

## ALL THINGS NEW - "Walking in Truth" - Proverbs 2

### \*TRUTH STORY

#### The Pursuit of Wisdom (Verses 1–5)

"My son, if you receive my words  
and treasure up my commandments with you,  
making your ear attentive to wisdom  
and inclining your heart to understanding;  
yes, if you call out for insight  
and raise your voice for understanding,  
if you seek it like silver  
and search for it as for hidden treasures,  
then you will understand the fear of the Lord  
and find the knowledge of God."

V. 1-2 - Accept and treasure: Listen to God's words and keep His rules close.

V. 3 - Listen and pray: Pay close attention and cry out for deep understanding.

V. 4 - Search for treasure: Look for wisdom with the same hard work you use to find silver.

V. 5 - Find God in His revealed wisdom: When you do this, you will learn to respect God and find His knowledge.

#### The Source and Protection of Wisdom (Verses 6–9)

"For the Lord gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;  
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,  
guarding the paths of justice  
and watching over the way of his saints.  
Then you will understand righteousness and justice  
and equity, every good path;"

V.6 - God gives it: The Lord is the true source of all wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

V. 7 - He shields us: God protects people who live with honesty and do what is right.

V. 8-9 - He guards paths: He watches over those who are faithful to Him and helps them know justice. Every good path is identified by God.

### Protection Knowledge from Evil People (Verses 10–15)

for wisdom will come into your heart,  
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;  
discretion will watch over you,  
understanding will guard you,  
delivering you from the way of evil,  
from men of perverted speech,  
who forsake the paths of uprightness  
to walk in the ways of darkness,  
who rejoice in doing evil  
and delight in the perverseness of evil,  
men whose paths are crooked,  
and who are devious in their ways.

V. 10 - Joy in the heart: Wisdom enters your mind and makes your soul happy.

V. 11 - Good sense protects: Good thinking keeps you safe from evil intended men who speak twisted lies. Godly discernment is not just given it is utilized as a practiced muscle.

V. 12-13 - Dark paths: Wicked men leave the right way to walk in the dark ways of evil.

V. 14-15 - Wickedness delights in itself: The evil in this world that wanders far from truth revels in its capture of the “preferred narrative”. It is unrelenting and unapologetic.

### Wisdom Protects from the Immoral Path (Verses 16–19)

“So you will be delivered from the forbidden[a] woman,  
from the adulteress[b] with her smooth words,  
who forsakes the companion of her youth  
and forgets the covenant of her God;

for her house sinks down to death,  
and her paths to the departed;  
none who go to her come back,  
nor do they regain the paths of life.”

V. 16 - Words that trap: Wisdom saves you from the smooth words of an adulterous and rebellious world. Satan will whisper ear-pleasing alternatives to a more preferred “reality”.

V. 17 - Forgotten vows: Immoral pathways affect the Christian as easily as a non Christian - but an active pursuit of God’s wisdom and truth reminds us of our first love Jesus. Let us never wander to far away from Him that we begin to “forget” how much love and grace has been shown us.

V. 18-19 - Deadly road: The path of this world is a deadly path - one where even indisputable, fundamental facts about the world and its people are questioned to the point that life is impossible. A deadly road it seems where there is no return.

### The Final Result (Verses 20–22)

“So you will walk in the way of the good  
and keep to the paths of the righteous.  
For the upright will inhabit the land,  
and those with integrity will remain in it,  
but the wicked will be cut off from the land,  
and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.”

V. 20 - Walk with the good: Wisdom and Truth help you stay on the good and righteous path.

V. 21 - Safe in the land: God does not expect perfect people, nor perfect obedience, but we are clearly warned here to stay close to the presence and wisdom of God. Even Christian churches today, have wasted a lot of time debating whether the whole council of God should be authoritative. True wisdom is always Godly wisdom!

V. 22 - The wicked cut off: Unfaithful people will be removed and thrown out of the land.

## THE POINT

### 1. Seek Wisdom Like Hidden Treasure - Active Effort not Passive Compliant

A. Active effort: You must listen closely and search for insight the same way people search for silver or hidden gold.

B. Deep desire: It takes prayer, an open heart, and a strong hunger to truly understand it.

### 2. God is the Source of Wisdom and Truth

A. Divine gift: The Lord gives wisdom, and true knowledge and understanding come straight from His mouth.

B. Given to the honest: God gives this insight and common sense to people who live with integrity and walk honestly before Him.

### 3. God's Wisdom Protects You from Danger

A. Guards your steps: Wise choices watch over you and keep your path safe.

B. Saves you from evil: It rescues you from wicked people who love doing wrong and protects you from deceptive, immoral influences.