

PROVERBS 2 - The Value of Wisdom! - A Treasure; A Protection!

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Pro 2:1 *My son* (24x in Proverbs), ***if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,***

- **Now, he again addresses his son.** *My son, if you will receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; “If you’ll just lay my commandments to your heart.”*

Pro 2:2 *So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;*

Pro 2:3 *Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding,*

Pro 2:4 *If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures;*

- Silver and gold can never, in and of itself, no matter how much in the whole wide world that you have, it can never allow you to put your head on a pillow at the end of the day and fall asleep in peace. But a life lived in accordance with the wisdom of God provides that!

Pro 2:5 *Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.*

- A true search for knowledge, a true search for understanding and wisdom will lead you to God. You will find God, then you will understand the fear of the Lord. You will find the knowledge of God.

Pro 2:6 *For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;*

- As you read the word of God with an open heart, seeking it, the wisdom and the knowledge of the word, as you would seek a treasure. Every Proverb speaks of wisdom as a spiritual nugget, intended to make us rich!
- But if you would seek understanding like you seek for treasure, if you’d seek the knowledge and the understanding of the Lord, then you’ll come to understand what it really is to fear the Lord. You will find the knowledge of God. For the Lord will give you wisdom. Out of His mouth, there comes knowledge and understanding.

Pro 2:7 *He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;*

Pro 2:8 *He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.*

- If you really come into the knowledge of God, walking with Him, then there is that fruit, or that benefit of walking with God. God’s preservation.

Pro 2:9 *Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path.*

- The way of the Lord is righteous, the way of the Lord is just, the way of the Lord is fair, it is the good way. Now if the ways of God are righteous, and justice, and fairness, then if a person hates the ways of the Lord, what is he hating? He is hating righteousness, he’s hating judgment, he’s hating fairness, and equity. Why would he hate righteousness, and judgment and equity? Must be because he is unrighteous, he is unjust, and he is not fair. If, you see, if you put yourself against God, you put yourself in a pretty bad category. Of course, if you leave before the lesson’s over, you put yourself in the class of a fool who hates instruction.

Pro 2:10 *When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,*

Pro 2:11 *Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you,*

- **Enters your heart:** These words stress the internalization of wisdom. The proverbs do not merely provide knowledge; they provide insight to be learned intimately and practiced.
- You’re seeking after wisdom, you’re seeking after knowledge, after understanding, when it enters into your heart, then you will become a very discrete person.
- **Discretion will preserve you.** There are people and you have met them, they are not very discrete, they are not very wise, very blunt.

Pro 2:12 *To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things,*

- God’s wisdom teaches us how to avoid the wrong kinds of people.

Pro 2:13 *From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;*

Pro 2:14 *Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight in the perversity of the wicked;*

Pro 2:15 *Whose ways are crooked, And who are devious in their paths;*

- **The way of evil,** contests directly with the way of wisdom. It is characterized by *perverse things*, by lies and distortion, by twisting and deception, and by darkness and deviousness
- Wisdom and understanding will deliver you from these people. They will deliver you also from the evil man, or the forward man, that guy whose braggadocios, you know, and wanton in his sinful ways.

Pro 2:16 To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the _ with her words,

- Here instruction is needed related to being sexually pure, avoiding the sexually immoral person in the sense of taking on their immorality and certainly involving ourselves in sin with them.

Pro 2:17 Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God.

Pro 2:18 For her house leads down to death, And her paths to the dead;

Pro 2:19 None who go to her return, Nor do they regain the paths of life—

- **The immoral woman** is literally “the strange woman.” Adultery was foreign and strange to the ideal of God’s law. *Seductress* also connotes prostitution, because the “foreign women” of the ancient Middle Eastern fertility cults included sexual practices in their worship rituals.

Pro 2:20 So you may walk in the way of goodness, And keep to the paths of righteousness.

- This is what wisdom does for us, and it steers us clear of these kinds of men and these kinds of women.

Pro 2:21 For the upright will dwell in the land, And the blameless will remain in it;

Pro 2:22 But the wicked will be cut off from the earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

- The exhortation to gaining knowledge, and understanding, and wisdom, that will bring to you the knowledge of the Lord. The fear of God, which will lead you in the right path, which will bring you preservation from the evil man, the evil woman. That will allow you to dwell in the land and remain in it.
- **1Co 6:9-10) Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, [10] nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.**
- The result of it, but it reveals a major spiritual problem in a person's life that they have not settled the issue of Jesus's lordship in their life. They need to be born again.

KNOWING YOU - Graham Kendrick – Maranatha (4:13)

*All I once held dear Built my life upon All this world reveres And wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss Spent and worthless now Compared to this
Knowing You Jesus, knowing You There is no greater thing You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness And I love You Lord
Now my heart's desire Is to know You more To be found in You And known as Yours
To possess by faith What I could not earn All surpassing gift of righteousness
Knowing You Jesus, knowing You There is no greater thing You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness And I love You Lord I love You Lord I love You Lord
Oh to know the power of Your risen life And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You In Your death my Lord So with You to live and never die
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