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# The Beginning of Wisdom

PROVERBS 28:14 ESV

<sup>14</sup> Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always,  
but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.”





“For when I seek You, my God, I seek a happy life.”

**AUGUSTINE**





“There is a joy that brings true happiness, but it is not given to the ungodly. It is only for those who love You for Your own sake. That joy is to know You as You are. This is the happy life, to rejoice in You, of You, and for You.”

**AUGUSTINE**





# 1. Hear Wisdom and Take It

## PROVERBS 8:1-11 ESV

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup> On the heights beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:





# 1. Hear Wisdom and Take It

## PROVERBS 8:1-11 ESV

<sup>4</sup> “To you, O men, I call,  
and my cry is to the children of man.

<sup>5</sup> O simple ones, learn prudence;  
O fools, learn sense.

<sup>6</sup> Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right,

<sup>7</sup> for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.





# 1. Hear Wisdom and Take It

## PROVERBS 8:1-11 ESV

- <sup>8</sup> All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.
- <sup>9</sup> They are all straight to him who understands,  
and right to those who find knowledge.
- <sup>10</sup> Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold,
- <sup>11</sup> for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.





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PROVERBS 8:6, 10 ESV

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<sup>10</sup> Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold,





# BIBLE BEFORE PHONE





“My first priority every day is to get my heart happy in  
the Lord.”

**GEORGE MUELLER**





## 2. A Wise and Happy God

PROVERBS 8:22-30 ESV

<sup>22</sup> “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.





## 2. A Wise and Happy God

### PROVERBS 8:22-30 ESV

- <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,  
<sup>26</sup> before he had made the earth with its fields,  
or the first of the dust of the world.  
<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there;  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,





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PROVERBS 8:22-30 ESV

<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master workman,.





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PROVERBS 8:30-31 ESV

<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master workman,  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the children of man.





## 2. A Wise and Happy God

1 TIMOTHY 1:11 ESV

..in accordance with **the gospel of the glory of the blessed God** with which I have been entrusted.





“The gospel...is the gospel of happiness. It is called, ‘the glorious gospel of the blessed God.’ A more correct translation would be, “the happy God.”

**SPURGEON**





# VIDEO Jesus Isn't Happy





“Jesus Christ is the happiest being in the universe. His gladness is greater than all the angelic gladness of heaven. He mirrors perfectly the infinitely, holy, indomitable mirth of his Father.”

**JOHN PIPER**





## 2. A Wise and Happy God

PSALM 16:11 ESV

“In his presence there is fullness of joy, at God’s right hand are pleasures forevermore.”





# 3. A Wise and Happy People

## PROVERBS 8:32-36 ESV

<sup>32</sup> “And now, O sons, listen to me:  
blessed are those who keep my ways.

<sup>33</sup> Hear instruction and be wise,  
and do not neglect it.

<sup>34</sup> Blessed is the one who listens to me,  
watching daily at my gates,  
waiting beside my doors.





# 3. A Wise and Happy People

## PROVERBS 8:32-36 ESV

<sup>35</sup> For whoever finds me finds life  
and obtains favour from the Lord,  
<sup>36</sup> but he who fails to find me injures himself;  
all who hate me love death.”





# The Gospel of Happiness

ISAIAH 52:7 ESV

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”