

WISDOM

Proverbs 3: 13-18 The Benefits of Finding Wisdom*

13 Happy the one who finds wisdom,
the one who gains understanding!
14 Her profit is better than profit in silver,
and better than gold is her revenue;
15 She is more precious than corals,
and no treasure of yours can compare with her.g
16 Long life is in her right hand,
in her left are riches and honor;
17 Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are peace;
18 She is a tree of life* to those who grasp her,
and those who hold her fast are happy.h

Proverbs 10: 1-8 Wisdom sayings of Solomen

A wise son gives his father joy,
but a foolish son is a grief to his mother.* a

2 Ill-gotten treasures profit nothing,
but justice saves from death.* b
3 The LORD does not let the just go hungry,
but the craving of the wicked he thwarts.*
4 The slack hand impoverishes,
but the busy hand brings riches.c
5 A son who gathers in summer is a credit;
a son who slumbers during harvest, a disgrace.
6 Blessings are for the head of the just;
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.*
7 The memory of the just serves as blessing,
but the name of the wicked will rot.*
8 A wise heart accepts commands,
but a babbling fool will be overthrown.*

Job 2:1-9 Job 38:4-12

After great suffering Job questions God, God's response that humbles:

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸ “Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
⁹ when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
¹¹ and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?
¹² “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,

Job 42: 1-6 Jobs Humble Response

1 Then Job answered the LORD and said:
2 I know that you can do all things,*
and that no purpose of yours can be hindered.
3 “Who is this who obscures counsel with ignorance?”
I have spoken but did not understand;
things too marvelous for me, which I did not know.a
4 “Listen, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you tell me the answers.”
5 By hearsay I had heard of you,
but now my eye has seen you.*
6 Therefore I disown what I have said,
and repent in dust and ashes.*

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 There is a time for everything

No One Can Determine the Right Time to Act

1* There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.
2 A time to give birth, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
3 A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
5 A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;

a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

6 A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

7 A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

8 A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.