

Replace Sand with Rock

New Normal: Church Renewal in Pandemic

2020-07-12 by Ben Deaver at Tallgrass Church on Matthew 7:24-27

Logistics:

- Have Maris login to the Tallgrass Church Zoom account
- Have Maris record the Zoom meeting
- Get in front of the pole
- Pull more picnic tables out
- Bring 100' extension cord
- Tallgrass hats
- New Normal stickers

10:00—Welcome, Tallgrass family!

- Good morning to everyone on Zoom and Facebook Live! Maris is facilitating our Zoom Machine.
- We're so excited to be together...in person! Let's gather safely so that eventually we can close the physical distance between us.
- Vision for Central Gathering! We'll plan on Long's Park next Sunday and then we're working towards trying the Boys & Girls Club for the first time on Sunday, July 26th.

10:05—Welcome, Sprouts & Dave & Miss Elisha!

10:30—Walk in Wisdom

Alright, COVID-19! You got me. You finally rattled me. I DON'T. KNOW. WHAT. TO. DO. What am I gonna do with my kids this fall? What am I gonna do with my kids this afternoon? What am I gonna do now that the financial strain is beginning to set in? What am I gonna do with our church plant? When and where do we meet? Are we even gonna make it through this thing? Or will Tallgrass Church be one of your casualties? COVID, are you here? Right now? Are you listening? Wait a minute. Why am I talking to a virus? Have I finally lost my mind completely? I knew this was coming!

Hold up. The person I really want to talk to is God. Please turn into your Bibles, church family, as I read from Psalm 13. King David sums up my thoughts right now nicely. The Psalms put great words to the emotions of our human experience.

Psalm 13:1-4

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

²How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

⁴lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

Let's pray.

What are the wise things to do right now? What does wisdom look like? Is the wise thing to go back to meeting online only for church or move forward with meeting in person? Is the wise thing to put on a mask everywhere you go or fight for the right to not put on a mask anywhere you go? Is the wise thing to send kids back to school or keep them in our homes?

What are the inputs into your life that are informing how you think about these things? Where are you turning to for wisdom? What voices are ringing loudest and winning allegiance in your heart? What news outlets do you consume? How is social media impacting your perspective? Is there a trusted friend or family member whose voice really sway your opinion? Is there a conspiracy theory you've heard that you don't want to admit is capturing your mind? What voices are loudest in your life right now?

Listen for Jesus' voice to me and to you, right now, this morning, here and now, at Long's Park, July 12, 2020, 10:25am.

Matthew 7:26-27

²⁶ "And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

If you hear Jesus' words and don't do them, you're a fool and you will fall, and great will be your fall. What is it like to build on sand?

As my emotional resiliency has met it's end this past week, I've felt at a complete loss about the path moving forward. What's been stirred up in me personally is another soul shaking season of reflection about who am I and what am I building my life on. You know, a global pandemic, with mass confusion, and global protest about racial injustice will shake a person up a bit...eventually. I feel the winds blowing and beating against the house that is my life...will I stand strong or will I crumble?

How about you? How's the great building project of your life going today in the middle of 2020?

Are you hearing the words of Jesus? And then are you doing the words of Jesus? Consider that first question, are you even hearing the words of Jesus in the midst of all the voices vying for your attention? Let alone doing them. Can you discern what Jesus is thinking and saying about all of this stuff, all the stuff that brings your anxiety and discouragement?

If so, great! That's amazing! But my guess is, that almost everyone who can hear my voice right now needs to receive a rebuke. I would guess that the voice of Jesus isn't winning the day in your life as it should. I've heard some positive reports about those in our church family who are establishing new normals that are rooting them into Christ. But I've also heard and sensed that we are struggling to connect deeply with Christ. And I'm also struggling to be and feel connected with our church body through this challenging time.

This morning I want to gift you with a rebuke from the Scriptures. You're welcome!

