

**PROVERBS 2:1-9****LESSON: SEEK FOR WISDOM AS FOR SILVER—**

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SYNOPSIS:

Proverbs 1:31-33 The message is addressed to men who are persistent in turning from the way of wisdom. Their backs have turned away from sound counsel, and they will eat the fruit and be filled with their own choices. Whatever seed sown will come up! To all who refuse to listen, they will receive their just reward, for destruction will overtake them. But if they listen, they will be safe and secure without fear of disaster.

LESSON:**I. PROVERBS 2:1-4**

2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;— Wisdom is being passed from a father to a son or a teacher to a student, and it reflects what we usually do today when training our children in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart (22:6). Solomon says My son if... The word “**IF**” means you have a choice to receive my words (divine wisdom); you have a choice to hide my commandments (life-giving instructions from God) within you. You have a choice to accept or reject my words. Take heart to what I say; lay up; store up my laws in your heart with care, as men would do their choicest treasures (keep them close). Because they will lead to spiritual growth and moral integrity. But you have to be intentional about seeking wisdom.

2:2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;— The reason to receive my words and to hide my commandment within, is to direct your ear to listen closely; and be attentive. When you listen closely, you can apply your heart to understanding. You must have a conscious decision to focus on wisdom which goes beyond mere knowledge. It provides the Spirit of God to bring understanding and insight. Understanding and discernment comes about, so that your actions and attitude will line up with God's ways.

2:3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;— Yes indeed, “**IF**” you cry (call out) for knowledge (discernment), and lift up your voice for understanding; which applies **us** to seek; be in deliberate pursuit of knowledge; and praying, thereby acknowledging our dependence upon God. In this, we're lifting; raising our voice, and not whispering while asking God for understanding. We may be publicly vocalizing it or even in our homes pleading for understanding.

2:4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;— All these are imply the choices of “**IF**” and “**You.**” Search for wisdom as you would search for silver or hidden treasure. When searching for silver in the mines, they had to dig for it. Well, you have to search; seek like it's important enough to give honor to, for when we are looking for a job or what direction to follow or an important move to make or in marrying someone, we ask God through fasting and prayer for direction because it's that important. It's like hidden treasure, and God





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is the key to unlocking those things that seem hidden. In finding the best godly wisdom, God is our best source. Jeremiah 29:13 says *"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* And this leads to the next verse, giving us reason to search for this hidden treasure.

II. PROVERBS 2:5-8

2:5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. The searching and seeking for what seems to be hidden shows us how to understand the fear of the Lord (the reverence of Him; recognizing who He is) which leads to the beginning of Wisdom. Out of this comes a relationship with God. He's our source and supplier of wisdom, but it takes our diligent effort that will lead us to receive His wisdom. Solomon says...

- receive my words, and hide my commandments within you (V.1).
- incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding (V.2).
- cry after knowledge, and lift up your voice for understanding (V.3).
- seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures (V.4).

Then you will understand what it means to respect; fear and find the knowledge of God. You will have access to understanding God's character, Will, and purpose, for without Him we are nothing and know nothing. Certain conditions have to be met upon discovering the promises of God!

2:6 For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

This is what the LORD does! All wisdom comes from Him, and so do common sense and understanding. When we come closer to God, the freshness of His Spirit is poured out unto us. We receive His Spiritual insight; His Word for the day; His wise direction. Wisdom always resonates from God and He's willing to give it to those He has a relationship with. His mouth exhumes pure knowledge and understanding. What do you need God to do in your life? Ask Him! Communicate with Him! He will divinely divide the Word of truth to where you can understand it! However, as said before, seek and search as looking for hidden treasure, and God will give you more than what you asked!

2:7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

God gives helpful advice to everyone who obeys Him and He protects those who live as they should. Sound wisdom is laid up; stored up for the righteous, plain and simple. The righteous are those that are in right standing with Him; that walk uprightly. You have to seek after His wisdom. It's there for the asking! God Himself is a buckler which is a shield to them that walk uprightly. He's our Security; our Protector; our Safeguard all around that Word He gives! There is no need to doubt it or change it. There is a guarantee behind it when used in our everyday life with our faith, for it reflects His heart; His character; His standard; His purpose, and His Will.

2:8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Who do you

want guarding your path? God is guarding and watching over the paths of justice. He sees to it that justice is done. He is a Just God. Deuteronomy 32:4 says *"The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his days are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he."* He preserves the way of the saints by watching over everyone who is faithful to Him. 2 Thessalonians 1:6 says *"God is just: He will pay back to those who trouble you"* ¹The term "saints" refers to those who are set apart for God, often used to describe the faithful followers of God in both the Old and New Testaments.

¹ <https://biblehub.com/proverbs/2-8.htm>
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-versebyverse.html>





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The "way" signifies the journey or lifestyle of the believers, which God promises to protect. This protection is not merely physical but also spiritual, ensuring that the faithful are guided and preserved in their walk with God. As believers, we are called to pursue justice in our actions and decisions, reflecting God's character in our lives. The God who "*guards the paths of justice*" has never lost a traveler. Stay teachable, stay honest, and stay close to His Word. As you do, His wisdom will light each step, and His justice will frame the road beneath your feet.

III. PROVERBS 2:9

2:9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. With God's Divine wisdom you will learn what is right, and honest, and fair. ²Wisdom is often associated with discernment, which is a central theme in Proverbs. The ability to discern is a gift from God, as seen in Solomon's request for wisdom in 1 Kings 3:9. Discernment involves distinguishing between right and wrong, truth and falsehood, and is essential for living a life that pleases God. On the cross Jesus took our unrighteousness and gave us His Righteousness. This exchanged made us righteous—living in right manner according to His Will. Thereby, righteousness speaks of moral rightness and alignment with God's character.

- out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding (V.6).
- lay up; stores up sound wisdom for the righteous (V.7).
- He keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of His saints (V.8).

This understanding always comes from God. God is the Source, and when we understand that, it's then that we'll understand righteousness (what is right), judgment (what's just), and equity (what's fair; essential for maintaining social harmony and justice) that preserves and leads us to every good path (one's way of life or moral direction). This will be our lifestyle!

SUMMARY:

³Verses 1–4 – Urgent Invitation to Seek Wisdom

Solomon speaks as a loving father, urging his son to welcome his words, prize the commands, listen closely, and passionately reach out for insight. The search is to be as energetic as mining silver or hunting buried treasure.

Verses 5–8 – God: Source and Shield

When that wholehearted search is undertaken, the reward is discovering "*the fear of the LORD and the knowledge of God.*" True wisdom is a gift from the LORD's mouth. He stocks it up for upright people, places a personal shield over those who walk straight, and keeps guard over their path.

Verses 9 – How Wisdom Shapes Character

Wisdom doesn't simply fill the head; it teaches the heart what is right, just, and fair.

APPLICATION:

Stay focused upon the One who gives Divine sound wisdom. Knowledge if not processed right can bring wrong understanding. Make it a daily process to read a passage over and over to get God's clarity.

² <https://biblehub.com/proverbs/2-9.htm#v9>

³ <https://biblehub.com/chaptersummaries/proverbs/2.htm>

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