

# THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

THE INSTRUCTION OF WISDOM AND THE APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN ALL THAT WE THINK, SAY AND DO TO THE HONOR OF OUR  
LORD AND SAVOIR JESUS CHRIST

## Proverbs 1:1-19

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### THE WAY OF WISDOM IS GETTING GOD RIGHT

The instruction of wisdom and the application of knowledge to the glory of God,  
and all that we think, say, and do to the honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Wisdom, Knowledge, Discipleship, Maturity, Growth, Family, Life

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and a man of **understanding** will **attain** wise counsel,

**6** To **understand** a **proverb** and an **enigma**, the words of the wise  
and their **riddles**. **7** The **fear** of the LORD is the beginning of **knowledge**,  
but **fools** **despise** wisdom and instruction...

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Wisdom grk: Sophia:  
skill at being wise, the ability to use knowledge aright, a God ordained ability to both learn and to apply what has been given, learned taught.

## Wisdom Is Needed Now More Than Ever

### Acts 6:3a

Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.

## THE WAY OF WISDOM GETTING GOD RIGHT

1.) Is Being In Awe Of God

vs. 1-7

## GETTING GOD RIGHT IS BECOMING A RARITY IN OUR DAY.

UNDERSTANDING THE TRUTHS OF GOD’S WORD IS TO KNOW GOD PERSONALLY.

IT REMINDS ME OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER WHO ASKED THE LITTLE BOY WHO WAS VISITING THE CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME;

**“SON, WHERE’S GOD? – CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE GOD IS?”**

With that, the little boy bolted out of class and ran to his mother and said; let’s get out of here  
“Mom, let’s get out of here - this church has lost God and their trying to pin it on me!”

Today, Our Culture has Lost God. Our Nation has Lost God.  
Many Churches Have Lost God Today!

## GETTING GOD RIGHT IS BEING IN AWE OF GOD

1a.) By **Considering** Who He Is

vs. 1-4

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## HOW DO I BECOME MORE IN AWE OF GOD ?

### Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**3** Then God said, "Let there be light";  
and there was light.

## Considering the **AWE** of God

### Job 28:23-28 NLT

"God alone understands the way to wisdom; he knows where it can be found, **24** for he looks throughout the whole earth and sees everything under the heavens. **25** He decided how hard the winds should blow and how much rain should fall. **26** He made the laws for the rain and laid out a path for the lightning. **27** Then he saw wisdom and evaluated it. He set it in place and examined it thoroughly. **28** And this is what he says to all humanity: 'The fear of the Lord is true wisdom; to forsake evil is real understanding.'"

### Job 37:14-24 NLT

"Pay attention to this, Job. Stop and consider the wonderful miracles of God! **15** Do you know how God controls the storm and causes the lightning to flash from his clouds? **16** Do you understand how he moves the clouds with wonderful perfection and skill? **17** When you are sweltering in your clothes and the south wind dies down and everything is still, **18** he makes the skies reflect the heat like a bronze mirror. Can you do that? **19** "So teach the rest of us what to say to God. We are too

ignorant to make our own arguments. 20 Should God be notified that I want to speak? Can people even speak when they are confused? 21 We cannot look at the sun, for it shines brightly in the sky when the wind clears away the clouds. 22 So also, golden splendor comes from the mountain of God. He is clothed in dazzling splendor. 23 We cannot imagine the power of the Almighty; but even though he is just and righteous, he does not destroy us. 24 No wonder people everywhere fear him. All who are wise show him reverence.”

#### Job 38:1-30 NLT

Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind: :2 “Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? 3 Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. 4 “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. 5 Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? 6 What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone 7 as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? 8 “Who kept the sea inside its boundaries as it burst from the womb, 9 and as I clothed it with clouds and wrapped it in thick darkness? 10 For I locked it behind barred gates, limiting its shores. 11 I said, ‘This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!’ 12 “Have you ever commanded the morning to appear and caused the dawn to rise in the east? 13 Have you made daylight spread to the ends of the earth, to bring an end to the night’s wickedness? 14 As the light approaches, the earth takes shape like clay pressed beneath a seal; it is robed in brilliant colors. 15 The light disturbs the wicked and stops the arm that is raised in violence. 16 “Have you explored the springs from which the seas come? Have you explored their depths? 17 Do you know where the gates of death are located? Have you seen the gates of utter gloom? 18 Do you realize the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know! 19 “Where does light come from, and where does darkness go? 20 Can you take each to its home? Do you know how to get there? 21 But of course you know all this! For you were born before it was all created, and you are so very experienced! 22 “Have you visited the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of hail? 23 (I have reserved them as weapons for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war.) 24 Where is the path to the source of light? Where is the home of the east wind? 25 “Who created a channel for the torrents of rain? Who laid out the path for the lightning? 26 Who makes the rain fall on barren land, in a desert where no one lives? 27 Who sends rain to satisfy the parched ground and make the tender grass spring up? :28 “Does the rain have a father? Who gives birth to the dew? 29 Who is the mother of the ice? Who gives birth to the frost from the heavens? 30 For the water turns to ice as hard as rock, and the surface of the water freezes.

#### Job 40:3-4

Then Job answered the LORD and said:

4 “Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth.

## GETTING GOD RIGHT IS BEING IN AWE OF GOD

1b.) By **Remembering** Who We Are

vs. 5-6

**Proverbs 1:5-6**

**5** A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, **6** To understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles.

**HOW DO I BECOME MORE IN AWE OF GOD ?**

Get Your Instructions From Your Creator  
and Not From What's Trending.

**Proverbs 14:12**

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/soul-console/202409/10-steps-to-making-decisions-youll-never-regret>

“Each day we make hundreds of decisions that all shape our reality, identity, and story. Too often we are oblivious to the feelings, thoughts, emotions, and sensations that drive our actions. Mindful decision-making requires pausing and following these 10 steps.”

