

“Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures.” Proverbs 2:2-4 NLT

## lectio // Proverbs 2:1-11

What effort am I putting into GETTING wisdom. I am not all that good at leaning into mistakes, owning my poor or lazy decisions and making decisions that would alter my behaviors given similar circumstances. Here, Solomon and advisors write about SIX things to do to lean into wisdom: Tune (ears), concentrate, cry out, ask, search and seek. Listening is the first hard part. Hearing from God, friends or family - maybe even someone younger than me. Thinking through we the opportunities I missed or could have behaved differently. Asking for help to understand where I messed and messed up (this is super humbling), then searching and seeking for better ways to make decisions. SLOW down reaction time, PAUSE to think, ASK questions for clarification, BE present and NOT defensive. All of these things are LEARNED behaviors and I need them desperately. If I'm going to have the wisdom of Andy Griffith and the patience of Fred Rogers, I must practice and give myself grace. I have found this little wisdom verse absolutely true, it takes awhile, but it works - “Wisdom will save you from evil people, from those whose words are twisted.” Proverbs 2:12.

## oratio

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

You know exactly how desperate I still am to learn wisdom. I need to stop being so reactive, defensive, quick to speak and the to outwit those who question or challenge me. Not everything is a fight, or worth a fight. Not everything is a contest or conquest. I must learn to quit making things worse and be far more patient and diplomatic.

## contemplatio

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root