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to understand words of insight,
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in righteousness, justice, and equity;
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knowledge and discretion to the youth—



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and the one who understands obtain guidance,  
<sup>6</sup> to understand a proverb and a saying,  
the words of the wise and their riddles.
- <sup>7</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.



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<sup>8</sup> Hear, my son, your father's instruction,  
and forsake not your mother's teaching,  
<sup>9</sup> for they are a graceful garland for your head  
and pendants for your neck.



# HOW TO READ PROVERBS

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**Law** = a command from God that I must **always** obey.

**Promise** = a guarantee from God, this **always** comes true.

**Proverb** = a description of the way things **generally** work in this life.



“Wisdom means becoming competent with regard to the realities of life: how things really happen, how things really are, and what to do about it.”

**GERHARD VON RAD**



# GET WISDOM

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## PROVERBS 8:1-3 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:



# GET WISDOM

PROVERBS 27:14 NLT

“A loud and cheerful greeting early in the morning will be taken as a curse!”



# TWO MYTHS ABOUT WISDOM

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- (1) **Intellect** is the same as wisdom
- (2) **Age** is the same as wisdom



# GET WISDOM

## PROVERBS 8:10-11 ESV

<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.



# THE BIRTHPLACE OF WISDOM

Prov 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Prov 15:33 The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honour.



# THE BIRTHPLACE 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.





“Here is the point. When you find yourself in the presence of somebody you so revere, you are in such awe of, has that ever happened to you? You just sort of tremble. It’s a positive fear. It’s not a negative fear. The negative fear is you’re afraid somebody is going to hurt you because you distrust them.



A positive fear is you're afraid you're going to disappoint them, you're going to dishonour them, you're going to grieve them or something because you love them so much, because you appreciate them so much.”

**TIM KELLER**



# THE BIRTHPLACE OF WISDOM

PROVERBS 1:7 ESV

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# JESUS: THE WISDOM OF GOD

## ISAIAH 11:2-3 ESV

<sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of **wisdom** and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And **his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.**



# JESUS: THE WISDOM OF GOD

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:30 ESV

<sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us **wisdom from God**, righteousness and sanctification and redemption



# JESUS: THE WISDOM OF GOD

## COLOSSIANS 2:2-3 ESV

...that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup> **in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**