Receive Rebuke

Proverbs 1:20-33

²⁰ Wisdom cries aloud in the street,
 in the markets she raises her voice;
²¹ at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;
 at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²² "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
 How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
 and fools hate knowledge?"

²³ If you turn at my rebuke,
 behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;
 I will make my words known to you.

²⁴ Because I have called and you refused to listen,
 have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,

²⁵ because you have ignored all my counsel
 and would have none of my reproof,

²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity;
 I will mock when terror strikes you,

²⁷ when terror strikes you like a storm
 and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
 when distress and anguish come upon you.

²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
 they will seek me diligently but will not find me.

- A life of wisdom is built over time, not in one cry for help when things get difficult.

²⁹ Because they hated knowledge
 and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

- Proverbs 9:10 and Psalm 111:10 teach us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Fear of the Lord is not that you're scared of God but that you respect Him and honor Him as the Creator of this world, as the One who actually knows what's going on and can provide what's needed. Healthy fear of the Lord is leaning in when He speaks and not disrespecting Him.

³⁰ would have none of my counsel
 and despised all my rebuke,

³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,
 and have their fill of their own devices.

³² For the simple are killed by their turning away,
 and the complacency of fools destroys them;

- Now, is Lady Wisdom leading the charge with cancel culture here? You get something wrong and you're done. You have a view that God doesn't agree with and He cancels you. Is that what's happening here?
- Rebuke is really an invitation. Rebuke is an invitation into a better life.
- Rebuke from Lady Wisdom here in the Old Testament which we receive as the voice of Jesus Himself is always an invitation into something better. That invitation into something better is received through repentance. Repentance is simply to turn around and go the other direction.
- Receive the rebuke this morning and repent. Turn around.

³³ but whoever listens to me will dwell secure
 and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."

- **James 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Repent

Matthew 7:24-25

²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

Replace sand with rock and build

Replace sand with rock and then begin to build upon that foundation.

Jesus’ words here and the words in Proverbs present two extremes, either the way of wisdom or the way of foolishness, the wise person or the fool. However, only Jesus lived a perfectly wise life. The rest of us are vacillating between these two extremes, in constant need of renovation.

When you hear the rebuke of Jesus you are invited to repent and then to replace the sand with rock and begin to build on the firm foundation.

The first step to building on the rock that is Christ is to respond to the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

- Worldly wisdom is self-serving whereas godly wisdom is self-sacrificing.
- How does Jesus’ sacrificially loving wise approach to life inform our decision-making?

WWJD

- Would Jesus wear a mask to protect the elderly and infirm around Him?
- Would Jesus fight for His individual rights or work for the good of the whole?
- Would Jesus actively seek out injustice in the world and then go about addressing those?

Wisdom is to carry your cross because Jesus went to the cross and He’s the wisest person to walk the planet!

Receive the gift of Right Now Media

You've already received a gift from Tallgrass Church this morning...if you're on our family@tallgrass.church email listserv. Our gift to you is unlimited access to Right Now Media

- Maris and I have used and loved Right Now Media already through access from a family member.
- I've been pondering this for our church for a long time but always been concerned about the price.
- Elisha Hillegeist initiated with Right Now Media to explore possibilities and looped in the rest of our staff team.
- We were increasingly impressed with this organization and what they are offering believers AND their family, friends, and neighbors.
- Replace some of your engagement with other forms of media and social media and all that with solid, Biblical teaching. You can replace Netflix for your kids!
- You can search for solid teaching from the most gifted communicators on any topic relevant to your life.
- You can work through books of the Bible by yourself, with a small group, or with a large group.
- This gift is invaluable. Open your email and setup your profile.

Back to Psalm 13 where King David was crying out, "How long, O Lord?" King David worked through his emotions and came to an encouraging conclusion. I'll read Psalm 13:5-6 before we sing together with a different David, David Geldart, who wrote a song that he'll share with us this morning.

Psalm 13:5-6

⁵But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

11:00—After Party

- What's your emotional state?
- What's a decision you're facing where you need wisdom?

