

Wise Guys and Dolls  
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I. The call of wisdom (2.1-12)



1. Seek it (v1-4)

*My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,*

*and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure...,*

2. God gives it (v5-8)

*... then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.*

*James 1.5: If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.*



3. It saves us (9-12)

*...Then you will understand what is right and just and fair — every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse...,*



App 1:

II. The life of wisdom

1. Stand right

*3.7: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.*



2. Take advice

*13.10: Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.*

3. Suspect yourself

*14.8: The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.*



*Self examination (16.2): All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.*

*Self suspicion (21.2): All a man's ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart.*

*Self deception (James 1.22): Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

4. Be corrected

*15.31: He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise.*

