

## Ancient Wisdom

*“God is neither unkind nor harsh; our tender Father God is gracious and generous to humanity. God alone knows what is good for us. To enjoy the good, we must trust and obey Him. He knows that true freedom is in the loving shade of Eden. God knows that if we disobey, we will have decided for ourselves what is good and what is not good. We will have eaten the forbidden fruit and made ourselves our own gods. Death came into the world through Adam’s sin (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)” TPT Commentary*

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### Tree of Life

**Proverbs 3:18** She (wisdom) is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.

**Proverbs 11:30** The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.

**Proverbs 13:12** Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

**Proverbs 15:4** A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

**Revelation 2:7** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”

**Revelation 22:2** In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

**Revelation 22:14** Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter through the gates into the city.

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#### ***Proverbs 3:13-18 TPT***

13 Blessings pour over the ones who find wisdom, for they have obtained living-understanding.  
14 As wisdom increases, a great treasure is imparted, greater than many bars of refined gold.  
15 It is a more valuable commodity than gold and gemstones, for there is nothing you desire that could compare to her.  
16 Wisdom extends to you long life in one hand and wealth and promotion in the other. Out of her mouth flows righteousness, and her words release both law and mercy.  
17 The ways of wisdom are sweet, always drawing you into the place of wholeness.  
18 Seeking for her brings the discovery of untold blessings, for she is the healing tree of life to those who taste her fruits.

#### ***Proverbs 3:21-26 TPT***

21 My child, never drift off course from these two goals for your life: to walk in wisdom and to discover your purpose. Don’t ever forget how they empower you.  
22 For they strengthen you inside and out and inspire you to do what’s right; you will be energized and refreshed by the healing they bring.  
23 They give you living hope to guide you, and not one of life’s tests will cause you to stumble.  
24 You will sleep like a baby, safe and sound—your rest will be sweet and secure.  
25 You will not be subject to terror, for it will not terrify you. Nor will the disrespectful be able to push you aside,  
26 because God is your confidence in times of crisis, keeping your heart at rest in every situation.

### ***Proverbs 8 TPT***

1-3 Can't you hear the voice of Wisdom? From the top of the mountains of influence she speaks into the gateways of the glorious city. At the place where pathways merge, at the entrance of every portal, there she stands, ready to impart understanding, shouting aloud to all who enter, preaching her sermon to those who will listen.

4 "I'm calling to you, sons of Adam, yes, and to you daughters as well.

5 Listen to me and you will be prudent and wise. For even the foolish and feeble can receive an understanding heart *that will change their inner being*.

6 The meaning of my words will release within you revelation for you to reign in life. My lyrics will empower you to live by what is right.

7 For everything I say is unquestionably true, and I refuse to endure the lies of lawlessness— my words will never lead you astray.

8 All the declarations of my mouth can be trusted; they contain no twisted logic or perversion of the truth.

9 All my words are clear and straightforward to everyone who possesses spiritual understanding. If you have an open mind, you will receive revelation-knowledge.

10 My wise correction is more valuable than silver or gold. The finest gold is nothing compared to the revelation-knowledge I can impart."

11 Wisdom is so priceless that it exceeds the value of any jewel. Nothing you could wish for can equal her.

12 "For I am Wisdom, and I am shrewd and intelligent. I have at my disposal living-understanding to devise a plan for your life.

13 Wisdom pours into you when you begin to hate every form of evil in your life, for that's what worship and fearing God is all about. Then you will discover that your pompous pride and perverse speech are the very ways of wickedness that I hate!"

14 "You will find true success when you find me, for I have insight into wise plans that are designed just for you. I hold in my hands living-understanding, courage, and strength.

15 I empower kings to reign and rulers to make laws that are just.

16 I empower princes to rise and take dominion, and generous ones to govern the earth.

17 I will show my love to those who passionately love me. For they will search and search continually until they find me.

18 Unending wealth and glory come to those who discover where I dwell. The riches of righteousness and a long, satisfying life will be given to them.

19 What I impart has greater worth than gold and treasure, and the increase I bring benefits more than a windfall of income.

20 I lead you into the ways of righteousness to discover the paths of true justice.

21 Those who love me gain great wealth and a glorious inheritance, and I will fill their lives with treasures."

22 "In the beginning I was there, for God possessed me even before he created the universe.

23 From eternity past I was set in place, before the world began. I was anointed from the beginning

24 Before the oceans depths were poured out, and before there were any glorious fountains overflowing with water, I was there, dancing!

