

Building With Wisdom Part 1
The Path of Wisdom and Life

Matt 7:13-14 (MSG)
 13 "Don't look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don't fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. 14 The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.

1. Wisdom Protects Your Path.
 (Proverbs 2)

Proverbs 2:6-8 (NIV)
 6 For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7 He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, 8 for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

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- Receive God's Word.
- Store God's Word in your Heart .
- Turn your ear to God's wisdom.
- Apply your heart to understanding.
- Cry out for wisdom and understanding
- Search for wisdom like hidden treasure.

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Proverbs 2:10-11 (NIV)

¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. ¹¹ Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

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Proverbs 2:12-19 (NLT)

¹² Wisdom will save you from evil people, from those whose speech is corrupt. ¹³ These people turn from right ways to walk down dark and evil paths. ¹⁴ They rejoice in doing wrong, and they enjoy evil as it turns things upside down. ¹⁵ What they do is crooked, and their ways are wrong.

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Proverbs 2:20-21 (NLT)

²⁰ Follow the steps of good men instead, and stay on the paths of the righteous. ²¹ For only the upright will live in the land, and those who have integrity will remain in it.

1. Wisdom Protects Your Path.
2 Timothy 2:22 (NIV)
²² Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2. Wisdom Directs Your Path.
(Proverbs 3)
Proverbs 3:3-4 (NIV)
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.

2. Wisdom Directs Your Path.
Proverbs 3:5-7 (NIV)
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.

2. Wisdom Directs Your Path.

Proverbs 3:9 (NIV)

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

Proverbs 3:11-12 (NIV)

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.

**3. Wisdom Perfects Your Path.
(Proverbs 4)**

Proverbs 4:7-8 (NIV)

⁷ Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. ⁸ Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you.

3. Wisdom Perfects Your Path.

Proverbs 23:23 (NIV)

²³ Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding.

Proverbs 4:12-13 (NLT)

¹² If you live a life guided by wisdom, you won't limp or stumble as you run. ¹³ Carry out my instructions; don't forsake them. Guard them, for they will lead you to a fulfilled life.

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Proverbs 4:18 (NLT)

¹⁸ The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

²³ Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.