The Chopping Block:

Six things we try to build our lives on that are all sand:

1. Titles
2. Positions
3. Possessions
4. Associations
5. Appearance
6. Skills

Proverbs 2:1-10a

My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,
²making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
³yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,
⁴if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,
⁵then you will understand the fear of the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.
⁶For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
⁷he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
⁸guarding the paths of justice
and watching over the way of his saints.
⁹Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
¹⁰for wisdom will come into your heart...

Matthew 7:24-27

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Proverbs 1:2-3 ²To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,
³to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity...

Colossians 4:2-6 ²Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. ⁵Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

James 3:13-18 ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

1 Chronicles 12:23-38

²³These are the numbers of the divisions of the armed troops who came to David in Hebron to turn the kingdom of Saul over to him, according to the word of the LORD. ²⁴The men of Judah bearing shield and spear were 6,800 armed troops. ²⁵Of the Simeonites, mighty men of valor for war, 7,100. ²⁶Of the Levites 4,600. ²⁷The prince Jehoiada, of the house of Aaron, and with him 3,700. ²⁸Zadok, a young man mighty in valor, and twenty-two commanders from his own fathers' house. ²⁹Of the Benjaminites, the kinsmen of Saul, 3,000, of whom the majority had to that point kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. ³⁰Of the Ephraimites 20,800, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' houses. ³¹Of the half-tribe of Manasseh 18,000, who were expressly named to come and make David king. ³²Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command. ³³Of Zebulun 50,000 seasoned troops, equipped for battle with all the weapons of war, to help David with singleness of purpose. ³⁴Of Naphtali 1,000 commanders with whom were 37,000 men armed with shield and spear. ³⁵Of the Danites 28,600 men equipped for battle. ³⁶Of Asher 40,000 seasoned troops ready for battle. ³⁷Of the Reubenites and Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh from beyond the Jordan, 120,000 men armed with all the weapons of war. ³⁸All these, men of war, arrayed in battle order, came to Hebron with a whole heart to make David king over all Israel. Likewise, all the rest of Israel were of a single mind to make David king.

We Need Leaders Like the Men of Issachar

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<https://tifwe.org/the-men-of-issachar/>

David has his mighty men and attracted many skilled men to his camp. Most were great warriors, but David also had the benefit of the men of Issachar: *Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command. (1 Chronicles 12:32)*

These are fabulous attributes for you to emulate:

- They understood the times.
- They knew what the nation should do.
- They were leaders together (“200 chiefs”).
- They were with their families.

We need Issacharian leaders today who can work together. There are enormous changes coming our way. These are hard trends which we won't be able to ignore, and they will affect you, your family, your work, and the people/communities/nations you care about.

For example:

- Over the next 10 years computing power will be 100x what it is today. Another 2 to 2.5 billion people will be connected via the internet.

- Technological progress will eliminate many of the jobs people hold today (and create new work opportunities). Robotics, “artificial” intelligence, 3D printing, ubiquitous sensors, and biomedicine will dramatically improve.
- Cyberwarfare will become as dangerous as nuclear warfare.
- Urbanization will accelerate. We’re adding 21 million people (that’s three Chicago-land populations) to urban centers annually. Affluence increases and abject poverty decreases. In all but a few developing countries the aging population creates new stresses on society. We must produce enough food for 2 billion more people on the same amount of land, and find energy and water sources for everyone’s needs.

Nothing in our recent past prepares us for the magnitude of these changes. Our children may be amused at what life was like in 2015 when we only had smartphones and had to drive cars ourselves.

We can also recognize that some things will not change:

- The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40).
- Our need for wisdom (even more precious as knowledge floods around us).
- The need for every generation to be taught what is important and how to live well.
- God’s steadfast love and presence.
- Christianity is demonstrably the best way to live in relation with God and with one another.

