

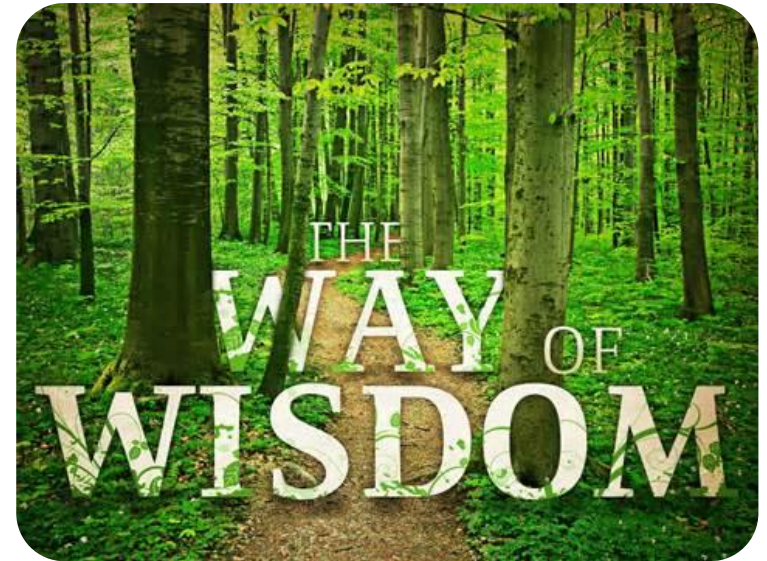


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## Proverbs

#10. The way of Wisdom



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“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another”



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# The Book of Proverbs



**M**en, what do you really value? What is your greatest asset? Is our relationship with God at the top of the list? Do we prefer His discipline over chasing money? Do we value His wisdom and knowledge over a lucrative career? We can only pursue one main thing in life, what is that going to be? (Mt. 6:33) Proverbs chapter 8 suggests wisdom should be one of our prized assets in life - 8:35. Read chapter 8 over a few times. How would you outline this chapter?

1. How does Proverbs chapter 8 compare with Proverbs chapter 7?

2. Where does wisdom call from? -Prov. 8:1-3

3. Who does she call do? -Prov. 8:4

17. How should we treat wisdom according to -8:32-34?

18. What are the two end results of how we treat wisdom according to -8:35,36?

If our own mentality, our own interior world, is biased in favor of SELF-LOVE, wisdom will leave us feeling misunderstood and underappreciated. We will resent wisdom. We will blame wisdom, or at least the preacher of wisdom. We might even lash back. This is why every one of us must bring to our every encounter with wisdom a certain pre-condition. We must come *pre-committed* to humbly obey whatever Wisdom says. With that pre-condition we will find wisdom and in finding wisdom we will find life, and obtain favor from the Lord -8:35.

14. What is the goal of wisdom? -8:20,21

15. We see the antiquity of wisdom in –8:22-31. How far does wisdom date back according to -8:23?

16. What is the plea of wisdom -8:32? What are the two imperatives mentioned in this plea?

“A chapter which is to soar beyond time and space, opens at street-level, to make it clear, first, that the wisdom of God is as relevant to the shopping-center (2,3) as to heaven itself (22); second, that it is available to the veriest dunce (5; cf. 1:20-33, especially 22); third, that it is active in seeking us – so that our own search, earnest as it has to be (17, 34), is a response, not an uncertain quest...”  
-Kidner

4. What is the motivation behind her call? -Prov. 8:5

5. How is what she has to say described in -8:6?

6. What does wisdom offer? -Prov. 8: 6-9

7. What is the first word of –vs. 6 & -vs. 10? How do these words relate to James 1:21?

8. How do we practically do the imperatives of –vs. 6 & -vs. 10?

9. How does -8:10 relate to -Mt. 6:24?

10. How is wisdom described in -8:11?

11. The reasons why wisdom is to be valued over all things is outlined in –8:12-31. What are some of the things wisdom possess -8:12-14?

12. How useful is wisdom according to -8:15,16?

13. What are the “rewards” of pursuing wisdom?