

“Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding. For wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold.” Proverbs 3:13-14 NLT

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I love the personification of wisdom, like it really is a relationship with a wonderful, caring, smart mother. I think Solomon and his advisors, who wrote this book, see it as just that - a lifelong walk with this character of God called wisdom. She is beautiful. Listen to her tender urgings and advice: ♦ more precious than rubies; nothing you desire ♦ long life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left ♦ guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying ♦ is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly. **Wow! What a lot of benefits.** But wait! There's more!! “My child, don't lose sight of common sense and discernment. Hang on to them,” Proverbs 3:21 NLT

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

Dad,
As I have walked with you now for forty+ years, I have seen the benefit and the effects of walking with her (wisdom) over all these years. Of course, I have not listened, and not followed perfectly. However, I have seen so many coarse corrections and physical blessings just because of being aware of her words. Thank you for your wisdom. Thank you for your patience in following your wisdom. Thank you for the constant reminders of grace and encouragement to lean and learn more in my older years than I did as a youth.

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