

# What is Wisdom?

Knowledge + Discernment + Action = Wisdom

Proverbs 3:13 HCSB  
Happy is a man who finds wisdom and who acquires understanding

Proverbs 4:4-8 NLT  
My father taught me,  
“Take my words to heart. Follow my commands, and you will live.  
Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don’t forget my words or turn away from them.  
Don’t turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you.  
Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.  
If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you.”

## The foundation of wisdom is found in fearing God

Proverbs 9:10 NLT  
Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.

### **To find wisdom I must...**

#### Ask for it:

James 1:5 HCSB

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him.

1 Corinthians 3:18 NLT

Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world’s standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise.

#### Search for it:

Proverbs 2:2-5 HCSB

Listening closely to wisdom and directing your heart to understanding; furthermore, if you call out to insight and lift your voice to understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it like hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God.

Psalms 119:98-100 NLT

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are my constant guide. Yes, I have more insight than my teachers, for I am always thinking of your laws. I am even wiser than my elders, for I have kept your commandments.

#### Walk in it:

Proverbs 13:20 ESV

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

1 Kings 12:7-8 NLT

The older counselors replied, “If you are willing to be a servant to these people today and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your loyal subjects.”

But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers.