

A grayscale photograph of a person's hands clasped together over an open book. The person is wearing a long-sleeved sweater. The book is open, and the text on the pages is visible but slightly blurred. Overlaid on the image is the word 'PROVERBS' in large, bold, yellow, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the phrase 'Wisdom for Living' is written in a white, cursive script font. At the bottom of the image, there are several horizontal, wavy, semi-transparent white lines.

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❖ God knows everything

“To God belong **wisdom** and power; **counsel** and **understanding** are his.

But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. When he thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; he makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.

*Jeremiah 10:12–13 (NIV)*



by his knowledge the watery depths were divided, and  
the clouds let drop the dew.

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God created the world with an order to work in a certain way.

God also created your life with an order to work a certain way.

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain  
understanding,

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Knowledge is what you know.  
Wisdom is what you do with what you know.

Knowledge is information.  
Wisdom is application.





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❖ Proverbs is a great instruction book for life

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:  
for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding  
words of insight;

All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only  
to poverty.

Those who guard their lips preserve their lives, but  
those who speak rashly will come to ruin.

I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that **there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.**

Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt. He was wiser than anyone else, including Ethan the Ezrahite—wiser than Heman, Kalkol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations.

He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five. He spoke about plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also spoke about animals and birds, reptiles and fish.

From all nations people came to listen to Solomon's wisdom, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his wisdom.



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.

for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—



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let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance— for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.



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The fear of the Lord **is the beginning** of knowledge,  
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

The fear of the Lord **is the beginning** of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably **with reverence and awe,**



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“The remarkable thing about fearing God is that, when you fear God, you fear nothing else; whereas, if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.” Oswald Chambers

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living  
God.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others...

*2 Corinthians 5:11 (ESV)*

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

*Revelation 20:15 (NIV)*



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