

*“The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”*

Proverbs 9:10

*“My purpose is that they may be encouraged in
heart and united in love, so that they may have the
full riches of complete understanding, in order that
they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,
in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and
knowledge.”*

Colossians 2:2-3

READ/ACT

“The proverbs of Solomon son of David,
king of Israel...”

Proverbs 1:1

Brevity

“Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.”

Proverbs 10:19

Situational

Parallelism

“When the king smiles, there is life; his favor refreshes like a spring rain.” Proverbs 16:5

“A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands.” Proverbs 14:1

“Better a little with the fear of the Lord, than great wealth with turmoil. Better a meal of vegetables where there is love, than a fattened calf with hatred.” Proverbs 15:16-17

Imagery

“As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
so is a sluggard to those who send him.”

Proverbs 10:26

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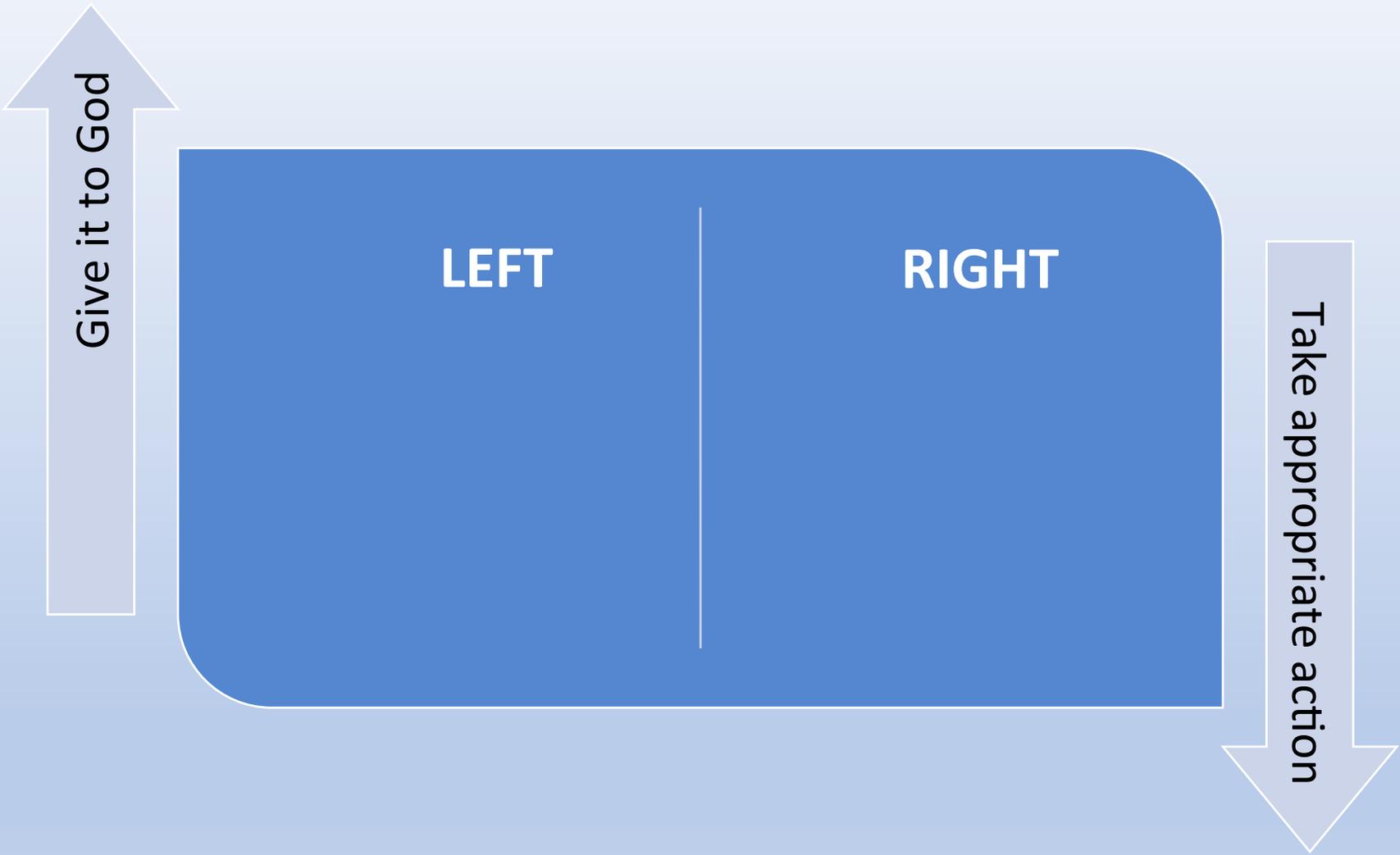
“Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout, is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.”

