

Lessons in Proverbs -- Skill in Living

Proverbs 2 – Key Ideas

Read the whole chapter aloud.

2:1-9

How must one seek for wisdom? vss. 1-4

What will you find if you seek wisdom? vs. 5

What is “the fear of the LORD”? Why is LORD in all capital letters?

Read Exodus 3. How does Moses respond when he meets the LORD?

Who gives wisdom as a gift? vs. 6

What does this tell us about His nature?

What good things come to the one who finds wisdom? vss. 7-9

2:10-22

What are the benefits of wisdom? vss. 10-11

From whom does wisdom deliver you? vss. 12-15

Who is the other person that wisdom delivers from? vs. 16-17

What happens to one who follows an immoral woman? vss. 18-19

What are the blessings of the wise? vss. 20-22

Law: What does this chapter say to us about God’s holy law?

In light of Proverbs 2 how have you broken God’s law?

Where does the law drive us? Romans 5:20a

Gospel: What does the gospel say to one who has broken God’s law?

Romans 5:20b

²⁰ **Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound.**

But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, (Rom. 5:20 NKJ)

Can a person who has committed many sins be clean?

⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us (1 Jn. 1:7-10 NKJ)

<p>NKJ Proverbs 2:1 My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, ² So that you incline your ear to wisdom, <i>And</i> apply your heart to understanding; ³ Yes, if you cry out for discernment, <i>And</i> lift up your voice for understanding, ⁴ If you seek her as silver, And search for her as <i>for</i> hidden treasures;</p> <p>⁵ Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth <i>come</i> knowledge and understanding; ⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; <i>He is</i> a shield to those who walk uprightly;</p> <p>⁸ He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. ⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity <i>and</i> every good path. ¹⁰ When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, ¹¹ Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, ¹² To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things,</p> <p>¹³ From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴ Who rejoice in doing evil, <i>And</i> delight in the perversity of the wicked; ¹⁵ Whose <i>ways are</i> crooked, <i>And who are</i> devious in their paths; ¹⁶ To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress <i>who</i> flatters with her words,</p>	<p>NIRV Proverbs 2:1 My son, accept my words. Store up my commands inside you. ² Let your ears listen to wisdom. Apply your heart to understanding. ³ Call out for the ability to be wise. Cry out for understanding. ⁴ Look for it as you would look for silver. Search for it as you would search for hidden treasure. ⁵ Then you will understand how to have respect for the LORD. You will find out how to know God. ⁶ The LORD gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth. ⁷ He stores up success for honest people. He is like a shield to those who live without blame. He keeps them safe. ⁸ He guards the path of those who are honest. He watches over the way of his faithful ones. ⁹ You will understand what is right and honest and fair. You will understand the right way to live. ¹⁰ Your heart will become wise. Your mind will delight in knowledge. ¹¹ Good sense will keep you safe. Understanding will guard you. ¹² Wisdom will save you from the ways of evil men. It will save you from men who twist their words. ¹³ Men like that leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways. ¹⁴ They take delight in doing what is wrong. They take joy in twisting everything around. ¹⁵ Their paths are crooked. Their ways are not straight. ¹⁶ Wisdom will save you from a woman who commits adultery. It will save you from a sinful wife and her tempting words.</p>
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<p>¹⁷ Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God.</p> <p>¹⁸ For her house leads down to death, And her paths to the dead;</p> <p>¹⁹ None who go to her return, Nor do they regain the paths of life--</p> <p>²⁰ So you may walk in the way of goodness, And keep <i>to</i> the paths of righteousness.</p> <p>²¹ For the upright will dwell in the land, And the blameless will remain in it;</p> <p>²² But the wicked will be cut off from the earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it. (Prov. 2:1-22 NKJ)</p>	<p>¹⁷ She leaves the man she married when she was young. She breaks the promise she made to her God.</p> <p>¹⁸ Her house leads down to death. Her paths lead to the spirits of the dead.</p> <p>¹⁹ No one who goes to her comes back or reaches the paths of life.</p> <p>²⁰ You will walk in the ways of good people. You will follow the paths of those who do right.</p> <p>²¹ Honest people will live in the land. Those who are without blame will remain in it.</p> <p>²² But sinners will be cut off from the land. Those who aren't faithful will be torn away from it. (Prov. 2:1-22 NIRV)</p>
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