

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ **God's** \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1).

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➤ \_\_\_\_\_ **God for Wisdom** (Prov. 2:3; 1 Kings 3:7-9; 2 Chronicles 1:10; James 1:5).

**PROVERBS 2:1-4:** "...and *if* you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding..."

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ **Diligently for Wisdom** (2:4).

**PROVERBS 2:1-4:** "...and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure..."

"The metaphor implies that a great deal of effort and sacrifice must be expended to get it" **Bruce Waltke, Proverbs, 222.**

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Pursuing Wisdom (Proverbs 2:5-22).

**BENEFIT #1: You Will \_\_\_\_\_ God (Proverbs 2:5-8).**

**PROVERBS 2:5-8:** "then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God." <sup>6</sup>For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup>He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, <sup>8</sup>for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones."

**We find God because ...**

➤ **God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ (2:6).**

➤ **God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ (2:7).**

➤ **God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ (2:8).**

**BENEFIT #2: You Will Gain \_\_\_\_\_ Discernment (Proverbs 2:9-19).**

**PROVERBS 2:9-11:** "Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path." <sup>10</sup>For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. <sup>11</sup>Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

➤ **Protection from the ways of \_\_\_\_\_ men (2:12-15).**

**PROVERBS 2:12-15:** "Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, <sup>13</sup>who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways, <sup>14</sup>who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, <sup>15</sup>whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways."

➤ **Protection from the \_\_\_\_\_ woman (2:16-19).**

**PROVERBS 2:16-19:** "It will save you also from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words," <sup>17</sup>who has left the partner of her youth and

ignored the covenant she made before God.<sup>18</sup>For her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead. <sup>19</sup>None who go to her return or attain the paths of life.”

**BENEFIT #3: You Will Be \_\_\_\_\_ by Wisdom (Proverbs 2:9-19).**

**PROVERBS 2:20-22:** *“Thus you will walk in the ways of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous.”*<sup>21</sup>For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; <sup>22</sup>but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be torn from it.”

## FINAL THOUGHTS

**PROVERBS 3:13-15:** “Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, <sup>14</sup>for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. <sup>15</sup>She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.”

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## NAVIGATING LIFE: A Study in Proverbs “A Rewarding Pursuit” Proverbs 2:1-22

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**KEY QUESTION:** *How do we get wisdom?*

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