

Wise Guys and Girls
How to be Wise
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- Focused Spiritual Growth Campaign
- The Benefits of Wisdom
- How To Get Wisdom

Proverbs 17:12 (ERV) It is better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool who is busy doing foolish things.

- What is wisdom?
- Wisdom is seeing things from God's point of view.
- Getting wisdom is one of the most important things you can do.

Proverbs 1:1-7 (NIV) The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young— let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance— for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

What Are the Benefits of Wisdom?

A) It's **PRACTICAL** for everyday life.

Prov. 24:14 (TEV) "Wisdom is good for the soul. Get wisdom and you'll have a bright future."

B) It Helps Me **SUCCEED**.

Prov. 19:8 (NCV) "Those who get wisdom do themselves a favor, and those who love learning will succeed."

Prov. 4:8 (NCV) "Treasure wisdom, and it will make you great; hold on to it, and it will bring you honor."

C) It Enhances Your **REPUTATION**.

Prov. 3:35 (TEV) "Wise people will gain an honorable reputation."

Prov. 15:24 (NCV) "Wise people's lives get better and better."

D) Wisdom Helps Me Avoid **PITFALLS**.

Prov. 9:11 (NLT) “Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life.”

Prov. 24:5 (NCV) “Wise people have great power.”

Prov. 3:16-18 (TEV) “Wisdom offers you long life, as well as wealth and honor. It can make your life pleasant and lead you safely through it. Those who become wise are happy; wisdom will give them life.”

How Do I Find Wisdom?

You Must **LEARN** To Find Wisdom:

1st) L - Listen to God’s **WORD** every day.

Prov. 1:7 (NIV) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 2:6 (GNT) “It is the Lord who gives wisdom; from him comes knowledge and understanding.”

- Do you believe God’s revealed word?
- God’s word points us to Jesus
- We get wisdom from that relationship
- Daily quiet time.
- *The Secret Of Your Future Is Hidden In Your Daily Routine*

Proverbs 15:14 (NLT) “A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash.”

2nd) E - **ENLIST** friends who challenge me

- Smart, wise, godly people in your life

Prov. 13:20 (NCV) “Spend time with the wise and you will become wise, but the friends of fools will suffer.”

- You just need a few good friends – friends who build you up, not tear you down

Prov. 12:15 (NLT) “Fools think they need no advice, but the wise listen to others.”

- We always grow in community and connection
- You cannot grow to spiritual maturity by yourself

Gal. 5:22-23(NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- Wisdom is all about relationships
- You can see if a person is wise by looking at their relationships with others
- The quality of the rest of your life will largely be determined by the people you choose to keep close to you

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Matt. 18:20 (NIV) For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

3rd) A - ASK Questions and ACCEPT Correction

Prov. 18:15 (NLT) "Intelligent people are always open to new ideas. In fact, they look for them."

- You're going to have to learn how to accept correction

Prov. 19:27 (CEV) "If you stop learning, you will forget what you already know."

- *When You Want Something You Have Never Had, You Have Got To Do Something You Have Never Done.*
- How do you draw the wisdom out of every person?
- By learning to ask smart questions.
- You can learn from anybody if you know the right questions
- Everybody's brilliant, just on different subjects.

4th) R - REMEMBER and Reinforce What I Learn.

- The shortest pencil is longer than the longest memory

Prov. 22:17-18 (TEV) "Listen, and I'll teach you what the wise have said. Study their teachings, and you will be glad if you remember them and can quote them."

- Memorizing actually improves your brain power
- When you stretch your brain, social relationships and memorizing are two things that are actually preventative from Alzheimer's and other dementias in life.
- Why should I memorize the Bible?

Prov. 4:21-22 (NLT) "Don't lose sight of my words. Let them penetrate deep within your heart, for they bring life and radiant health to anyone who discovers their meaning."

5th) N - Now **APPLY** it!

James 1:22-25 (TEV) “Don’t deceive yourselves by just listening to the Word; instead, put it into practice. If you listen to the word, but don’t put it into practice you are like people who look in a mirror and see themselves ...but once they walk away, they forget what they look like. But if you look closely into the perfect law that sets people free, and keep on paying attention to it and you don’t forget it, but you put it into practice—you will be blessed by God in what you do!”

- Wisdom is a choice
- Question: What are you going to do with it?

Matthew 7:24 (NIV) (The Wise and Foolish Builders) “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.