



Proverbs Daily Dose of Wisdom Devotional



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I am not sure if I know of anyone who “desires” to be foolish, or have lack of wisdom. For myself, that has been a slight fear, that plays like a record, in my head. But I know there have been times I have said foolish things and made decisions that were far from wise. I look back over my life, as an adult, and realize that although I did not always make correct decisions, or say the right thing. I know that the Holy Spirit has been there to guide and direct me. I can hear His voice, much clearer now, and I reflect on when I did not always listen to Him carefully. I am grateful that I am forgiven and that God speaks direction in my life through His Word as in the 18th chapter of Proverbs .

Now, most of us know a particular verse right off the bat in this chapter. Verse 10: “The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run into and they are safe. “ I, too, love that scripture! That comfort of safety in the Lord we all desire! But I find that I crave God’s guidance and quickly find myself drawn to verse 2: *“A fool has no delight in understanding, but expressing his own heart”*. I want understanding to come from God and His heart. Some people feel like correction from God equates with getting beat up by Him. Not true! His Word is there because of His amazing love for each of us. I feel relief as I read this chapter of Proverbs. Verse 12 states: *“Before destruction, the heart of a man is haughty, and before honor is humility.”* Putting this verse into action in my daily life is easier, knowing that God has shown me how to bring honor to myself, and in turn to His name. I pray that you would read this chapter, and know that each word, and thought, is meant for “you”, the individual reader, and your life will be that of honor and wisdom!

What verse stood out to me _____

What is God’s wisdom to me _____

What can I do today to go forward with God’s wisdom in my life _____

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