

Attaining Wisdom and Gaining Understanding
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⁵ Get wisdom! Get understanding!
Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;
Love her, and she will keep you.
⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing;
Therefore get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding.
⁸ Exalt her, and she will promote you;
She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.
⁹ She will place on your head an ornament of grace;
A crown of glory she will deliver to you.”
Proverbs 4:5-9 (NKJV)

Prioritize wisdom. Seek after and cherish understanding. Accept that knowledge is futile without Godly wisdom and understanding.

¹⁰ “ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)

Pursue the fear of the Lord, reproofs, instruction, advice, and humility and know that from these things come wisdom and understanding.

⁷ “ He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself,
And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.
⁸ Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.
⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.
Proverbs 9:7-9 (NKJV)

Discipline involves both instruction and exercise designed to train in proper conduct or action.

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

²⁰ He who walks with wise men will be wise,
But the companion of fools will be destroyed.
²¹ Evil pursues sinners,
But to the righteous, good shall be repaid.
Proverbs 13:20-21 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction,
But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.
Proverbs 13:18 (NKJV)

²⁴ He who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.
Proverbs 13:24 (NKJV)

¹ Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge,
But he who hates correction is stupid.
² A good man obtains favor from the LORD,
But a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.
³ A man is not established by wickedness,
But the root of the righteous cannot be moved.
Proverbs 12:1-3 (NKJV)

²¹ He who follows righteousness and mercy
Finds life, righteousness, and honor.
Proverbs 21:21 (NKJV)

¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same
example of disobedience.
Hebrews 4:11 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High
Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we
are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may
obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:14-16 (NKJV)

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing
of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be
perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God,
who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him
ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and
tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the
Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
James 1:2-8 (NKJV)