

The background is a textured, light-colored wall, possibly made of plaster or stone, with a mottled appearance in shades of beige and cream. On the left side, there is a dense growth of green ivy with small, dark green leaves and some small, reddish-brown flowers or buds. The ivy branches out across the wall, with some reaching towards the top and others towards the bottom.

The Beginning of Wisdom

[13] Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,
and the one who gets understanding,
[14] for the gain from her is better than gain from silver
and her profit better than gold.
[15] She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
[16] Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
[17] Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
[18] She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed.

Proverbs 3:13-18

- Wisdom is not the same thing as the abundance of knowledge.
- Wisdom is not the same thing as moral goodness.
- Wisdom is not less than knowledge or moral goodness, but something more.

Defining Wisdom

1. Wisdom is having an accurate comprehension of reality.

- *Proverbs 8:22-31*
- *1 Kings 4:29-34*

2. Wisdom is the path to the mind of God.

- *Proverbs 4:10-19*
- *1 Corinthians 3:18*
- *Proverbs 13:20*

"The Beginning of Wisdom"

1. Wisdom begins with desiring it.

- *Proverbs 4:5-9*
- *Proverbs 8:17*
- *Proverbs 2:1-15*

2. Wisdom begins with the fear of the LORD.

- *Proverbs 9:9-10*
- *Jeremiah 10:23*
- *Proverbs 14:12*
- *Proverbs 3:5-8*

[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. [6] But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. [7] For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 1:5-8

“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.”

Luke 11:31