

## Proverbs 2 - Sound Reason - Common Sense

### B. Conditions and benefits of wisdom (Proverbs 2:1-22)

#### The if/then clause

1 My son, **IF** thou wilt receive my words, and **hide** my commandments with thee;  
2 So that thou **incline** thine ear unto wisdom, *and apply* thine heart to understanding;  
3 Yea, if thou **criest** after knowledge, *and liftest* up thy voice for understanding;  
4 If thou **seekest** her as silver, and **searchest** for her as *for* hid treasures;  
5 **THEN** shalt thou **understand**(**separate mentally - discern**) the **fear of the LORD**, and find the **knowledge of God**.

#### How can that be?

6 For the **LORD** giveth **WISDOM**(**skillfulness**): out of his mouth *cometh* **KNOWLEDGE**(**cunning; aware**) and **UNDERSTANDING**(**intelligence**).

#### Even better...What God will do

7 He layeth up sound wisdom(**verifiable proof**) for the righteous: *he is a buckler(**shield**) to them that walk **uprightly**(**maturely**).*

8 He **keepeth** the paths of judgment, and **preserveth** the way of his saints.

#### What God Will Do

1. Gives sound wisdom
2. He is a shield
3. Keep the paths of Judgment preserves the way

#### What I need to do

1. Be righteous
2. Walk uprightly

#### • Benefit from following His Word

9 Then shalt thou **understand** **righteousness**, and **judgment**, and **equity**; *yea*, every **good** path.

#### • Results of Wisdom

10 When **wisdom** entereth into thine **heart**, and **knowledge** is pleasant unto thy **soul**(**breathing - every day living**);

11 **Discretion**(**a plan; direction**) shall preserve thee, **understanding**(**reason**) shall keep thee:

#### • The Safe Zone

1. **Deliverance from the evil man**

12 **TO DELIVER THEE** from the way of **the evil man**, from the man that speaketh froward things;

13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, **to walk** in the ways of darkness;

14 Who **rejoice** to do evil, *and delight* in the **frowardness**(**perverse; fraud**) of the wicked;

15 Whose ways *are crooked*(**distorted; perverse**), and *they froward*(**perverse**) in their paths:

## 2. **Deliverance from the strange woman**

16 **TO DELIVER THEE** from the **strange(adultress)** woman, *even* from the stranger which flattereth with her words;

17 Which **forsaketh** the guide of her youth, and **forgetteth** the covenant of her God.

18 For her house inclineth unto **death**, and her paths unto **the dead**.

19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

- **Your choice #1**

20 **THAT THOU MAYEST WALK IN THE WAY OF GOOD MEN, AND KEEP THE PATHS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.**

21 For the **upright(straight or just)** shall dwell in the land, and the **perfect(complete; without blemish)** shall remain in it.

- **Your Choice #2**

22 But the **wicked(morally wrong)** shall be cut off from the earth, and the **transgressors(deceitful)** shall be rooted out of it.