

# Overview of the Bible Wisdom – Part A

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Lesson 5

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# 1. What is the fear of the Lord? Pro. 1: 6-7

## Pro. 1: 6-7

6 To understand a proverb and a figure,  
The words of the wise and their riddles.

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

# 1. Definition

**understand** *verb* Strong # 995

**1 a:** to grasp the meaning of 〈*understand* French〉

**b:** to grasp the reasonableness of 〈his behavior is hard to *understand*〉

**c:** to have thorough or technical acquaintance with or expertness in the practice of 〈*understand* finance〉

**d:** to be thoroughly familiar with the character and propensities of 〈*understands* children〉

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# 1. Definition

## understand

**2:** to accept as a fact or truth or regard as plausible without utter certainty ‹we *understand* that he is returning from abroad›

**3:** to interpret in one of a number of possible ways

**4:** to supply in thought as though expressed ‹“to be married” is commonly *understood* after the word *engaged*› verb intransitive

**1:** to have understanding: have the power of comprehension

**2:** to achieve a grasp of the nature, significance, or explanation of something

**3:** to believe or infer something to be the case

**4:** to show a sympathetic or tolerant attitude toward something

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# 1. Definition

**knowledge** *noun* Strong # 3045

**1** *obsolete*: cognizance

**2 a (1)**: the fact or condition of knowing something with familiarity gained through experience or association

**(2)**: acquaintance with or understanding of a science, art, or technique

**b (1)**: the fact or condition of being aware of something

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# 1. Definition

## knowledge

**3):** the range of one's information or understanding ⟨answered to the best of my *knowledge*⟩

**a:** the circumstance or condition of apprehending truth or fact through reasoning: cognition

**b:** the fact or condition of having information or of being learned ⟨a person of unusual *knowledge*⟩

**4:** the sum of what is known: the body of truth, information, and principles acquired by mankind

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# 1. Definition

**wisdom** *noun* Strong 2449

**1 a:** accumulated philosophic or scientific learning: knowledge

**b:** ability to discern inner qualities and relationships: insight

**c:** good sense: judgment

**d:** generally accepted belief 〈challenges what has become accepted *wisdom* among many historians—Robert Darnton〉

**2:** a wise attitude, belief, or course of action

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# 1. Definition

**instruction** *noun* Strong # 3256

**1 a:** precept 〈prevailing cultural *instructions*〉

**b:** a direction calling for compliance: order—usually used in plural.  
〈had *instructions* not to admit strangers〉

**c plural:** an outline or manual of technical procedure: directions

**d:** a code that tells a computer to perform a particular operation

**2:** the action, practice, or profession of teaching—**instructional**  
*adjective*

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2. What is wisdom and what does it yield? Pro. 4: 7

Pro. 4: 7

7 “The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; And with all your acquiring, get understanding.

a. *“Wisdom is the principal thing.” NKJV*

b. *“get wisdom.- get understanding”*

## 2. Value of Wisdom

1. Wisdom is valuable.

a. It *"is better than jewels"*

**Pro. 8: 11**

**11** “For wisdom is better than jewels; And all desirable things cannot compare with her

b. It is better than gold and silver

**Pro. 16: 16**

**16** How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.

# 3. Blessings associated with Wisdom

2. Special blessings are associated with wisdom.

a. Those who find wisdom are blessed.

**Pro. 3: 13**

**13 How blessed is the man who finds wisdom.** And the man who gains understanding.

b. Those who attain wisdom will be preserved and kept.

**Pro. 2: 10-11**

**10** For wisdom will enter your heart And **knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;**

**11** Discretion will guard you, **Understanding will watch over you,**

### **3. Blessings associated with Wisdom**

**c. Those who get wisdom love their own soul and those who keep understanding will find good.**

**Pro. 19: 8**

**8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.**

**4. God's people are to obtain Wisdom**

**a. It is to be gotten and not forgotten.**

**Pro. 4: 5**

**5 Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding!**

**Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.**

**4. God's people are to obtain Wisdom**

**b. It is to be bought and not sold.**

**Pro. 23: 23**

**23 Buy truth, and do not sell *it*, Get  
wisdom and instruction and understanding.**

## 4. God's people are to obtain Wisdom

c. To get wisdom we must go to the Lord for it.

**Pro. 2: 6**

6 For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding.

**James 1: 5**

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.



## **5. The Wisdom found in God's Word**

A. Wisdom and knowledge are given by God to believers.

B. Christians are to seek out, study and apply God's wisdom and knowledge to their Christian walk of life.

C. Christians are to use the wisdom and knowledge they find in God's Word in order to influence others in becoming children of God.

3. How do we receive wisdom and knowledge? Pro. 2: 6; 2 Tim. 2: 7

## 5a. Wisdom and knowledge is given by God

### Proverbs 2: 6

6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

### 2 Timothy 2: 7

7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

4. Who does God use to provide instruction in Job 33: 23 & Dan. 9: 20-22?

## 5b. Wisdom through angelic instruction

### Job 33: 23

23 “If there is an angel as mediator for him, One out of a thousand, To remind a man what is right for him,

4. Who does God use to provide instruction in Job 33: 23 & Dan. 9: 20-22?

## 5b. Wisdom through angelic instruction

### Daniel 9: 20–22

**20** Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,

**21** while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering.

**22** He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, “O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding.”

5. What did Jesus use to explain Himself as He was teaching? Luke 24: 27; 45-47

## 5c. Wisdom through Jesus Christ's teaching

Luke 24: 27

27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

5. What did Jesus use to explain Himself as He was teaching? Luke 24: 27; 45-47

## 5c. Wisdom through Jesus Christ's teaching

**Luke 24: 45–47**

45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

46 and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,

47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

## 6. How does the Holy Spirit reveal God's wisdom to man? 1 Cor. 2: 9-13

### 5d. Wisdom through the Holy Spirit

#### 1 Corinthians 2: 9–13

9 but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

**10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.**

11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now **we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,**

13 which **things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.**

7. Who reveals the insight into the mystery of Christ to humanity? Eph. 3: 4-5

## 5d. Wisdom through the Holy Spirit

### Ephesians 3: 4–5

4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;