

Daily Wisdom
Proverbs 2
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“Wisdom is the power to see and the inclination to choose the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it.” –J. I. Packer

Daily Wisdom Challenge over the next 31 days:

Level 1: For the next 31 days, I will read one chapter of the book of Proverbs every day.

Level 2: I will pick one verse from each chapter to commit to meditate on daily.

Level 3: I will not take the Daily Wisdom challenge alone. I will share my journey with others.

The major theme of Proverbs Chapter 2 in a nutshell is this: **Wisdom must be sought at all costs because it’s too costly to live without it.**

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. (Proverbs 2:1-11)

Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. (Proverbs 1:8)

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...store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure... (Proverbs 2:1-4)

“Wisdom is something we should seek, because wisdom is seeking us.”

For the Lord gives wisdom. (Proverbs 2:6)

...work out your salvation with fear and trembling...” but then he immediately adds, “for it is God who works in you in order to will and to act according to his good purpose.” (Philippians 2:12-13)

Every Proverb relies on and reveals the sovereignty of God.

For his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and (no one) can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?” (Daniel 4:34-35)

God’s sovereignty is what gives the Proverbs their surety.

God is opposed to earning when it comes to having a relationship with Him, but He is not opposed to effort.

“By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.” (I Corinthians 15:10 NASB)

Disciplines are activities within our power that enable us to accomplish what we cannot do by direct effort because we meet with the actions of God’s grace within us.

*Whoever heeds **discipline** shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray. (Proverbs 10:17)*

*Whoever loves **discipline** loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid. (Proverbs 12:1)*

*Whoever disregards **discipline** comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored. (Proverbs 13:18)*

*A fool spurns a parent’s **discipline**, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence. (Proverbs 15:5)*

To become wise is to become a disciplined person.

Freedom to perform under pressure is always found under the authority of discipline.

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The move of God's grace is not to bring you from dependence to independence; the move of God's grace is to bring you from independence to greater dependence.

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Foolishness doesn’t always seem foolish to us.

But the ultimate foolishness is to make anything the center of our lives besides God.

The fool doesn’t just need instruction; he needs heart and life transformation.

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