

THE WISE LIFE EMBRACED

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Proverbs 8:1-16 (ESV)

Wisdom employed is life enjoyed.

Wisdom is available, therefore wise people seek wiser people.

Wisdom is valuable, therefore wise people stick to the straight path.

Wisdom has friends, therefore wise people choose the right companions.

Wisdom is a gift from God and a learned skill that bridges the gap between God's commands and everyday choices leading to a noble and enjoyable life.

Proverbs 8:17-21 (ESV)

¹⁷ I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.

¹⁸ Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.

¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.

²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,

²¹ granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.

Wisdom _____ **you and the next** _____. (vs 17-21)

Wisdom Applied: Wise people know how to earn wealth, grow righteousness, and _____
_____ **while not making an** _____ **of any of them.**

To seek and love _____ **is to seek and love** _____. (vs 22-31)

Proverbs 8:22-26 (ESV)

²² "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶ before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.

1) Wisdom existed _____ **God created the heavens and earth.** (vs 22-26)

Proverbs 8:27-29 (ESV)

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

2) Wisdom was _____ when God created the heavens and earth. (vs 27-29)

Proverbs 8:30-31 (ESV)

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.

3) Wisdom _____ in God's creation. (vs 30-31)

Wisdom Applied: Wise people acknowledge their _____ on God. Unwise people celebrate their _____ from God.

Wisdom Applied: Wise people help unwise people _____ God.

Proverbs 8:32-34 (ESV)

³² "And now, O sons, listen to me:
blessed are those who keep my ways.
³³ Hear instruction and be wise,
and do not neglect it.
³⁴ Blessed is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.

Wisdom brings _____ . (vs 32-34)

Wisdom Applied: When you are _____ what to do, do what will bring the most _____ to God and _____ the most people.

THREE KEY PRACTICES

- 1) Seek and delight in God through prayer and fasting.**
- 2) Saturate yourself in Scripture and meditation.**
- 3) Practice active repentance and submission.**

Proverbs 8:35-36 (ESV)

³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life
and obtains favor from the LORD,
³⁶ but he who fails to find me injures himself;
all who hate me love death."

The Challenge: Choose wisely because your _____ comes with a _____. (vs 35-36)

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