**Man (Survey) Says:**

**1 - Make time and clear your mind.**

**The Bible Says:**

**Psalms 27:14**

**Wait on the LORD;** be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!

**Man (Survey) Says:**

**2 - Identify the challenge before you. Know what you want to achieve.**

**The Bible Says:**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Man (Survey) Says:**

**3 – Determining goals both short- and long-term.**

**The Bible Says:**

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

**6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

**Man (Survey) Says:**

**4 – Get smart.**

**The Bible Says:**

**Proverbs 4:7**

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

**Man (Survey) Says:**

**5 - Acknowledge your biases. We all have them.**

**The Bible Says:**

**Matthew 6:32-33 NLT**

These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **33** Seek the Kingdom of God<sup>a</sup> above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

**Man (Survey) Says:**

**6 – Take stock of your values.**

**The Bible Says:**

**Galatians 5:16-17a**

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

**17a** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another,

**Man (Survey) Says:**

**7 - Explore your options.**

**The Bible Says:**

**Psalm 27:4**

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

**Man (Survey) Says:**

**8 - Consider the consequences of each action.**

**The Bible Says:**

**Psalm 139:23-24**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; **24** And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Man (Survey) Says:**

**9 - Make your decision and commit to taking action**

**The Bible Says:**

**Psalm 32:8**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

**Man (Survey) Says:**

**10 - Check in over time, if appropriate**

**The Bible Says:**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

Pray without ceasing.

**GETTING GOD RIGHT  
IS BEING IN AWE OF GOD**

1c.) By **Knowing** Who We Can Become vs. 7

**Proverbs 1:7**

**7** The **fear** of the LORD is the beginning of **knowledge**, but **fools despise** **wisdom** and **instruction**.

**HOW DO I BECOME MORE IN AWE OF GOD ?**

“In biblical theology, God ordained wisdom is evidence of true religion. Just as godliness, piety, the knowledge of God, and the fear of God, and the sincere and uniform obedience to God will be seen by all. This is the wisdom of God which is from above.”

Pastor Albert Barnes  
1798 – 1870  
American Theologian, Clergymen, Abolitionist.

## Well, Did Barnes Speak – In Light of The Apostle James’ Words

### James 3:13-17

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. **14** But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. **15** This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. **16** For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. **17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

### Wordily Wisdom Sounds Like This;

Look out for number ONE. // Absences makes the heart grow FONDER.  
You only live ONCE. // If you can’t beat them, join THEM. //  
He who dies with the most toys WINS.  
he had it COMING. // a women’s work is never DONE. //  
You can’t always get what you WANT //  
A golden key can open any DOOR.

## THE WAY OF WISDOM GETTING GOD RIGHT

2.) By Leaving Bad Behind vs. 8-19

## GETTING GOD RIGHT BY LEAVING BAD BEHIND

2a.) By Learning How To Listen vs. 8-9

**Proverbs 1:8-9**

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**HOW DO YOU LEAVE BAD BEHIND ?**

**!!! CHOICES / CHOICES / CHOICES / CHOICES / CHOICES / CHOICES / CHOICES / CHOICES / CHOICES / CHOICES !!!**

**2 Corinthians 6:14-17a**

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? **15** And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? **16** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: *“I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”* **17** Therefore *“Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord.*

You’ve Heard the Saying; “Marry Up”?  
The Same is True About Friendships

**Proverbs 18:24 NIV**

**One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

**Therefore, comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.**

**1 Corinthians 15:33**

**Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”**

**GETTING GOD RIGHT  
IS LEAVING BAD BEHIND**

2b.) By **Hearing** What Not To Do

vs. 10-14

**Proverbs 1:10-14**

**10** My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. **11** If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait to shed blood; let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause; **12** Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down to the Pit; **13** We shall find all kinds of precious possessions, we shall fill our houses with spoil; **14** Cast in your lot among us, let us all have one purse"

**HOW DO YOU LEAVE BAD BEHIND ?**

**Proverbs 3:7-8**

Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.  
**8** It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

**2 Timothy 2:22a**

Flee also youthful lusts;

Flee grk: pheugo  
to flee from, make an escape from, to become a fugitive.  
run away from sin. to make yourself scarce.

{Do not be found where sin is}

**1 Corinthians 10:13-14**

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. **14** Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

**GETTING GOD RIGHT  
IS LEAVING BAD BEHIND**

2c.) By Walking Away From Bad

vs. 15-19

**Proverbs 1:15-19**

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lurk secretly for their own lives. **19** So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain;  
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the life of its owners.

Why do some people seem to gravitate toward bad?  
- There are many reasons why.

We walk away from the BAD – we walk toward the GOOD.  
Decisions / Decisions / Decisions

**How many decisions do we make in a day?**

Do you know – of course you do = A LOT.

If you're a Teen or older –

one decision can bless your life forever or one decision can damage your life forever.

## HOW DO YOU LEAVE BAD BEHIND ?

First Off - Are you hearing from God - Inside of Your Thought Life?

### Proverbs 15:31-32

The ear that **hears the rebukes of life** will abide among the wise. **32** He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who **heeds rebuke gets understanding**.

Having profitable words and/or doctrine to live by;

### Psalms 37:30-31

The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of justice.

**31** The law of his God is in his heart; **none of his steps** shall slide.

## Praying The Proverbs Blessing Over Our Souls

Standing with hands raised – we commit ourselves to living out these truths  
to the glory of God our Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

### John 15:7-8

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire,  
and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit;  
so you will be My disciples.

**Numbers 6:24-26**

“The LORD bless you and keep you; **25** The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you; **26** The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.” ’

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*End of Study*

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