

Wisdom: a working understanding of reality which gives us confidence in the complexities of life.

## **Growing in Wisdom**

### Proverbs 2:1-22



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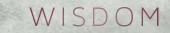
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We grow in wisdom as we engage in daily practices over time.

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## No Jet Ski approach. It takes time and diligence.



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  - God's love and faithfulness refer to his unwavering and unconditional commitment to you.

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Engage in practices that will make the love and faithfulness of God real to you.

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- Those who are wise are deeply aware of their foolishness.

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# • The path of wisdom will always lead us through the valley of suffering.

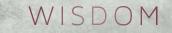


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• You will grow in wisdom during times of suffering more than any other time (if you let it).

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## Learning wisdom through my suffering is an insufficient answer.

The words of Agur son of Jakeh. The oracle. The man declares, I am weary, O God; I am weary, O God, and worn out. 2 Surely I am too stupid to be a man. I have not the understanding of a man. 3 I have not learned wisdom, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One. 4 Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name? Surely you know! Proverbs 30:1-4 WISDOM

## No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. John 3:13



### Jesus can give us ultimate wisdom because he is the source of wisdom.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:14-15

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  - Unless you see the cross as the ultimate wisdom of God, you will never walk the path of life.