

## Proverbs 2 • The True Source of Wisdom

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1. (v.1-5) Wisdom is not a **gift**, but the result of our own **behavioral choices**.

*“God understands its way,  
And He knows its place.  
For He looks to the ends of the earth  
And sees everything under the heavens.  
When He imparted weight to the wind  
And meted out the waters by measure,  
When He set a limit for the rain  
And a course for the thunderbolt,  
Then He saw it and declared it;  
He established it and also searched it out.  
And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom;  
And to depart from evil is understanding.’” [Job 28:23-28 (NASB)]*

2. (v.6-9) Wisdom is God’s reciprocal response to our **faithfulness**.
3. (v.10-15) Therefore the evidence of wisdom in our life is our **decision** to adhere to God’s **path**.
4. (v.16-19) Wisdom is the expression of our **spiritual faithfulness**.
5. (v.20-22) The biblical definition of “wisdom” is the degree to which we enact His **will and ways** while actively **shunning** those of the world.

*But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. [James 3:19 (NASB)]*