

“Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.” Proverbs 9:11-12 NLT

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Wisdom is a multiplier. Wisdom isn't simple interest, adding small amounts as you learn and process knowledge, applying it and allowing it to change your perspective.

Wisdom is a compound interest investment. You gain more back as you invest, doubling maybe even tripling your small deposits. It doesn't just HOLD value, it increases in value. Here the wisdom authors make a point, seeking it, allowing it to guide, correct and increase your life means that it is giving back far more than you put in. Again, this is God's character we're talking about, God's economy, his blueprints and schemata for how life works. This isn't a self-help, pyramid, three-step to riches methodology, this is a core ethos of the creator! Here's the bottom line of the deal with wisdom, you get it, you benefit, you ignore it or mock it and you suffer. Full stop!

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

Dad,

I really don't want wisdom just for the sake of gaining to be or become something or a someone. I want wisdom because it is who you are. When I gain wisdom, I gain an understanding of you and this amazing and eternal relationship with you. I get a chance to reflect your character even in my brokenness.

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