



# WISDOM FROM PROVERBS

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## **Work Hard**

“Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.” Proverbs 10:4

## **Take Instructions**

“The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.” Proverbs 10:8

## **Don’t speak negatively of others**

“With their mouths the godless destroy their neighbors, but through knowledge the righteous escape.” Proverbs 11:29

## **Listen to good advice**

“The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.” Proverbs 12:15

## **Change plans when you see the result will not be good**

“A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.” Proverbs 13:19

## **Keep good company**

“Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.” Proverbs 13:20

## **Be cooperative with others**

“Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.” Proverbs 14:9

## **Use calm and caution in decisions**

“The wise fear the Lord and shun evil, but a fool is hotheaded and yet feels secure.” Proverbs 14:16

## **Promote peaceful relations in business and life**

“A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones. Proverbs 14:30

## **Take constructive criticism**

“Whoever heeds life-giving correction will be at home among the wise. Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.” Proverbs 15:31-32

## **Make plans, but trust God**

“To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the proper answer of the tongue.” Proverbs 16:1

**Be committed to God's work**

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3

**Count on God to direct you**

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Proverbs 16:9

**Select people who are truthful and fair**

"Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value the one who speaks what is right." Proverbs 16:13

**Use common sense and be pleasant**

"The wise in heart are called discerning, and gracious words promote instruction." Proverbs 16:21

**Remember God is in control**

"The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord." Proverbs 16:33

**Associate with wise people**

"A prudent servant will rule over a disgraceful son and will share the inheritance as one of the family." Proverbs 17:2

**Don't cosign another's debt**

"Do not be one who shakes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you." Proverbs 22:26-27

**Pursue wisdom**

"A discerning person keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth." Proverbs 17:24

**Be open to new ideas**

"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out." Proverbs 18:15

**Seek an understanding wife**

"Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the Lord." Proverbs 19:14

**Discipline children early in their lives**

"Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death." Proverbs 19:18

**Don't stop listening to good instruction**

"Stop listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge." Proverbs 19:27

**Work through difficult circumstances**

"Sluggards do not plow in season; so at harvest time they look but find nothing." Proverbs 20:4

**Seek out good advice when tough times are ahead**

"Plans are established by seeking advice; so if you wage war, obtain guidance." Proverbs 20:18

**Trust God even when you don't fully understand**

"A person's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand their own way?" Proverbs 20:24

**Draw on the strength of the young and the experience of elders**

"The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old." Proverbs 20:29

**Let the Lord direct your thoughts**

"In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that he channels toward all who please him." Proverbs 21:1

**Slow and steady is better than haste**

"The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty." Proverbs 21:5

**Be prepared for challenges ahead of you**

"The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord." Proverbs 21:31

**Get rid of those who mock you**

"Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended." Proverbs 22:10

**Pursue people with great skill**

“Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.” Proverbs 22:29

**Accept reasonable criticism**

“Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.” Proverbs 23:12

**Treat facts and wisdom as valuable and do not let go of them**

“Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well.” Proverbs 23:23

**Use patience and gentleness to influence others**

“Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.” Proverbs 25:15

**Seek reliable people for challenging times**

“Like a broken tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in a time of trouble.” Proverbs 25:19

**Look out for problems ahead**

“The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.” Proverbs 27:12

**Watch your business interests, because wealth can disappear quickly**

“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.” Proverbs 27:23-24

**Admit your wrongdoing**

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” Proverbs 28:13

**Avoid get rich quick schemes and instead do right**

“A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.” Proverbs 28:20

**Don't be greedy**

“The greedy stir up conflict, but those who trust in the Lord will prosper.” Proverbs 28:25

**Promote good people**

“When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.” Proverbs 29:2

**Have a clear and compelling vision**

“Where there is no vision, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.” Proverbs 29:18

**Pursue having enough; neither poverty or riches are the answer**

“Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.” Proverbs 30:7-9

**Seek a wife of good character**

“A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.” Proverbs 31:10-12