As leaders, we should lean into certain changes and do our part to shape changes to help people and glorify God. Here are mistakes you should avoid:

- Assuming Jesus returns before you have to adapt to uncomfortable changes.
- Assuming the government will take care of you, or even have your best interests at heart.
- Trusting in the educational patterns of the 1900’s to be effective for young people in the future.
- Overly trusting technological, economic, and political solutions to meet the deepest needs of our souls.
- Underestimating how communication technologies can enhance our ability to share the gospel.
- Thinking only of the negative impacts of changes, rather than looking for opportunities to serve more people.
- Neglecting the sovereignty of God or the spiritual aspects of abundant life.
- Forgetting that God will provide wisdom as we humbly ask for it.

These are wonderful days for the gospel. We need strong leaders with godly character to make the most of these changes. Romans 12:9-10 is still true and will remain true for us: *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

Wisdom

1. Deuteronomy 4:6

Keep them and do them, for that will be your **wisdom** and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’

2. Deuteronomy 34:9

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of **wisdom**, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

3. 2 Samuel 14:20

In order to change the course of things your servant Joab did this. But my lord has **wisdom** like the **wisdom** of the angel of God to know all things that are on the earth.”

4. 2 Samuel 20:22

Then the woman went to all the people in her **wisdom**. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it out to Joab. So he blew the trumpet, and they dispersed from the city, every man to his home. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

5. 1 Kings 2:6

Act therefore according to your **wisdom**, but do not let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace.

6. 1 Kings 3:1

Solomon's Prayer for **Wisdom**

Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt. He took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem.

7. 1 Kings 3:16

Solomon's **Wisdom**

Then two prostitutes came to the king and stood before him.

8. 1 Kings 3:28

And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the **wisdom** of God was in him to do justice.

9. 1 Kings 4:20

Solomon's Wealth and **Wisdom**

Judah and Israel were as many as the sand by the sea. They ate and drank and were happy.

10. 1 Kings 4:29

And God gave Solomon **wisdom** and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore,

11. 1 Kings 4:30

so that Solomon's **wisdom** surpassed the **wisdom** of all the people of the east and all the **wisdom** of Egypt.

12. 1 Kings 4:34

And people of all nations came to hear the **wisdom** of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his **wisdom**.

13. 1 Kings 5:12

And the LORD gave Solomon **wisdom**, as he promised him. And there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty.

14. 1 Kings 7:14

He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze. And he was full of **wisdom**, understanding, and skill for making any work in bronze. He came to King Solomon and did all his work.

15. 1 Kings 10:4

And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the **wisdom** of Solomon, the house that he had built,

16. 1 Kings 10:6

And she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your **wisdom**,

17. 1 Kings 10:7
but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. Your **wisdom** and prosperity surpass the report that I heard.
18. 1 Kings 10:8
Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your **wisdom**!
19. 1 Kings 10:23
Thus King Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in riches and in **wisdom**.
20. 1 Kings 10:24
And the whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his **wisdom**, which God had put into his mind.
21. 1 Kings 11:41
Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his **wisdom**, are they not written in the Book of the Acts of Solomon?
22. 2 Chronicles 1:7
Solomon Prays for **Wisdom**
In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you."
23. 2 Chronicles 1:10
Give me now **wisdom** and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?"
24. 2 Chronicles 1:11
God answered Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked for long life, but have asked for **wisdom** and knowledge for yourself that you may govern my people over whom I have made you king,
25. 2 Chronicles 1:12
wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like."
26. 2 Chronicles 9:3
And when the queen of Sheba had seen the **wisdom** of Solomon, the house that he had built,
27. 2 Chronicles 9:5
And she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your **wisdom**,
28. 2 Chronicles 9:6
but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, half the greatness of your **wisdom** was not told me; you surpass the report that I heard.
29. 2 Chronicles 9:7
Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your **wisdom**!
30. 2 Chronicles 9:22
Thus King Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in riches and in **wisdom**.

