

# sermon notes

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Nov 5, 2023 | “Wisdom as Hidden Treasure” | **Proverbs 2:1-22**

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1. The wisdom seeker is \_\_\_\_\_ with knowledge of God (2:1-5)
  
2. The wisdom seeker is \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord (2:6-8)
  
3. The wisdom seeker is \_\_\_\_\_ with:
  - a. *wisdom that* \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9-10)
  
  - b. *wisdom that* \_\_\_\_\_ (2:11-15)
  
  - c. *wisdom that* \_\_\_\_\_ (2:16-22)

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read Proverbs 2:1-15. List some practical ways that we can “acquire wisdom.” Is acquiring wisdom more like winning the lottery or laboring to build a business in a free-market economy?

Describe the relationship between wisdom and the fear of the Lord. Can we acquire one without the other? How can we cultivate a “fear of the Lord” in our lives? List 3-4 practical ways to do that.

Read 2:16-22. In what ways does wisdom protect us from harm? What kinds of harm does wisdom not protect us from? Describe how adultery (or any sex outside the marriage covenant) can wreak havoc on our lives? How is this countercultural in our modern day world?

### GET PERSONAL

The author of Proverbs 2 instructs and persuades his son. He doesn’t manipulate, control, or domineer him. What are some practical lessons that we can learn from that as it relates to teaching and parenting? What about discipleship?

Let’s analyze Proverbs 2 in light of the New Testament. Explain how God’s grace impacts our wisdom-less actions. Does the blood of Jesus atone for all of our sins? Does it remove all of the consequences of our sin? How can wisdom and grace be integrated in the life of a Christian?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Solomon connects wisdom to the fear of the Lord and the knowledge of God (2:1-5). What are some things that you still don’t know about God? How do you go about learning about him? How do you seek to grow in your fear of the Lord?

### ADVANCED QUESTION

In Proverbs 2:7, Solomon says that the Lord is “a shield to those who walk in integrity.” Considering the genre of Proverbs (truisms, not promises), how should we understand the way that God shields those who walk in integrity? Do people who walk in integrity ever suffer harm? Why or why not? Should Christians expect God to shield us if we walk in integrity?