

# THE WISE LIFE PURSUED

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## IN THE "WISE LIFE" SERIES:

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**Wisdom Described—Wisdom is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God and a learned \_\_\_\_\_ that bridges the gap between God's commands and everyday choices leading to a noble and flourishing life.**

### Proverbs 8:1-5 (ESV)

- 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.

**Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Wisdom Applied: Wise people find \_\_\_\_\_ people and ask them lots of \_\_\_\_\_.**

### Proverbs 8:6-11 (ESV)

- <sup>6</sup> Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right,  
<sup>7</sup> for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.  
<sup>8</sup> All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.  
<sup>9</sup> They are all straight to him who understands,  
and right to those who find knowledge.  
<sup>10</sup> Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold,  
<sup>11</sup> for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

**Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1) Wisdom is valuable because it straightens \_\_\_\_\_ paths. (vs 6-9)**

**2) Wisdom is more valuable than material \_\_\_\_\_. (vs 10-11)**

**Wisdom Applied: Wisdom identifies and chooses straight paths in times of \_\_\_\_\_  
so they can avoid crooked paths in times of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 8:12-16 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,  
and I find knowledge and discretion.  
<sup>13</sup> The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.  
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil  
and perverted speech I hate.  
<sup>14</sup> I have counsel and sound wisdom;  
I have insight; I have strength.  
<sup>15</sup> By me kings reign,  
and rulers decree what is just;  
<sup>16</sup> by me princes rule,  
and nobles, all who govern justly.

**Wisdom proves itself by who it \_\_\_\_\_ and how it  
\_\_\_\_\_ others. (vs 12-16)**

**Wisdom Applied:**

**Proverbs 13:20 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,  
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

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