31. 2 Chronicles 9:23
And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his **wisdom**, which God had put into his mind.
32. Ezra 7:25
“And you, Ezra, according to the **wisdom** of your God that is in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges who may judge all the people in the province Beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God. And those who do not know them, you shall teach.
33. Job 4:21
Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them, do they not die, and that without **wisdom**?’
34. Job 11:6
and that he would tell you the secrets of **wisdom**! For he is manifold in understanding. Know then that God exacts of you less than your guilt deserves.
35. Job 12:2
“No doubt you are the people, and **wisdom** will die with you.
36. Job 12:12
Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days.
37. Job 12:13
“With God are **wisdom** and might; he has counsel and understanding.
38. Job 12:16
With him are strength and sound **wisdom**; the deceived and the deceiver are his.
39. Job 13:5
Oh that you would keep silent, and it would be your **wisdom**!
40. Job 15:8
Have you listened in the council of God? And do you limit **wisdom** to yourself?
41. Job 26:3
How you have counseled him who has no **wisdom**, and plentifully declared sound knowledge!
42. Job 28:1
Job Continues: Where Is **Wisdom**?
“Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place for gold that they refine.
43. Job 28:12
“But where shall **wisdom** be found? And where is the place of understanding?
44. Job 28:18
No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; the price of **wisdom** is above pearls.
45. Job 28:20
“From where, then, does **wisdom** come? And where is the place of understanding?
46. Job 28:28

And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is **wisdom**, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'

47. Job 32:7

I said, 'Let days speak, and many years teach **wisdom**.'

48. Job 32:13

Beware lest you say, 'We have found **wisdom**; God may vanquish him, not a man.'

49. Job 33:33

If not, listen to me; be silent, and I will teach you **wisdom**."

50. Job 38:36

Who has put **wisdom** in the inward parts or given understanding to the mind?

51. Job 38:37

Who can number the clouds by **wisdom**? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

52. Job 39:17

because God has made her forget **wisdom** and given her no share in understanding.

53. Psalms 37:30

The mouth of the righteous utters **wisdom**, and his tongue speaks justice.

54. Psalms 49:3

My mouth shall speak **wisdom**; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

55. Psalms 51:6

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me **wisdom** in the secret heart.

56. Psalms 90:12

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of **wisdom**.

57. Psalms 104:24

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In **wisdom** have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

58. Psalms 105:22

to bind his princes at his pleasure and to teach his elders **wisdom**.

59. Psalms 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of **wisdom**; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

60. Proverbs 1:2

To know **wisdom** and instruction, to understand words of insight,

61. Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise **wisdom** and instruction.

62. Proverbs 1:20

The Call of **Wisdom**

Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice;

63. Proverbs 2:1

The Value of **Wisdom**

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,

64. Proverbs 2:2

making your ear attentive to **wisdom** and inclining your heart to understanding;

65. Proverbs 2:6

For the LORD gives **wisdom**; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

66. Proverbs 2:7

he stores up sound **wisdom** for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,

67. Proverbs 2:10

for **wisdom** will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

68. Proverbs 3:13

Blessed Is the One Who Finds **Wisdom**

Blessed is the one who finds **wisdom**, and the one who gets understanding,

69. Proverbs 3:19

The LORD by **wisdom** founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens;

70. Proverbs 3:21

My son, do not lose sight of these— keep sound **wisdom** and discretion,

71. Proverbs 4:5

Get **wisdom**; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

72. Proverbs 4:7

The beginning of **wisdom** is this: Get **wisdom**, and whatever you get, get insight.

