

Wisdom Cries Aloud in the Street

Series in Proverbs 01

Wisdom

= insight and understanding
to help us navigate
the complexity of life

2 Sources of Wisdom

Jas 3:15 ESV teaches there is **wisdom from ABOVE** and **wisdom that is EARTHLY, unspiritual, demonic.**

1 Cor 3 ESV compares **wisdom that is FROM GOD** vs wisdom **OF THE WORLD** or wisdom **OF MEN** (called foolish)

Wisdom - universally available

Pro 1:20 Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; 21 at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

1) A Teachable Spirit

2 To **know** wisdom and instruction, to **understand** words of insight, 3 to **receive** instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; 4 to **give** prudence to the simple, knowledge and **discretion** to the youth--

1) A Teachable Spirit

5 Let the wise **hear** and **increase** in learning, and the one who understands **obtain** guidance, 6 to **understand** a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.

2)The Fear of the Lord

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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Deu 10:12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to **fear the LORD** your God, to **walk** in all his ways, to **love** him, to **serve** the LORD your God **with all your heart and with all your soul,**

3) A Discerning Heart - Discretion

8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and forsake not your mother's teaching,
9 for they are a graceful garland for your
head and pendants for your neck.

3) A Discerning Heart - Discretion

10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. 11 If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason;...15 my son, **do not walk in the way** with them; **hold back your foot** from their paths,

Blessing in Receiving Wisdom

22 "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?

23 If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.

Consequence for Ignoring Wisdom

24 Because I have called and **you refused** to listen, have stretched out my hand and **no one has heeded**, 25 because you have **ignored** all my counsel and **would have none** of my reproof, 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you,

27 when terror strikes you like a storm and
your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when
distress and anguish come upon you. 28
Then they will call upon me, but I will not
answer; they **will seek me diligently but
will not find me.**

29 Because **they** hated knowledge and
did not choose the fear of the LORD, 30
would have none of my counsel and
despised all my reproof, 31 therefore **they**
shall eat the fruit of their way, and have
their fill of their own devices.

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