

# Proverbs 2 - One Greater Than Solomon is Here

**Wisdom is a sort of two-way street - wisdom cries out to us, and we are to cry out for wisdom**

- Pro 1:21 ESV at the head of the noisy streets **she [wisdom] cries out**;
- Pro 2:3 ESV if **you call out [same as cry out]** for insight and raise your voice for understanding,

**IF / THEN** (actions → leading to outcomes) - (3) the IF statements grow in intensity - greater pursuit

**RECEIVE → TREASURE/HIDE**

Pro 2:1-6 ESV My son, **if** you **receive** my words and **treasure** up my commandments **with you**, 2 making your **ear attentive** to wisdom and **inclining your heart** to understanding;

- **RECEIVE = take words** → **TREASURE = hide commands (something of great value)**
- **Make your EAR** attentive listening → **incline your HEART** in a certain direction → ie obedience

**CALL OUT → RAISE VOICE**

3 yes, **if** you **call out** for **insight** and **raise your voice** for **understanding**,

- **Call Out (ASKING) for INSIGHT** = to comprehend knowledge or concepts intellectually
- **Raise Voice (EXPRESSING ONESELF- give voice to) for UNDERSTANDING** = → more subjective and leads to wisdom that goes beyond surface-level knowledge - **to personal application - obedience**
- **EXAMPLE** - study life and death in the tongue (intellectual knowledge) → help me apply it (experiential)

**SEEK / SEARCH**

4 **if** you **seek it** like silver and **search for it** as for hidden treasures

- **Seek (Heb)** - to search for something with a specific intention - to find **silver**
- **Search (Heb)** - a thorough search / investigation, to uncover / discover something **hidden or unknown**

**THEN** → if you pursue wisdom, **THEN** you will understand **fear of the lord** and find **knowledge of God**

5 **then** you will understand **the fear of the LORD** and find the **knowledge of God**. 6 For the **LORD** gives **wisdom**; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

- **The pursuit of wisdom will lead you to Jesus**

**God gave Solomon wisdom - people came to HEAR** → they were in “crying out” **PURSUIT** of wisdom

- 1 Ki 3:12 Solomon asked for wisdom “I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and **none like you shall arise after you.**”
- 1Ki 4:29-30 ESV And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, 30 so that Solomon's **wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people** of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt.
- 1Ki 4:34 ESV And **people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon**, and from **all the kings of the earth**, who had heard of his wisdom.
- **Pharisees resisted him** → Matthew 12:42: “The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for **she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom**, and now something greater than Solomon is here.”

**A greater than Solomon is here - Jesus is both the source of Wisdom and its living manifestation**

- 1 Cor 1:24...Christ the power of God and **the wisdom of God**. (*He is the embodiment of wisdom*)
- 1 Cor 1:30 Christ Jesus, **who has become for us wisdom** from God (*He is the treasure of our search*)
- Col 2:2-3 Christ, in whom are **hidden all the treasures of wisdom** and knowledge (*source of wisdom*)

People from all corners of the world sought out Solomon to hear his wisdom - they pursued it

Today, so many disregard the wisdom of **The One who is greater** than Solomon - or know it but don't pursue it

Do I HEAR with EAR, but don't set my HEART? Do I seek intellectual understanding, but not wisdom to apply

We do so at our own peril...the queen of the South will rise at the judgment and condemn this generation.