



proverbs: wisdom for living



Proverbs are instructions to obtain wisdom for making decisions which result in successful living.

Proverbs are Principles Not Promises

Knowledge – intellectual information

**Wisdom – the effective application of
knowledge**

Wisely Cultivating Relationships

1. Choose People Who are Wise.

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Proverbs 13:20 ESV

2. Choose People Committed to Truth-Telling:

A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverbs 26:28 ESV

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

Proverbs 12:22 ESV.

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

Ephesians 4:15 ESV

3. Choose People with a Good Reputation

**A good name is to be chosen rather than
great riches, and favor is better than silver or
gold.**

Proverbs 22:1 ESV

4. Choose People Who are Prudent

House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.

Proverbs 19:14 ESV

**The simple believes everything, but
the prudent gives thought to his
steps.**

Proverbs 14:15 ESV

5. Choose People Who are Humble

**One's pride will bring him low, but he
who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.**

Proverbs 29:23 ESV

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8 ESV

6. Choose People Who Use Words Well

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Proverbs 18:21 ESV

Choose People Who are Wise

**Choose People Who are Committed to
Truth-Telling**

Choose People With a Good Reputation

Choose People Who are Prudent

Choose People Who are Humble

Choose People Who Use Words Well