decision-making process
- Keeps you **SAFE** from harmful situations



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Ephesians 5:15

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.



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WISDOM IS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY

WISDOM IS GOD'S GIFT TO US
TO HELP US NAVIGATE THIS
LIFE IN A WAY THAT BRINGS
THE MOST GLORY TO GOD.

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“God is most glorified in us
when we are most satisfied in
Him.”

-John Piper

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