

Eternal PERSPECTIVE Proverbs

BIBLE TEXT | PROVERBS 8:1-11

1 Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?

2 On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

4 "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

5 O simple ones, learn prudence; O fools, learn sense.

6 Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right,

7 for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

9 They are all straight to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge.


10 Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold,

11 for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

DEVOTIONAL FOR PROVERBS 8:1-11

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Our journey through the Book of Proverbs takes us today to Proverbs 8:1-11. After reading this passage, I was reminded of my father, a man of humble beginnings but rich in wisdom and love. His wisdom wasn't always evident to me in my youth. It was often disguised in the form of discipline or advice I was too immature to grasp. His teachings sometimes felt like a stern lecture, a tedious obligation. But now, several decades later, I see them for what they truly were: priceless gems of wisdom that have shaped my character, guided my decisions, and defined my path.



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My father imparted his wisdom with the love and patience that only a father can possess. It was his gift to me, something he wished for me to understand and appreciate. But like many youngsters, I took it for granted, missing the preciousness of his gift. The wisdom of my earthly father, I now understand, was but a reflection of our Heavenly Father's wisdom. Our Father is the true source of all wisdom. He loves us more than any earthly parent ever could, and it is His desire to share His wisdom with us to help us navigate the challenges and tribulations of life.

As James 1:5 tells us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." What a promise! A reassurance that God will provide us the wisdom we seek, as long as we are open to receiving it. When we ask our Heavenly Father for wisdom, He gives us more than just knowledge or understanding. He gives us insight, discernment, and the ability to differentiate between right and wrong.

To cultivate wisdom, we need to immerse ourselves in God's word, the Bible. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Scripture illuminates our path, guiding us in the way of wisdom.

Today's passage closes with verses 10 and 11, "Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her."

This passage calls us to prioritize God's wisdom above earthly treasures. It is a precious gift, freely given by our Heavenly Father, infinitely more valuable than any worldly possession. May we cherish the wisdom that comes from our Heavenly Father, just as I have come to treasure the wisdom passed down from my earthly father. In doing so, may we live lives that reflect the love, understanding, and wisdom of our Father in Heaven.

Questions:

1. How can you actively seek wisdom from God in your daily life, and in what ways have you seen His wisdom revealed to you in the past?
2. How have you responded in the past when you've received wisdom from God? Do you embrace it readily, or are you slow to apply it to your life?
3. How can you practically choose to prioritize the pursuit of God's wisdom over earthly riches and desires in your daily life?