

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* **lifest** 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**(**adultrous**) 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.