

# Proverbs:

Comes from the Hebrew word – “mashal” which means “comparison.” Throughout the book of Proverbs are a series of repeated contrasts and comparisons, designed to inform and train our soul’s senses in perceiving truth accurately.

## **Wisdom:**

Aligning our living and thinking according to God's truth, purposes and design.

"Wisdom is His character in the many practical affairs of life."

*Louis Goldberg*

"Knowledge is proud that it knows so much; wisdom is humble that it knows no more."

*William Cowper*

<sup>13</sup>Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, <sup>14</sup>for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. <sup>15</sup>She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. <sup>16</sup>Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. <sup>17</sup>Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. <sup>18</sup>She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

Proverbs 3:13-18 (NIV)

# Wisdom Is:

1. Profitable
2. Precious
3. Pleasant
4. Peaceful

These Are the Different Fruits of the Tree of Life.

<sup>8</sup>Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup>The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:8-9 (NIV)

**CHOOSE THE  
TREE OF LIFE**

“By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.”

*Confucius*

<sup>22</sup>And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” <sup>23</sup>So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. <sup>24</sup>After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:22-24 (NIV)



There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 16:25 (NIV)

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

Proverbs 17:24 (NIV)

# **The Outcomes of Foolish Choices:**

1. Hide
2. Blame
3. Forfeit

# **The Stages of Wisdom:**

1. Wisdom Grows
2. Wisdom Endure
3. Wisdom Bears Fruit

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:5 (NIV)