

# BRINGING WISDOM — TO — WISDOM

Applying wisdom as we read wisdom  
so we may live it.



- We read promises instead of principles.
- We isolate verses from their context.
- We ignore the nature of wisdom literature.
- We confuse observations with commands.
- We bring modern meanings to ancient words.
- We forget Proverbs describes patterns, not guarantees.
- We read too quickly instead of reflecting carefully.
  
- Bottom Line: To understand wisdom, we must bring wisdom to wisdom.



- Proverbs 10:27

<sup>27</sup> The fear of  
the LORD prolongeth days:  
but the years of the  
wicked shall be shortened.



# Proverbs 22:6

<sup>6</sup> Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it



## **Proverbs 3**

**<sup>9</sup> Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:**

**<sup>10</sup> So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.**



## **Proverbs 3**

**1 My son, forget not my law; but let  
thine heart keep my commandments:**

**2 For length of days, and long life, and  
peace, shall they add to thee.**



≡ Different Purpose, Divine Wisdom ≡

# PROMISES

— TELL US —

what **GOD**

**WILL DO.**

VS.

# PROVERBS

— TELLS US —

what **LIFE**

**USUALLY DOES**

..... and how to .....

≡ **APPLY WISDOM** ≡  
**TO LIFE'S ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.**



🌿 *Wisdom for living in **God's** world—every day.*

## **Proverbs 18:16**

**<sup>16</sup> A man's gift maketh  
room for him, and  
bringeth him before  
great men.**



# MATTWAN: THE DIFFERENCE MATTERS

## GIFT AS TALENT, SKILL

Something within a person to be developed and used.



MUSIC

ART

TEACHING

SPORTS

SPEAKING

AND MORE



These gifts are meant to be developed, improved, and used to bring glory to God and bless others.

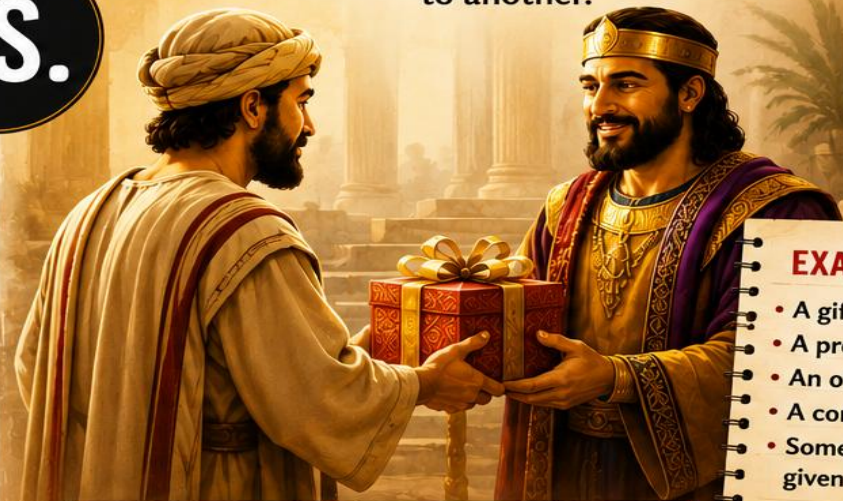
Not about what you have. But how God uses what He's given.

VS.

## GIFT AS OFFERING, PRESENT

MATTWAN = PRESENT, OFFERING, GIFT

Something given from one person to another.



### EXAMPLES

- A gift to a king
- A present
- An offering
- A contribution
- Something given in honor



These gifts are meant to be given as an act of generosity, respect, worship, or appreciation.

Not about earning favor. But showing honor and gratitude.



CONTEXT REVEALS THE MEANING.

READ WISELY. UNDERSTAND ACCURATELY. APPLY FAITHFULLY.

"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great."

– Proverbs 18:16

## **Proverbs 18:17**

**<sup>17</sup> He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.**



## **Proverbs 18:18**

**<sup>18</sup> The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.**



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