

*the account: 28 Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found. 29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.*

Proverbs 10:21

*21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.*

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## CONCLUSION

Colossians 3:16

*16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

### How to Get Wisdom:

1. Accept Jesus as your personal Saviour—Proverbs 9:10.
2. Ask for it by faith—James 1:4-7.
3. Receive it through hearing God's Word—Proverbs 1:2-7.
4. Study God's Word personally, faithfully—Colossians 3:16.

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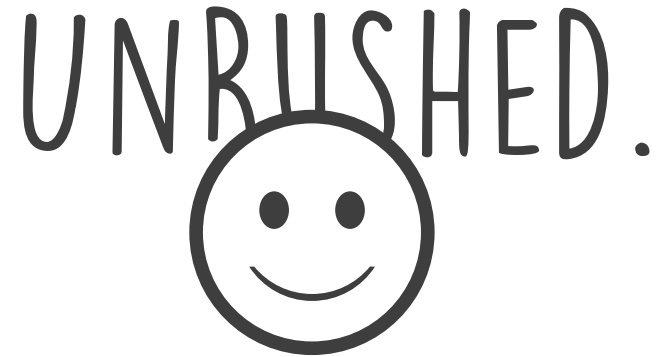
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## STRONG IN WISDOM (PART 2)

Decision #7: Do the Wise Thing

Text: Ecclesiastes 7:16-19

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You can bury yourself in good as well as you can bury yourself in bad!

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2. WISDOM FORGIVES \_\_\_\_\_ V. 19–22

Ecclesiastes 7:19–22

*19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city. 20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. 21 Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee: 22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.*

Proverbs 11:12

*12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.*

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**Quote:** We all have a tendency to jump to conclusions and we often make the mistake of completing the picture before we have all the information. How many relationships have been damaged because explanations were not allowed to be completed, or actions have been misconstrued? **Jim Winter, author**

3. WISDOM EXCEEDS \_\_\_\_\_ V. 23–25

Ecclesiastes 7:23–25

*23 All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me. 24 That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out? 25 I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:*

Proverbs 4:7

*7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.*

Proverbs 8:11

*11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.*

Proverbs 16:16

*16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!*

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4. WISDOM GRACES \_\_\_\_\_ V. 26–29

Ecclesiastes 7:26–29

*26 And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. 27 Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, counting one by one, to find out*