

# PROVERBS 2 vs 1

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King David first taught these Proverbs to his royal family; as he reigned over both the House of **Judah** and the House of **Israel** those who were **the Praise of God**; and those who claimed to be **Ruled by God**. The Hebrew word, Proverbs means a comparison; they are heavenly truths wrapped in earthly settings giving instruction in the way to go. In the Proverbs, you clearly find the path of royalty juxtaposed with the path of royal jackasses -- both small and great. It is crystal clear royalty and people of privilege fell off the wagon; nevertheless, the Proverbs still speak to the way of the wrong, as well as the way of the right.



Solomon, having foretold the destruction of those who persist in wrongdoing, in this chapter applies himself to those who are willing to be taught. Yet reading the Proverbs, you notice even Solomon fell off the wagon. For being a smart guy, he was pretty stupid. So many scholars love to point out Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs. Hmm? So when did he have time to be a thoughtful king? They fail to point out: Solomon had 700 wives and 300 girlfriends – **1 Kings 11**. And you wonder, when did he have time to be a thoughtful father and king? We know he ended his life saying: he played the fool. We know most of the kingdom was taken from him... and then he died – since he had done evil in the sight of the Lord.

The Value of Wisdom,

**<sup>1</sup> My son, if you receive my words, and hide my instructions within you;**

**<sup>2</sup> So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;**

**<sup>3</sup> Yes, if you call out for knowledge, and raise your voice for understanding;**

**<sup>4</sup> If you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures;**

**<sup>5</sup> Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God** / this is the starting point, **fear God**; not a bad thing; no need to read any further, if we do not begin there. **Dr. Dallas Willard of USC** often reminded us, God is powerful, and if His power is anything like electricity, then He is dangerous; so we better learn to approach Him correctly:

**<sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom: from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.**

**<sup>7</sup> He stores up sound wisdom for those doing right: He is a shield to those who walk upright.**

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<sup>8</sup> He **keeps** the paths of judgment, and **keeps** the way of those who love and trust Him / people often ask, what can I do for the Lord? Well, how about get to know His word, the way He thinks. This phrase is sprinkled throughout the scripture; starting in the Garden of Eden; to the night Jesus Christ was betrayed, all the way to the church meeting in Philadelphia, the place of Brotherly Love. The Lord God our great Creator, Redeemer, and Savior; He doesn't ask us to do what He won't do; He is not like most of us.

<sup>9</sup> Then you will understand **rightness**, and **justice**, and **equity**; yes, **every good path** / paths that are missing in our genius science and research generation; our unequal, no longer blind-justice, not innocent until proven guilty, modern society of the self-absorbed you know: me, myself and I, lovers of self instead of lovers of God.

<sup>10</sup> **When wisdom enters your heart, knowledge is pleasant to your soul;**

<sup>11</sup> **discretion will preserve you, understanding will keep you** / graciously protected by God's word and way of thinking – His gift to all who fear Him; which is inspiring; if God is my greatest fear, then what can harm me? What person, people or government? His wisdom and insight are gifts to get us to His home:

<sup>12</sup> **to deliver you from the way of evil,**

**from the one / man or woman who speaks like a fool;**

<sup>13</sup> **who abandons the paths of the upright, to walk in the ways of darkness;**

<sup>14</sup> **who rejoice in doing evil, and delight in the boldness of the wicked;**

<sup>15</sup> **whose ways are crooked, and who are devious in their paths:**

<sup>16</sup> **to deliver you from the fool strange woman – the adulterous whore with her greasy words** / the most faithless creature in God's creation is the devil, Satan, -- father of lies; the ultimate whore battling the people of God; he's like an old burlesque queen still smacking her lips, who doesn't know it's time to get off the stage. Don't believe the advertisements; too much fake news is generated by the thieves and robbers of earth – those following that greasy whore of a stranger will do so till Messiah comes in great glory;

<sup>17</sup> **who abandons the friend of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.**

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18 For **her** house leans toward death, and **her** paths to a dead end.

19 none who go to **her** return again; nor do they take hold of the paths of life.



20 So walk in the good / beneficial way, guarding the paths of those doing right.

21 For the upright will dwell in the land, the blameless will remain in it.

22 But the fool wicked will be cut off from the **earth**, and those stepping over the line will be uprooted.