73. Proverbs 4:11

I have taught you the way of **wisdom**; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

74. Proverbs 5:1

Warning Against Adultery

My son, be attentive to my **wisdom**; incline your ear to my understanding,

75. Proverbs 7:4

Say to **wisdom**, “You are my sister,” and call insight your intimate friend,

76. Proverbs 8:1

The Blessings of **Wisdom**

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

77. Proverbs 8:11

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

78. Proverbs 8:12
“I, **wisdom**, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion.
79. Proverbs 8:14
I have counsel and sound **wisdom**; I have insight; I have strength.
80. Proverbs 9:1
The Way of **Wisdom**
Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars.
81. Proverbs 9:10
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of **wisdom**, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
82. Proverbs 10:13
On the lips of him who has understanding, **wisdom** is found, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks sense.
83. Proverbs 10:23
Doing wrong is like a joke to a fool, but **wisdom** is pleasure to a man of understanding.
84. Proverbs 10:31
The mouth of the righteous brings forth **wisdom**, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.
85. Proverbs 11:2
When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is **wisdom**.
86. Proverbs 13:10
By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is **wisdom**.
87. Proverbs 14:6
A scoffer seeks **wisdom** in vain, but knowledge is easy for a man of understanding.
88. Proverbs 14:8
The **wisdom** of the prudent is to discern his way, but the folly of fools is deceiving.
89. Proverbs 14:33
Wisdom rests in the heart of a man of understanding, but it makes itself known even in the midst of fools.
90. Proverbs 15:33
The fear of the LORD is instruction in **wisdom**, and humility comes before honor.
91. Proverbs 16:16
How much better to get **wisdom** than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
92. Proverbs 17:16
Why should a fool have money in his hand to buy **wisdom** when he has no sense?
93. Proverbs 17:24
The discerning sets his face toward **wisdom**, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.
94. Proverbs 18:4

The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of **wisdom** is a bubbling brook.

95. Proverbs 19:20

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain **wisdom** in the future.

96. Proverbs 21:30

No **wisdom**, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the LORD.

97. Proverbs 23:23

Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy **wisdom**, instruction, and understanding.

98. Proverbs 24:3

By **wisdom** a house is built, and by understanding it is established;

99. Proverbs 24:7

Wisdom is too high for a fool; in the gate he does not open his mouth.

100. Proverbs 24:14

Know that **wisdom** is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

101. Proverbs 28:26

Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in **wisdom** will be delivered.

102. Proverbs 29:3

He who loves **wisdom** makes his father glad, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.

103. Proverbs 29:15

The rod and reproof give **wisdom**, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

104. Proverbs 30:3

I have not learned **wisdom**, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.

105. Proverbs 31:26

She opens her mouth with **wisdom**, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

106. Ecclesiastes 1:12

The Vanity of **Wisdom**

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.

107. Ecclesiastes 1:13

And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by **wisdom** all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with.

108. Ecclesiastes 1:16

I said in my heart, "I have acquired great **wisdom**, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of **wisdom** and knowledge."

109. Ecclesiastes 1:17

And I applied my heart to know **wisdom** and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.

110. [Ecclesiastes 1:18](#)
For in much **wisdom** is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.
111. [Ecclesiastes 2:3](#)
I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with **wisdom**—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life.
112. [Ecclesiastes 2:9](#)
So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my **wisdom** remained with me.
113. [Ecclesiastes 2:12](#)
The Vanity of Living Wisely
So I turned to consider **wisdom** and madness and folly. For what can the man do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done.
114. [Ecclesiastes 2:13](#)
Then I saw that there is more gain in **wisdom** than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness.
115. [Ecclesiastes 2:19](#)
and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my **wisdom** under the sun. This also is vanity.
116. [Ecclesiastes 2:21](#)
because sometimes a person who has toiled with **wisdom** and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.
117. [Ecclesiastes 2:26](#)
For to the one who pleases him God has given **wisdom** and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.
118. [Ecclesiastes 7:1](#)
The Contrast of **Wisdom** and Folly
A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth.
119. [Ecclesiastes 7:10](#)
Say not, “Why were the former days better than these?” For it is not from **wisdom** that you ask this.
120. [Ecclesiastes 7:11](#)
Wisdom is good with an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun.
121. [Ecclesiastes 7:12](#)
For the protection of **wisdom** is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that **wisdom** preserves the life of him who has it.
122. [Ecclesiastes 7:19](#)
Wisdom gives strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.
123. [Ecclesiastes 7:23](#)
All this I have tested by **wisdom**. I said, “I will be wise,” but it was far from me.

