

*How to Live Wisely*

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PROVERBS 1–9

*Wisdom is a skill—the relational skill of  
pleasing God in every facet of life.*

*Scripture Reading*

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“This instruction will encourage any of us who need a reminder and motivation to persevere as we follow the Lord, which I guess would be all of us! I appreciate this instruction as a person who has known the Lord for a long time and who needs this call to keep walking faithfully to the end, not giving into fears or foibles that would pull me off course.”

— *Kathleen Nielsen*, Proverbs for You

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- “If I’m a true Christian, then I’ll not really struggle with sin.”



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“[The writings in the Bible] include[e] way too many embarrassing details, including things that make the heroes of the story look, well, less than heroic. If you’re trying to pull off a hoax to make your religion attractive, why would you keep pointing out how your leaders were as dense as rocks?”

— *Greg Gilbert, Why Trust the Bible*

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2. More than anything, don't stray—stay on the path (verses 10–19).

“The darkness is disappearing, and  
the true light is already shining.”

— *1 John 2:8*

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2. More than anything, don't stray—stay on the path (verses 10–19).
3. More than anything, guard your heart from evil (verses 20–27).