25 Even before one mountain had been sculpted or one hill raised up, I was already there, dancing!

26 When he created the earth, the fields, even the first atom of dust, I was already there.

27 When he hung the tapestry of the heavens and stretched out the horizon of the earth,

28 when the clouds and skies were set in place and the subterranean fountains began to flow strong, I was already there.

29 When he set in place the pillars of the earth and spoke the decrees of the seas, commanding the waves so that they wouldn't overstep their boundaries

30 I was there, close to the Creator's side as his master artist. Daily he was filled with delight in me as I playfully rejoiced before him.

31 I laughed and played, so happy with what he had made, while finding my delight in the children of men."

32 "So listen, my sons and daughters, to everything I tell you, for nothing will bring you more joy than following my ways.

33 Listen to my counsel, for my instruction will enlighten you. You'll be wise not to ignore it.

34 If you wait at wisdom's doorway, longing to hear a word for every day, joy will break forth within you as you listen for what I'll say.

35 For the fountain of life pours into you every time that you find me, and this is the secret of growing in the delight and the favor of the Lord.

36 But those who stumble and miss me will be sorry they did! For ignoring what I have to say will bring harm to your own soul. Those who hate me are simply flirting with death!"

#### ***Proverbs 9:1-12 TPT***

1 Wisdom has built herself a palace upon seven pillars to keep it secure.

2 She has made ready a banquet feast and the sacrifice has been killed. She has mingled her wine, and the table's all set.

3 She has sent out her maidens, crying out from the high place, inviting everyone to come and eat until they're full.

4 "Whoever wants to know me and receive my wisdom,

5 come and dine at my table and drink of my wine.

6 Lay aside your simple thoughts and leave your paths behind. Agree with my ways, live in my truth, and you will find righteousness."

7 If you try to correct an arrogant cynic, expect an angry insult in return. And if you try to confront an evil man, don't be surprised if all you get is a slap in the face!

8 So don't even bother to correct a mocker, for he'll only hate you for it. But go ahead and correct the wise; they'll love you even more.

9 Teach a wise man what is right and he'll grow even wiser. Instruct the lovers of God and they'll learn even more.

10 The starting point for acquiring wisdom is to be consumed with awe as you worship Yahweh. To receive the revelation of the Holy One, you must come to the one who has living-understanding.

11 Wisdom will extend your life, making every year more fruitful than the one before.

12 So it is to your advantage to be wise. But to ignore the counsel of wisdom is to invite trouble into your life

### **1 Corinthians 2 TPT**

1 My brothers and sisters, when I first came to proclaim to you the secrets of God, I refused to come *as an expert*, trying to impress you with my eloquent speech and lofty wisdom. 2 For while I was with you I was determined to be consumed with one topic—Jesus, the crucified Messiah. 3 I stood before you feeling inadequate, filled with reverence for God, and trembling *under the sense of the importance of my words*. 4 The message I preached and how I preached it was not an attempt to sway you with persuasive arguments but to prove to you the almighty power of God’s Holy Spirit. 5 For God intended that your faith not be established on man’s wisdom but by trusting in his almighty power.

6 However, there is a wisdom that we continually speak of when we are among the spiritually mature. It’s wisdom that didn’t originate in this present age, nor did it come from the rulers of this age who are in the process of being dethroned. 7 Instead, we continually speak of this wonderful wisdom that comes from God, hidden before now in a mystery. It is his secret plan, destined before the ages, *to bring* us into glory. 8 None of the rulers of this present world order understood it, for if they had, they never would have crucified the Lord of shining glory.

9 This is why the Scriptures say:

Things never discovered or heard of before,  
things beyond our ability to imagine —  
these are the many things God has in store for all his lovers.

10 But God now unveils these profound realities to us by the Spirit. Yes, he has revealed to us his inmost heart and deepest mysteries through the Holy Spirit, who constantly explores all things. 11 After all, who can really see into a person’s heart and know his hidden impulses except for that person’s spirit? So it is with God. His thoughts and secrets are only fully understood by his Spirit, the Spirit of God.

12 For we did not receive the spirit of this world system but the Spirit of God, so that we might come to understand and experience all that grace has lavished upon us. 13 And we articulate these realities with the words imparted to us by the Spirit and not with the words taught by human wisdom. We join together Spirit-revealed truths with Spirit-revealed words. 14 Someone living on an entirely human level rejects the revelations of God’s Spirit, for they make no sense to him. He can’t understand the revelations of the Spirit because they are only discovered by the illumination of the Spirit. 15 Those who live in the Spirit are able to carefully evaluate all things, and they are subject to the scrutiny of no one *but God*. 16 For Who has ever intimately known the mind of the Lord Yahweh well enough to become his counselor?

*Christ has*, and we possess Christ’s perceptions.