124. [Ecclesiastes 7:25](#)
I turned my heart to know and to search out and to seek **wisdom** and the scheme of things, and to know the wickedness of folly and the foolishness that is madness.
125. [Ecclesiastes 8:1](#)
Keep the King's Command
Who is like the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's **wisdom** makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed.
126. [Ecclesiastes 8:16](#)
When I applied my heart to know **wisdom**, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep,
127. [Ecclesiastes 9:10](#)
Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or **wisdom** in Sheol, to which you are going.
128. [Ecclesiastes 9:11](#)
Wisdom Better Than Folly
Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all.
129. [Ecclesiastes 9:13](#)
I have also seen this example of **wisdom** under the sun, and it seemed great to me.
130. [Ecclesiastes 9:15](#)
But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his **wisdom** delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man.
131. [Ecclesiastes 9:16](#)
But I say that **wisdom** is better than might, though the poor man's **wisdom** is despised and his words are not heard.
132. [Ecclesiastes 9:18](#)
Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.
133. [Ecclesiastes 10:1](#)
Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench; so a little folly outweighs **wisdom** and honor.
134. [Ecclesiastes 10:10](#)
If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but **wisdom** helps one to succeed.
135. [Isaiah 10:13](#)
For he says: "By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my **wisdom**, for I have understanding; I remove the boundaries of peoples, and plunder their treasures; like a bull I bring down those who sit on thrones.
136. [Isaiah 11:2](#)

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of **wisdom** and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

137. Isaiah 28:29

This also comes from the LORD of hosts; he is wonderful in counsel and excellent in **wisdom**.

138. Isaiah 29:14

therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the **wisdom** of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

139. Isaiah 33:6

and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, **wisdom**, and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure.

140. Isaiah 47:10

You felt secure in your wickedness; you said, “No one sees me”; your **wisdom** and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me.”

141. Jeremiah 8:9

The wise men shall be put to shame; they shall be dismayed and taken; behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, so what **wisdom** is in them?

142. Jeremiah 9:23

Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his **wisdom**, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,

143. Jeremiah 10:12

It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his **wisdom**, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

144. Jeremiah 49:7

Judgment on Edom

Concerning Edom. Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Is **wisdom** no more in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their **wisdom** vanished?

145. Jeremiah 51:15

“It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his **wisdom**, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

146. Ezekiel 28:4

by your **wisdom** and your understanding you have made wealth for yourself, and have gathered gold and silver into your treasuries;

147. Ezekiel 28:5

by your great **wisdom** in your trade you have increased your wealth, and your heart has become proud in your wealth—

148. Ezekiel 28:7

therefore, behold, I will bring foreigners upon you, the most ruthless of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your **wisdom** and defile your splendor.

149. [Ezekiel 28:12](#)
“Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the signet of perfection, full of **wisdom** and perfect in beauty.
150. [Ezekiel 28:17](#)
Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your **wisdom** for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.
151. [Daniel 1:4](#)
youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all **wisdom**, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.
152. [Daniel 1:17](#)
As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and **wisdom**, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.
153. [Daniel 1:20](#)
And in every matter of **wisdom** and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom.
154. [Daniel 2:20](#)
Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong **wisdom** and might.
155. [Daniel 2:21](#)
He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives **wisdom** to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;
156. [Daniel 2:23](#)
To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me **wisdom** and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter.”
157. [Daniel 2:30](#)
But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any **wisdom** that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.
158. [Daniel 5:11](#)
There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and **wisdom** like the **wisdom** of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers,
159. [Daniel 5:14](#)
I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent **wisdom** are found in you.
160. [Micah 6:9](#)
Destruction of the Wicked
The voice of the LORD cries to the city— and it is sound **wisdom** to fear your name: “Hear of the rod and of him who appointed it!

