

# Proverbs

## Wisdom's Benefits



# What is Wisdom?

**Wisdom is the theme that weaves through the book of Proverbs. The main Hebrew word for wisdom is hokmah.**



**It was used commonly for the skill of craftsmen, sailors, singers, administrators, and counselors. Hokmah pointed to the experience and efficiency of these various workers in using their skills.**



**Similarly, a person who possesses hokmah in his spiritual life and relationship to God is one who is both knowledgeable and experienced in following God's way.**



**Biblical wisdom essentially involves skill in the art of godly living.**

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# Chart of Proverbs

**1:1-7 Prologue: The purpose and theme of Proverbs is stated.**

**1:8-19 Avoid bad company**

**1:20-33 Be careful not to reject wisdom.**

**2 The way of Wisdom has many moral benefits.**



**3:1-20 Wisdom enhances every aspect of life.**

**3:21-35 Wisdom involves kindness and righteousness.**

**4 Wisdom is supreme.**

**5 Wisdom warns against adultery.**

**6:1-19 Wisdom warns about the futility of folly.**



**6:20-35 Wisdom warns against sexual immorality.**

**7 Wisdom warns against the enticing adulteress.**

**8 Wisdom's call is issued to all mankind.**

**9 Both wisdom and folly invite men to their "homes."**

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# Proverbs 3:1-12 (NET)

**1 My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, 2 for they will provide a long and full life, and well-being for you.**



**3 Do not let mercy and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will find favor and good understanding, in the sight of God and people.**



**5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding.**

**6 Acknowledge him in all your ways, and he will make your paths straight.**



**7 Do not be wise in your own estimation; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. 8 This will bring healing to your body, and refreshment to your inner self.**



**9 Honor the Lord from your  
wealth and from the  
firstfruits of all your crops;  
10 then your barns will be  
filled completely, and your  
vats will overflow with  
new wine.**



**11 My child, do not despise discipline from the Lord, and do not loathe his rebuke. 12 For the Lord disciplines those he loves, just as a father disciplines the son in whom he delights.**



## **Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)**

**1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.**



**2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.**

