



Part 1 –Get Wiser Faster Proverbs

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“Getting **wisdom** is the most important thing you can do!..⁸ If you prize wisdom, she will exalt you. Embrace her and she will honor you.” (Proverbs 4:7-8)

I. WHAT IS **WISDOM** AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Wisdom is the **correct use** of knowledge. It is the ability to know God’s mind and heart about life’s questions and challenges. Wisdom begins with knowledge but then goes beyond it.

*Proverbs 1:1-5 “These are the wise sayings of Solomon, David’s son, Israel’s king — ² Written down so we’ll know how to live well and right, to understand what life means and where it’s going; ³ A manual for living, for learning what’s **right** and just and fair; ⁴ To teach the inexperienced the ropes and give our young a grasp on reality. ⁵ There’s something here also for seasoned men and women,” (MSG)*

II. WHEN I GET MORE WISDOM, WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?

A. Wisdom allows us to see life from **God’s** perspective.

*Psalm 119:130 “The unfolding of God’s Word gives light; it gives **understanding** to the simple.”*

B. Wisdom gives us the ability to know **best** from good.

Proverbs 2:6, 9 “For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁹ Then you will understand what is right and just and fair-- every good path.

III. HOW DO I GET WISER FASTER?

A. **Read** the Bible.

1. *Proverbs 2:6 “For the LORD gives wisdom, and from **His mouth** comes knowledge and understanding.” (NIV)*
2. *Proverbs 4:5 “Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my **words** or swerve from them.” (NIV)*
3. *Psalm 119:105 “Thy **Word** is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”*
 - a. Do the **Proverbs** Plan - read the chapter that corresponds with the day of the month throughout this series.
 - b. Read through the New Testament over the next **6** months.
 - c. To have the Bible read to you: Smart phone app - Bible.is or go to the website...

<http://www.bible.is/ENGESV/Matt/1>

B. **Do** what the Bible says.

1. *Proverbs 7:1-2 “Never forget what I tell you to do. ² Do what I say, and you will live. Be careful to **follow** it.”*
2. *James 1:22 “Don’t merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves, **do** what it says.”*

C. Get to **know** God.

1. *Proverbs 9:10 “The **fear** of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”*
2. *1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”*
3. *John 14:6 “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (NIV)*

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