Proverbs 11:22

“Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise.”

Proverbs 1:2

Information + Application =
Transformation (wisdom)



Give it to God

LEFT

RIGHT

Take appropriate action

“Four things on earth are small,
yet they are extremely wise: Ants are creatures of little
strength, yet they store up their food in the summer;
rock badgers are creatures of little power, yet they make
their home in the rock crevices; locusts have no king,
yet they advance together in ranks; a lizard can be
caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings’ palaces.”

Proverbs 30:24-28

*A knowing “how”
not
A knowing “that”*

“Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.”

Proverbs 26:12

“Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them to do what is right, just and fair.”

Proverbs 1:3

“The wounds of a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.”

Proverbs 27:6

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“These proverbs will give insight to the simple,
knowledge and discernment to the young.”

Proverbs 1:4

Teachability

“Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser, let those with understanding receive guidance. By exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles.”

Proverbs 1:5-6

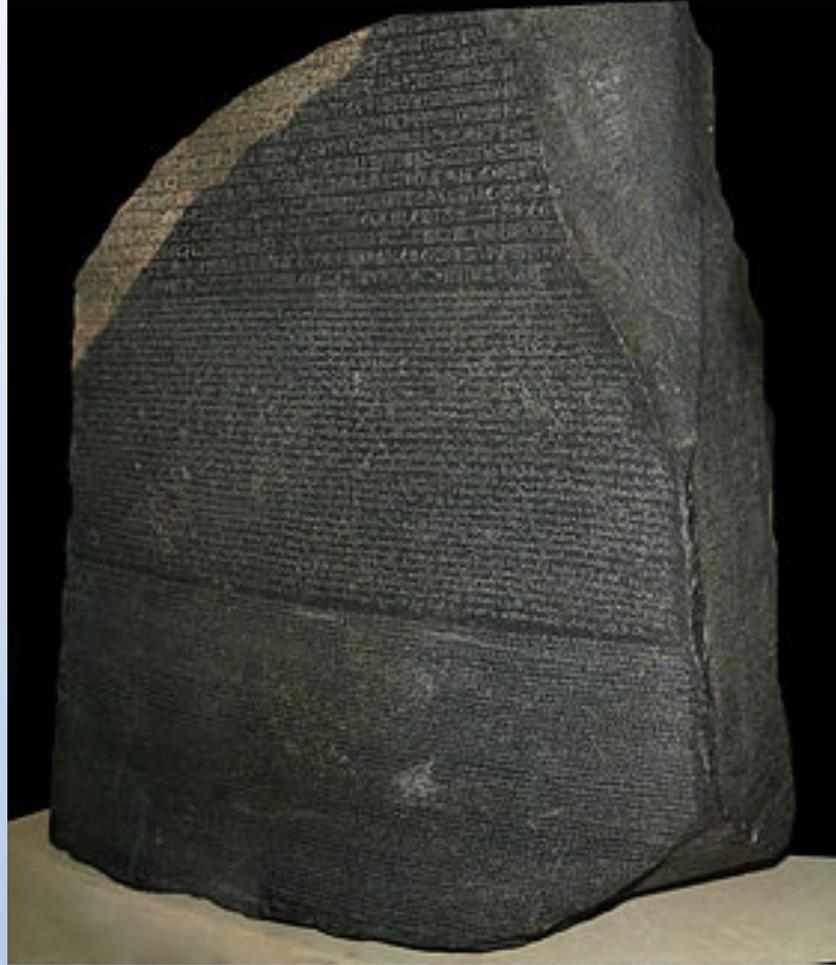
“Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”

Proverbs 1:7

The “fool” is self-excluded

“fools say in their hearts there is no God”

Psalm 14:1



“The Imitation of Christ”

Christ = The Wisdom of God

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

1 Cor. 1:20-25