



## Proverbs 2

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,  
2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to  
understanding;  
3 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,  
4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,  
5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.  
6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and  
understanding;  
7 he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in  
integrity,  
8 guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.  
9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good  
path;  
10 for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your  
soul;  
11 discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,  
12 delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech,  
13 who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,  
14 who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil,  
15 men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.  
16 So you will be delivered from the forbidden[a] woman, from the adulteress[b]  
with her smooth words,17 who forsakes the companion of her youth  
and forgets the covenant of her God;18 for her house sinks down to death,  
and her paths to the departed;[c] 19 none who go to her come back,  
nor do they regain the paths of life.20 So you will walk in the way of the good  
and keep to the paths of the righteous.21 For the upright will inhabit the land,  
and those with integrity will remain in it,22 but the wicked will be cut off from  
the land,  
and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

# Prayer Journal

## Devotion

Chapter two of Proverbs is written as if it was addressing a son. We can easily imagine Mary speaking these words to Jesus. While Christ was True God, he still looked to the Father above for insight just as all of us do. Verses 3-5 emphasizes that God will provide that wisdom and direction for us when we reach for him through prayer. As educators you understand that a child does not seek to learn one thing and feel content. Children look curiously daily for something new to learn. They sit back and watch and then mimic what they see. As Christians we do that too. We look to God's Word and the actions of Christ as our guide to mimic daily, always craving more. Christ called out to the Father for wisdom, so why do we forget to do that when we feel stuck? As educators our children look to us, and as God's Children we look to him, and he will guide us. Maybe he doesn't show us right away or in the way we want but he shows us in his time and in his way!

**Prayer:** Lord, keep us faithful in reading and studying your Word and in receiving Your grace through the Sacraments, Amen.

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