161. [Matthew 11:19](#)
The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet **wisdom** is justified by her deeds."
162. [Matthew 12:42](#)
The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the **wisdom** of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.
163. [Matthew 13:54](#)
and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this **wisdom** and these mighty works?"
164. [Mark 6:2](#)
And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the **wisdom** given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?"
165. [Luke 1:17](#)
and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the **wisdom** of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."
166. [Luke 2:40](#)
And the child grew and became strong, filled with **wisdom**. And the favor of God was upon him.
167. [Luke 2:52](#)
And Jesus increased in **wisdom** and in stature and in favor with God and man.
168. [Luke 7:35](#)
Yet **wisdom** is justified by all her children."
169. [Luke 11:31](#)
The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the **wisdom** of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.
170. [Luke 11:49](#)
Therefore also the **Wisdom** of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,'
171. [Luke 21:15](#)
for I will give you a mouth and **wisdom**, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.
172. [Acts 6:3](#)
Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of **wisdom**, whom we will appoint to this duty.
173. [Acts 6:10](#)
But they could not withstand the **wisdom** and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

174. [Acts 7:10](#)
and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and **wisdom** before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household.
175. [Acts 7:22](#)
And Moses was instructed in all the **wisdom** of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.
176. [Romans 11:33](#)
Oh, the depth of the riches and **wisdom** and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
177. [1 Corinthians 1:17](#)
For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent **wisdom**, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.
178. [1 Corinthians 1:18](#)
Christ the **Wisdom** and Power of God
For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
179. [1 Corinthians 1:19](#)
For it is written, "I will destroy the **wisdom** of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
180. [1 Corinthians 1:20](#)
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the **wisdom** of the world?
181. [1 Corinthians 1:21](#)
For since, in the **wisdom** of God, the world did not know God through **wisdom**, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.
182. [1 Corinthians 1:22](#)
For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek **wisdom**,
183. [1 Corinthians 1:24](#)
but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the **wisdom** of God.
184. [1 Corinthians 1:30](#)
And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us **wisdom** from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
185. [1 Corinthians 2:1](#)
Proclaiming Christ Crucified
And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or **wisdom**.
186. [1 Corinthians 2:4](#)
and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of **wisdom**, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
187. [1 Corinthians 2:5](#)

so that your faith might not rest in the **wisdom** of men but in the power of God.

188. 1 Corinthians 2:6

Wisdom from the Spirit

Yet among the mature we do impart **wisdom**, although it is not a **wisdom** of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

189. 1 Corinthians 2:7

But we impart a secret and hidden **wisdom** of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

190. 1 Corinthians 2:13

And we impart this in words not taught by human **wisdom** but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

191. 1 Corinthians 3:19

For the **wisdom** of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

192. 1 Corinthians 12:8

For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of **wisdom**, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

193. 2 Corinthians 1:12

Paul's Change of Plans

For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly **wisdom** but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you.

194. Ephesians 1:8

which he lavished upon us, in all **wisdom** and insight

195. Ephesians 1:17

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of **wisdom** and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

196. Ephesians 3:10

so that through the church the manifold **wisdom** of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

197. Colossians 1:9

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual **wisdom** and understanding,

198. Colossians 1:28

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all **wisdom**, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

199. Colossians 2:3

in whom are hidden all the treasures of **wisdom** and knowledge.

200. Colossians 2:23

These have indeed an appearance of **wisdom** in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

201. Colossians 3:16
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all **wisdom**, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
202. Colossians 4:5
Walk in **wisdom** toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.
203. James 1:5
If any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
204. James 3:13
Wisdom from Above
Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of **wisdom**.
205. James 3:15
This is not the **wisdom** that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.
206. James 3:17
But the **wisdom** from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.
207. 2 Peter 3:15
And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the **wisdom** given him,
208. Revelation 5:12
saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and **wisdom** and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
209. Revelation 7:12
saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and **wisdom** and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
210. Revelation 13:18
This calls for **wisdom**: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.
211. Revelation 17:9
This calls for a mind with **wisdom**: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated;