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calling

Does not wisdom call out?
-Proverbs 8:1

Proverbs 3:1-12

How do we develop wisdom?

- 3 My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
2 for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you prosperity.
- 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
4 Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
- 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and shun evil.
8 This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.
- 9 Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.
- 11 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline
and do not resent his rebuke,
12 because the Lord disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in.

[The Holy Bible: New International Version](#). (1984). (Proverbs 3:1-12).

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"Why are we studying the book of proverbs? Because we need more than ethical principles. We need new hearts. We need wisdom deep within, at an intuitive level, as we hurry from one complex decision to the next, moment by moment, in the concrete realities of our daily lives. . . With God's wisdom entering our hearts, we get the hang of how life really works, and we come alive more and more."

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Ray Ortlund - Proverbs: Wisdom that Works

Simple Outline of Verses 1-12

1. Learn God's Truth - (1-4)
2. Obey God's Teaching - (5-8)
3. Be Generous - (9-10)
4. Submit to God's Discipline - (11-12)

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

The Wise Person Knows God

How can I remember the importance of this?

He must increase, I must decrease. John 3:30

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

Ezekiel 36:26-27

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."

Proverbs 14:12

“There are excessive emotions surrounding things you make the functional trust of your heart, whether it’s your career, wealth, spouse, children, or some romantic relationship. You will be inordinately shaken, anxious, angry, or despondent if anything threatens them. They cloud your judgement, distort your vision of yourself and the world. Idolatries of the heart lead to foolishness in life.”

Timothy Keller – God’s Wisdom for Navigating Life

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

James 3:13-17

When was the last time you disagreed with what the Bible teaches but submitted to it anyway?

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:2

“Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”

John 5:19

Jesus’ life, not just his teaching, is the ultimate example of being fully committed to the will of God.

“My Father, if possible, let this cup pass from me! Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Matthew 26:39

The Wise Person Knows Themselves **How can I remember the importance of this?**

He must increase, I must decrease. John 3:30

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalms 139:23-24

When was the last time you asked the Spirit of God to examine your motivations, rather than asking God to explain His?

The Wise Person Knows Community **How can I remember the importance of this?**

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“Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.”

Proverbs 26:12

“Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”

Proverbs 15:22

“After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel. The Israelites did evil in the Lord’s sight and served the images of Baal.

Judges 2:10-11

How can I remember any of this?

If you want to find the path of wisdom you must trust God with all your heart/mind and not be wise in your own eyes.

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