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## Wisdom

**Where does wisdom come from? How do you know what is truly wise and what is ultimately foolish? How do you judge the quality of what you hear and see in the world? What priority do you place on seeking and grabbing a hold of wisdom? Who is the final arbiter of what is truly wise or ultimately foolish?** I don't want to live a foolish life, that is for sure. I don't want to look back over a life filled with regrets over foolish mistakes that I have made. That has me worried, I can tell you that. **Why is that?** I have made a lot of foolish mistakes over the course of my life. I have wasted a lot of time and energy going where I should not have gone to do what I should not have done. I don't want to live a foolish and wasted life. **I can see that.**

I have come to some conclusions about wisdom. **What conclusions have you come to about wisdom?** I am unwise. Wisdom does not naturally come from me. I am not a primary source of wisdom. Left on my own, I will continue to make dumb decisions and foolish mistakes. I am also not a good judge of what is truly wise and ultimately foolish. **Why is that?** I don't have a long-range perspective. I can't see the future. **No, you cannot.** With my short-term perspective and limited understanding, something might seem wise to me, but will ultimately be foolish in the long run. **That's true.** So, my final conclusion about wisdom is that I desperately need help. **That's a very good starting point.**

**Will you ask me for wisdom? Will you seek wisdom as if it were more valuable than silver or gold, which by the way, it is? Have you come to the belief that nothing like silver or gold or rubies or treasures compare with wisdom? Do you know that living a life filled with wisdom will lead you in pleasant ways and on peaceful paths? Do you believe that if you take a hold of my wisdom your life will be blessed? Do you know that long life and riches and honor are reserved for the truly wise?** I have no doubt about the value of wisdom. I have no hesitancy in crying out to you for wisdom. I have no reluctance in taking a hold of all the wisdom that you will give to me. I will seek you and all the wisdom you will give to me. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, once I thought I knew it all. I was wise in my own eyes. I was a fool. Now, I know wisdom comes from you. I will seek your wisdom. I will rely on your wisdom. Use your word to teach me to live a life filled with blessings that come from your wisdom. Amen*

**Blessing***Who Finds Wisdom*

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NIV

Proverbs 3:13-18

**Blessing***Who Finds Wisdom*

Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding. For wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold. Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. She offers you long life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left. She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying. Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly.

NLT

Proverbs 3:13-18

**Blessing***Who Find Wisdom*

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

NRSV

Proverbs 3:13-18

**Blessing** *Who Finds Skillful And Godly Wisdom*

Happy (blessed, fortunate, enviable) is the man who finds skillful and godly Wisdom, and the man who gets understanding [drawing it forth from God's Word and life's experiences], For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver, and the profit of it better than fine gold. Skillful and godly Wisdom is more precious than rubies; and nothing you can wish for is to be compared to her. Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are highways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold on her; and happy (blessed, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who holds her fast.

AMP

Proverbs 3:13-18

**Blessing***Who Finds Wisdom*

How blessed is the man who finds wisdom And the man who gains understanding. For her profit is better than the profit of silver And her gain better than fine gold. She is more precious than jewels; And nothing you desire compares with her. Long life is in her right hand; In her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways And all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who hold her fast.

NASB

Proverbs 3:13-18

**Blessing***Who Finds Wisdom*

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed.

ESV

Proverbs 3:13-18

**Blessing***Who Finds Wisdom*

Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.

NKJV

Proverbs 3:13-18

**Blessing***Meet Lady Wisdom*

You're blessed when you meet Lady Wisdom, when you make friends with Madame Insight. She's worth far more than money in the bank; her friendship is better than a big salary. Her value exceeds all the trappings of wealth; nothing you could wish for holds a candle to her. With one hand she gives long life, with the other she confers recognition. Her manner is beautiful, her life wonderfully complete. She's the very Tree of Life to those who embrace her. Hold her tight—and be blessed!

MSG

Proverbs 3:13-18

**Blessing***Knows Right From Wrong*

The man who knows right from wrong and has good judgment and common sense is happier than the man who is immensely rich! For such wisdom is far more valuable than precious jewels. Nothing else compares with it. Wisdom gives: A long, good life, Riches, Honor, Pleasure, Peace. Wisdom is a tree of life to those who eat her fruit; happy is the man who keeps on eating it.

TLB

Proverbs 3:13-18

**Blessing***Who Finds Wisdom*

Happy is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gets understanding. Wisdom is worth more than silver; it brings more profit than gold. Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you could want is equal to it. With her right hand wisdom offers you a long life, and with her left hand she gives you riches and honor. Wisdom will make your life pleasant and will bring you peace. As a tree produces fruit, wisdom gives life to those who use it, and everyone who uses it will be happy.

NCV

Proverbs 3:13-18

# Who Finds Wisdom

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**Blessing** – Proverbs 3:13-18

**In Context:** *Read Proverbs 3*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, once I thought I knew it all. I was wise in my own eyes. I was a fool. Now, I know wisdom comes from you. I will see your wisdom. I will rely on your wisdom. Use your word to teach me to live a life filled with blessings that come from your wisdom. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why is there no desire you could pursue that compares favorably to the pursuit of Godly wisdom?

Why is living your life according to Godly wisdom more valuable than anything this world has to offer?

**How has Godly wisdom guided your life to lead you in pleasant ways along peaceful paths?**

**How have you allowed God's word to teach you the difference between foolish and wise living?**

When have you chosen to set aside your foolish thoughts so you could grab ahold of Godly wisdom?

Why is the length of a person's life often impacted by their choice to live wisely or foolishly?

**How has your life been blessed as a result of living it according to Godly wisdom?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make pursuing God's wisdom the goal of your life so that you can live a life filled with His blessings.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God's word will teach you how to live a Godly life filled with His wisdom.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God's word has shown you how to live according to His wisdom.

**Close With Prayer:** ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you seek to live your life according to Godly wisdom.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will live my life according to your wisdom.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I live my life according to your wisdom today?*

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