

The law of the Lord is perfect (flawless),  
restoring and refreshing the soul;

The statutes of the Lord are reliable and  
trustworthy, making wise the simple.

*Psalms 19:7*

“The beginning of wisdom is: Get [skillful  
and godly] wisdom [it is preeminent]!

And with all your acquiring, get under-  
standing [actively seek spiritual dis-  
cernment, mature comprehension, and  
logical interpretation].

*Proverbs 4:7*

The [reverent] fear of the Lord [that is,  
worshiping Him and regarding Him as truly  
awesome] is the instruction for wisdom  
[its starting point and its essence];

And before honor comes humility.

*Proverbs 15:33*

The mind of the prudent [always]  
acquires knowledge,

And the ear of the wise [always] seeks  
knowledge.

*Proverbs 18:15*

Yet wisdom is vindicated and shown to  
be right by all her children [by the life-  
style, moral character, and good deeds  
of her followers].”

*Luke 7:35*

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone  
among you thinks that he is wise in this  
age, let him become a fool [discarding his  
worldly pretensions and acknowledging  
his lack of wisdom], so that he may become  
[truly] wise.

*1 Corinthians 3:18*

Therefore see that you walk carefully [liv-  
ing life with honor, purpose, and courage;  
shunning those who tolerate and enable  
evil], not as the unwise, but as wise  
[sensible, intelligent, discerning people],  
making the very most of your time [on  
earth, recognizing and taking advantage  
of each opportunity and using it with wisdom  
and diligence], because the days are  
[filled with] evil. Therefore do not be fool-  
ish and thoughtless, but understand and  
firmly grasp what the will of the Lord is.

*Ephesians 5:15-17*

If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him  
through a decision or circumstance], he is  
to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to  
everyone generously and without rebuke  
or blame, and it will be given to him.

*James 1:5*

But the wisdom from above is first pure  
[morally and spiritually undefiled], then  
peace-loving [courteous, considerate],  
gentle, reasonable [and willing to listen],  
full of compassion and good fruits. It is  
unwavering, without [self-righteous]  
hypocrisy [and self-serving guile].

*James 3:17*