

Confidence Can Be Found In Seeking Godly Wisdom

Proverbs 2

Group ¹	C	V	Description
The Pursuit of Wisdom Brings Security	2	1-22	Confidence can be found in seeking godly wisdom

Reflections

This is the second of a series of lessons that Solomon gives to his sons, the future leaders of the land. In each of these he extols the virtues of pursuing and attaining wisdom from God, who alone can provide the wisdom necessary to live righteously.

In this chapter, there is a contrast between those who are led by God's wisdom and protected by it (verses 1-12 and 20-21) and those who choose to pursue evil instead (verses 13-19 and 22). That also is a common theme throughout the book.

Some key verses from the chapter.

Proverbs 2:5 NASB Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:9 NASB Then you will discern righteousness and justice And equity *and* every good course.

Proverbs 2:20-22 NASB So you will walk in the way of good men And keep to the paths of the righteous. **21** For the upright will live in the land And the blameless will remain in it; **22** But the wicked will be cut off from the land And the treacherous will be uprooted from it.

The deliverance that wisdom offers is from both men who take great satisfaction in pursuing selfish, evil plans and women who seek to entice you into adultery. While Solomon is writing this to his sons, the future leaders of the kingdom, this applies just as easily to either men or women who desire to live godly lives.

There and Then: Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study²: *my LOG vs others SPECK*. Here are some possible responses I've identified from the text that might apply to anyone.

S - Are there *sins* for me to avoid or confess?

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P - Are there *promises* from God for me to claim?

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E - Are there *examples* for me to follow or avoid?

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C - Are there *commands* for me to obey?

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K - How has this passage increased my *knowledge* about God / Jesus / Holy Spirit?

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¹ (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

² *Navigator Bible Study Handbook* (The Navigators), with additions & Matthew 7:1-5.

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