



Proverbs Chapter 2

Put yourself in the role of the “young son”

Hear the “breathless passion” of your Father

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5 Then you will understand the fear of Yahweh, and you will find the knowledge of God. 6 For Yahweh bestows wisdom, from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

IF we passionately pursue wisdom (God)

THEN we will know wisdom (and God)

9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and integrity, every good course. 10 For wisdom will penetrate your heart, and knowledge will be attractive to you. 11 Discretion will guard you; competence will protect you, 12 extricating you from the evil path, from the people who speak perversities, 13 who abandon the way of integrity to go on dark paths, 14 who enjoy doing evil; they rejoice in evil perversities; 15 whose ways are twisted and who go on the wrong courses;

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“Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.”

Proverbs 27:6

*Humble people are virtually immune to
the effects of flattery...they know better.*

20 So you will go on the path of good people, and you will keep on the ways of the righteous. 21 For those with integrity will dwell in the land, and the innocent will remain in it, 22 but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the faithless will be uprooted from it.

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“He who walks with the wise grows wise, a companion of fools suffers harm.”

Proverbs 13:20

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"Choose your path and you have chosen your destination"

A photograph of a railway track receding into the distance through a lush green landscape under a blue sky.

A paradox is an apparent
but not a real contradiction.

Cry out for wisdom; seek it with urgent, desperate
passion

When you find wisdom...God's wisdom has found
you

“...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and act according to his good purpose.”

Phil. 2:12-13

*“Wisdom is supreme, therefore get wisdom.
Though it cost you all you have, get
understanding.”*

Proverbs 4:7