

Talking Points

Get Wisdom and Understanding at Any Cost

(Highlight or circle key points you see.)

Moral Benefits of Wisdom (Proverbs 2:1-5 NIV)

¹My son, if you accept my words
and store up my commands within you,
²turning your ear to wisdom
and applying your heart to understanding—
³indeed, if you call out for insight
and cry aloud for understanding,
⁴and if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
⁵then you will understand the fear of the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.

Wisdom Bestows Well-Being (Proverbs 3: 1-23 NIV)

¹My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
²for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.
³Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.^[a]
⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.
⁸This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.
⁹Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
¹⁰then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

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- ¹¹ My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline,
and do not resent his rebuke,
¹² because the LORD disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in.^[b]
¹³ Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,
¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her;
those who hold her fast will be blessed.
¹⁹ By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations,
by understanding he set the heavens in place;
²⁰ by his knowledge the watery depths were divided,
and the clouds let drop the dew.
²¹ My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight,
preserve sound judgment and discretion;
²² they will be life for you,
an ornament to grace your neck.
²³ Then you will go on your way in safety,
and your foot will not stumble.

Get Wisdom at Any Cost (Proverbs 4: 1-13 NIV)

- ¹ Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction;
pay attention and gain understanding.
² I give you sound learning,
so do not forsake my teaching.
³ For I too was a son to my father,
still tender, and cherished by my mother.
⁴ Then he taught me, and he said to me,
"Take hold of my words with all your heart;
keep my commands, and you will live.
⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding;
do not forget my words or turn away from them.

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⁶ Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;
love her, and she will watch over you.

⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom.
Though it cost all you have,^(b) get understanding.

⁸ Cherish her, and she will exalt you;
embrace her, and she will honor you.

⁹ She will give you a garland to grace your head
and present you with a glorious crown.”

¹⁰ Listen, my son, accept what I say,
and the years of your life will be many.

¹¹ I instruct you in the way of wisdom
and lead you along straight paths.

¹² When you walk, your steps will not be hampered;
when you run, you will not stumble.

¹³ Hold on to instruction, do not let it go;
guard it well, for it is your life.

1) To get wisdom what specific steps must you take?

2) What clear choices must you personally make to seek out wisdom and understanding? Explain.

3) List some key bi-products of gaining wisdom and understanding.

Life Application Study Bible NIV Commentary: **“If you want wisdom you must decide to go after it. It takes resolve—a determination not to abandon the search once you begin no matter how difficult the road may become. This is not a once-in-a-lifetime step, but a daily process of choosing between two paths---the wicked (Proverbs 4: 14-17, 19) and the righteous (4:18). Nothing else is more important or more valuable.”**