

# The Rewards of Wisdom

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### The Basics

#### Spiritual Rewards

##### Finding

[Pro 2:5](#) Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.  
[Pro 8:17](#) I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

##### Blessing

[Pro 12:2](#) A good *man* obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.  
[Pro 19:8](#) He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

##### Fruitbearing

[Pro 3:18](#) She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

#### Physical Rewards

##### Health

[Pro 3:8](#) It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.  
[Pro 4:22](#) For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

##### Long Life

[Pro 3:2](#) For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee (3:16; 4:10; 9:11)

#### Mental Rewards

##### Understanding

[Pro 2:9](#) Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.  
[Pro 19:20](#) Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

##### Guidance

[Pro 3:6](#) He shall direct thy paths.  
[Pro 16:3](#) Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

##### Peace

[Pro 3:24](#) When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: *yea*, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

## **Financial Rewards**

### Resources

- Pro 3:16** Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.  
**Pro 10:4** He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

### Intangible

- Pro 8:11** For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.  
**Pro 8:19** My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

## **Social Rewards**

### Favor

- Pro 3:4** So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.  
**Pro 22:29** Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men*.  
**Pro 29:2** When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

### Security

- Pro 4:12** When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

## **Relational Rewards**

### Preservation

- Pro 4:6** Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.  
**Pro 6:24** To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.  
**Pro 29:18** Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

### Promotion

- Pro 4:8** Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.  
**Pro 16:7** When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.  
**Pro 31:28** Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.

### Pleased Parents

- Pro 10:1** A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother (23:25)

## **Eternal Rewards**

### Preservation

- Pro 4:18** But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

### Inheritance

- Pro 3:35** The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.