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THE VERSES WE RETURN TO AGAIN AND AGAIN



# INTRODUCTION:

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*Proverbs 1:7 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

*Principles for Reading and Applying Proverbs*

- Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament
- Proverbs in Wisdom Literature
- Proverbs – Normative Principles, not Constant Universal Promises
- Applying Proverbs

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# Wise Men Obey God

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## Familiar Thoughts

- Embrace God's law with your mind and your heart.
- Those who practically remember God's law will have a long, peaceful life.
- Grip mercy and truth tightly in the inside and on the outside.
- Those who hold to mercy and truth will be favored by God and man.

# Wise Men Obey God

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## *What does Obedience Look Like?*

- We trust God's plans wholeheartedly.  
Result: God will direct your life.
- We abandon our own wisdom for the fear of God.  
Result: You will experience good health.
- We honor God with our resources first.  
Result: You will have plenty.
- We gladly receive God's corrective grace.  
Result: You will experience the love of God.

# Wise Men Reap the Benefits of Obedience

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- You will experience true joy.
- You will be spiritually rich.
- You will live an honorable and peaceful life.
- You will constantly experience the blessings of possessing wisdom.
- You will continue in the wisdom with which God created and reigns over the world.

# Wise Men Reap the Protective Benefits of Obedience

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***What are we supposed to do with wisdom?***

***What will happen to you if you do?***

- They will be life to your soul.
- They will be grace to your neck.
- You will walk safely and not stumble.
- You will not be afraid. You will not be afraid of being afraid.
- You will experience sound sleep.
- God will be your confidence.
- God will protect you.

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# Wise Men are Spared the Calamity of Wickedness

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## *Specific Warnings*

- Don't withhold good from whom it is due.
- Don't delay in helping your needy neighbor.
- Don't plan to do evil unto your neighbor.
- Don't fight with others without good reason.
- Don't envy your wicked oppressors or decide to be like them.

# Wise Men are Spared the Calamity of Wickedness

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## Why?

Verse	God and the Wicked/Fool	God and the Righteous/Wise
32	An Abomination	Experiences Intimacy with God
33	The “curse” of God is on his house.	God blesses his habitation.
34	God scorns scorers.	God gives grace to the lowly.
35	(b) Displays Dishonor	(a) Inherits Honor (Glory)

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# CONCLUDING APPLICATIONS:

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1. Jesus Christ is the power and wisdom of God. The wisdom life begins by “trusting” and “obeying” the Gospel.
2. Faithful believers find much joy and gladness living the wisdom life – which is characterized by consistently trusting God by obeying His Word.

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